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IN 1918 "HANDS OFF RUSSIA COMMITTEE" WAS STARTED IN CANADA BY DR. H.A. LOWRIE- FIRST CHAIRMAN

THE LEGACY OF LENIN

This has been an interesting 30 days.

Let's start with the topic atop the news, this pseudo debate on whether or not sports and politics should mix, especially vis-à-vis the Olympics. Of course this debate is completely bizarre since the Olympics has always been wrapped up with politics. The fact that teams are divided according to countries, and the accompanying paeans to national glory and mass hysteria should be enough to remind us. In case people missed the ties with fascism, we were none to subtly reminded that the Olympic torch relay was Hitler's innovation. The media didn't seem bothered by that however. Anyway, the whole issue arose because of the riots in Tibet that Indian media sources hint at CIA backing.

This is not to deny the national oppression of Tibetans under now capitalist China. But it is to point out that China, when it was once socialist did liberate the Tibetans from the grotesque feudal bondage under the Dalai Lama clique. It is also worth stating that whatever reservations people might have about Chinese actions in Tibet since the late 1970s, Tibetan culture would surely have suffered more had the old ruling classes succeed in prying Tibet from China with the claws of US imperialism. So the Tibetans are between a rock and a hard place: Chinese revisionism and capitalism or American imperialism and capitalism. As long as their national movement refuses to dump its feudalist leadership things will go on as they are. Their solution lies with unifying with the rest of the ethnic groups and popular classes in China to overthrow the revisionists in power and return to the road of Mao Zedong.

Anyway, one significance of this coverage of the Tibet riots is that it removed from the spotlight an important milestone, namely that US military deaths had just reached 4000 on March 25 since the war begun five years ago. To put

matters into better light, during this same time almost 1.2 million Iraqis died on top of the over 1 million died in the preceding decade due to US led sanctions. For the willful, this war was never about WMDs. The immediate occasion was by Hussein's expressed wishes to end the dollarization of Iraqi oil. Oil currently is denominated in US dollars. So if any country wants to get this lifeblood of modern economies, they have to amass large dollar reserves. Hence, the massive dollar holdings by US rivals. Meanwhile, the US can print all it wants subject only to fears of inflation. The crux is that wealth that could be invested locally has to be deposited in US financial instruments. Thus the US gets a free ride and gets to ignore for a long time its profligate ways. This is one instrument of US world dominance. Another is the largest

military in the world, which is used in Iraq and other places. The US is currently in the process of reasserting itself globally to try to ensure long term full-spectrum domination, not only of its neocolonies but against its rivals.

The ability of the US to ignore its profligacy isn't unlimited, which we are now seeing with the so-called subprime mortgage crisis. I say so-called because this problem is now starting to spread to the credit card and auto loans markets and to the markets of much more complicated financial instruments. Many financial firms have now been laid waste and more are teetering or hurt despite massive state intervention to bail them out. There is a high probability that when all is said and done, we will have gone through a vicious recession. At the very least millions of workers are going to be ruined by the false bill of goods given to them even as the kings of finance are bound to turn this into a literal killing. Commentators have pointed to the following causes of this crisis: a housing bubble, easy money due to



Lenin the schoolboy with his family, Simbirsk, 1879

prolonged low interest rates, and willful neglect by financial regulators. These are partly true but the thing to understand is that these were all necessary to cover up the prolonged stagnation inflicting the imperialist world. One bubble after another has been created to maintain an illusion of economic growth where there is none by boosting short-term consumption. The root is a prolonged grave crisis of overproduction intensifying since the transition from competitive capitalism to monopoly (oligopoly) capitalism.

Another result of capitalism and its satanic mills, and especially of monopoly capitalism's devouring of the world is the externalization of costs. That is, pollution, a cost, is not really charged on the good but dumped as society's problem. Under that regime eventually all this pollution has accumulated to the point of causing climate change. There is now fear of the potential disruption this will cause to people. Fear of climate change in the West has created a lucrative market for so-called "green" gasoline. I say so-called since gasoline made from corn actually requires more energy than comes out of the process. It is therefore the opposite of green though it gets deceptively marketed as such so that people can save their consciences even while driving their SUVs. This is the absurdity of leaving anything to the market. The result aside from industrial subsidy, even more CO₂ and other greenhouse gasses pumped into the air to make matters worse is that millions of tons of corn gets diverted from food to this environmental fiasco. Other grains have to make up. Thus all grain prices shoot up. Add to this more bad unpredictable weather from climate change, speculation in the grain markets by financial firms, and the monopoly of Monsanto, former producer of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War, and you get food shortage in poor countries and food riots.

All this should underline Lenin's point about monopoly capitalism as moribund and decaying capitalism. We have two roads before us, one the horrors of increasing nationalization without socialization of monopoly capitalism and fascism,

the other of the promise of nationalization with socialization of the proletariat. Barbarism or Socialism! The choice is yours. Happy 138th Lenin's birthday and happy Earth Day!

Felipe Tagabalita

RIGHT FROM THE HORSES MOUTH

By Haaretz Service and Reuters

The Israeli newspaper Ma'ariv last month reported that the Israel Likud Party leader Netanyahu told an audience at the Bar Ilan University in Israel that the September 11, 2001 attacks on US had been very **beneficial for Israel.**

"We are benefiting from one thing, and that is the attack on the Twin Towers, and the American struggle in Iraq. These events have swung the American public opinion in our favor!"

Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had this comment to make on Netanyahu remarks, who was the former Prime Minister of Israel: *"Five ears ago a suspicious event occurred in New York. Buildings collapsed and the US said that over 3,000 people had been killed, but to this day they never published any of their names. And under this pretext the US attacked Afghanistan and Iraq and since then over a million people have been killed in only Iraq!"*

Northstar Compass solidarity statement to National Democratic Front of the Philippines on its 35th anniversary

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with joy that we write to you on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the founding of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP).

The NDFP, as the revolutionary united front organization of the Filipino people fighting for national liberation and democracy, has been uniting the progressive classes and sectors of Philippine society since 1973.

Due to these efforts the

influence and power of revolutionary forces has been greatly strengthened as evidenced by the last 35 years of Philippine history. Not only was the brutal dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos overthrown by the people's uprising in 1986, and the corrupt presidency of Joseph Estrada overthrown by a second people's uprising in 2001, the current murderous and corrupt pseudo-presidency of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (GMA) finds her illegitimate rule increasingly shaky due to the blows of the people's movement.

These serious efforts at unity in the Philippine people's movement are a sharp contrast to what is happening in the former USSR. In Russia alone there are 32 organizations claiming to be communist parties. To the great dismay of progressive people around the world, these forces cannot seem to find the largeness of mind to seriously work together to fight the anti-people forces led by the Medvedev-Putin clique, despite the Russian proletariat having the glorious experience of socialism under Lenin and Stalin.

We in the Northstar Compass (NSC) journal, as organ of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People (ICFSSP), join with the Filipino people in celebrating 35 years of the Filipino people's victories in their struggle for national liberation. We invite our member organizations to take this opportunity to study closely this experience in revolutionary united front work.

We also call on our readers to send financial support to the NDFP campaign to help the thousands of victims of the recent floods and landslides in various parts of the Philippines and for the campaign of the families of NDFP consultants in the peace process who have been killed and disappeared by the US-GMA regime. Funds for this campaign can be sent to: M.C. Jalandoni-Ledesma, Rabo Bank account no. 3313.275.125. For donations from outside The Netherlands, please add: BIC/SWIFT RABONL2U.

In Solidarity,
Michael Lucas
Editor

PUTIN – MEDVEDEV – ARE YOU LISTENING?

The following is based on the news item from Pravda.Ru:
http://English.Pravda.ru/histry/104728-suicide_clubs-0



In present day Russia now, 15 to 20 teenagers commit suicide per year, and, most of them do it openly. All across Russia there are hundreds of websites that are allowed to exist, which will help teenagers to commit suicide. These teenagers, due to unemployment; hardships; no future ahead for them – these websites will not only advice you how to die in a more sophisticated manner, but they will also help you physically to die!

There is also a website which is called: *"Whipping therapy cures depression and suicide crisis."*

Why is this terrible suicide phenomenon spreading amongst young people in present bourgeois Russia?

Teenagers now do not see any future where they will be able to live in peace and harmony in a society, where exploitation and the deep chasm between the rich and the poor is growing at an alarming rate. On top of all of this, there is growing nationalism, blaming minorities for the troubles. All of this is being promoted by the Russian state propaganda machine. With no future, with no prospects to get ahead, with no united movement against the present regime – most teenagers see suicide as a way out.

In other countries, such websites

would be banned, people taken into custody and charged with helping a person to take his or her own life!

Since Perestroika-Destroika, the rate of teenage suicides has multiplied 30 times. **Some Russian scientists predict that by year 2020, more than 1,5 million teenagers will commit suicide annually!**

Today, Russia takes second place in the world of countries with the greatest suicide rate. In year 2007, 3,000 teenagers from age 5 to 20 committed suicide!

So, Mr. Putin and your protégé Mr. Medvedev - are you listening?

EVEN PRO-U.S. WRITERS SAY THAT U.S. MESSED UP IN IRAQ

This is taken from right-wing newspapers in Canada.

Now that the US death toll of its soldiers in Iraq has reached 4,000 (which does not include thousands of maimed, traumatized, shell-shocked or devastated by depleted uranium) the truth is seeping into the US public ever so slowly.

As the Bush dynasty is slowly fading away, the soon to depart Bush's appointees are beginning to talk and to leek information that the war in Iraq is like a book of *"How Not To Do It"* by these Cold War-Hot War Warriors.

There was massive ineptness, personal ambitions in the White



House by the President and Vice President serving their financial backers; there were threats against the squeamish and spineless members of the U.S. Congress.

At this time, the contenders for President of the USA, McCain, Clinton and Obama all have one thing in common. They still talk as if Iraq is just a failed war – not an undeclared war and not as an invasion of a sovereign country! Their rhetoric is the same and all three candidates do not care a damn about Iraq or Afghanistan...they want to save face for America and its multinational corporations.

There is absolutely no difference between the Republican McCain or the Democrat Clinton or Obama – who by the way in the U.S. Congress voted the same way **EVERY TIME** as did Hillary Clinton.

Birds of a feather always stick together!



THE NORTH STAR

T. Yakubovskaya, a member of Prometheus Poetic Society, Stalino-Donetsk, Ukraine.

By brown plague worms the World is eaten,
Money and meanness again are in fashion,
But through dark clouds of lie and evil
North Star Compass is steadily flashing.

And its bright light we now can see
In the USSR from far away lands,
Because for ten years we've been happy to get
The North Star Compass from our friends.

Your rays are shining all over the world
And each ray is a fighter for creation.
So shine brighter, hotter and wider,
Ever-burning hearts of your constellation!

Ray Stevenson, Lucas couple,
George Hess, Adelard Paguin,
George Gruenthal, Harpal Brar, Lois Singer and others,
The Fate gave you a great gift
To be fearless in arms brothers.

So struggle for the truth until Victory comes!
Step harder! Sharper sight! Keep close your glorious rows!
In the same column are granddads, fathers and sons –
Each generation the same way plows.

And in these days of violence and pressure
In the name of the Labor, Happiness and Peace
Might shine for us all brighter from Canada
Ever-burning North Star, the symbol of Peace.

Show their way to peoples of the whole planet
From poverty bondage to socialism.
I devote these lines to North Star Compass!
To you, the toilers of journalism!

APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS!

Dear member organizations of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People (ICFSSP),

Last Issue NSC printed an invitation from Prof. Jose Maria Sison, Chairperson, International coordinating Committee, International League of People's Struggle (ILPS) for the 3rd international assembly of the ILPS under the theme "Strengthen the People's Struggle, Unite to Build a New World against Imperialist Aggression, State Terrorism, Plunder and Social Destruction!"

The ILPS is an international alliance of anti-imperialist mass organizations. It is an important cooperative venture to raise the links between different anti-imperialist mass organizations and anti-imperialist struggles. We the editors of NSC, encourage the member mass organizations of the ICFSSP to support the ILPS by sending delegates to its third international assembly.

You will find more information on this assembly in the website: tia.ilps-web.com or email tia2008asia@yahoo.com.

Editors

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ABOUT NSC? WRITE!**

NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

WAFFEN SS VETERANS MARCH IN RIGA, LATVIA



March 16th hundreds of Latvians marched through the capital under police presence to commemorate their countrymen who fought on the side of the German Nazis during WW II. There were over 200 Latvian SAS Legion marchers plus their many supporters. The march also included young Latvian Nationalists based on the German Nazi Youth Movement.

Latvia has also been criticized by Amnesty International for the treatment of the over 400,000 Russian-speaking population who are not allowed to be citizens even though most of them were born in Latvia!

STRIKES ARE GROWING IN RUSSIA

From Sergei Skvortsov
Inter@kpss.org

YAROSLAV – On March 25 scores of workers of the "RUSHLEB" demanded a meeting with the owner of this bread-making enterprise. Mostly women workers demanded that they get paid their back-wages that were not paid for over two months. The banner in front of this enterprise says "The best bread-baking enterprise in Russia!" Now that it is privatized it certainly is not – its exploitation of the workers.

The enterprise is practically bankrupt because the private owners have siphoned off the profits into foreign banks and now there is no wages for the workers.

Before there was working over 1,500 workers and now it is down to 600-700. Workers declared a hunger

strike and although they were promised their back pay - nothing happened. The owner Zajchenko is trying to sell the enterprise in Moscow to foreign capital.

EKATERINBURG – The Ambulance Workers walked off their job in a payment dispute – from 85 ambulance workers only 7 workers did not walk out. The strike is ongoing and the city authority is trying to break up the solidarity of the ambulance workers by hiring scabs and involving the police. The workers are holding steady and in solidarity.

CHELYABINSK – Bus and streetcar drivers went in strike for better wages since the transportation union is losing members for higher paying jobs and the city authorities are urging the farmers who are in a bad economic position to come and start to drive the buses and streetcars at much lower pay.

The union members are demanding that their rise in pay must come from the city budget, not by raising the transportation costs to the public.

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TATARSTAN - The workers at an automobile assembly plant OAO KAMAZ because the private enterprise had cut their wages by practically 50%. Over 150 workers called a strike and set up picket lines around the enterprise. The competition between multinational carmakers is fierce and so they are pushing down wages in other countries of the workers. There is a desperate need of unity in the working class.

LENINGRAD – In the apartment complex near Fortanki and Kutuzov streets the people living in these apartments gathered to protest the demand by the city authorities for them to move out in order for big Condo complex to be built with foreign ownership in charge.

The city gave notice only to about 100 apartment dwellers, ignoring the other 700 apartment families – thinking that they could push this through.

UKRAINE PROTESTS AGAINST YANKEES AND NATO

BY GALINA SAVCHENKO

Without having any agreement with Gazprom of Russia for 2008, Ukraine has already used 7 billion cubic meters of gas from the reserves without paying Russia for its gas not even a kopek.

This Ukrainian robbery government of Prime Minister Tymoshenko even though it bought gas from Russia at half price, it has now become an aggressor economic state.

Besides all of this, Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldavia have formed an anti-Russian alliance, besides being pulled into NATO and EU to act as a bastion for US imperialism.

Already for eight years the Ukrainian high command is under the orders of NATO brass in preparations for cooperation with the armed forces of NATO. Beside all of the above, General of Ukrainian Army Vitaly Radecky have abandoned the tradition of celebration of the Victory Day over fascism.

When NATO General Raymond Yeno was in Kiev, he urged and got agreement from the regime of Ukraine to include Ukrainian troops into special deployment units to serve with NATO all over the world. This NATO General said that the present Ukrainian troops are dedicated to NATO and fulfill NATO's duties with dedication and honor!

YOU DAMN AGGRESSOR!

More and more US-NATO troops are crossing the borders of Ukraine. In Sevastopol, the citizens held a demonstration against US navy battleship just coming in from Iraq. But even the City Council was taken back when a US helicopter started to fly over the city. According even to the preset laws of Ukraine, these incursions into the territory of Ukraine can only be allowed by the Government.

The pickets spread the present Ukrainian flags on the pavement from the port station and the US soldiers had to march and trample over this nationalist flag.

People in their absolute majority are against Ukraine becoming a member of NATO. This is not a political dictate from the Kremlin, as



the present nationalist regime of Ukraine tries to hoodwink the people with.

We are the dedicated sons and

daughters who are defending our country and are against NATO and its aggressive policies all over the world.



There were huge demonstrations in Kiev when Bush arrived, as seen by the photo on the right.

Previous page photos show young people and their slogans, which don't pull any punches in their messages!

- *Down with Bush, CIA and NATO!
- *NATO take your 5th Column Ukrainian leaders with you!
- *Me, my mother and father are against the bandits of NATO!



We are not Yankees, we are Slavs, and our brothers are Russians!

By GALINA SAVCHENKO

When Bush visited Kiev at the end of March this year, he stated: "The few flags on the street do not mean anything!" You are lying Mr. Bush! You lied as they did in France when celebrating the 60th Anniversary when the Second Front was opened in France. President Bush said the following: "We defeated Hitler together with our allies, British, French, Poles, Czechs" - but not a single word about the Soviets - Russians, Ukrainians, Byelorussians or others - he only said "plus other people helped us!"

This Bloody Bush did not see thousands of Red Flags on the Kreshchatik Boulevard in Kiev. There were Communist leaders such as Peter Simonenko, Socialist Alexander Moroz, Progressive Socialists, Natalia Vitrenko, Soviet Officers of the All Ukrainian Union of Soviet Officers, plus Orthodox Church were demonstrating - all demanding the end of the traitorous policy followed by the present regime of Yushenko-Tymoshenko-Igrusko -

pushing Ukraine into NATO against the wishes of the Ukrainian people.

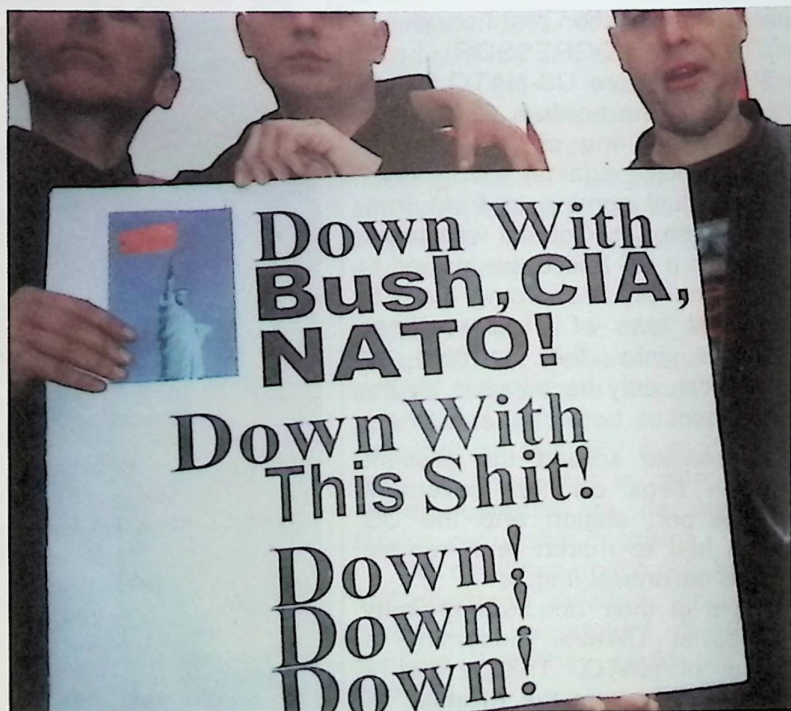
The progressive forces in Ukraine will always demonstrate against the present government and will not allow Ukraine to join NATO!

American imperialism is doing all in its power to promote, to agitate and support international strife in the world. Bush vowed that he will not allow conflict on US territory, but they will go all over the world to "bring democracy" to safeguard all the US interests and super profits.

It only takes 5 minutes for a rocket to reach Moscow from Ukraine. This fact alone should tell the people as to why NATO wants Ukraine! There are the rich minerals, gas and oil in Russia. Besides, from Ukraine NATO can spy much easier on Iraq, Iran and China.

The present traitors in Ukraine - Yushenko and Tymoshenko - keep in mind that NATO cannot save you from the wrath of the Ukrainian people! Your days are numbered, never forget that!

This slogan is right to the point, without mincing any words!



NINA A.
ANDREEVA



May 2008 will be 20 years since the publication of the article by Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks "I cannot give up principles!"

The concepts of LENINISM and BOLSHEVISM are the same. Each of them means the theory and practice of revolutionary Marxism in the epoch of imperialism, proletarian revolutions and the dictatorship of the proletariat, plus the inevitable transition of humanity over from capitalism overt to communism.

Marxism-Leninism is the philosophical-sociological, political-economic and social-political basis of the world-mission of the working class and its allies, summoned to put an end to all forms of oppression, exploitation, social inequality, violence and wars between peoples.

Bolshevism having originated in the theoretical basis of Marxism, was worked out by V.I. Lenin and exists as a *"current of political thought and as a political party since 1903."* (V.I. Lenin Complete Works, v.41, p.6 Russian).

After the death of V.I. Lenin, his cause – the continuation of the construction of Socialism in one country, the strengthening of the organizing force of socialist construction – the Communist Party of Bolsheviks – was continued by his loyal disciple and successor - J. V. Stalin.

Under Stalin, under his direct leadership, the Soviet people built a powerful foundation of Socialism and Stalin led the country to the level of a world superpower and defeated fascism in the Second World War.

J.V. Stalin theoretically worked out and marked down the main ways for the gradual transition over from Socialism to Communism, including the liquidation of the commodity production and commodity-money relations. (*Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR*)

THE REVIVAL OF BOLSHEVISM

However, after the death of J.V. Stalin there arrived into the leadership of the party and the country people, who were semiliterate in Marxism, who then carried out a violent replacement of the Stalinist cadres of experienced and loyal comrades to the party, then replaced them with executive personnel, who then transformed the party of Lenin and Stalin – into an apparatus of bureaucrats who were not able to solve state questions politically, very badly knew the laws of social development of the socialist economy.

Krushchev's personal ambitions and hatred of Stalin became the basis of that malicious speech he made at the XX Congress of the CPSU, and his so-called criticism of *"Stalin personality cult:"* and the consequent anti-Stalin hysteria, which had begun inside the USSR and was conducted by the traitorous so-called *"Loyal Leninists"* since the XX Congress.

Was there really a Stalin Cult? Yes there was a cult of boundless trust in Stalin, who gave his entire life to serving the Soviet people. (***Stalin was even buried with his own worn-out boots and a shabby military tunic, His relatives did not have to share any inheritance after the death of J.V. Stalin, because there was no inheritance!***)

Yes there was a Stalin personality cult, because there was a PERSONALITY – a GIGANTIC PERSONALITY, to which after Lenin there was no equal in the world!

Pigmies now of social science and *"democrats"*- (mainly Zionists fed with US dollars) carried out a frenzied campaign of vicious slander against Stalin and the cause of Socialism, while at the same time misinforming the society, destroying its morals and moral-political unity. The erosion of the monolithic unity of the Soviet people continued and was well financed in all directions, inside

and outside the country – ideological, political, economic and in the moral and cultural life.

Towards the end of 1990's, under adequate material \$\$\$ and ideological support on the part of US imperialism for the inside the USSR counterrevolutionary processes which had been sponsored and promoted and developed inside the USSR, this counterrevolution was planned inside the country. Gorbachev became the conductor for implementing this plan by the US for destroying the USSR.

Former US President Bush Sr. admitted that: ***"We spent a trillion US dollars on winning the Cold War and compared to this sum now, the sum which the USA plans to spend now is \$24 Billions – this is small change. Our democrats inside the Kremlin are able to guarantee our security much better now than the nuclear missiles used to!"***

As can be seen, Gorbachev brought super high profits to US capitalism, having betrayed and selling off the people of the USSR, to *"our best friend- America"*- as Gorbachev boasted – and in one go betrayed the international communist movement, the countries of socialism and delivered a crushing blow to the working class of the capitalist world – thus depriving them of their social gains won in the long and difficult struggles against Capitalism.

Gorbachev gave the start to his picked successor to power – a betrayal of the interests of the whole nation - for the benefit of US imperialism. Then *"Czar Boris Yeltsin"* and after that Sobchak's aid Putin, and now his handpicked and loyal follower Medvedev.

Putin has zealously defended the interests of USA in spite of his public relations rhetoric to the world media.

But what about the CPSU (Communist Party of the Soviet Union) formed in order to defend the working class, taking on the

responsibility of implementing the dictatorship of the proletariat?

As was stated above. The CPSU after the death of J.V. Stalin, became gradually degraded, transforming itself into a party of Social Democrats, into a party of Mensheviks. By 1990's the CPSU was already a conglomerate of various ideological platforms and no longer defending the interests of the working class. There were "four platforms" inside the CPSU who spent their whole time in "discussions" attempting to squeeze each other from power. The "Democratic Platform" was composed mainly of Zionists and all kinds of opportunists who penetrated the CPSU after 1953, were betraying the USSR, vilifying Lenin and Stalin. All of them wanted a "new way forward" and they huddled as the new Communist Initiative. Gorbachev started his "perestroika" while the neo Trotskyites formed the "Marxist platform" inside the CPSU

and fought each other while their main purpose was to dismember the CPSU and also the USSR.

The brutal struggles of the enemies of socialism against our glorious past, the unruliness of these "democrats" and their open calls at demonstrations in Moscow and Leningrad against communists— "All Communists to the gallows!"- The people's disgruntlement over the absence of commodities and foodstuffs in the stores – all stashed away by these enemies of the Fatherland to cause a crisis amongst the people, especially the youth. The propaganda, the incitement to demonstrate and to riot was all done on a daily bases, while food was rotting in warehouses and being dumped into landfills. The demand was also made to travel, especially to Israel.

In such conditions the newspaper "Sovietskaya Rossia" published in March of 1988 an article by Nina Andreeva called " **I cannot give up**

principles."

What were those principles that the Senior Lecturer of the Department of Physical Chemistry of the Leningrad Chemical Technological University and a Candidate of Science wrote about? What were these principles that were talked about in the important article that caused such a backlash by these anti-Soviet traitors?

They were ---

- The necessity of a class view of the world,
- The understanding of the connection of the common human class interests,
- An analysis of the present events in close connection with that historic setting in which they occurred (*for history is not politics, upturned in the past like Pokrovsky, the well-known academician-historian interpreted this*),
- The inadmissibility of the absolutization of the subjective factor



of social development,
 -The inadmissibility of ignoring the objective laws history, appearing in the activities of classes and masses,
 -Research of concrete historical processes on the basis of Marxism-Leninism methodology, as the only scientific approach in the study of any historical process,
 -The inadmissibility of running down of the entire epoch of Socialist construction, connected with the immeasurable achievements of an entire generation of Soviet people, from which these modern "democrats" demand "repentance"!

In the judgment of the activity of J.V.Stalin – the outstanding Soviet statesman and political activist of the XX Century – it is necessary emanate from :

-The party-class interests of the epoch of the storms and invasions, the brutal class struggles when the question is solved **"The state of the workers and peasants – to be or not to be!"** in the internal and international aspect;
 -the dialectical conformity of the activity of the individual to the main laws of development of society, and not from the emotion of individual persons, deservedly were repressed by the Soviet State under J.V. Stalin, as these were true enemies of the State of Workers and Peasants. Unfortunately it is mainly these people and their descendants nowadays that have come to power with the help of the US and destroyed the brotherly alliance of peoples with equal rights that were united into the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The disguised cosmopolitan tendency, the certain without-national *"internationalism"* is nothing other than the appearance of Zionism!

The national pride and national dignity of each people must organically merge with the **internationalism of a united socialist society!**

The article by Nina Andreeva " I cannot give up principles" was reprinted in 937 Soviet republican, regional, town and branch newspapers, not counting factory newspapers and newspapers of the military subdivisions.

The newspaper *"Sovietskaya Rossiya"* in its jubilee edition of the

50th year on July 1, 2006, having reprinted this letter in full, as one of the best publications in the newspaper's history, called this letter **" a major political event, a landmark in the history of not just the newspaper "Sovietskaya Rossiya" but also in the history of the Communist Party and the country as a whole!"**

This letter of Nina Andreeva and the publicity it attained divided the Soviet society into two unequal parts: into supporters of the letter (*that* turned out to be 80%) and its opponents (*at* 20%). Such a ratio of FOR and AGAINST were shown in thousands of letters which arrived in huge sacks to the newspapers *"Pravda"* and to *"Sovietskaya Rossiya"* plus to the Lesoviet department of physical chemistry, where Nina Andreeva worked. Large amount letters arrived also at the Zhdanov University in Leningrad were not passed on to Andreeva at all, but were read by the authorities there and then destroyed. This was revealed after by members of the Editorial Boards years afterwards at a meeting.

It was these 80% of Soviet people who expressed their agreement with Andreeva's Marxism that frightened Gorbachev a lot. He was afraid for the faith of his

"perestroyka-destroyka". This Nina Andreeva's letter to the newspapers became the only subject for the two weeks of discussion at the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the CPSU! At this meeting Gorbachev compelled each CC CPSU member present there, to express their own opinion on this letter in a form of - **"Are you for Gorbachev or for Nina Andreeva?"**

And if it was not for the cowardice of the majority of members of the Politburo of the CC CPSU, then today we would not have had the problems of solving the crisis of reviving Socialism and the USSR.

The ideological guru of *"Perestroyka"* – (former USSR Ambassador to Canada and even here in Canada in his dealings with us, he was a traitor and our Executive members saw through him and when he went back we write a scathing letter to the CC CPSU about his actions in Canada. This will be dealt with in full in my next book – *"Friends of Soviet People since 1918 - Hands Off Russia Committee - Editor).*

Mr. Yakovlev in Moscow at the time of this letter correctly understood the essence because he spoke out in a slashing-vicious article in the newspaper *"Pravda"* – April 5,



1988 – where he in particular pointed out “Maybe, the first set of readers in such a concentrated form saw in this letter the non-acceptance of the idea itself or renovation a firm account of an entirely definite position, a position in essence, conservative and dogmatic. In essence, two main thesis, but with a red thread passing trough all of its content. His article calls upon all to understand “perestroika and glasnost” – otherwise the authorities will have to save socialism.”

After this article in Pravda by Yakovlev, there then began a persecution of the newspaper “Sovietskaya Rossiya” and Nina Andreeva.

Yakovlev correctly judged this letter by Nina Andreeva to be a revival of that world so hated by him – **BOLSHEVISM!**

But these traitors were unsuccessful in morally breaking and destroying N.A. Andreeva. On July 13, 1991 in Minsk, Byelorussia at the All Union Conference of the supporters of the Bolshevik Platform inside the CPSU, a Bolshevik Platform was formed inside the CPSU with the aim of “reorganizing” the CPSU, and return to it the ideological role of the advanced party of the working class in their struggle for building a socialist and a communist society; to rebuff the counter-revolutionary forces. It was decided to hold an extraordinary Congress of the CPSU at which Perestroika would be rejected and bring Gorbachev and his clique to account for the destruction of the CPSU, the Soviet State and for betraying the cause of Lenin and Stalin; of the October Revolution and splitting the international communist movement in the world.

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When the CPSU was banned in September of 1991, a decision was made to call a Constituent Congress on November 8, 1991 where the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks (AUCPB) was formed. Nina Andreeva was elected as the General Secretary of the AUCPB.

The article by Nina Andreeva laid down the start of the revival of Bolshevism.

We Bolsheviks will definitely triumph, because our Marxist-Leninist principles have not been given to us on a plate, but have been gained by us on the sharp turns of history of our Fatherland.

On this we stood and on this we will always stand!

*Central Committee
All Union Communist Party of
Bolsheviks*

IS PRESIDENT YUSHENKO OF UKRAINE SON OF A GERMAN POLICEMAN?

A sensational book has been written by an Israel writer, Yury Vilner, who researched into the archives in which documents were found of his father, Andrey Yushenko, in his own writing that exposed him as a policeman in the service of German Reich.

It is also interesting that Victor Yushenko as President of Ukraine is rewriting history of the Great Patriotic

President Yushenko of Ukraine at the gravesite of his father that was serving the Nazis as a German policeman.



War and giving the order to demolish all Soviet war memorials and monuments that are in Ukraine. Besides this, Yushenko always proclaimed that his father became a prisoner of war and was in the German Nazi concentration camp.

The book by this Israel author is titled “Yushenko the person and the “legend.”

The question is why did Yushenko Sr. in his post-war biography omit certain details that were now found out in the archives to be untrue, and why does President Yushenko repeat these lies – knowing full well that his father - as he himself is - a Ukrainian nationalist and also that his father as did many other traitors, serve German Nazism against the Soviet Red Army?

Yushenko Sr. was in the camp Shtalag 324 and Shtalag IVB in June of 1941. Germans freed only nationalist-minded Ukrainians, and Germans living in Russia and the Baltic prisoners of war. Most of these freed prisoners joined with the Germans to struggle against not only the Soviet Red Army, but against all the Allies fighting German fascism.

The author asks a very pertinent question as to why Yushenko Sr. in his memoirs fails to mention that he was ever in these two German concentration camps? **The answer is very simple – he did not have to admit as to how he got out of these two camps already in 1941?**

He also did not have to admit that he served as a German police officer against his own people, while millions of Soviets and other prisoners perished in these death concentration camps, while he was free with other Ukrainian nationalists to subjugate their own people.

This Israel author also found out in the German archives that the **German camp Shtalag 324 held only Ukrainian prisoners of war.**

Of course the present Ukrainian nationalist regime and President Viktor Yushenko will condemn this expose as only Russian (Moskali) propaganda. But, this expose was written not by a Russian, but a Jewish writer living in Israel!

COMMENT:

The above is based solely on the book “Yushenko the person and the “legend”.

GLOBAL SUPRASOCIETY AND RUSSIA

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**CONTINUATION FROM
LAST ISSUE OF NSC!**

RUSSIAN COUNTER- REVOLUTION

In the period between Gorbachev's election to the post of Secretary General of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in 1985 and the shelling of the 'White House' (the Russian Parliament) on Yeltsin's orders in 1993 a series of events happened, which resulted in the destruction of the communist social order, formed in the Soviet Union after the October Socialist Revolution of 1917. The scale of those events and their aftermath are so important, that we have all the rights to call them the Soviet (Russian) counter-revolution.

The Western propaganda usually portrays it so, as if the Soviet socialism has collapsed because of its internal insolvency, that it has had its day, and the Soviet people themselves, in the course of their experience, have realized the necessity of rejecting communism and transiting to capitalism. This concept has long been taken for granted by Western 'people in the street'. After 1986 it has been imposed on the Russians. It was not through sheer carelessness (though carelessness was also in evidence), that such a thoroughly false idea could take root in the minds of people. It was inculcated into their mind as an 'official belief' and 'established truth', causing a peculiar ambivalence - when a person thinks one thing, and says another.

In fact, the Western masterminds and the Russian performers of the counter-revolution are still uncertain if the destruction of communism is final. That is why concealment of truth about the essence of the Soviet counter-revolution is still an important task for its apologists. Besides, they wish to appear as noble liberators of the Soviet people and mankind from oppression and terror of the 'communist evil', rather than obedient Western puppets and

voluntary traitors of Russia, whose historic achievements, attained through enormous effort and self-sacrifice of its people, they betrayed.

Scientific research of the Soviet counter-revolution is the task for history and social science of the future, when passions simmer down, and it will be permitted to open up the veil of ideological fraud. Here I will limit myself to outlining the chief directions for the future thinkers, groping for historical truth.

ESSENCE AND TIME OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION

To grasp the social essence of the Russian counter-revolution we have to study the multitude of actions of the people, who participated in it, and establish what united those actions into a single joint action of different individuals. This research reveals that all those actions were essentially directed at the destruction of the Russian social order – the 'real' communism. It is exactly this anticommunist polarity that united all the actions into a single historical action, resulting in the defeat of the Soviet communism. To understand how it happened we have to look into the principles of the communist social organization and the social order of the Soviet society. We should know it objectively, as researchers, discarding its ideological misrepresentations (both Soviet and anti-Soviet). And to understand the social essence of its destroyers' joint doings, we must apply a scientific approach, although it is obvious, that they were not guided by theoretical postulates, but by other motives. *Perestroika* (rebuilding) launched by them did the job of destruction nevertheless.

The basis of the Soviet society was formed by the organized system of power and government (not by the country's economy, as some erroneously assume.) The position of that system in the social organization was very important. It pervaded society in its axial dimensions at all levels of social hierarchy, from its top to the primary collectives. The communist society in

the Soviet Union was a human community organized by the state, but not simply by the state. The superstructure and foundation of it were formed by the social phenomenon called 'the party'. This phenomenon is not equal to the habitual concept of Western political parties, although it bears some resemblance to them and comes from the same source. In fact, The Communist Party of the Soviet Union was a phenomenon of a different type. This difference is due to the Party *apparatus* – the CPSU executive body. The *apparatus* was tightly incorporated into the state system as its special, vitally important part. It formed the backbone and skeleton of the whole system of government. The party *apparatus* 'governed the government', exercising control over it as a power of the higher order. In fact, the government system was the extension and bifurcation of the party *apparatus* and, vice versa, all the government organizations somehow converged in the party *apparatus* and were represented in it.

If we apply scientific approach without false ideological dogmas, and proceed from the real, not imaginary, communist social organization, we may say that the dismantling of the CPSU *apparatus* and the Soviet system of government signaled the beginning of the counter-revolution. In fact, it was sanctioned at the top - initiated by Mikhail Gorbachev shortly after he was elected Secretary General of the CPSU Central Committee, and backed by the top party leaders and their ideological lackeys. I emphasize – it was begun at the top of the government - from the core of the party, which provided the basis for the communist social organization. Initiated by Gorbachev, this counter-revolution was completed already under Yeltsin, when the CPSU was liquidated on his orders and the remnants of the Soviet state system were shelled in his attack on the Supreme Soviet in October 1993.

It would be wrong to date the beginning of the Soviet system's

collapse to Nikita Khrushchev's times and its end – to the years following Yeltsin's shelling the House of Soviets. This would mean diluting the very event of counter-revolution in the extended historical span and distorting its essence. Certain events, which preceded Gorbachev's activity for the CPSU destruction, were somehow connected with it, providing conditions for it, but they were not counter-revolution itself. And the events, following Yeltsin's coming to power and his suppression of the Supreme Soviet, were but inevitable consequences of the de facto counter-revolution. As for the counter-revolution itself, it happened in the period of 1987-1993, when the social foundation of the Soviet society was undermined and the edifice of the Soviet Union demolished.

CONDITIONS AND CAUSES OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION

The Soviet (Russian) counter-revolution was determined by a number of factors, which represent a multi-dimensional complex. In one of its dimensions, these factors fall into internal and external – the conditions in the Soviet Union, which contributed to the counter-revolution, and those connected with its preparation and accomplishment from the outside. In another dimension, there are objective and subjective factors. The former are given conditions of life, uncontrolled by people's will, the latter are the ideological, moral, psychological and intellectual state of the people, involved in the preparation and accomplishment of the counter-revolution. These factors were interconnected, their role and proportion changed over time.

There is no denial that the Soviet counter-revolution was grounded in the Soviet society, it was the phenomenon of the internal life of the Soviet society, and later – of the Russian society. But those grounds would not by themselves lead to any social upheaval in the Soviet Union. They became conditions of this upheaval only in combination with the external factors, coming from the West. Proceeding from this, I will discuss below the three major – in my view – internal factors, which led to the counter-revolution – social stratification, economic and administrative crisis and the shift of the Soviet people's outlook.

SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

Contrary to Karl Marx's

teaching about the classlessness of the Communist society, in the real Soviet society a kind of social stratification began to take shape. From the very incipience of the Soviet Union, there appeared social classes, which took different positions in the structure of the society. They also had different opportunities in the distribution of worldly goods. This inequality was not a deviation from certain 'correct' norms of classical Marxism, but a manifestation of the objective laws of social existence. Towards the end of Leonid Brezhnev's era this class stratification reached its peak. It became apparent, that the vertical dynamics of the population was decreasing – this concerned primarily the higher strata representatives, who seldom sank to lower strata. Owing to their position in the society, they possessed various privileges and vast opportunities to acquire worldly goods. They were masters of the society - nothing threatened their privileges, which were guaranteed by their position. Material and other goods were acquired by them without much effort, care and risk of loss. Their situation was enviable even for the privileged strata of the Western countries.

Meanwhile, this resulted in what appears to be a discrepancy with social laws and even with common sense: these upper strata of the society, its privileged part, became the main ideologists and activists of the counter-revolution. They rose to the highest spheres owing to the Soviet system, achieved success and made careers within it. They were the Soviet ideological and cultural elite. By logic, it was incumbent on them to be pillars of the society they were indebted to, its apologists and champions. But they rushed into destroying it, and surpassed in their zeal all the

IN THE NEXT NSC ISSUE

There were found 28 mass graves across all of Canada where native Indian children disappeared from the Catholic, United and Presbyterian Church run schools for native children, who were forcibly taken away from their parents in order to make them "civilized". This is genocide!

dissidents, critics of the Soviet regime and most unmitigated anti-communists of the West. Why did it happen? There were no objective causes for this development in the social organization of the Soviet society. Obviously, it was the effect of certain factors, operating from without.

One of these factors, the anti-Communist ideological propaganda, was subjective: it brought about a certain ideological, moral and psychological shift in the Soviet people's minds. Right after the end of World War II the Western countries, headed by the USA, launched the Cold War against the Soviet bloc. It is acknowledged, that the main weapon of the West in that war were the media, broadcasting to the Soviet bloc. The manipulative techniques used by them were very efficient, they were extremely hostile to socialism, and particularly, to the Soviet Union, and, broadcasting in Russian, affected the ideological, moral and psychological state of the Soviet people. Their main target were the socially active higher and middle strata of the Soviet society, including the ruling and ideological elite. The Cold War lasted for forty years before the beginning of the Soviet counter-revolution – the period more than sufficient to ensure that a part of the Soviet society lapsed into moral and ideological degradation, becoming the vanguard of the future upheaval, organized by the West. The Soviet elite became westernized in their mode of thinking, developing, among other things, a consumerist turn of mind. They craved for Western goods in spite of the wealth they already possessed.

The elite's degradation proved to be one of the most important conditions for the counter-revolution. But in itself it did not induce any subversive plans or actions, and there were no other important internal conditions for the counter-revolution. Actually, it needed to be unleashed by someone. And so it happened: the counter-revolution was sanctioned at the top, followed by open calls for it and examples of unpunished, and even rewarded, anti-Communist behavior. When the fact of the counter-revolution became apparent, the elite were quick to betray their social order and in most cases, their country.

IMPENDING ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE CRISIS

Towards the end of the nineteen-sixties the Soviet economy entered into the phase of stagnation. It was at a disadvantage compared to the brisk Western economy of that period. This, along with the pervasive drone of the Western propaganda, proved to be an important factor, conducive to a specific frame of mind of certain groups of the Soviet people. Having lost faith in the quick advent of the Communist plenty ('to each according to their needs'), they began to look to the West as 'paradise on earth'.

The Marxist-Leninist classics asserted that the communist society was crisis-free. This belief was shared by both communist and Western leaders and ideologists, including anti-communist and anti-Soviet ones. But the crisis-free postulate might only be valid, if there were no instances of crises except in capitalist societies. It is not so. Each society experiences economic crises, depending on the nature of that society. True, there were no capitalist crises in the Soviet society, since it was not capitalist. But it was not exempt from crises as such. In the mid 1980s the communist crisis, first of its kind, began in the Soviet Union. Since there was no scientific understanding of the Soviet society - in fact, its study beyond the dogmas was forbidden - the approaching crisis was simply overlooked, unnoticed (or preferred not to be noticed). The economic situation in the Soviet Union was viewed as an indicator of the lag of the communist economy, while the prospering economy of the West was solely ascribed to capitalism.

That view did not grow on the Soviet soil, but was imposed on the Soviet society from without, by the Western ideology and propaganda. It was assimilated by some Soviet people, because there was absolutely no scientific understanding of the Soviet social order, including its economy. Nor was there adequate understanding of the Western social order (or Westernism, in my terminology). Besides, by that time in certain sections of the Soviet population, especially and primarily in its upper circles, the 'Westernist' values practically superseded the system of Communist values.

So what was actually going on in the Soviet Union at that time? The Soviet Union turned into the second superpower of the world. This happened by no means

because of the insolvency and stagnation of communist economy, but quite the opposite, because of its wonderfully intensive development. Unfortunately, some people, in their self-bedazzlement, overlook this fact, and others try to falsify it and represent it as a failure. But the truth is that, despite all hardships, the living standards in the Soviet Union rose enormously. Its population increased by nearly 100 million people¹¹. People's demands grew - they became so much more than a loaf of bread and a roof over their heads. They included their own houses and apartments, television-sets, refrigerators, motorcycles, automobiles, etc. And the country was performing stupendous achievements to ensure that its citizens could have relatively high standards of living.

In the postwar years (especially in the so-called 'stagnation years' of the 1970s-1980s!) the number of industrial enterprises, establishments and institutions grew dozens of times. Large-scale processes of development and sophistication of the society were going on at an unprecedented speed, unheard-of in the history of mankind. And this was happening in a community of enormous dimensions. All the aspects of life underwent sophistication - education, culture, communications, international ties, etc. Naturally, there emerged inevitable problems and difficulties, which could not be dealt with by the old means. The organizational crisis was looming. But the Soviet leaders and ideologists were unaware of the threat it posed.

The essence of the impending crisis lay in the fact, that the established system of power and government, efficient and successful for the time being, became inadequate under the new conditions. Moreover, as the Soviet society and economy advanced, the inadequacy grew. That process could have been stopped, and the crisis could have been averted or alleviated. No doubt, it could have been done by the means that the Soviet society possessed, i.e. by the communist means. There was no need for the transformation of the social system, quite the opposite - it was necessary and sufficient to improve exactly the communist social structure. It was urgent to enlarge the *apparatus* of power and government - the Communist Party *apparatus*, which was inadequately

small for the growing number of objects and more complicated conditions of administration, for more sophisticated structure of the society. It was important to strengthen the system of planning and exercise stricter control over the fulfillment of the plans. It was necessary to raise the proficiency of government and administration officials, develop the economic theory for the changing conditions, enhance centralization of economy and management, etc. In short, it was necessary to develop the country along the lines of strengthening and improvement of all the attributes of the communist system - the things that were criticized and mocked at in the West, precisely because they functioned so well and permitted the Soviet Union to overcome all its difficulties.

But the Soviet leaders and their ideological lackeys did quite the opposite. They rushed into *Perestroika* ('rebuilding'), the disastrous effect of which was evident from the very beginning. *Perestroika* unleashed the crisis, which became all-embracing, covering political, economic, social and other spheres. It is well-known what this crisis resulted in, and there is no need to speak about it again.

Why did the top government officials, headed by Mikhail Gorbachev, act so? Can it be explained only by their folly, by the fact that they were thoughtless of the consequences of their actions? I think it can't. It was a conscious operation, a clandestine coup d'etat, prompted by the West. And, as we have seen, there were no prerequisites for the weakening and destruction of the socialist state and economic systems and other vital aspects of the Soviet society, even if we take into account all the tensions in the Soviet society on the eve of the counter-revolution. Nor did such ideas circulate in any sizable and influential sections of the Soviet population. Destabilization came in the wake of the de facto counter-revolution from the top and engulfed the country, like a sudden epidemic or natural disaster.

SHIFT IN THE SOVIET PEOPLE'S OUTLOOK

Weakening of the 'iron curtain', expansion of ties with the West, intensification of the Western propaganda and other factors combined to bring about the turn in the Soviet people's views on the Western society. During Leonid

Brezhnev's times the West permeated into the internal life of the Soviet society through numerous radio stations, broadcasting in Russian. The Western propaganda inflicted a hard blow on the fundamental principles of the Soviet ideology and shook people's conviction of the undisputed advantages of the Soviet social order and mode of life over the Western ones. On the one hand, certain negative facts of the Soviet communism became an object of tremendous anti-communist propaganda in the West. Those facts were consistently blown up and brought into focus by the Western companies, broadcasting for Russia. On the other hand, as it turned out, capitalism did not 'quit the stage of history', as Marx and Lenin had predicted, but seemingly got stronger and, as the Western propagandists inspired, won the competition with communism in the economic aspect. In that period of time the Soviet economy revealed a tendency towards economic slowdown, while the capitalist West was experiencing a boom. Under the influence of the propaganda the Soviet people's interests shifted to material and individualistic goals. They fell for the temptation of the Western wealth, idealizing and exaggerating the situation there as paradise on earth.

Let me specifically dwell on two factors, which played an important part in the crisis of the Soviet outlook. The first factor was the scantiness of objective information about the West and the incapability of the Soviet ideological apparatus to counter the Western propaganda with a more or less efficient counterpropaganda. True, the Soviet Union sent dozens of thousands of representatives to the West – diplomats, journalists, scientists, spies, etc. Besides, inside the Soviet Union there were numerous institutions and organizations, engaged in the research of the West. But this gigantic army of 'experts' proved to be, with rare exceptions, no more than a horde of hack-workers, parasites, ignoramuses and thieves. And the gigantic ideological apparatus, engaged in the mastication of Marx's dogmas, was unable to use even a small part of the materials, abundant in the Western mass media, which virtually 'cried' about the advantages of the Soviet economy over the Western one.

The second factor was the

Soviet elite, who were permitted to get acquainted with the West 'at first hand' – by traveling there. Their stay in the West was their privilege as a distinguished group of the Soviet people – politicians, diplomats, cultural workers, academicians, honored intellectuals, party functionaries and government *nomenclatura*. They saw there what they were permitted and wanted to see in their position – abundance of goods in stores, comfort, excellent service, etc., i.e. the show window, the advertisement, the surface manifestations of the Western economy, rather than its basis, its heart and hidden essence. They compared this splendor with the relatively austere conditions, in which their compatriots lived in the Soviet Union. And nearly all of them shared the opinion, that the 'paradise on earth', promised by Marxists, was actually in the West, and the Soviet Union was a kind of a historical 'black gap'. I emphasize, that such a statement came not from ordinary Soviet people, but from the corrupt elite, which found themselves in exclusive conditions in the West. They did not have to earn their daily bread, seek jobs, compete with Western professionals, buy or rent a place to live, pay taxes, worry about medical care, education for their children, work in the conditions of Western companies, experience the negative sides of down-to-earth daily life in the West etc., i.e. they did not immerse themselves in the real life of the Western world with its real hardships, which were described by thousands of honest Western writers and shown in thousands of more or less realistic films. The Soviet elite had a guaranteed position at home in the Soviet Union – housing, salaries, medical care, etc., they were paid by their country and received certain gratification from Western companies. They could spend that money without a foresight that it should be put by for the future. And if they spent it, they could offset their expenses with interest, because they bought certain Western goods, which were items of luxury in the Soviet Union, and speculated. They were guests and idlers in the West, and parasites and speculators in the Soviet Union.

The ideological shift occurred primarily in the minds of the upper circles of the Soviet society, its top leaders, and its intellectual and ideological elite. I emphasize: the crisis of the Soviet society was not economic in essence. It sprang from

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the top of power and ideology, and its major symptoms were the loss of civic responsibility, the sense of duty to their country and people, and the incapacity to understand the Soviet and the Western economies objectively - even at the level of the common sense, let alone from the scientific perspective. It was these higher strata - not the lower ones - which became pro-Western in their mind-set. They began to covet Western comforts, hoping to preserve what they possessed in the Soviet Union.

Despite all this, the positive trend in the internal social life prevailed, and no matter how discontented were certain groups of population with certain phenomena of Soviet life (and there is no society in which everyone is always content with everything), nobody ever questioned the Soviet social organization and proposed its elimination. The older generations felt its advantages from experience, and the younger ones tasted its fruits, as standards of life were slowly but surely improving. Besides, there was no opposing ideology strong enough for an internal ideological breakdown to take place. Even dissidents and critics of the Soviet regime did not advance the slogan of overthrowing communism, and organizations, capable of instigating people to this, were inconceivable - a slightest inkling of such organizations would be crushed. And they would not be able to find support in the masses, anyway. Thus the corruption of the elite could not by itself generate counter-revolution. But when the command for it came from the top, they abetted in assaulting and destroying the foundations of communism.

EXTERNAL FACTORS

The Soviet counter-revolution cannot be explained without taking into consideration the external factors. As a matter of fact, it was planned in the West and imposed on the Soviet people by the West. True, that counter-revolution was carried out by Soviet people, but there is no doubt that the West stood behind them, inciting them to it. So far from being a local Soviet event, it was an epoch-making operation of global dimensions.

It had been prepared for a long time. At first the only task was to restrain the international ambitions of the Soviet Union, to discredit and

weaken it in all possible ways. In the course of the Cold War various methods were used to that end. Realizing that the ideological propaganda did not affect the Soviet population in a planned way, the Cold War strategists decided to take drastic measures. They used a propitious occasion to effect the clandestine coup, which resulted in the counter-revolution.

The Soviet counter-revolution was the final step of the West in its Cold War against the Soviet Union. This consciously and meticulously planned operation joined all the other factors together, focusing their aggregate effect on one goal.

I have mentioned 'a propitious occasion' which played a critical role in the Cold War. What was it? It was Mikhail Gorbachev. Gorbachev as an individual, as well as a symbol of the outset of the subversive operation, resulting in the defeat of the Soviet state system. The Cold War strategists in the West had been studying the Soviet system of government since the emergence of the Soviet State. They paid special attention to the top administration, which they designated by the word 'the Kremlin'. A special branch of Sovietology - Kremlinology - punctiliously studied the structure of the Soviet state system, the Communist Party apparatus, the central apparatus, the CPSU Central Committee, the Politburo and individual administrative officials. In fact, they did not even shrink from examining urine and feces tests of Soviet leaders.

However, for a long time (perhaps, till the late 1970s) the main

focus of Sovietology had been the psychological and ideological brainwash of the Soviet population and fostering the pro-Western group, who would act as the fifth column of the West in the USSR. For this purpose the *dissident* movement was created. The dissidents were engaged - consciously or unconsciously - in the ideological and moral corruption of the Soviet people directly 'in the enemy's camp'.

Thus, an important part of anti-Soviet work was done at the grassroots level with the view to destroying the Soviet society from within. There were considerable achievements along that line, which became one of the factors of the future counter-revolution, but they were insufficient to lead to the wreck of the Soviet society.

By the late 1970s the Western Cold War activists had realized this and decided to change their tactics. They concluded, that the Soviet society could only be destroyed 'from the top' and decided to undermine the Soviet government system. The basis of the Soviet communism was formed by the CPSU apparatus, so to destroy the USSR it was necessary and sufficient to destroy the party apparatus, beginning from its very top. Sovietologists studied the structure of the CPSU apparatus in all aspects: interaction between its executives, their psychology and expertise, methods of their selection, etc. Then the golden opportunity was put in their way, permitting them to intervene in the Communist apparatus directly. This opportunity was provided by the crisis of Soviet

The Soviet Courts were Courts of the People and composed of people from all strata of life

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administration, coupled with the infirmity of the ageing CPSU Politburo members. It happened in 1982-1985 - the latter years of Brezhnev's rule and the subsequent quick change of leadership in Andropov and Chernenko years. At that time the Western command of the Cold War worked out a definite plan: to seize the supreme power in the Soviet Union by introducing in the government their 'agents of influence'^{iv}, who would manipulate a weak leader. That corrupt nucleus would induce the Soviet leader to destroy the *apparatus* and carry out radical reforms, which would chain-react in the all-round disintegration of the Soviet society. The Western plan was bound to succeed, because Mikhail Gorbachev - their candidate for the weak leader's part - became CPSU Secretary General. That leader quite lived up to, and even surpassed, the expectations of the West.

If we recall all Gorbachev's actions, we will easily see that they were systematic and premeditated destruction of the CPSU *apparatus*. In those years a joke was current in the USSR, that the CPSU was carrying on a large-scale campaign for the eradication of the ... CPSU. And it was really so. Only it was no laughing matter, but the beginning of a great historical tragedy. Started in the mid 1980s by Gorbachev and the top Soviet leaders, it undermined the very foundation of the Soviet society. The process was completed already under Yeltsin, who simply abolished the CPSU, while the head of the party Mikhail Gorbachev obediently signed the decree of the CPSU Central Committee self-liquidation (though by logic and conscience, he ought to have called the Party for resistance). Following it, the process of the Soviet state system disintegration went on at precipitous speed. The Soviet society itself collapsed virtually in a jiffy - all the 'primary collectives', economy, ideology, culture, etc. This could never have happened as a natural process; it only became possible because the Soviet leaders, taking dictation from the Western manipulators, had undermined the system.

The Soviet Communism did not have any steadfast defenders. It was ruined nearly without any resistance of the population, CPSU members (and there were about twenty million of them!) and party functionaries. There were but two open protests - the so called 'putsch'

in August 1991 and the revolt of the Supreme Soviet deputies in October 1993. But even the participants of those events did not proclaim defense of Communism as their goal. Most leaders the 1993 revolt were themselves involved in the CPSU dismantling and the defeat of the 1991 'putsch', whereas the 'putschists', in their day, took part in Gorbachev's anti-party and anti-government overturn. Some Western authors called the Soviet counter-revolution 'velvet revolution'. In the Western and pro-Western Russian propaganda the absence of massive and staunch defense of the Soviet Communism was explained (and is explained now) by the alleged 'hate' of the Soviet people for Communism. The Soviets have been represented as suffering under the yoke of monstrous totalitarianism and longing for liberation. This 'explanation' is a blatant ideological lie, which has nothing to do with reality. To explain the Western victory in the Cold War and the Soviets' non-resistance adequately, it is necessary to have an understanding of the organization of the Soviet society, the psychology of its people and the essence of the counter-revolution as a specific operation of the Cold War.

Let us begin with the highest echelons of power. We have already mentioned certain Soviet government officials and top ideologists, who were secret agents of the West, used to subvert the USSR. It is not excluded that Gorbachev himself was involved with some Western secret services. However, all those people were not clear in their own minds about the course, upon which they were setting their country, and about the consequences of their activities. Many of them were sure that the communist social order in the country was impregnable. And those who knew what was going on did not declare their goals and intentions openly. Even Gorbachev, at first, publicly declared that his only purpose was to perfect the system (to build socialism 'with a human face'). Many active participants of that process made their careers under Gorbachev's leadership as followers of his political line. They perceived Gorbachev's *perestroika* as a mere prerequisite for their personal success and did not care a damn about their civic responsibility. By their nature they were and acted as ordinary careerists. They were products of the system of power, with

its established training and selection procedures, and behaved according to its laws. At first they swore allegiance to Communism, promising to perfect the existing social order. Then they began to speak about *perestroika* (*reformation*) of the social and political system, and finally - about the decisive rejection of communism. This apostasy was largely caused by the increased ideological pressing from the West.

The counter-revolution did not reveal its social essence immediately. Every step, taken separately, did not resemble counter-revolution, nor did these steps reveal any apparent connection with each other. The counter-revolution at first occurred in the form of several relatively insignificant modifications of the CPSU *apparatus*, particularly, on the top level. If any struggle did take place at all, it never transcended the *apparatus* framework. The decisions, which in their aggregate amounted to the counter-revolution, were gradually sent down from the top to party *apparatuses* on lower levels. Step by step, they pervaded the whole system of power. The lower-rank officials of all sorts were carrying on the destruction of communism as a part of their routine duties, adjusting their activity to the new set-up.

As for the masses of Soviet people, their social position and past experience accustomed them to trusting in the course of their government. Nobody suspected at first that that course would lead to the collapse of the society. When the process of destruction began to spread and the masses became aware of it, the counter-revolution was already in earnest, chain-reacting in the destruction of economy, ideology, culture, system of education and other spheres of the Soviet society. People simply failed to guard against it in time.

We should also take into account the factor of the anti-communist propaganda, which had been carried on for nearly half a century, with the use of more and more sophisticated technologies. This propaganda was picked up and redoubled by the internal counter-revolutionary forces. The Soviet people were besotted and demoralized: the Western system of values, imposed on them, was organically alien to their morals. Broad masses of population fell into ideological and psychological confusion and became still more susceptible to manipulation.

HOW RUSSIA WAS 'REBUILT'

The fact, that the Soviet counter-revolution was a large-scale subversive operation of the West, carried out by the treasonable government, becomes manifest, if we consider the Western-style social order, that came to stay as a result of this counter-revolution. This social order, imposed on the Soviet people from the top, ran absolutely contrary to the interests of the majority of the population and had disastrous consequences for the country.

In the early days of the counter-revolution Alexander Solzhenitsyn's article, entitled *How to Rebuild Russia*, was published. This article, containing a program for the development of the new capitalist Russia, raised a lot of public clamor. Later Solzhenitsyn expressed exasperation at the fact, that instead of paradise, which he proposed to establish with the help of his program, the real hell set in. It is yet another proof of the fact that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. The truth is that the problem 'how to rebuild Russia' after Communism had been solved long before Solzhenitsyn's crazy article - in those US institutions, which were engaged in the Cold War.

But let us omit this incident in the Russian tragedy and turn to the essence of the problem. We can invent scores of projects of 'rebuilding' Russia, foreseeing scores of desirable and necessary steps. But all those projects will inevitably fail, if they are subjective. The interests of different categories of people do not coincide - sometimes they are diametrically opposite. Desirable - for whom? Necessary - for whom? The real problem is how Russia is actually being rebuilt and will, of necessity, be rebuilt in the nearest decades (and even centuries) due to the objective historical factors, existing forces and social laws of large human communities' existence. Any subjectivity, wishful thinking and cunning should be excluded when we deal with this problem - we only need the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, however ungainly it might be. Neither idealistic promises nor terrible threats can coax the current of history into flowing in a desirable course. Objective reality should be reckoned with.

True, the social organization of any human community is created

by the conscious volitional activity of its most proactive members. But for this they need to have some viable ideas, concepts, theories, plans. What happened in Russia after the collapse of the Communist social organization? The Marxist theory, which claimed to provide the supreme scientific explanation of social formations, was discarded without any significant scientific argumentation. The sociological concepts of Western ideologists, formerly labeled as pseudoscientific, became fashionable and were extolled as the ultimate scientific knowledge.

As a result, instead of the thought-out theory and scientifically grounded project, the performers of Russia's social transformation took ready-made models from the West. Those models were ideologically 'prepared' for the non-Western peoples (and especially, their ruling elite). Adopting them, the post-Soviet reformers completely ignored the copy-book sociological truth, that the Western model has been taking shape for centuries in the specific conditions of the Western world, in acute social struggle and devastating wars, at the expense of huge human losses. That model is not universal and equally suited to all times and all peoples. They ignored the fact, that applying the same model for different conditions would yield different results, sometimes quite opposite to those expected. Even if the Western model was in some respects applicable to a non-Western country, it should not be transferred to this country without reckoning with its specific conditions in their entirety. A thoughtless transference of alien models to societies inevitably leads to disastrous results. There are abundant examples of it in history. It is not surprising, that westernization of the non-Western world has become a mighty weapon in the struggle of the West for its world supremacy.

The Russian reformers imposed upon Russia not the actual social organization of the Western countries, but their ideological image. The differences here are similar to the difference between the real Soviet communism and its description by the Soviet (Marxist) ideology. For example, the Western democracy is idealized: the

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superficial democratic aspect of power in the West is exaggerated, and its basic undemocratic essence is ignored. In the description of economy, the 'free market' and entrepreneurship are exaggerated and embellished, and the monetary totalitarianism, the command and dictatorial aspects of power are silenced. In ideology, the Western 'freedom' from ideology is propagated, and the fact of the total ideological brainwash, immeasurably exceeding that in the Soviet Union, is, again, silenced.

Plus the fact that the 'West-made' capitalism was not suited for specific Russian conditions, necessitating communal way of life and mentality. The tinsel Western model was thrown upon the austere Russian reality - this factor was totally ignored by the reformers. They were guided by the principle 'why don't we live as they do in the West?' Let me draw here the analogy with Khrushchev's wild idea that American maize would help build Communism in Russia already by the 1980s. But maize did not ripen or even sprout in the Russian conditions. Likewise, the Western social system has failed to take root or to ripen in Russia.

The failure of the Western-style social order to strike root in Russia was also due to the law of social-historical successiveness: if the social structure of a human community collapses, leaving behind its human material and cultural foundations, those factors ensure that the new system, emerging from the fragments of the old one, repeats the features of the latter in many important aspects. But, as they say, you cannot build a skyscraper out of the fragments of a woodshed. You can only build another woodshed, worse than the previous one. The social structure in today's Russia is in many respects similar to the Soviet one. Many people live as though there was no counter-revolution at all. Only much worse, than in the Soviet times.

In a word, a social monster, or, rather, a social mongrel was generated, in some features resembling the Western model, in others - the Soviet one. Let's take the basic components of the social structure. The actual Western system of government and administration has a powerful undemocratic framework. In the Soviet Union, the whole system of power was authoritarian. As for the post-Soviet authority, it was imitating

the Western democracy in its admission of the multi-party system and parliamentarianism shows, while, by the law of social successiveness, it gravitated towards the Soviet dictatorial type.

The Western government and administration dispose of huge financial resources. The Soviet power disposed of all the resources of the USSR. The early post-Soviet government, which declared privatization of national property at the height of the Russian economic crisis, was destitute. It disposed of few resources, spending them largely on their own salaries. It depended on Western sops. It was incapable of important nation-scale actions. It was even incapable of preserving the integrity and sovereignty of the country. It actually stayed in power owing to the Western support, including military support in case the Communist restoration was attempted. The same about economy. The task of economy is to provide population with everything required for life. The post-Soviet economy was incapable of that, and Russia was almost entirely dependent on the West. The situation in Russia in the 1990s is well known.

And, despite its insolvency, the early post-*Perestroika* government concentrated in its hands all the control levers of the executive: the Ministries of Internal Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense, Justice, Security Service, Revenue Service, Protection, Frontier Guards, Communication, Information, etc. In fact, fulfilling the function of a colonial administration, the post-Soviet government largely reproduced the Soviet power in its internal mechanism. (The same happens today. The Russian parliament, the Duma, plays a secondary role compared to the presidential power. In fact, it repeats the function of the Supreme Soviet, the Duma's counterpart, compared to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. It is alleged that the Russian government imitates the American model. It is only partially right, because it also reproduces the Soviet model.)

The Soviet counter-revolution was successfully accomplished, determining the fate of Russia and the Russians for many centuries ahead. Now it is bad form to recall those events. We are reassured that they are bygone and no longer topical. The vanity of

vanities of the post-Soviet life has seized the minds of the Russians. Much is said and written about the salvation and revival of Russia. What is utterly ignored or falsified is the main cause why and how Russia found itself in such a situation, that the problem of its salvation and revival should arise. But I am sure that without objective and relentless truth about the Soviet counter-revolution Russia stands no chance of salvation and revival.

THE BETRAYAL FACTOR

One of the main factors, which enabled the demolition of Soviet (Russian) communism, was betrayal. Perhaps, for the first time in human history this factor was not only taken into account by the Western masterminds, but also planned, cultivated and replicated on a large scale as a historical factor. Its conscious use is worthy of our attention as one of the signs of planned and controlled history.

I use the word 'betrayal' in the sociological meaning, as a scientific term. A question may arise why I use the word, loaded with moral and legal overtones, characteristic of people's intuitive understanding of it. However, this is exactly why I insist on using it - taken as a scientific notion, betrayal serves to explicate certain phenomena of reality, to which this word is not normally applied.

The notion of betrayal is seemingly easy, but only seemingly so - in the easiest and most trivial cases. If a person has begun to spy for a foreign country, he is a traitor. If he or she has deserted to the enemy during the war, they are traitors. But even in these cases the criteria for estimation of betrayal are loose and may be trimmed according to the situation. For example, the traitor General Vlasov has been turned into a hero, an ideological fighter against Stalinism. Or many overt representatives of the Western 'fifth column' in the Soviet Union and Russia live on the Russian land unpunished and thrive. Some of them enter into the highest circles of the Russian society and the ruling elite.

Betrayal becomes even less evident, when we deal with large groups of people, human communities and nations, when we analyze people's behavior under complex and changing conditions. The character of people's actions and criteria for their evaluation

change over time. Starting with the most primitive and obvious forms of individual betrayal, humanity has developed more sophisticated forms - hidden betrayal, mass betrayal, etc. This fact should be taken into account when we give a scientific definition of this phenomenon. We should also distinguish between moral, legal and sociological approaches to this problem. The moral and legal approaches are sufficient to evaluate individual actions in simple situations. The sociological approach is necessary to understand the behavior of large masses of people and whole communities in complex historical processes. It is this approach that should be applied for the analysis of the years of preparation, carrying out and fixing the results of the counter-revolution in the USSR.

The easiest case of betrayal occurs in the relations between two people, who are bound by the relation of obligation (naturally, legally or by a contract), when the fate of one person essentially depends on the other. The former trusts the latter and believes that the latter will fulfill his or her obligations. The latter has certain commitment to the former and is aware of the fact, that his vis-à-vis trusts him and relies on him. This relationship may be consolidated by a promise, an oath, a tradition, a custom, a habit, public opinion, moral rules, laws or a formal agreement. If the obligor does not fulfill his commitment as understood, we call this case 'betrayal' - the former betrays the latter.

More sophisticated cases of betrayal include those when the relationship of obligation binds an individual and a group of people, a group of people on each side, entire communities, masses of people, nations and countries. We may include here the relationship between a government and the people it governs, between a party and the class it represents, between party leaders and ordinary party members, etc. When an individual, a group of people or a human community betray themselves, we deal with the degenerative case of self-betrayal. But in this case, too, there is a kind of 'doubling', when a person or a community functions in different roles. For example, an individual can betray his life principles to gain some benefits, or unwittingly perform some actions, which may prove to be self-betrayal (at a certain time, or in a certain respect). There may also be self-

betrayal of human communities.

Other cases of betrayal involve the actions of a third party - an enemy (an individual, a group, a community), who provokes a betrayal and benefits from it. The classical example here is the situation of two warring countries - when groups of citizens betray their country in favor of the hostile country. Betrayal becomes more complicated, if the number of parties increases (more than just the traitor and the betrayed). Also, there may be a complex tangle of actions, amounting to treacherous behavior, prolongation of betrayal in time, etc. For example, the government of a country may conduct the policy, detrimental to its nation, in favor of a hostile country. Each action of this government in itself may not be treacherous, but their total amounts to a betrayal.

Who is indictable for betrayal? In the easiest cases of individual betrayal the answer is evident - it is the traitor himself. To apply moral and legal criteria in these cases does not pose any problem. But what if the participants of the situation of betrayal are large human communities? For example, an entire army capitulates (as it frequently happened in 1941 - 1945).

If a command orders to lay down arms and soldiers obey these orders, are the latter traitors or not? And what about the former, who decide that fighting is useless? In certain circumstances people violate their oaths. Then we find it hard to assess their behavior at its true value. And if we deal with a whole country and its government, the situation becomes immeasurably more complicated. There are no universal criteria of behavioral assessment in this case. In fact, moral and legal norms become meaningless - at least the acknowledged and legalized code of norms for such cases is absent. The effective tools here are public opinion, political considerations, traditions.

Betrayal may be conscious and unconscious, intentional and unintentional. In any large-scale and complicated betrayal, which involves lots of people and consists of lots of acts over an extended period of time, we can detect conscious and intentional, as well as unconscious and unintentional actions, in various degrees and combinations. This renders the general assessment of 'sophisticated' betrayal quite difficult, the more so that there are no strict criteria for it and no particular desire to understand that phenomenon

objectively. Most betrayals belong to this category: they are commonly not estimated as betrayals - they are left unpunished or are leniently punished, and traitors are not ravaged by their conscience. All that is not due to the decay of morality (although this factor is present, too), but because there are life situations, to which the moral and legal norms are not easily applied.

To assess some people's behavior as betrayal, there should be other people, standing 'above' the traitors or at least being independent of them. To punish some people for a betrayal, there should be other people, entitled to punish (or exonerate) them. If there are no such Judges and Executioners, the betrayal is not publicly exposed and punished. The perfidy of the powerful and privileged is seldom estimated as such and, more often than not, goes unpunished.

THE GREATEST BETRAYAL IN HISTORY

Betrayal is a widespread phenomenon, both in people's personal life, and in historical processes. It is a permanent factor of human existence. The history of humanity is contradictory. It has

Stalin was never too busy to meet the Heroes of Labour to discuss plans for building Socialism



rewarded betrayal, perfidy and shiftiness much more frequently, than devotion, loyalty and honesty. And the pinnacle of 'progress' in this respect has become the betrayal, committed in the Soviet Union and Russia by Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin, as the former prepared the counter-revolution in 1989-1991 and the latter accomplished it in 1991-1993.

It is enough to recall the behavior of the top party leaders and the government under Gorbachev and Yeltsin, the behavior of the CPSU *apparatus* and millions of ordinary CPSU members, who had sworn allegiance to the party, their country, the ideals of Communism and so on. All of them violated their oaths, the effect of which was that the Soviet social order, the Soviet system of power, the party, the ideals of Communism, and the country itself were duntrodden. All that was done according to the plans of the USSR's enemies and to their acclaim. It is clear, that no verbal jugglery can justify that treacherous behavior - treacherous both from the moral and, in most cases, from the legal perspectives.

This betrayal is an extremely complicated tangle of various actions of a large number of people. It is also entwined in the complicated historical processes happening inside the USSR and in the world. It has a complex, multi-dimensional structure. In one dimension, it has a hierarchical vertical direction: Gorbachev's clique betrays the rest of the top party leadership, which, in their turn, betray the party *apparatus* at large. The *apparatus* betrays the government system, which betrays its subjects. The Soviet Union betrays its allies from the socialist bloc, the socialist bloc betrays that part of international community, which has relied on its support in their struggle for socialist ideals. In other dimensions, too, this phenomenon reveals a complex structure. Thus, it is necessary, but not sufficient to describe this social epidemic by the notion, understood intuitively. Special cognitive tools are needed to define and analyze this enormous social act of betrayal. It certainly requires an expert social research. What I am expounding here is just the first tentative step in that direction.

The discussed betrayal by no means resulted from the social laws of the Soviet socialist order (the actual, practically implemented communism); it was neither natural,

nor inevitable. It could have been avoided. Though resulting from a unique concurrence of circumstances, it was not accidental. It was made possible by certain aspects of the Soviet history and carefully prepared by the anti-communist masterminds. They enticed parts of the Soviet society to commit betrayal, and their efforts fell on a fertile soil. Below we will consider some (but not all) components and landmarks of the preparation of that fatal betrayal in the Soviet period of the Russian history.

STALIN PERIOD

Let's begin with the orgy of informing, which broke out in the Soviet State in the 1930s. Informing on somebody, in itself, is not a betrayal. But under certain conditions it may become a school and a means of betrayal. Informing is a common human phenomenon - not a specifically Soviet or Communist one. It thrived in Czarist Russia, in Napoleonic France, in Hitler's Germany. In the West, it was conceived as a social phenomenon at the beginning of Christianity - Judah was one of the first socially condemned traitors. In the centuries-old history of Christianity it also played an important part - enough to recall the Holy Inquisition and violation of the secret of confessionals. In the Soviet history informing played an important part, and in the 1930s-1940s it was especially rampant. It became one of the important means of ruling the country.

The attitude to informing was controversial. On the one hand, it was considered immoral, because it concerned one's nearest and dearest (relations, friends, colleagues, comrades), and was regarded as betrayal. On the other hand, it was artificially imposed on the masses from the top and encouraged. Informers were convinced that they were discharging their sacred duty to their country, their people and the ideals of communism. And, whether the Soviet authorities wanted it or not, the system of mass informing had become the State-organized 'school of betrayal for millions of people. Betrayal ceased to be violation of moral and legal norms.

Let me draw the readers' attention to the fact that the main detriment from this practice was not the breeding of established secret informers for State security bodies (those were not so many), but the

voluntary enthusiasts, who wrote countless reports to government bodies and mass media offices, made vocal denunciations at meetings, unmasked saboteurs in publications ('public' informing). The whole country became an arena of sneaking. Betrayal of friends, relations, colleagues and comrades became a usual element of reports.

Individual betrayals went hand in hand with collective betrayals. The life of the Soviet people abounded in meetings with their criticism and self-criticism, unmasking drawbacks, censuring culprits, motioning sanctions against the wrongdoing members of collectives, etc. This was going on in the government and administration bodies, in artistic collectives and educational institutions, etc. Collective 'pogroms' of colleagues relieved each individual member of a collective of personal responsibility. Adherence to one's word, loyalty, honor, reliability and other qualities of a decent person came to be disadvantageous and sometimes even perilous. Collective betrayals disguised each individual one, so that, separately, members of a collective did not look or feel traitors. Of course, the responsibility for collective betrayals could be laid at the door of those who headed collectives. But they could be eventually relieved of it by the fact, that they were obeying instructions from the top.

Vicious as it was, the policy of encouraging betrayal, conducted by the Soviet government, was grounded on reality itself. The construction of the new Socialist social order was happening amidst the acute struggle of pro-communist and anti-communist forces. That struggle caused people to be split into opposing camps. By the very logic of struggle, the opponents of Stalin's policy were pushed into the enemy's camp and embarked on the path of sabotage. The purpose of Stalin's repressions thus was to suppress the activity of actual and potential saboteurs. Of course, there were extremes, many innocent people suffered and all kinds of blackguards benefited by the repressions. However, in the light of the mass suffering and huge death toll following the social upheaval of the late 1980s - 1990s, they look at least overt, justified by the interests of the majority and eventually bringing about the country's efflorescence. In all events, we should assess Stalin's repressions in

a realistic aspect, casting away propagandistic myths.

Still, apart from suppressing sabotage, the repressions created prerequisites for breeding future traitors. Thus the activity of the Soviet power for the establishment and consolidation of the new social order simultaneously forged large numbers of future traitors of this order. Let us not forget that the high Soviet betrayers (Gorbachev, Yakovlev, Yeltsin and others) learnt their first lessons of betrayal in the Komsomol and the Communist Party of Stalin's period.

At the beginning of 1941 efficient military units and even troops surrendered to the enemy. Why? Anti-Sovietists and anti-communists ascribed this fact to the alleged 'hate' people felt for the Soviet social order (for communism). However, this was only true for a very insignificant minority of people. But the betrayal was really mass. I personally witnessed an occasion, when a military unit, voluntarily and without high orders, laid down arms, although they were quite able to fight the Germans. So the special anti-retreat troops, introduced by Stalin in the rear of some unreliable units, were an absolutely justified defense step. And the soldiers, placed in the conditions, when the refusal to fight was tantamount to death, began to fight with fortitude and selflessness. I think the reason for this was the quality of the 'human matter'. In fact, various nations have a different degree of predisposition for betrayal. We, the Russians, have a rather marked natural inclination to betray. Russian servility, obsequiousness, cringing to power, chameleonic timeserving naturally transform, under circumstances, into betrayal.

Yes, but how about Russian heroism? Alexander Martosov, the Panfilovites, the defence of Brest?.. One does not exclude the other. To one Matrosov there were several thousand cowards, self-seekers and parasites. We did win the war. But the main factors of that victory were, in my view, the Soviet social order and Stalin's leadership. Owing to these factors, the same 'human matter' that was able to betray their country could win a stupendous victory. Stalin's government remained loyal to the country and the ideals of communism. It declared relentless war against any manifestation of betrayal. What would have happened, if Stalin's government had wavered in the face of danger? The USSR would have

been defeated already in 1941.

This example points to the fact, that for the scientific explanation of such a grandiose phenomenon, as social betrayal, we need to take into account a range of interacting factors. Isolated factors, looked upon from just one perspective, will not give a clear picture.

The USA took into account the predisposition of many Soviet people to betrayal at the very incipience of the Cold War, in 1946. They discerned that the Russians could not be defeated in a 'hot war' and wisely staked on betrayal as the crucial factor in the Cold War. In fact, they made the most of it, when the suitable conditions arose for an overthrow in the USSR in the early 1980s.

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The Stalin era ended up with Khrushchev's de-Stalinization of the Soviet society. I will touch only upon one little known fact of that period, somehow connected with the subject discussed above. It is significant that millions of Stalinists headed by Khrushchev, who himself had been Stalin's lackey, betrayed their former leader at lightning speed and turned into active anti-Stalinists. I don't remember a single person who would have publicly defended Stalinism and expressed devotion to Stalin. The entire de-Stalinization was carried out as a mass betrayal, initiated from the top, but involving nearly all the active Soviet population. It was a dress rehearsal for the fatal general betrayal, which, thirty years later, would be committed on the initiative of Gorbachev's, and later, Yeltsin's governments.

Khrushchev's betrayal affected but a few aspects of the Soviet society, leaving unchanged the social order as such. This is why it did not become fatal. Besides, presumptuous Khrushchev was checked in time and dismissed from his post. However, his activity revealed the vulnerability of the ideological and moral condition of the Soviet society. It also demonstrated the destructive power of the Soviet government system, if it happened to be in the hands of fools and political adventurers. Having broken out at the top, the epidemic of betrayal of Stalinism rapidly spread in the masses and became universal. The masses displayed peculiar humbleness and dependency on the authorities. At the same time, Khrushchev's government slackened

the control, needed to preserve the social organization of the society, and abated the historical struggle for Communism. Those facts were noted and taken into account by the Cold War organizers.

BREZHNEV'S YEARS

In the years of Leonid Brezhnev as the CPSU Secretary General the epidemic of betrayal, begun by Khrushchev, was checked and muffled. But the viruses of that illness were not destroyed for good. They began to multiply and infect the Soviet society on the sly by many channels. The main channels were the liberal intelligentsia with its selfish opposition to the masses, the dissidents' movement, the *samizdat* (illegal printing of unsanctioned literature - Translator), the *tamizdat* (publishing of anti-Soviet literature abroad - Translator), the emigrants' wave, etc. We should bear in mind that the Cold War was in full swing and the USSR had a mighty opponent - the Western world. That opponent raised, fostered and bribed the USSR internal traitors. They took their cues from the West. If there had been no that opponent, or it had been weaker and less active, the epidemic of betrayal would have been contained.

In fact, the Western services, engaged in the Cold War, counted on betrayal. They employed expert and well-informed people. They knew about the betrayals of Stalin's times and about the capitulation of Soviet soldiers at the beginning of the 1941-1945 War. They were aware of the mass betrayal factor of de-Stalinization. They directly made it their aim to set up the 'fifth column' in the Soviet Union. And they possessed especially worked-out techniques to achieve it.

For instance, one of their specific devices was to single out an outstanding Soviet personality of science or culture, and set him or her off against the 'bulk' of their colleagues and fellows. Those individuals were extolled by the Western mass media and their colleagues - abased and mocked at. The works of the former were published and exhibited in the West; they were invited to work there and paid big salaries. By the very logic of interpersonal relations, they turned into conscious or unconscious traitors, infecting the others with the spirit of jealousy and betrayal.

Dissidents also received broad publicity in the West; they were given grants and other material

incentives. Vociferous campaigns for their defense were an important part of the anti-Soviet propaganda. There were even occasions of exerting political and economic pressure on the Soviet authorities for dissidents. (In passing, I think that in Gorbachev's case it was this weak politician's envy of dissidents and his eagerness to contend with them for glory, that played the crucial role in his turning out an epochal traitor.) Soviet immigrants were cherished: lucrative appointments were prepared for them in advance; they were allotted lavish tips. There were many attempts of fanning nationalism: special nationalist centers and organizations were set up, future leaders for dissident nationalist movements were nurtured. In a word, for many years the Western Cold War activists had been patiently and consistently carrying on the work of infecting the Soviet society with the virus of anti-Sovietism and anti-communism and preparing the masses for the final epochal act of betrayal.

Dear readers:
The last installment of this very necessary article for NSC readers will be in the May issue of NSC.
It will contain – The Apogee of Betrayal and the Great Revolutionary Crisis.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WERE CLINTONS IN BED WITH NAZIS, MUHAJIDEEN, TERRORISTS AND DRUG TRAFFICKERS

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There are many questions that should be asked of Bill and Hillary Clinton now, because both of them were known as "Partners in Power". During Bill Clinton's reign as President, Hillary was involved in all aspects of policy making, even though she was not an elected official in the US Government.

These are the questions that Hillary should answer to the US public and to the people of the world:

- * Why did she support the resurrection of Nazism in Croatia?
- * Why did she support the Islamic-fascists in Bosnia?
- * Why did she support the Albanian terrorists and drug traffickers in Kosovo?

On April 6, 1992, US recognized Croatia and Bosnia led by former Muslim SS youth leader Alija Izetbegovic. By choosing this exact date, which was the Anniversary of Hitler's attack on Belgrade, Sunday of April 6, 1941, when 17,000 civilians were killed by the German Luftwaffe, served as a clear message to the surviving Serbs that the Nazis are back in, but under the guise of American "democracy."

A high level Conference was held in Bratislava, Slovakia in April of 2000 with top-level Ministers from NATO countries present. Here are some of the points discussed on the agenda, as gathered from a letter to former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroder:

- *All participants agreed to a speedy recognition of Kosovo.
- *Poland must be flanked to the north and south with our friendly neighbors, while Romania and Bulgaria must secure common borders with Turkey such as existed during the Roman times at the expense of Yugoslavia.
- *We must have total control outside Leningrad to the Baltic Sea.

NATO POSES A GRAVE THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AND ALL OVER

Petre Ignat
 General Secretary



The New Communist Party of Romania sees the upcoming NATO summit in Bucharest as an opportunity to reaffirm its resolute opposition to this military tool of Western capitalist imperialism, and US imperialism in particular.

Our party firmly and resolutely opposes all forms of imperialism and regards this alliance as a grave threat to peace and security in Europe and all over the world, as well as a danger to the freedom of all peoples. It constitutes such a threat because of its offensive nature, its willingness and proneness to wage war on all those who refuse to submit to US or West-European hegemony, be they countries, peoples, religions or even individuals deemed a threat to the values of the so-called "free world", that is, the values of the capitalist and imperialist circles. Our position is very simple: WE CALL FOR THE DISBANDMENT OF NATO. We want NATO to be disbanded.

We cannot and will not recognize such a murderous alliance, with such a horrible track record, a track record which includes the murder of thousands of innocent civilians in places like Bosnia, Yugoslavia and Afghanistan. We cannot and will not recognize an alliance which, through its aggressive policy of expanding to the East and setting up new military bases there, through its gross interference in other countries' internal affairs, through its gross violation of international law, can only increase the likelihood of an inter-imperialist war between Western imperialism and emerging capitalist powers, like Russia.

INDEPENDENT JEWISH CANADIANS UNITE TO CREATE ALTERNATIVE TO THE CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS POLICIES

BY JONATHAN DAHOAH HALEVI

More than 100 Jews from 26 cities across Canada met last March in Toronto to form an organization to promote real peace and justice in the Middle East. This Alliance brought together Canadian Jews that belong to 18 different groups that do not adhere to the policies of the rightwing Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canada-Israel Committee and the B'nei Brith.

Guests from the US, UK and France spoke about the growing "tidal wave" in their countries of Jewish opposition to Israel mistreatment and land grabbing of the Palestinian people.

This Conference was highly critical of the Israel occupation of Palestinian lands and was also critical of the present Canadian Conservative Government for its total support of Israel.

Regarding the stance of this Conference for peace in the Middle East, the statement made to the Shalom Toronto interview was the following:

"If Israel was smart, it would adopt a policy based on humane and generous attitude towards the Palesinian people and its neighboring Arab countries. Only justice and friendship can bring real Security. However, Israel instead bases its economy and policies on war and oppression. In addition to causing enormous hardship and suffering to the Palestinian people, it also thus endangers its own security and that of all the Jews in the Diaspora. Israel's policies lead to anti-Semitism all over the world and give the anti-Semites excuses to blame all the Jews for Israel's crimes against humanity.

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APPEAL FOR A UNITED FRONT OF COMMUNISTS, ANTI- IMPERIALISTS AND PATRIOTS

*From the Secretariat of the Union of
Communist Youth League of
Yugoslavia*

After the unilateral independence of Kosovo, with the help of Western Imperialism, headed by the United States – the citizens of Serbia are going to vote on May 11, 2008 for a new parliament.

Large differences between the neo-liberal parties led to the end of their coalition. The coming election will show again the bitter truth that Karl Marx said, when he realized that the exploiters allow the exploited in several years to choose as to who will represent them in parliament, thus making it believable that changes are possible.

In this sense Serbia now still has one of the most reactionary election laws in use, which makes it impossible for real working class representatives to get elected.

The Communist Youth League of Yugoslavia is appealing to all of progressive and left forces for the formation of a **United Front**, which will resist the bourgeois tyranny and self-rule. The communists, anti-imperialists and patriots must form this United Front and struggle against predatory capitalism. Only a united front will give our working class and our people true freedom.

**The bourgeois belongs to the
past! Forward to Socialism!
For Socialism until final victory!**

U.S. TRADE UNION WILL STRIKE AGAINST THE IRAQ WAR

As a result of an important action taken at the recent Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Caucus, the Longshore trade union workers will stop work during the first shift in opposition to the war in Iraq, on May 1, 2008. They will also use this occasion to acknowledge the International Workers Day on May 1st to express solidarity concerning issues and challenges that confront them.

This Iraq war has cost the US more than 4,000 American lives while over 29,000 have been seriously wounded or injured. It has been estimated that over 1 Million Iraqis lost their lives, untold numbers have been injured while over 4 Million people have been displaced in this illegal, immoral war and occupation. This war is costing the US people \$435 million per day. So far the US has spent \$526 Billions on the war. The daily amount spent on the war could enroll 58,000 youngsters in Head Start or provide health insurance to 329,200 low-income families.

We're asking all to contact ILWU President Robert McEllrath with letters and messages of solidarity and support for the Longshore Caucus' resolution to use the May 1st the International Workers Day to **"To Stop Work To Stop The War!"**

Please ask other trade unionists to do the same.

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ARE THESE SIGNS OF AN ECONOMIC CRISIS?

There will be at the end of this year 28,000,000 Americans that will have to depend solely on using government food stamps to just feed themselves and their families.

There is an epidemic of houses being seized by foreclosures all across the country due to the people unable to meet their payment, because of unemployment and the rolling economic downturn.

Over 40 US States reported that there is a dramatic increase in applications for these food stamps.

As an example, most people living on the streets depend wholly on these stamps for survival, and some even have to share a banana and a cup of coffee in order to make these stamps last longer for them or their friends.

The US Department Agriculture said that feeding a family of 4 has risen up over 6% in 12 months.

Each year over 50,000 jobs are

lost. Besides all of the above, there are over 40,000,000 Americans with no health insurance at all.

Germany, US, France and Britain are desperately trying to brace themselves against the threat of a collapse of the capitalist global financial system.

Here is an item that shows that the rich are getting richer while the poor are getting poorer:

According to the Wall Street Journal – members of the US Congress have over \$196,000,000 collectively invested in companies that are doing business with the US Defense Department – thus earning millions since the start of the Iraq War.

DEMONIZING MUGABE IN ZIMBABWE

BY STEPHEN GOWANS

The idea of demonizing a country's leadership is to portray the political situation in the country as akin to having a thorn in your foot. Nothing else matters but getting the thorn out.

The war in Iraq was sold as an exercise in extracting a thorn named Saddam Hussein. Nothing else mattered – not how many would be killed, maimed or left homeless by the war, and not whether there were any WMD's. All that mattered was getting rid of the thorn. Even some high profile left-wing critics of US foreign policy said that the world would be a better place once the thorn was gone.

But the world didn't become better. The rape and torture rooms, that George Bush said that Saddam Hussein operated were replaced by the rooms of rape and torture by US troops. Numberless people lost their lives. Millions lost their homes. The death and destruction that supposedly would have been caused by Saddam Hussein, was nothing compared to the death and destruction that the US forces brought to Iraq. For the Iraqis, the US exercise in thorn removal was like going into the hospital with an ingrown toenail, and coming out

minus two legs.

If you believe our "civil society" scholars and NGO's and all opposition parties – all linked by the same resources of Western \$\$\$ foundations and government funding – there's supposedly a thorn in Zimbabwe that must be got rid of, by hook or crook. Nothing else matters, but getting this thorn out.

This Western propaganda blinds people to what's left after the thorn is removed.

Anyone not so obsessed can see, that if the NGO's and opposition parties who are agitating against Mugabe to get him out are funded by these Corporations and imperialist governments, then who succeeds Mugabe will benefit this corporate wealth and these imperialist governments.

If the obvious is lost on the thorn-obsessed, it's not lost on others. Here's what David Blair, a reporter for the British newspaper, "The Independent", predicted that Mugabe's successor would do:

- * Reduce the size of Zimbabwe's civil service.
- * Privatize the publicly owned companies.
- * Slash military spending.
- * Allow the white farmers to return and reclaim their imperial lands.
- * Repeal land ownership laws that make all agricultural land the property of the state.
- * Restore all private title deeds.

Is David Blair wrong in his predictions? After Slobodan Milosevic was forced out of office in Yugoslavia, the opposition – a carbon copy of the one in Zimbabwe – came to power and did exactly what Blair predicts that Zimbabwe's opposition would do – slash and privatize!

The beneficiaries in Yugoslavia were the corporations and imperialist governments. They were the sources of funding for the civil society groups that ran Milosevic out.

The thorn – or what was made into a thorn – by the propaganda and the miseries that attended the military aggression and economic warfare – was gone, but the promises made were never materialized.

Instead the lives of the people became drastically poorer and uncertain. They were screwed by

Western corporations and the investors and their imperialist lackeys, like the former self-confident Englishmen in their pith helmets and jodhpurs!

KEEP IT SIMPLE

BY MICHEL COLLON

What exact rules govern the right to secession and, more generally, self-determination of peoples? Some in Western part of the world say that these rules are confusing. And if we believe the Corporate Media, we might think that:

In Asia – Tibetans have the right, but not the Iraqis nor Afghans

In the Middle East – Israelis have the right, but neither the Palestinians nor the Kurds have it.

In Africa – the gangster generals of East Congo have this right, but not Western Sahara.

In Latin America – wealthy provinces of Bolivia has this right, but not the Indigenous peoples of Chile or Mexico, etc.

In Western Europe – The Flemish might have this right, but not the Northern Irish nor the Basques in Spain.

In the Balkans - Albanians of Kosovo have this right, but not the Serbs of Kosovo or those of Bosnia.

According to US imperialism - only those people that are "**with us**" are entitled to self-determination. **No one else!**

And as long as we are on this topic, let's replace the word "**democratic**" by "**with us**" and the word "**terrorist**" by "**against us**."

That's our politics. Simple when you know how!

CYPRUS ELECTED A COMMUNIST PRESIDENT

On Sunday, February 24, 2008 the people of Cyprus elected a Communist. Demetris Christofias as President of Cyprus, with 54.36% of the vote. Cyprus is the only country in the European Union to have a Communist as President. Christofias is also the General Secretary of the Progressive Party of the Working People of Cyprus (AKEL).

SPECIAL FOR NSC

SO? - A Note from Michael Moore

Dear friends:

It would have had to happen on Easter Sunday, wouldn't it, that the 4,000th American soldier would die in Iraq. Play me that crazy preacher again, will you, about how maybe God, in all of his infinite wisdom, may not exactly be blessing America these days. Is anyone surprised?

4,000 US soldiers dead. Unofficial estimates are that there maybe is up to 100,000 wounded, injured, or mentally ruined by this war. and there could be up to 1,000,000 Iraqi dead. We will pay the consequences of this for a long, long time. But God will keep blessing America.

A reporter Darth Vader for the ABS News last month told Dick Cheney, in regards to Iraq, "two-thirds of Americans say that it's not worth fighting". Cheney cut her off with a one-word answer: "SO?"

"So?" As in, "So what?" As in, "F--- you. I could care less!"

I would like to see Cheney flip the virtual bird at them, the American people. Then ask yourself as to why we haven't risen up and thrown him and his puppets out of the White House?

The Democrats have had the power to literally pull the plug on this war for the past 15 months – and they have refused to do so. What are the American people to do about that? Continue to sink into our despair? Or get creative? Real Creative! I know that there are many of you reading this who have the chutzpah and ingenuity to confront your local government representatives. Will you? For me?

Cheney on the fifth anniversary of the Iraq war, was not mourning the US dead soldiers at all, but was fishing off the Sultan of Oman's Royal Yacht. So? Ask your favorite Republican as to what he thinks of that.

I see that the Frontline Program on PBS TV Channel had a documentary called "*Bush's War*". That's what I have been calling it for

a long time. It's not the "Iraq War". Iraq did nothing. Iraq didn't plan the 9/11. It didn't have Weapons of Mass Destruction. It **DID HAVE** movie theaters, and bars and women wearing what they wanted and not what the clerics told them to wear. There was also a very significant Christian population and one of the few Arab capitals where there was an open synagogue.

But that's all gone now. Show a movie film and you'll be shot in the head. Over 100 women have been randomly executed for not wearing that scarf!

I am to be happy that I've brought freedom to the people of Iraq. I just paid my taxes, so that means that I've helped to pay for this freedom in Iraq and o Baghdad!

So, will God Bless me?

THE GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION – A RADICAL WATERSHED IN BOTH AN AGRICULTURE'S DEVELOPMENT AND A LIVING IN A VILLAGE

BY ZDENEK NOVOTNY

Until the Great October Socialist Revolution, the agriculture had been characterized by a considerable diversity of the land keeping. The majority were big latifundists, big-large farmers, who were the setting factor of both the production and the price creation of the agricultural products. These landowners had been the main exploiters of the wage earners. Furthermore, there in the agricultural sector there were numerous groups of middle-peasants and small landholders, crofters and soc servant peasants.

Like in all spheres of social living, the Great October Socialist Revolution brought a radical turn in both the agricultural development and village life. First and foremost, it absolutely eliminated the latifundists exploitation group, representing the bourgeois strata, which oppressed

the people. The land was then nationalized and handed over into the hands of peasants for free-of-charge use.

Thanks to the genius of V.I. Lenin, who analyzed the conditions of agriculture in detail, not only in Russia, but also in the whole of Europe, as well as in America - the "*Cooperative Plan of Agriculture Reconstruction*" was born. There was the plan for peasants to pool their small- holdings of land and join together, respecting socialist principles of relations to the working class during this new socialist society. Lenin's "Cooperative Plan" created realistic pre-requisites of conversion of backward small-scale production into a progressive modern large-scale agricultural one.

But the main political importance of Lenin's Cooperative Plan was that the cooperative farmers formed themselves into an independent social class, which became an objective, strong and loyal ally of the working class. In conditions of socialism, the agricultural production assumed very qualitatively new features.

To recruit collective farmers as allies, it became of a decisive importance in the victorious class struggle against the enemies of the newly growing socialist society. Experiences of rebuilding the agriculture were – and they still are – instances for other countries to build their socialist society. There was to be not only Collective Farms, but also State Farms that were Socialist in content and practice.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SOVIET UNION'S EXPERIENCE BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AT BUILDING SOCIALISM

In order to achieve this noble aim there had to be established and created a form of class ties between workers and peasants in particular. It would be impossible to realize a socialist outlook without these ties. Lenin did not only apply these principles in the Russian conditions, he had done a praiseworthy work in the Communist Commintern action to promote the agricultural policies by other communist parties.

It has been fully the merit of Gottwald's leadership of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia

that these principles were applied to Lenin's Bolshevism. The action of the CPC by the village peasants helped the people who had been the most exploited group of inhabitants. But at the same time, at the beginning the CPC promoted its support also to the small and middle size farmers, who faced economic pressures from the big farmers and the landlords.

An example was the action of North Bohemian Beetroot farmers, in which the CPC stood firmly for the justifiable demands against the sugar refinery monopolies who had exploited them unfairly.

After the liberation of the Czechoslovak Republic by the Soviet Red Army, and after the defeat of the bourgeoisie in February of 1948, the CPC followed these traditions. The next step towards Socialism was the victory of the popular democratic revolution. That advance was determined by the CPC's 9th Congress. Klement Gottwald the President, expressed this aim by the following statement:

"There cannot be Socialism in our villages and in our country without firm ties between the workers and farmers." There started to be organized in the countryside the United Farmer's Cooperatives (UFCs) in order to join these fragmented small pieces of unproductive land into large-scale production units and this movement had help from the workers all across the country who helped and gave aid. Workers went voluntarily to repair agricultural machinery, gave help during the harvest time and other help that was needed by those cooperative ventures. These actions cemented the friendship, understanding and dedication to the building of a socialist society.

Of course the enemies of Socialism and of the CPC accused the party and Klement Gottwald that these socialist changes were due to the pressure by J.V. Stalin and that the local traditions were not observed. The success of the Cooperatives proved how wrong were these enemies, since there was large-scale mechanizations, soil improvement, dairy and livestock growth, etc. all with the full agreement and cooperation of the village farmers.

We followed the plans of Lenin in

that this collectivization had to be voluntary and the struggle against the big landowners. The slogan that was adopted and unanimously agreed upon was: *"The land belongs to those who cultivate it!"* In the Czechoslovak conditions we did not have to nationalize the land. State farms were created from mostly the latifundist estates. There were Tractor Stations created, garages, workshops; they were all in the hands of the State, never in the hands of the Cooperatives. This was the generous aid of the working class to the farmers. Workers from the cities volunteered as mechanics, economist and other needed agricultural specialists.

There was a campaign of convincing the middle class peasants who were not yet ready to join the Cooperatives, but after a while they soon realized that it is a much better form of production and less hardships than they were used to for a long time.

The Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, many scientific institutions and technology experts were helping agriculture to be more productive, more viable, more economy friendly and better crop yields were the results of this State research help. With the demand for more meat and other products, the Cooperatives were always on top of the latest techniques in production and in harvesting. The Cooperatives were flourishing all across the country.

This was all due to the correct policies of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia during this very short historical period, and thus the life of the village and the countryside changed beyond recognition. The agricultural technology that was applied had done away with the age-old grind of the peasants.

For the first time in its history the production of food met the needs of the people. Just a few examples will suffice to illustrate this – the grain yield in Czechoslovakia between 1918-1938 had been 16-18 cents per one hectare, but the Cooperatives had achieved 80-100 cents per one hectare. Milk was then 1,800 liters per one cow, while after Socialism the yield was 4,500 liters per cow.

CSSR achieved a high standard at par with other developed European countries. There were enemies that were supported from abroad and

also by the internal reactionary forces who were preparing a counter-revolution in CSSR. In 1968 when the United Farmers Cooperative held their Congress, there came the so-called *"Cultural Elite"* to this Congress, but the farmers chased these enemies out. Who of these former private farmers would want to go back into the toil of making out a miserable life on their tiny plots of land?

Now the situation in the former CSSR cannot be compared to what it was under Socialism. The agriculture is in a dismal situation and unfortunately many of the workers and farmers had the wool pulled over their eyes by anti-Socialist and anti-Soviet propaganda, and now the whole country is paying a terrible price for this. The agriculture, the industry production have dropped below the living standards and all of this is due to the current right-wing government, besides splitting the country apart and being incorporated into NATO!

The village life has slipped back into the first half of the last century. As part of the European Union, the bureaucrats of the EU are now restricting even the production of the small private farmers, setting quotas and prices, plus stopping any production increases that might be attempted. The trans-national corporations from the West are cold-bloodedly ruling the roost.

With justified pride, we can evaluate that the socialist industry and agriculture and the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia's work and dedication had advanced our socialist homeland into a booming industrial and agricultural power and improved the life and happiness of the people. We were fulfilling the heritage of the October Revolution.

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EXPOSE

THIS IS THE KIND OF RUSSIA THAT PUTIN BUILT!

These are just some news items gathered from Russian press and Russian web pages.

According to the information issued publicly by the Institute of Social-Economic Research Department of the Russian Academy of Sciences, there are now in Russia –

- *4,000,000 street people
- *3,000,000 living below poverty level
- *5,000,000 homeless children
- *3,000,000 prostitutes
- *1,005,000 women with no work are working in other countries of Europe and Asia to feed their families
- *5,000,000 narcotics
- *6,000,000 are living with Aids

BLACK FACES IN HIGH PLACES IN THE USA

*From the US progressive newspaper
TURNING THE TIDE-for Anti-Racist
Action, Research and Education*

If we continue to evaluate the struggle by the dogmatism of the so-called civil rights leader, then we shall fall into a meaningless pit of defeatist reformism. One of the key figures in the effort to transform the Black revolutionary action into criminal idealism is none other than Barack Obama the Democratic presidential candidate in the U.S.

This is not an attack on Obama personally, but a political analyses of his position and malignant hypocrisy of a government he is so striving to lead.

For 453 years since we as African people were first tortured and brought to this country as slaves, we have been fighting for our freedom. Over these years we have gained some "rights" to equalize our status to Europeans, but we are still the floor mats of Amerikkkan society. There is no doubt that this is an imperialist-fascist country.

Amerikkka is truly a land of the upper class. Now in contemporary times a few people of color have been allowed to enter into the aristocracy, thereby giving that old and ridiculous reformist slogan of "picking yourself up by the bootstraps" a seeming validity.

Why is US imperialism playing this wild card now? US imperialism tries to keep in power by whatever means it will take. Barack Obama will only be a representative of this oppressive government that has so brutally dispersed this democracy. Let us not put all our faith into Obama, do not demoralize us that a "Black President" will save us and Amerikkka!

We must fight to defeat imperialism- capitalism and its oppression and not allow ourselves to be disarmed, to assimilate us into this matrix.

I hope that when Obama looks at this US flag he is fighting so hard to represent, that he really tries to think about his statements and irony of its falsehoods.

So we shall push forward, no matter what the outcome of this political farce rat race is, because when it comes down to it, the only thing that can change the Amerikkkan culture is a true revolution, and that depends on the Power of the People!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

DALAI LAMA'S LIES

Much has been written, shown on TV in the world media of this well-orchestrated, well-planned and well financed demonstrations all over the capitalist world by these fooled demonstrators who should have known as to what does Dalai Lama really represents!

Dalai Lama represents a serf-system that represents the domination of religion over politics as was forced upon the Tibetans for scores of years. This serf system does not allow democracy, freedom or human rights in any form whatsoever. This was the darkest system of human slavery in human

history. Only the top serf-owners enjoyed special privileges under such a despotic, dictatorial and dogma pervasive system!

The truth is finally emerging about the sex exploitation by these "Servants of Buddha" and the outright doing-away with non-believers that are practiced behind those walls!

MEDVEDEV WILL HAVE A PALACE



In an item from PRAVDA.RU web page here is what was found out after the elections that took place when Mr. Putin put in Mr. Medvedev.

The Russian bourgeoisie government is building a huge Palace on one of the islands in Lake Seliger, halfway between Moscow and Leningrad (or as the bourgeoisie call it now St. Petersburg.) Mr. Putin the put-in Prime Minister visited this lake – the only lake that he ever visited to make this a perfect spot for his "chosen one."

This will be a three-story Mansion with staff cottages for servants and guards. Many bath-houses or couples, two tennis courts, helicopter landing strip plus other amenities that only Royalty can dream of.

Well, what can we say - when Putin was put in by Yeltsin, and then Putin put in Medvedev, the next step will be to PUT OUT BOTH.

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UN BODY WORRIES ABOUT WORLD FOOD CRISIS

The United Nations body last month called on all the world leaders to urgently reform farming in order to boost the state of global agriculture production in order to prevent a dangerous food crisis in the world that could threaten international security and the fight against world poverty. The International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development, stated and warned that if the UN fails to take action soon it will put all future generations in real jeopardy.

OIL AT \$110 A BARREL, GAS \$3.35 A GALLON?

Why all this corporations gouging and prices going up and down overnight? Independent truckers in some countries have been forced off the road. Home heating prices are going up to high levels and there's no end in sight. Meanwhile OPEC oil countries are raking in billions and manipulating the prices for their fabulous profits. Is there really an energy crisis?

There is no energy shortage at all – it is created for maximum profits for stock holders and the capitalist-imperialist countries are the ones who are responsible for this!

IT CAN ONLY HAPPEN IN AMERICA

Home foreclosures and lost homes rose over 57% this year in the USA, while Bank repossessions of private homes soared to over 129% in this, the bastion of "democracy, free enterprise, the ruler of the world etc. etc."

Workers are struggling to make their mortgage payments while unemployment is on the rise and over 40,000,000 US citizens have absolutely no health insurance or any benefits.

BOOK REVIEWS



By Vladimir Chechentsev

Olympic Movement and the New World Order



The following article is a review of the book *Olympic Movement and the New World Order* by Ljubodrag Simonovic, translated from Serbian to Russian by Tatiana Dzhurashkovich and published by "Lorka", Belgrade, in 2000, first edition.

Ljubodrag Simonovic was a member of the Yugoslav Olympic basketball team, which in 1970 won first place in the World Championship in Ljubljana. Several times he played for the Team of Europe. He was a participant in the Olympic Games in Munich (1972). Simonovic protested against the concealment of a doping scandal in Puerto Rico he left the games, after which he was removed from the team. Simonovic is a candidate of juridical sciences and doctor of philosophy, author of the books "Uprising of Robots", "Professionalism or Socialism", "Olympic Fraud", "Sport, Capitalism and Destruction" and the "Philosophical Aspects of Contemporary Olympic Movement". He taught at universities in Yugoslavia and abroad. He is married and has three children. He lives in Belgrade.

In 2008 the XXIX Olympic Games will take place in the PRC in Beijing. As the games come closer, a campaign for successful performance of the athletes developed in many countries in this most important sport contest within a four year cycle.

It is important for all progressive forces worldwide, and first of all, all conscious representatives of the working class, to determine its relation to this international event. A big help in this process can offer the book by Ljubodrag Simonovic *Olympic Movement and the New World Order* published in Belgrade in Russian.

The book sharply contrasts the media's optimistic picture of the Olympic movement and sport at the highest level. It not only calls for serious consideration of the subject, but also to action.

The essence of the book is reflected in the introduction, which I will provide here in its entirety.

Introduction (entirely quoted from the book)

Sport acquired social importance and in this sense it became a complex phenomenon,

that the thought about sport can no longer be held within the framework of traditional phenomenological analyses. And in spite of the persistent insistence of the media to reduce sport to "fact", "information" and to commonplace "entertainment", it increasingly ties serious scientific and philosophical thought as the phenomenon, in which the basic contradictions of capitalist society reach the highest expression and in which basic questions of existence of humanity and social development refract. Unfortunately, such reflections have mostly an academic nature and are insignificant to wider society. Sport issues further remain the "property" of the semiliterate and corrupt journalistic clans. It is known that they are the prolonged hand of capitalist and political centers of power, they are advertising agents of the show business "mafia"; everyone understands their angle of locking at sport, just as everyone understands their merciless destruction of the thought, which attempts to expose the inner side of sport, and at the same time the true essence of their activity.

Serious critical theoretical reflections about sport appeared also before World War II, but only after sport became a weapon in the Cold War between the power blocs and became commercialized, did it obtain that "completeness" and value, which will become significant for sociological and philosophical thought. The present breakthrough of the sociological and philosophically substantiated criticism of sport, which it reached after the student movement of 1968, which opened the doors of the frontal (first of all, spiritual) of violence with the capitalist society and sport as its ideology. The radicalization of the criticism of sport is developed in parallel with the development of "consumer society", i.e., with the formation of capitalism as the order of destruction. The criticism of sport becomes the criticism of capitalism.

Until recently the people listened enthusiastically to communications about ever higher "results", reached in the exploitation of "natural resources". This was one of the main indices of "progress". Today, with the development of consciousness about the dimensions

of the destruction of nature, people increasingly overwhelmed before the new "exploits". It is exactly the same concerning sport records. Once they were indices of "human power". Looking at the disfigured bodies of athletes, man increasingly asks himself a question, what is the price of these "achievements" and what is their real meaning? Once a powerful means of propaganda of the capitalist order - sport increasingly becomes the starting point of the criticism of capitalist society, the mirror, in which is reflected the present face of capitalism. This is the origin of the civil theory of defence: the greater the "negative phenomena" in sport, the greater the tendency to protect the basic values of capitalist society. Civil theory goes even as far as decisively rejecting professional and record-setting sport - the favourite spiritual child of today's capitalism, with the purpose of preserving moral integrity of the principle of competition and production, i.e., the faith in the "initial values" of capitalism. Blind defensive logic yields its place to theoretical maneuvering, to save what still can be saved of.

The criticism of sport becomes one of the forms of spiritual integration and the struggle of people for transformation, the people, who define themselves as freedom-loving, who realize the perniciousness of further development of capitalism. The ever louder and more uncompromising anti-Olympic world movement opposes the Olympic movement - the personification of the spirit of capitalism and the symbol of the destruction of people. It is a

QUESTION THAT WE GET ASKED EVERY TIME!

If there are now 47
Communist and Workers
Parties in former USSR,
why can't they join to fight
their real enemy -
US IMPERIALISM?
Let our Soviet friends answer
this one!

component part of the ever more organized tendency of people to prevent the destruction of the planet and to direct scientific development and processes of production toward the eradication of poverty and misery, and also toward development and satisfaction of the authentic needs of man as the universal creative essence of society. The liberational criticism of sport becomes the part of the world anti-capitalist front.

When western capital with the "disinterested" aid of the local economic elites made increasingly merciless attempts to convert our country into its colony, then becomes clear the perniciousness of "training" of young people in the stadiums and sports halls. The final effects the creation of the insane euphoria of the fans - a creation not of young people love for freedom, but the idiotisation of the "mass", which sooner or later will become the "dirty" work force of Europe. In this context it becomes clear how pernicious, especially for the economically undeveloped countries, are maxims such as "sport is the best ambassador." "National assertion" via sport is the wrong way to fight colonial enslavement because the priority is given to the sporting activity, without anything being accomplished besides occurring from the a period national euphoria, but which destroys authentic spirituality and leads to the end of activity without development of which there is no existence (economy, science, art), and converts young people into the modern hordes of barbarians. International sport becomes the advertising space of capital and "show business", which delivers final blow to the tendency to use sport as a means of national emancipation. It is one of the pillars of the New World Order and as such, is the means of national enslavement.

"Sport of the highest level" is the field in which capital established global domination.

"Cosmopolitanism" under the wing of multinational capital makes man into a deracinated turbo of capital. Concealed under an "apolitical" mask are the so-called "international sport associations" which are the prolonged hands of the mighty capitalist clans and, as such,

are the means for establishing domination over the so-called "national forms of sport". When there is in the form a value with what form of sport deals society, it is clear that the discussion deals with the most ruinous appearance of the spiritual colonization of peace, with the creation of the cobweb, in which national cultures disappear and the liberational thought.

The trend of development of sport had to be examined in the context of the ever more obvious disintegration of the "welfare state" and sharpened struggle of capitalist corporations for markets. It is logical to assume that capitalism still more aggressively will attempt to use sport as the means of distraction the people from main questions of life and for the sterilization critical and

change-bearing thought. The less bread the bloodier the circuses. Like all areas of public life, which fall into the hands of capital, sport becomes an ever dirtier business.

Our spiritual existence cannot be based on the creation of nationalist hysteria nor on the exaltation of medieval myths, but in the fight for the retention and development of the emancipatory characteristics of popular creation and liberation struggle, or European culture, which capitalism systematically destroys. Let us give shelter to heroes such as Shakespeare, Thomas Moore, Rousseau, Cervantes' Don Quixote, Goethe's Faust, Brecht's Mothers of Bravery, who in the West are banished by the creators of "Coca-Cola culture" - the spiritual symbol of

barbarism, which to us in the form of the New World Order imposes today's capitalism. Let us be heroic, but not sufferers. Let us be on the liberational side of humanity, with the bearers of the Promethean flame, not the Olympic fire, whose flame threatens to burn peace.

The end of the quote from the book

We may not agree with the author of the book with some of his conclusions, but the unprejudiced study of this subject makes it necessary to accept the main conclusion by Simonovic: contemporary Olympic movement and sport at high level became a powerful brake for the progressive development of the society.

As it is convincingly shown in the book, the sport at high level and Olympic movement with the advent at the end XIX century could not but bear character of reaction and decomposition. However, as the crisis of capitalism deepens in the XX century the signs of rotting imperialism (which is called in the book "destructive capitalism"), these features of reaction and decline appear entirely. Among them total penetration of money into sport, which contradicts the founding principle of the Olympic movement, that is nonacceptance of professionalism in sport; subordination of the Olympic movement to propaganda of capitalist order, which replaces honest contest with shameless rivalry.

It is not accidental that the founder of the modern Olympic Games baron Pierre de Coubertin found his spiritual motherland in Fascist Germany.

The author gives the destructive analysis of this worshipper of the misanthropic ideals of war, social and racial superiority that flourished in Hitlerite Germany. For the devotion to fascism Pierre de Coubertin not only obtained decent cash resources, but also upon his agreement he was nominated by the Fascist Germany as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize.

"Pierre de Coubertin saw in Hitler's Fascist regime the personification of the ideals, for which he fought his entire life. The



similarity between Fascist outlook on life and "practical philosophy" of de Coubertin was obvious. Reading Hitler and de Coubertin one gets impression that one plagiarised from another.

Therefore, it is too far from the truth to say that de Coubertin was "tempted" by Fascist ideology; first of all, we may say that de Coubertin was one of the predecessors of Fascist militarist- racial ideology " (page 30), sums up Simonovic.

Other leading activists of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) also had extreme reactionary views. The Presidents of IOC Baillet-Latour, Edstrom, Brundage and Samaranch were also worthy successors of the pro-Fascist "practical philosophy" of Pierre de Coubertin. This is what the author notes about the American, Avery Brundage who became IOC President in 1952: "... it is necessary to say that he provided open support to Nazi regime in Germany before he joined IOC. Actually, we may say without exaggeration that for Brundage the pro-Fascist policy served as a visa for being accepted into IOC (page 28). In particular, the big merit of Brundage before the fascists was his energetic activity for the participation of American delegation in the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936, which passed in the spirit of open Fascist propaganda.

And, of course, the author could not but pay attention to the personality of the IOC President in the period starting in 1980, Juan Antonio Samaranch. To the reader Samaranch appears as orthodox fascist who was one of the pillars of the bloody Fascist dictatorship of Franco; the chameleon who replaced the political career of a fascist with the advantageous post of the IOC leader.

As the author notes, rotting capitalism suppresses all progressive tendencies, inherent to the previous epoch of the formation of bourgeois system.

And therefore the healthy tendencies of amateur sport under the management of the IOC increasingly are changed by "show

business", and athletes increasingly resemble "circus gladiators", as characterized professional athletes by Coubertin himself.

If in the Olympic movement different ideological myths are accommodated, then one prominent myth is that "sport has nothing in common with policy".

In the period when the USSR and the socialist countries prevailed in the Olympic Games, bourgeois propaganda claimed that the West, in contrast to the socialist countries, followed this commandment.

In reality, there is no great sport, and there has never been. Members of the IOC are managers of the capitalist class, implicitly carrying out its will. It is here appropriate to give the words of Simonovic, reinforced by actual data: "... members of the IOC from its establishment were proven anti-communists dedicated to violence with the working class and the world progressive forces" (p. 101).

Therefore it does not cause surprise at the enthusiastic estimate of Coubertin of the Berlin Olympics of 1936, in which he named Hitler "one of the greatest builders of the contemporary epoch" (p. 104).

Only the interest of certain members of the IOC to promote President Samaranch to his post prevented them from joining the boycott of the Moscow Olympics of 1980, undertaken by a number of NATO countries.

The final word regarding the shameless hypocrisy of the IOC, which presents the Olympic Games as the holiday of youth, health, beauty, and the completeness of the human spirit, are given by the author of the book: "*While around the world tens of thousands of athletes sacrifice their health and lives for the achievement of Olympic medals and, thus, try to take themselves out of the ghetto of poverty, in which they die from hunger and diseases, the gentlemen from the IOC together with their families stay in five-star hotels, in which only one night costs several thousand dollars, are arranged legendary feasts and receptions. Millions of dollars yearly are expended on the "representative" gatherings, for the world elite of power, which uses the Olympic Games as the means of the creation of the New World Order*" (p. 79).

One question is worth looking at in detail. This is the nonacceptance by Simonovic of the system of physical culture and sport in the former USSR and other Eastern European socialist countries.

In this case Simonovic not only presented physical culture in a false light writing that sport life in these countries, its moulding by the state power of the obedient masses, but also subjected to criticism the wide application in them of gymnastics and sport for the comprehensive development of a man of labour.

It created the impression, that in his nonacceptance of bourgeois sport Simonovic does not see the progressive role of competition as the objective need of social development (in which rotting capitalism placed many obstacles).

As far as the attitude of the USSR towards the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games is concerned, one should recall that the Soviet athletes were included in the Olympic movement in 1951, when the Olympic Committee of the USSR was created. Until this time the Olympic Movement in the USSR it was considered a reactionary bourgeois institute. Eloquent is the fact that the second edition of the Great Soviet Encyclopedia, which was published from 1949 through 1958, even does not mention the contemporary Olympic Games.

The reaction of the Soviet Union to the holding of the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936 best testifies to this fact.

During the opening of the games on August 1, 1936, in which Hitler intended to picture to the world peaceful Germany, the newspaper "Pravda" published the editorial "Fascism Is War! Socialism Is peace!" which accused Fascist Germany of a feverish preparation for the new bloody world war. Of the Olympic Games themselves not a word was said.

For the sake of fairness one should say that the nonacceptance of physical culture does not lead the author into despair. "The idea of socialism (communism) was and remains the only present answer to the ever deepening crisis of existence, which capitalism creates and which it cannot solve", concludes Simonovic (p. 131).

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ABOUT NSC? WRITE!**

DID YOU KNOW?

QUOTES FROM WHAT PRESIDENT BUSH SAID

"I glance at the headlines just to kind of get a flavor for what's moving. I rarely read the stories, and get briefed by people who are probably read the news themselves."

-Washington, DC Sept. 21, 2008

"God loves you, and I love you. And you can count on both of us as a powerful message that people who wonder about their future can hear."

-Los Angeles, CA, March 3, 2004

"But Iraq has – have got people there that are willing to kill, and they're hard-nosed killers. And we will work with the Iraqis to secure their future."

-Washington, DC, April 28, 2005

"These people don't have tanks. They don't have ships. They hide in caves. They send suicides out."

-Speaking about terrorists, Portsmouth, NH, Nov. 1, 2002

"BUSH: I talked to my little brother Jeb – I haven't told this to many people. But he's the governor of – I shouldn't call him my little brother – my brother, Jeb, the great Governor of Texas.

JIM LEHRER: Florida.

BUSH: Florida. The state of the Florida."

Jim Lehrer, April 27, 2000

QUOTES

"When I gave food to the poor, they called me a Saint. When I asked why the poor are hungry, they called me a communist!"

-Dom Helder Camara

PLEASE KEEP YOUR LETTERS SHORT AND TO THE POINT!



ACCORDING TO MISHKA

CALLS THINGS AS THEY ARE!

NATO'S MAP FOR EXPANSION AND RUSSIA'S DOUBLETALK!

The latest Summit, the where outgoing Putin and his side-kick Medvedev did a dance of Buffoons with the outgoing Bush in Bucharest, Romania, did not fool NATO or the Soviet people at all. This was a staged sell-out by the Russian regime to US Imperialism, in spite of the bombastic rhetoric on behalf of the preset Russian oligarch regime!

Even the Wall Street Journal, the Toronto Daily Star in Canada and other capitalist media saw through this stage-managed scenario by Mr. Putin, trying to pretend that he stood up to Uncle Sam! **Far from it!**

In fact Putin opened up the gates wide open for Ukraine and Georgia to go quickly into NATO! Here is the statement that Mr. Putin voted for with the NATO brass and a smile

from Mr. Bush:

"NATO welcomes Ukraine's and Georgia's European Atlantic aspirations to become full pledged members of NATO. Today we make it clear that we support these countries' application for full membership."

But before the actual meeting took place, the NATO Secretary General and the Russian Foreign Minister signed an agreement to facilitate the land transit of military equipment through Russian territory bound to help the NATO forces in Afghanistan!"

So Mr. Putin and Medvedev, you are in the pocket of Uncle Sam!

UNCLE SAM KNOWS IT AND SO DO THE SOVIET PEOPLE!

LET' CALL A SPADE A SPADE IN TIBET!

Forget about the promoted and supported financially demonstrations and crocodile tears, the propaganda, the religious citations and prayers of Dalai Lama ! Let us ask the question as to what is now the sudden American interest in Tibet and the Buddhist ideology that was started in 1649?

It is a fact that US imperialism tries to desperately hide under the cloak of "freedom for Tibet" – Tibet has the largest world deposits of uranium, gold and copper in those mountains. Besides all that there were discovered extremely large deposits of gold and oil in Qiangtang Basin in China's remote Tibet area. A friendly Tibet and Dalai Lama would be a gift that the CIA would never forget.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM KREMNICA SLOVAKIA

Here in Slovakia is a great push to rewrite history. In the newspaper PLUS for seven days we read that Marshal Zhukov of the Soviet Red Army was ruthless, incompetent and he is being called now a war criminal. This book by Victor Suvorov who wrote before about Zhukov as a

brilliant Marshall but now his latest book is the opposite. Who gave him the order to write this diatribe?

This global democracy, ala USA is the cheapest prostitute, which will bed-down with anyone who will pay for it.

As the Old Russian saying goes: "A pig will always find some mud to role in!"

Vanya Kalashnikov

FROM SANTIAGO
CHILE

Mapuche Meetings in center of Santiago, Chile.



Dear friends and comrades:

Thank you very much for NSC that you are sending us and which we study very diligently. We send you greetings and special greetings from my mother who was born in 1940 and she is a true communist and a revolutionary fighter. She says that NSC and you as Editor preserve the true communist spirit.

We send you our modest presents as thanks and we hope that you like them.

We follow and will follow the remarkable example of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Rosa Luxemburg, and Olga Benario.

Kalinin, Molotov, Che Guevara, Marshal Zhukov, Miguel; Enriguez.

We stand for the working class and peasants of the world.

Yours truly
Carlos Opalka Tapia

This comrade and his friends sent us many interesting photographs, booklets, magazines, DVD's with progressive movies and many CD's with beautiful music from Chile and all over the world.

*Many sincere thanks comrades!
Editor of NSC*

FROM BENDERY
MOLDOVA

Dear friends:

I want to thank you for the NSC journal that you send me every month, but somehow the authorities here make certain that it comes in very bad shape to where I live.

Regarding the ongoing trial of comrade S. Borisova in this country, in spite of the change of the Judge, the tribulations and costs of the lawyers, plus the mechanizations of the state prosecutor, Borisova cannot make any headway and her health is becoming worse during this trial ordeal.

Your letters of protest and published in NSC helped to somehow speed the process a bit.

Thanks to your help I am now receiving the Russian edition of NSC.

N.N. GARMASH

FROM DONETSK
UKRAINE

Dear comrades:

Sincere greetings and thanks for sending me regularly NSC and for the wonderful gift of the book "From the Carpathian Mountains to Canada" which is the history of the "Society of Carpatho-Russian

Canadians", that NSC and the International Council are cooperating and working together at the Friendship House in Toronto, Canada.

We are all the children of one big country. Today our country is in dire trouble. The enemies have broken it up into small pieces, where separatists and nationalists plus the bourgeois elements are ruling the roost. And we as the children of our Motherland must unite our efforts, no matter where we are now located for its liberation. We must solidify our friendship amongst ourselves and amongst all people who believe in Socialism.

The Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians that you head, during the pre-war and World War II stood with us and fought for the Communist principles. It is a historical fact that your Society should be as an example to all other organizations for the struggle for peace and for our future victory.

It is already 10 years that I am enjoying NSC in English. Now that there is also a Russian Edition of DSC, we re in Donetsk have signed up 20 new subscribers for the Russian Edition of NSC.

NSC in English and Russian is very popular here. Every issue is read and passed from hand to hand. Greetings and thanks to the NSC Editorial Board from all the readers in Donetsk!

Sincere greetings to all of the Carpatho-Rusyns from the most northern part of Ukraine - the Donetsk Region.

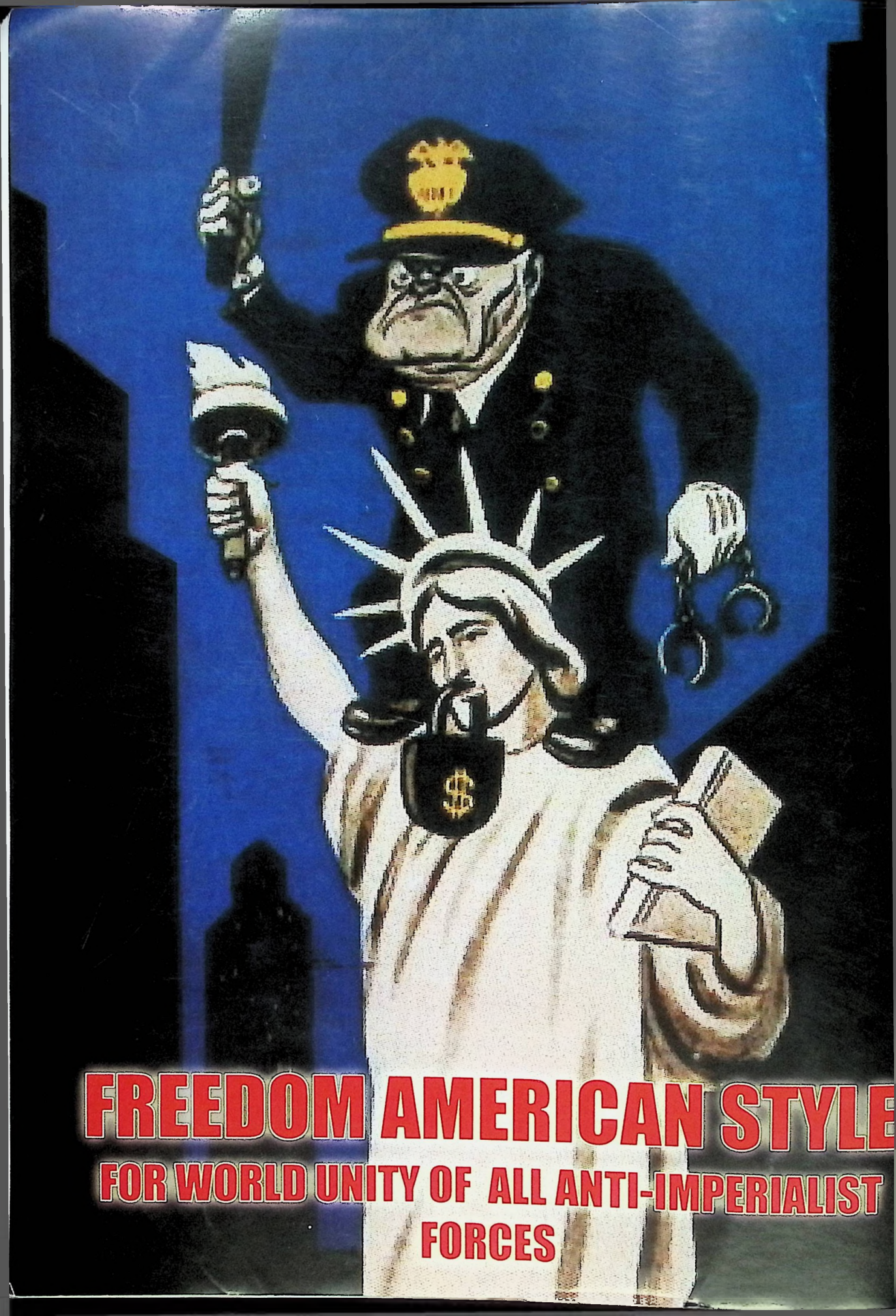
Tamara Yakubovskaya

COMMENT:

Tamara has sent me booklets of paintings by artists from the Carpathian Mountains for which I am very thankful.

Over 1,340 books were sent out all over the world and many, many messages of thanks and appreciation were received, which cannot be published here. I hope that this letter from Tamara Yakubovskaya will serve as thanks for all the letters, e-mails and phone calls received by me for the book "From the Carpathian Mountains to Canada."

Michael Lucas, Editor



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FORCES