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## **L.A. BRANCH INAUGURAL MEETING**

**Professor Grover Furr of Montclair State**

will speak on his new book, "*Khrushchev Lied*"

Khrushchev's speech to the 20<sup>th</sup> Congress of the CPSU.

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED,**

**Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 @ 2:00 p. m.**

**Los Angeles Workers' Center**

**1251 S. St. Andrews Place, Los**

(between Western & Arlington Av., Mid Town)

All set for Third Congress of the  
International Council for Friendship &  
Solidarity with the Soviet People to be  
held in Toronto, Canada Sept. 9, 10 & 11.  
Report Back in the Fall issue of our  
Bulletin.

**Yuri Gagarin**  
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*In honor of*  
**Soviet**  
**Cosmonaut**  
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**Yuri**  
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**Back to the**  
**USSR !**



## ***New York Branch Hosts Successful Spring Membership Event***

Over 50 people attended the NYC Branch of USFSP to hear Professor Grover introduce his new book, "Khrushchev Lied." Professor Furr highlighted Soviet leader Khrushchev's "so-called" secret speech at the twentieth party congress. Using documents, that have been made available from Soviet archives, Professor Furr exposed the lies which attacked Stalin as a negative force in Soviet history.

The hall was festooned with red Soviet flags and banners calling for solidarity with our Soviet comrades who are struggling to rebuild the USSR as a socialist state. Over \$ 800 was collected to help the NY branch and the national office of USFSP, and to digitize over 300 Soviet films. Lunch and dessert was enjoyed by all present.

*Pages From  
Our History*

### ***The Projected Palace of Soviets By Dr. Angelo D'Angelo***



The Palace of the Soviets (Russian: Дворец Советов, *Dvoretz Sovetov*) was a project to construct an administrative center and a congress hall in Moscow, USSR near the Kremlin, on the site of the demolished Cathedral of Christ the Saviour.

The architectural contest for the Palace of the Soviets (1931–1933) was won by Boris Iofan's neoclassical concept, subsequently revised by Iofan, Vladimir Shchuko and Vladimir Gelfreikh into a supertall skyscraper. If built, it would have become the world's tallest structure of its time. Construction started in 1937, and was terminated by the German invasion in 1941. In 1941–1942, its steel frame was disassembled for use in fortifications and bridges. Construction was never resumed. In 1958, the foundations of the Palace were converted into what would become the world's largest open-air swimming pool. Iofan's original draft was crowned with a relatively small statue of "The Free Proletarian". In August 1932, a taller tower and Lenin's statue replaced the former statue.

## **Credo of U. S. Friends of the Soviet People**

U. S. Friends of the Soviet People is dedicated to supporting struggles to restore socialism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. USFSP is the US affiliate of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People. The International Council carries on the traditions of the "Hands Off Russia Committees" that were established internationally in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention. The aim of all Friends of the Soviet People is international cooperation in building socialism and solidarity with the anti-imperialist forces of the world who are struggling against US imperialism-- the main enemy of humanity.

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

# Pew Research Center Shows East Europeans Still Support 'Real' Socialism

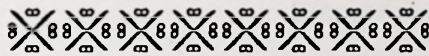
By Joseph Hancock

(from information provided in an article in 21st Century Socialism by James Cross)

In an analysis of recent poll results, Pew Research Center found that populations in the former Eastern European countries are generally positive in their evaluation of 20th Century communism. According to a survey carried out in several Central and East European countries in 2009 by the US-based Pew Research Center, the proportion of people in former socialist nations who take the view that life under capitalism is worse than it was during the period of communist power is as follows:

Poland: 35%, Czechoslovakia : 82%, Lithuania: 42%, Russia: 45% Bulgaria: 62%, Ukraine: 62%, and Hungary: 72%.

Particularly significant in the results of the 2010 poll in Romania is that, as they acquire more experience of life under the 'market economy' people are becoming more negative about capitalism and positive about communism. In the previous poll in 2006, 53% expressed a favorable opinion about communism; the 2010 survey showed that 61% are favorable towards communism. The survey findings are not altogether surprising in view of what has taken place since capitalism was reintroduced- increased poverty, the rise of unemployment and insecurity. Romania's health system is currently in crisis, and public sector workers have recently had their pay cut by 25%.



Remembering our friend and comrade  
former Director of U.S. Friends of the Soviet People

## Lois Singer

June 1936 – September 8, 2007



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- A continuous friend of the Soviet people and the world's first workers' state, the Soviet Union
- A lifelong supporter of Cuba's socialist revolution

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