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# THERE IS A NEED NOW TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE!

## EDITORIAL

The necessity at this time for the formation of an "INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE" and the resurrection of the Soviet Union has found the support and endorsement of many parties, peoples' movements and progressive publications all over the world.

The upcoming 5th Anniversary Conference of Northstar Compass journal to be held on February 20-21-22, 1998 in Toronto, Canada has received replies and indications of support from the following parties/organizations, movements and publications as of February 1998. We expect many more parties and movements to support this initiative that had its beginnings during 1918 when the organizations of "Hands Off Russia Committee" were set up in many countries of the world in order to help and defend the Soviet state from attacks by world reaction.

We cannot allow Imperialism to again send their troops into former Soviet Union.

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- MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY
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- MARXIST WORKERS PARTY - AUSTRALIA
- COMMUNIST PARTY OF JAPAN (LEFT)
- PARTITO COMUNISTA SAMMARINESE - SAN MARINO - ITALY
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## PRE-CONFERENCE DISCUSSION

### FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

The 5th Conference should include an overview of the contemporary international situation and of the objective position of the countries of the former USSR in this situation as a whole. It should include an assessment of the objective role played by NSC in the current world situation over these past few years.

We believe that an honest assessment of these factors will reveal a modest but important role played by NSC and the Canadian Friends of the Soviet People. This pro-Soviet, pro-proletarian revolution group should not be confused with a proletarian revolutionary organization - in terms of its expectations of its members or of its organ, NSC. Nor should those that NSC reaches have illusions about the scope of its role and activity. We believe that NSC should continue to be true to its limited mission; which indeed, it has been fulfilling quite well under the outstanding leadership, comrade Lucas.

Without being an official organ of the "International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People", NSC has certainly inspired and encouraged movement toward the establishment of such a council. Based on our limited knowledge of the current state of such international support, we believe the establishment of such a formal organizational structure to be premature. We are afraid that if such a structure were created prematurely, the modest but

extremely important work of NSC could be jeopardized. However, if there is a *real* basis for such organizational formation, then the 5th Conference will be a good place to put forward such an "International Council".

We hope these thoughts are helpful. Best wishes for a Happy New Year to you, Helen, and the brothers and sisters of the Editorial Board. Rose and I look forward to seeing all of you at the 5th Conference.

- Fraternally,  
Ray O. Light  
USA □

### WE HAVE BECOME GLOBAL!

I was thinking about how to pull together information of interest to NSC. If it becomes more global, then a system will have to be set up, and much thought will have to be put to it in order to count down the time to assess situations politically. For example, you have now, at last count, 61 countries with whom you deal. All areas of the world. All continents, etc., but the things that are to be dealt with in NSC are not those of a community weekly paper. There are priorities, mostly requiring thoughts of what our enemies are doing, have done, and want to do to working class people. And what we have to do to report what is happening. No way can one keep from being political. NGO's, opposition groups, etc., line up against our enemies.

So would it be easier to qualify the actions of enemies, and report on that, keeping in mind various countries where NSC is read, or fall to the method of duplication where all have the same problems. We shall have to think about these things.

- Jerry Morse  
Nova Scotia, Canada □

### TOWARDS 5TH CONFERENCE OF NSC!

Dear Comrades:

Eight decades ago, the Great October Socialist Revolution heralded a new dawn birth - the dawn of the deprived and tormented people; the dawn of the proletariat, the peasants and the revolutionary intellectuals.

The Great October Socialist Revolution inflamed the firm will of the peoples who were suffering from the yoke of colonialism, among them were the peoples of the Arab countries where

national revolutions and uprisings erupted against British colonialism in Egypt in 1919, in Iraq in 1920 against French colonialism, in al-Maghrel in 1921–1927 and in Syria in 1920–1927, and the Lybian people also revolted against the Italian occupation.

Now, after the dismantlement of the Soviet Union, and after things have crystalized, it is easy to compare between the sovereignty, and prosperity the Soviet Union had achieved for its people in all material and spiritual domains of life on the one hand, and the shabby conditions, social degradation and deterioration Russia has reached now after it followed the atrocious capitalist orbit on the other hand. Russia has become a breeding ground for thieves, mafias and beggars. Its treasures are looted and crumbs are thrown to it.

We are confident that the Soviet Union downfall is a temporary event and the Soviet people will achieve a new copy of the Great October Socialist Revolution, but under new circumstances. The peoples all over the world are indebted to the Soviet people who helped some of them to achieve national independence. The Soviet people backed the Third World national liberation movements. The Soviet peoples' achievements were an example the proletariat struggled for in the capitalist countries and scored important gains. The Soviet people saved mankind from the Nazi beast and protected world peace and security by standing as an equal force against the imperialist camp.

Thus, the Soviet people enabled several peoples to gain their right to self-determination.

It is time now these peoples pay back and help the Soviet people in their struggle for the resurrection of the Soviet Union. This can be done through presenting the activities and views of the forces in the former Soviet Union countries who are really struggling for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and not for beautifying capitalism in their countries. This work is excellently done by the Northstar Compass journal whose editor, Michael Lucas, and editorial board, are worthy of praise by all friends of the Soviet Union all over the world.

The struggle against the US-led New World Order and the transnational companies serves the resurrection of the Soviet Union. This task can be best carried out by the NSC as the Organ of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People. For resisting this atrocious imperialist attack, the journal, as I believe, should

publish scientific, documented studies in history, sociology, politics, economy, etc., covering the Soviet Union past and present. With slogans, we cannot face imperialism and all its specialized establishments. As an example, let us take Stalin time which I consider the Golden Age of the Soviet Union.

The two books published by the NSC and the books published in Britain, Belgium and the US, explained several cases.

But does this mean that there are not white areas for the enemy to write down in them according to his own interests? Was Stalin Declaration about the establishment of the Socialist building in the 30's correct? Was there a privileged group? Was the party structure revolutionary and democratic from base to apex? And how could Khrushchev topple it as easily if the party democratic machine was functioning rightly without resistance by the grassroots after less than 10 years from the victorious party leadership in the Great National War? There was a time when we supported all resolutions issued by Khrushchev and Brezhnev and the early resolutions issued by Gorbachev fearing that our criticism of some of these resolutions might be exploited by imperialism, on the one hand, and due to absolute confidence in the Soviet Union, on the other hand. But it has been proved that faith is not enough and that it should be replaced by knowledge. It is necessary to have an access to the news of the other former Soviet republics which are absent from NSC pages as well as the news of the former Socialist countries of Eastern Europe.

Once again, I thank the journal and the Editorial Board for the great effort they have exerted up till now and I wish greater future success which will contribute to the achievement of our common objective: the Resurrection of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics.

– Truly Yours,

Michel Mounayer

Damascus, Syria

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## MY SUGGESTIONS FOR 5TH CONFERENCE

Dear Friends:

Just a few suggestions respectfully put forward for careful consideration at the coming conference:

(A) A very thorough look at "what

went wrong" within the Soviet government bureaucracy and the party CPSU during the years leading up to the break up of the USSR. Certainly, there is no doubt about a treacherous role of foreign intelligence agencies such as the CIA. But no nation as large and powerful as the Soviet Union can be brought down from the outside unless there was considerable dry rot within. For example, in the period after the establishment of Soviet Power, and the nation was suffering hunger and their military was not nearly as strong yet, they withstood the combined might of about a dozen foreign invaders and drove them from their soil. And again, during World War II, they were able to withstand and repel the most savage attack in the history of warfare, and pursued the invaders right to Berlin.

It would seem that only dry rot developing from within, combined with internal and external treachery, could bring down such a people and such a nation as the USSR!

Could it be that very large bureaucracies have a long term inherent tendency to and vulnerability to "dry rot"! We see plenty of evidence of it in our provincial and federal bureaucracies. In the early days, there was a cry of "All Power To The Soviets" regional committees of Workers, Farmers, Sailors, Intellectuals, Artists and Soldiers, etc. Could it be that "power" was somehow "stolen" or gradually slipped away into the hands of an ever-growing bureaucracy? (Deliberately or inadvertently without the citizens being fully aware somewhat like a patient with a slowly growing cancer, etc.)

Am not declaring that this is what happened, only respectfully suggesting that we all take a very long hard look so that in the future, measures can be taken when building the New Socialism/Communism, that such a tragedy for mankind CAN NEVER NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!

Think of the good comrades who gave their lives!

(B) Would also respectfully suggest that the conference consider all the "new factors" in the complex equation in the inevitable final confrontation between the multinational giant corporations and the people. This confrontation could possibly not exactly be as foreseen by the old stalwarts in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Could it be that fierce confrontations over the destruction of our precious life-giving environment by the socially and environmentally irresponsible activities of the corporations and policies of

governments controlled by the corporations, could occur??? The profit driven irresponsible alteration of our life-giving food and so forth and so on?

There is even the "God Awful" possibility that small contingents of workers could be convinced by "right wing" labour leaders that it is not in their interest to clean up the precious life giving environment as it would wipe out their "Hi Tech" higher-paid employment?

Somehow, preparations must be made in advance to deal fairly and effectively with this possibility. They must be shown that if we continue to destroy our environment and alter our food supply, it will eventually destroy human life and the economy on this planet; just as mankind has gradually come to realize that we must put an end to Nuclear Weapons, Chemical and Biological weapons (Land Mines, etc.), or they will put an end to mankind.

These cold hard realities are thundering downhill towards us like a run-away freight train rolling down a mountain rail line! In other words, these problems must be carefully but firmly and wisely addressed or plan for the rebuilding of the New Socialism and peaceful transition from capitalism will be meaningless.

I know there will be some who will contend (with good reasons) that this is putting the cart before the horse and that we will not be able to clean up the environment and protect the health and well-being of the people UNTIL AFTER WE BUILD THE NEW SOCIALISM. That is why we are putting forward these suggestions to stimulate enlightened and friendly discussion at the important coming conference, so that the guests can take it back to their home countries and regions for further discussion and debate.

There is no doubt mankind is facing tremendous challenges in the new century because these problems are going to escalate in number and come much more quickly.

Could it be that there simply must be a unity between the Environmental Movement and the Forces working for the rebuilding of Socialism? This possibility could be enhanced if the Environmental Movement could clearly see that those who are working for the rebuilding of Socialism have PLACED THE ENVIRONMENT AND PEOPLE'S HEALTH ON THE FRONT BURNER!

Doug Townsend

Mud River, Ont., Canada

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# NORTHSTAR COMPASS AWARDED MEDAL "MARSHAL ZHUKOV"!

"For great contribution to the Soviet people and our Motherland, the decision was made by the Permanent Presidium of Peoples' Deputies of USSR to confer the Medal of Marshal Zhukov of Soviet Union to the journal "Northstar Compass" on the occasion of its 5th Conference."

- C.S. Umalatova  
Chairperson of the Presidium



## NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

### VACCINATION - OR GENOCIDE?

The WHO (World Health Organization) and UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Fund) recently collaborated in a tetanus vaccination program aimed at women of child-bearing age in a number of countries. Their health initiative now stands accused of using the vaccination program as a chemical and biological weapon.

Twenty-six out of 30 women tested after the vaccination program in the Philippines were found to be harboring beta-HCG antibodies. The Philippine Medical Association released its pharmacological study of the suspected tetanus vaccine injected into 3.4 million women in their country. Nine of 47 vaccine vials were contaminated with beta-HCG hormone, which causes autoimmune disease and infertility.

There have been similar reports in Mexico and Nicaragua. Although

both WHO and UNICEF have denied the allegations, UNICEF recently lost the support of the Vatican due to concerns about money going toward "reproductive services" - the code name for population control measures.

With the Canadian government, the UN, WHO and affiliated so-called "non-profit" health organizations involved in population control activities, it is only common sense to point out that the fine line has been crossed. How can consumers ever be sure if government health care is for the provision of health services - or for population control? We cannot.

Wise Canadians must ensure that consumer choice in health care is the top priority in the coming federal election.

We must all come together to protect our freedom. Let us not be divided in the fight over special rights. Let us not ask for their protection. These are the tools that may be used to take away our freedom.

By: Lynn McLean, B.Sc.  
- From "Readers Digest"

### IS THIS NOT WAR?

- Every minute, 30 children die in the world from lack of food and vaccines. And every minute, the world's military budget absorbs \$1.3 million.

- The U.S. now devotes over \$200 billion per year to military defense against "foreign" enemies.

But 45% of American citizens are afraid to go out alone at night within one mile of their homes.

- For every 100,000 people in the world, there are 556 soldiers, but only 85 doctors.

- For every soldier, the average military expenditure is \$22,000. For every school age child, the average public education expenditure is only \$380.

- The cost of a single new nuclear submarine equals the annual education budget of 23 developing countries with 160 million school age children.

Source: National Film Board of Canada

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## A PRAYER OF A MILLIONAIRE

*This "prayer", we dedicate to the Prime Minister of Russia Chernomyrdin, who has amassed a fortune from the toil of Soviet people and, who was a so-called "communist" while in reality a traitor of the highest order. Soviet people shall not forget or forgive!*

Of though almighty dollar  
Which art in the Bank  
Great powerful and glorious is thy  
face  
Thy Kingdom has come upon our  
fair earth  
And thy will is being done  
Just as it is in Hell.

Give us this day our daily profit  
And overlook our crookedness  
Just as we have overlooked the  
wretched  
Ignorance of those who toil for us.  
Eternal gratitude is due to  
Most of the numerous churches – for  
They do so effectively fulfill the  
Sacred duty of persuading the toiling  
Man and Woman to serve us so,  
Patiently – submissively –  
uncomplainingly.

As matters stand we could, pretty  
well  
Expect to go on and on forever  
And beyond.

Amen

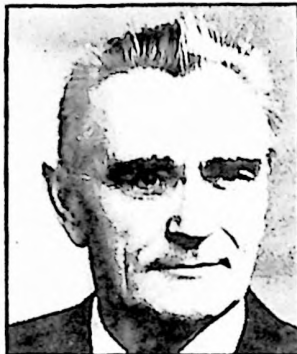
– Johnny Krasnikov  
Vancouver, B.C. □

**TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:  
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MIGHTY LAND!**

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### KUCHMA – 49.86!

In his time, the present president of Ukraine, Mr. Kuchma stated that if Ukraine does not reach economical stabilization, he will not stand for re-election again. Ukraine is in dire straits! But what does the head of the state say now: "I aim to rule for a long time ..." He forcefully stated that the present course for Ukraine is the "only correct one ..." How can a person lie on the facts that are exactly opposite? The National Gross Product from 1990–97 has dropped by 73%, the industrial and agricultural production is even worse. Our industrial economy has become a colonial economy. Technological development is practically at a standstill.

At the 3rd Congress of Ukrainian Union of Workers held in November of 1997 in Kiev, the chairman, A. Bondarchuk stated correctly, that "financial independence of Ukraine from International financial centres has now become political dependence. The International Monetary Fund does not even hide the fact that it dictates its policy in budget, taxes, social and economic policies and is trying by all means possible to crush the upsurge of revolutionary upheavals that are

starting to appear on the territory of Ukraine".

The economic hardships have started the process of dying-off of the population. This falls on the shoulders of Kuchma and his ministers. The pensioners are the most hard hit by these policies. Look at the photos from the newspaper "Tovarish", the organ of the Socialist Party of Ukraine – you can see the plight of the pensioners. They receive pensions of 49 hriven and 96 kopeks. This is the maximum pension. This is approximately \$26 US. The minimum pension which goes to the majority of pensioners is only 17 hriven (approximately \$9 US). Even this miserable pension is held up sometimes months on end. But how can one live on \$9 per month?! For this money, you can only buy the cheapest kolbassa – 2 kilograms.

The president does not care. He has other problems on his mind. On December 17, 1997, there took place a



*Protestors with 49.86*

*From Newspaper "Communist"*

country-wide political strike. People demanded the resignation of the present regime, establish a government run by the working class in the form of Soviets and all people demanded that Ukraine be united with Russia and Byelorussia.

It is hard to believe that our people are still suffering and not yet



ready to take over actions to overthrow the Kuchma and Co. regime! The following was very well stated by H. Kostruba from Uman when he told the newspaper "Village News" that: "Kuchma would do a great deal of good, if he would not make hardships for the people until 1999 but to immediately resign and say that he will not run for another term!"

But I do not think that asking kindly for Kuchma to resign is the answer! They are all opportunistic – he would not understand this logic. Let us state as did B. Kozub from Kirovogradsk district to the "leader": "It is time to stop mocking us ("Village News" 2/12/1997). Kuchma should be made to resign, retire and receive also a pension of 49 hriven and 86 kopeks!" □

## COMMUNIST

In December 1997, in the city of Lutsk, there appeared a Jubilee 350th issue of the newspaper "Spravedlyvist-Truthfulness" in the district of Volyn, Ukraine. This jubilee fell on the date practically of the birthday of its editor, S. Lukianchuk – his 70th.



Stepan Savelievich Lukianchuk

He was born on December 13, 1927 in the village of Tarashanka, Zhitomir district. All his life is dedicated to the Socialist Motherland ... to Soviet people. When he was

*Protests, strikes occur daily in Ukraine and other former Soviet republics.*



*From Newspaper "Communist" Ukraine*

only 16, he was a member of the Security forces of NKVD who fought the bandits during the Second World War in the Donbass and Northern Caucases region. The Red Army started its offensive and brought it to its logical conclusion. Great help in this struggle was given by the forces of NKVD, in which the young Steven Savelevich Lukianchuk took an active part.

In 1943–44, the Red Army chased the fascists from its territory, but the German occupying forces left their many agents behind. In Western Ukraine, the bandits of the OUN-UPA were killing innocent people, doing sabotage, not only murdering communists but also peaceful citizens, their own kin who were trying to bring the country up from the terrible ruins. S. Lukianchuk was in the midst of heavy fighting with these terroristic bands. He was very adept as an organizer in these battles with the Ukrainian bandits. He then went to work in the Komsomol organization, then unto party work. There, he dedicated his full strength to rebuild

the ruined economy of the region.

From 1955–59, he was the chairman of the Collective Farm named after 30th Anniversary of Lenin Komsomol organization, then as secretary of the Turisko regional party centre. He had many important posts and in 1984, with the rank of a Colonel, he retired, but always active in party and governmental posts.

But when the traitorous transformation took place, his communist dedication was at its highest level. He took up the fight against not only Gorbachev, Yeltsin, but also against Krawchuk and Kuchma of Ukraine.

At the present time, Lukianchuk is organizing the people to struggle for human rights and the rights of the working class, for socialism and communism, for the resurrection of the Socialist Motherland. At this time of great danger, we, members of the Editorial Board and Committee, wish him strength, health and success in our struggle for victory of the working class over capitalism. □

# NEWS FROM FORMER SOVIET UNION

From Newspaper:  
"RABOCHY – WORKER"  
Belgorod, Russia

## HOW THEY DISARMED US!

The tragic situation in our country is such that if it happened in some other country, the people would have long ago thrown out the regime. But our people – majority of them, unfortunately – are quiet. What kind of a spell left our people without capability not for revolution as yet – but to defend their social gains? Why is it that they allow themselves to go hungry, to go on hunger strikes, even to hang



themselves, but not to go unto the barricades, or picketing or meetings? Is it that our people so love the "reforms" and the "reformers" that they are ready to die of hunger for them? But no, these same people are swearing and condemning these leaders. Then why is this passivity?

No, our people did not lately become passive in class struggles. Our people were made like this over a period of years since 1953. The people, under daily barrage of revisionist media since 1953, did not know whom to listen to, since everyone was stating that they are fighting for democracy, humanism, and even socialism and Leninism.

What are the ordinary people talking about, those who complain bitterly about the terrible conditions that are imposed on us by the present regime? Some state: "I will not go with communists because they again will prepare terror and famine against us, etc., etc." "To be involved in class struggle, that's wrong, that means bloodshed! This is civil war!"

This was our lot since 1953 and we people, not knowing or experiencing civil war, not knowing hunger, unemployment or exploitation, or our heroic history – were lulled into this passivity by the same leaders who yesterday were "Communists-Leninists" while today, they lead the counter-revolution! Over a period of 40 years, anti-communist feelings and anti-revolutionary psychology were formed in many people!

Did we not, all of us, former members of the CPSU, did we not help in prolonging this fog of vile propaganda? It was we that heaped abuse on Stalin, became members of different "democratic groups" (which now showed themselves to have been counter-revolutionary) we believed the partocrats, apparatchiks, that we shall build socialism cleanly, no problems, humanism shall overtake the enemies. We looked into the future through rose-coloured glasses! It was we that did not kick out the "father of Perestroika", we did not defend even Ligachev, we did support fully the "GKCP" (government members who tried to throw out Gorbachev) – even though these same CPSU leaders were themselves ill with the sickness of not calling out the people onto the barricades. Those who saw further ahead of us – as did Nina Andreeva and Svetlana Goriacheva and their initiative movement – we heaped abuse on them, as enemies of perestroika and helpers to the

CPSU bureaucracy.

Yes, even I am guilty of heaping abuse. But I never became an anti-communist. More than that, in 1991, I became a member of the CPSU. But because I am a historian, I knew full well that the class struggle is very hard. People brought to the verge of panic are capable of terrible things.

These present leaders (some of them) standing under red flags are again promising "pies in the skies", heaping abuse on Stalin, etc., etc. They must boldly proclaim that they are a party of class struggle. Yes, it would be great if we won the revolution by peaceful means, at one blow during the elections, or country-wide strike! But if these present "New Russians" who are in control now, after our victory by peaceful means, will hire killers, terrorists, sabotage agents, and will raise their swords or call upon their "peacekeepers" from NATO – they will see that we are the grandsons and granddaughters of Lenin, Stalin and Dzerzhinsky! Otherwise, we are not communists, but sheep who lead the flock to slaughter. Our humanism must be directed at those who are robbed and exploited, not for those who are the killers and exploiters! Those who feel otherwise, let them serve the masters who in turn will not even say thank you!

Let those be afraid of the Gulag or repression, who are guilty, not the peaceful dedicated people striving for their place in the sun! We are not sadists or fascists, our aim is to build a society where there shall not be exploitation of man by man. Therefore, we shall condemn and jail those that want to rob, kill, exploit and terrorize the population. This is also our class humanism.

We must not fall prey again to the propaganda hidden under left phraseology and socialism to fool us again. We must strive to resurrect

our Soviet Union and Socialism.

- D.M. Dudko

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**From Newspaper:  
"MOLNIYA"**

**Moscow**

## APPEAL TO OFFICERS- COMMUNISTS

Complete dismemberment of the army, the guarantor of the independence of Russia and its national interests, is taking place systematically and in cold blood, before our very eyes. The army is not needed by Yeltsin now. He doesn't need an army, but a punitive detachment to fight against his own people.

In the last while, there were formed many organizations whose task is to save the army and defend its interests. But these movements were not able to remedy the situation. The army representatives in the Duma have also not been able to help in this situation. But unfortunately, even the existing organizations such as Union of Officers, Union of Soviet Officers, All Russian Officers Union, regional organizations, new forms are being established, new political parties are being involved. But in most of them, the leadership is the former "leaders" who, in many respects, are under the influence of the High Command who, in turn, are subordinated to the present Yeltsin regime, such as General Lebed, Tokhlin, Rodionov ... and with every new movement, every new party, with every new name that can be thought up, we are being divided more and more. This is nothing but departmentalization and depoliticalization in the movement.

Comrade Officers!

Is it not time for all of us, not excluding anyone – the present officers, generals, finding themselves on active duty and in the reserves – to come up with one method of unity and work to again resurrect a government of workers and farmers where the state belongs to the people that work physically, mentally and serving their country? We shall not and cannot rest until we sweep these anti-people parasites whose place is in jail! Our task is to save the Motherland, to resurrect the Red Army, Navy and Air Force.

If we in fact want to build an independent state, rebuild its mighty army, navy and air force, we must immediately gather all of our strength, all of our resources and dedication into one mighty political fist. It is useless to think that we will get something from the personal ambitions of our leaders. We ourselves must head and lead in the rebuilding of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, we must teach ourselves and our comrades iron discipline, knowing how to listen and how to fulfill our tasks. In the name of saving our Motherland, we must set immediately to support the initiative Congress of the Party of Soviet Communists, which is being called on the initiative of the movement "Trudovaya Rossia" (Victor Anpilov, Editor) for November 1-2 in Moscow – to elect and send officer delegates.

At the birth of this proletarian communist party, there must be present a strong, dedicated, militant section of officers, capable of organizing the masses of workers and leading them to victory and the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

- A. Bychkov

Colonel of the Guards □

**From Newspaper:  
"YEDINSTVO-UNITY"  
Orel, Russia**

## TODAY, WE'RE MARCHING

Oh, if that was only the truth! We could say it in other words which are not printable. In the newspaper "Sovietskaya Rossia" for December 25, 1993, there was published a very offensive, but accurately stated by one Spanish captain of a fishing vessel.

"What is it that you, swine, did with your country?"

Take a look at the date this was said and think – what would this captain have stated in 1998, when the situation for our people is much worse?

Can anyone argue about the terrible living conditions of Soviet people now? The question is not this. I would like to explain the three questions: Why are our people so passive?; Why is it that the present opposition leaders are so "active"?, and; What must be done to get out of this impasse?

Stalin showed us:

"Of course – lack of bread and products is felt by all, but, first of all, people somehow, this way or that way, manage to find bread and



products, and that proves that the fear of finding bread is less than the fear of war or civil strife ... but the desperate economic plight in different time circumstances presents terror such as the danger of war ..."



Stalin, as always, was correct. People very well realize the first part of the aforementioned situation, but do not understand the second part, but at the moment, it does not seem the main problem. Our people now understand that there are things happening here that are unknown, misunderstood, not rational, but who are there amongst us that can explain to the people, when and how this counter-revolution took place and who is behind it?; What is its future prognosis?, and; What has to be done for the people and the country again to find their road to the future? Of course, there are such people, but who is going to give them a platform in the mass media to explain to the people, since all of the mass media is in the hands of the counter-revolutionaries? People, it is correct to say, are left to their own resources, but with the growth of unemployment, chronic illness of the economy, lawlessness, corruption, no health services, no future perspectives for development and better living conditions, leaves all people with the prime quest as to how to live in these conditions, how to live in anticipation of "better times", since all the leaders, starting from the second Judas - Gorbachev - all the time, are calling us to be patient, to persevere, promising to make our "life better". Here is no place for theory! Well, never mind, the people state - we shall persevere a little, then our children shall live better in "Western standards". Just so that we shall not have a civil war!

This is what the so-called opposition tells the people always. Lenin in his time stated:

"From all the threats and propaganda by the enemies, the threat of war and civil strife is the most widespread. These leaders spread out like vultures and make these threats against the people in

order to dampen their spirits for change. These "parliamentarians" always scare the people with these threats. Parliamentary chatter, not even in one country, did not bring any improvement or changed the system for better or socialism!" At the same time, these leaders always tell the people that politics is for the elected persons only and people should not be concerned with politics ... their task is to listen, go and vote when time comes for the

candidate that the ruling class proposes. What is strange is that the so-called leaders have at their disposal the press, radio and TV, plus finances, and somehow always these candidates have money to spare for these expenses.

Gorbachev, even though he is dead as a politician, but his ideals and program lives on. Even though his popularity rating is practically zero, he is given media time, money, trips everywhere he goes!

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Another example of the so-called "leaders" of former CPSU CC members, like General Rokhlyn. He just recently stated that his "Movement" is "absolutely non-political". Is this stupidity or is this a provocation? What can a non-political movement do against a political movement like the present regime? As a General, he surely must know that the dismemberment of the army is a very POLITICAL ACT by Yeltsin and company!

If the so-called leaders are making such terrible mistakes, what can you expect from the masses?

Even Gogol in his play "Dead Souls" wrote the following: "Eh, I'm Akim - a simpleton! I'm looking for my gloves, while they're both underneath my belt." Exactly!

In the history of our world, there is no parallel of a country like ours which in 17 years, from backwardness, had become a leading power, second only to the USA, liquidated German fascism and Japanese Imperialism and became top in science and industry. We could state numerous facts and figures which would prove as much.

One example: During 1943 when the Soviet people were in the death struggle with fascism, under Stalin, there took place the construction of some of the most beautiful subway stations that the world has ever seen. This in itself is brilliant strategy and thinking for future of Soviet people. And the answer to the question as to WHAT TO DO NEXT?

Learn from Stalin, think like Stalin, work and live like Stalin!

Can you find among the so-called leaders now (with some exceptions) that they could say anything good about Stalin and that period? Now, it seems that there are appearing trickles of some mention of Stalin (of course, phrasing the beginning of the terrible mistakes of Stalin) that

he was not a bad statesman, but no one now says that they will follow his course. For people like that, it is necessary now and always to state: "HANDS OFF STALIN!"

Apropos to the above, the newspaper "Izvestia" of August 9, 1997 (not known for its sympathy for Stalin or USSR now in particular - Editor) stated the following: "It is a sad situation when the mines and industries are being closed, and even construction of the much needed Moscow Metro Stations, due to lack of finances. Even those that were constructed before are sadly in need of repairs!"

Unfortunately, we must again remember what that Spanish fishing captain said ...

I always study and analyze the elections of the "governors" in the Russian provinces. I cannot understand (but I do) that in spite of all that propaganda of Yeltsin and his regime, the electorate votes for a pro-government candidate! The left press claims that it is the control of the media, buy-outs and election shenanigans. Yes, it is true! Then please tell me why is it that to these elections there come about 30-35% of voters? Because the electorate does NOT SEE the CARDINAL difference between the candidates of Yeltsin or the candidates of Zyuganov!

Here are some questions to the reader. Please guess as to whom the following program belongs:

1. Unmask and depose the tyrant Stalin.

2. Liberate people of Russia from the Bolshevik system.

3. Forming a new, free national state without Bolsheviks and exploiters.

4. Equality of all peoples of Russia, guaranteeing right to self determination, even leaving Russia.

5. Have friendly relations with all countries and development of all

systems of co-operation.

6. Organizing the state when all work and interests of the state for all forms of ownership of production.

7. Equality of women and family.

8. Cancelling the collective farms and giving land for private ownership.

9. Workers' private businesses cannot be touched.

Who is the author?

Yeltsin? Zyuganov? Zhirinovsky? No. Just add a three coloured flag and you will find the program of the traitor General Vlasov who was shot for joining German fascists against his people. This was the program issued by General Vlasov in 1944. Do you wonder why the Soviet people are so skeptical of the numerous parties, fronts and movements who in one way or another propose the same program for the future?

*DEAR READER: You can make a comparison yourself of the numerous parties, movements that NSC has printed for over 5 years, to see how similar some of these items are in the programs of the present "opposition movements"!*

But let us go back to Stalin and what he wrote about situations like this:

1. The most dangerous social position of the enemies of revolution in the period of the nearness of a revolutionary movement are the CONSENTING PARTIES WITH THE REGIME IN POWER.

2. Their tactics are always to scare the people with the Bolshevik system.

3. The main shots, when the situation comes closer to a revolution, must be aimed at those forces and parties whose aim is to prolong the co-operation with the regime in power, and to isolate them and break away the masses of people from their influence.

As the readers know, the present

banks are the controlling factor in keeping the regime in power. These are now multi-millionaires and billionaires from the former "CPSU apparatchiks".

Lenin demanded and achieved the nationalization of the banks and brought the economy, industry and finances into the hands of a peoples' government.

Who of the present leaders of the opposition (excluding a few) talks about this? Why ... because these are BANKS!

That is why our electorate does not go to the voting booth in large numbers as was done before, because the ordinary workers and farmers know on their own skins that as long as banks are in private hands, private corporations, not one "Red Governor" that might be elected will do anything to change the situation!

As an example, let us take Governor Rutskoï (former Vice President).

General, etc., etc. If only about 80% of the accusations against him by the left and right press and movements is correct, then he should be given a life sentence in jail. But this is the candidate that Zyuganov praised to high heavens!

Somehow, it seems that all "opposition" forces are now trying to play the "religious card". It is so absurd that one so-called "communist" person called herself "Orthodox religious communist"! Thus, Zyuganov and that Baburin and his movement joined forces together and torpedo all the more or less serious proposals of some of the Duma deputies.

If you'll remember, Bolsheviks also took part in the Czars' Duma, but they were there to unmask the political shenanigans of the government, and thus, all of them found themselves being sent to Siberia; while our "Orthodox

Religious Communists" are the ones that co-operate and adhere to the Yeltsin regime, without problems, travel all over Europe, America. Is there a difference? I feel that our people would not lose very much, if anything at all, if this "chatter box Duma" was abolished. With the provocateur Zhirinovskiy, the people have already understood who and what he is after, but with Zyuganov, unfortunately, there are still people who believe his brand of "communism".

Not too long ago, the writer Soloukhin (dead now), a real right winger, said:

"That people cried after the death of Stalin is understandable, because they felt that from that moment, they will be naked on the ice wind of history." (I forgave Soloukhin much for these words ...)

In this respect, being afraid and throwing abuse at Stalin, Mr. Zyuganov, together with his like-minded friends, found themselves between revisionist Bernshtein and the Priest Gapon. The people should never believe them. People who are even now under the influence of anti-Stalinism are nevertheless in solidarity with the French thinker John Francois Titara, who also told us as early as 1922:

"Stalin will come later. He will come without fail, he cannot but not come ..."

THAT IS THE WAY IT SHALL BE!

- I. Nazarov

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**From Newspaper:  
"VPERED" (FORWARD)  
Byelorussia**

*In an excellent article "Communists, Be Vigilant", the author outlines the situation in Byelorussia in the communist movement. Due to space, we cannot translate the whole article, but we quote a very informative segment that needs repeating.*

"In 1991 when Gorbachev and other leaders dismembered the USSR, they stated that 'our state is an all-peoples' state' and not a state where there is 'dictatorship of the proletariat'.

During the period since Khrushchev, there grew up generations of leaders who very quickly and systematically became believers in capitalism and dismemberment of the Soviet Union.

We have to remember that since Khrushchev-Brezhnev, nearly all party secretaries, leaders of the Soviets ... these comrades who carried the whole burden of the Great Patriotic War ... these comrades who were called Stalinists, all sorts of false accusations were heaped upon them. In their place, these leaders appointed people who were mostly opportunists, not schooled in Marxism-Leninism, not dedicated workers. Social-democratic tendencies appeared in the CPSU and were directly and indirectly supported by the leadership in the CPSU. Nationalists in each Republic were promoted to higher posts in party and state apparatus. The CPSU membership grew like mushrooms after a rain - millions of new members who flocked to it to gain positions. The CPSU even admitted into its ranks anti-communist elements. These were the well-placed elements whose aim was to undermine the party from within. This was shown most graphically when in the crisis of 1991, these same 'party members of the CPSU' started to publicly and on TV to tear their communist party cards and publicly burn them!

Workers in front of whose eyes these so-called 'leaders' - 'party workers' were tearing and burning their party cards, of course, started to look at these communists with disbelief and then with no belief in



communists in general. This was of course what was intended to be the feeling of the working class all along."

**COMMENT:**

*We feel that the author V. Cadet has done an excellent analytical article. We just hope that in the near future, we shall translate all of it.* □

## COMMUNISTS AND THE WORKING CLASS OF UKRAINE

**By: A. Maevsky**  
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It is already 6 years since the break-up of the Soviet Union and the proclamation of the so-called "Independent Ukraine". During these years of "independence",



Ukraine as a highly developed state of Europe, as a member of the USSR, has now become a colony with its economy in near collapse, crisis in education, culture, health, and premature death of its people. In its economic development, Ukraine has been thrown back 50 years and the slide to disaster is not slowing down. Even if we take the official statistics, which are in themselves made lower by the present regime, in the period of "independence", the population of Ukraine has fallen by 1,200,000 people due to deaths which in turn is due to the hardships and no health care! According to the prognosis of the present Minister of Health, if the present conditions

are allowed to continue, the population in 2010 will fall to 25 million people, while today, Ukraine has a population of 50 million!

The marionette regime of Ukraine, headed by Kuchma and Moroz, are fulfilling the dictates of the West, to make Ukraine a colony – raw material resources to be exploited and cheap labour to serve the developed Western imperialist countries. After signing the act of co-operation between Ukraine and NATO (June 1997), world capitalism will be dictating to this "independent" Ukraine not only in the economic sphere and financial politics, but it will direct the military of our country.

The working class is beginning to be aware more and more that the traitorous policies which are being inflicted on the people are anti-peoples, anti-national course of the present bourgeois reforms and ever more active the working class is coming to fight for its rights.

During the General Strike in Ukraine of March 18, organized by the All Union of Workers, there took part over 2 million people. The movement is growing wider with every month. Crimea saw thousands of demonstrators in the streets, aimed against NATO and their joint manouvers called "Sea Breeze 97"!

In the coming struggles and battles that lie ahead, the co-ordinating of these actions is done by the CC AUCPB in Ukraine, Moldavia and Predniester Moldavian Republic.

The Bureau of CC AUCPB was organized in June 1995 Plenum. It was responsible at that time for Ukraine only, but then the Moldavia and Predniester Republic were put under its jurisdiction.

The AUCPB publishes in Ukraine the following newspapers: "Bolshevik" – Odessa, "Burevestnik" – Sevastopol, "Workers-Farmers Pravda" – Mukachevo, and a youth

newspaper "Yunkom", Kiev Region in the city of Boyarka. Kuchma and company are beginning to try and shut down some of our newspapers. Thus, in Mukachevo, the newspaper "Workers-Farmers Pravda", they are trying desperately to close the newspaper, but the demonstrations of the people are making it harder for the regime to do this. We are continuing to call upon the people for revolutionary struggle for the Power to the Soviets, Socialism and the resurrection of the USSR.

Our aim after two Congresses is to cement our relations with the working class, organize it and work in enterprises with workers' collectives.

The Kharkov organization is doing very good work among the worker collectives. They have established Soviet of Workers in the enterprise "Hammer and Sickle". They organized picketing, protests, selling of our newspapers, distributing leaflets, holding meetings and agitational discussion. Kharkov workers and AUCPB members are active in the workers' movement "Kharkov Labour", taking an active part in all sorts of workers' demonstrations, picketing and meetings.

Our organization in the Donetsk and Lugansk regions is very actively participating in the coal miners' movements. Our comrades are also struggling against the miners' leaders who forbid the miners to make any other economic demands, thus trying to hold back the revolutionary movement of the coal miners to struggle against the bourgeois laws and to minimize their demands. These leaders are working hand-in-glove with the policies of the present regime.

The same process of our members is being implemented in the Predniester region. The members of the Communist Party of Workers

those who defend the present regime, a totalitarian regime, while covering themselves by a "democratic cloak"? People are starving! Citizens of this "Independent Ukraine" are having only 17% of the necessary food as is the standard in Europe. Who should be considered as "Kolbasniks"?! We had kolbasa and filled refrigerators only during Soviet times. These "new Ukrainians" are the kolbasa eaters, these new presidents, mayors and other apologists of the present totalitarian regime!

Applause greeted the speech by the Afghanistan veteran M.L. Martinetz who said: "80 years ago, there took place a real people's revolution, which brought us peace and happiness. It is no fault of the people that demagogy of Gorbachev turned history upside down ... we know the lies of the present regime.



*M.L. Martinetz – Union of Afghanistan Veterans*

These foreign owners have robbed our country. We support mightily the politics of those who are trying to break down the walls between our Slavic people ... we are confident that the time is near when we shall give out the deserved sentences and these elements shall pay the supreme price for their deeds against our people."

Meetings, demonstrations and Anniversary celebrations also took place in Kovel, Novovolinsk,

Vladimir-Volynsk, Horokhov, Manevich, Kiverts, Turiesk, Ratno and other cities and towns of the Volyn region. People believe that time is coming when, as our Moscow poet B. Hunko writes:

Again under the red flags our  
Motherland – the beautiful  
Will arise and become, as under  
Stalin, young and strong!

## **SECOND STORY – UNDER THE COVER OF RED-PINK SHROUD**

Life, as the saying goes, is sometimes very complicated. To bring sense from this shroud is not so easy now, especially during times of revolutionary and social upheavals. Revolution scares many people. Of course, to improve your life and happiness during peace time is much easier and better than to struggle and fight on the barricades. But what can you do if the devil is ruling over humanity?! Especially if this devil is bent on ruling the whole planet?!

In this regard, Maxim Gorky wrote: Seagulls moan before a storm – groan, cry, fly over the stormy waves – and are ready to fly to the bottom of the sea in order to save themselves. Loons also cry, they are not able to fight: thunder strikes and they are in terror. Penguins, shy as they are, hide their bodies in the rocks ... Only the proud stormy petrel flies confidently over the foam and waves of the sea!"

Reading these lines of the classic Soviet literature, with trepidation, you think about the leader of Ukrainian socialist A. Moroz. It was he who supported the decision that instead of celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution, he supported the renaming of this great historical holiday as "Day of Consent". He even went further than Kuchma by stating the opposing sides should ask forgiveness of each other on this day! From whom should I ask

forgiveness? You do not mean from the Banderite bands, who during the Great Patriotic War were shooting Soviet soldiers in the back? ... Yes, unfortunately, there are people now who are willing to co-operate and ask forgiveness from these fascists-nationalists – with any crook. Only that there should not be any storms ... Well, what must the people do? People are suffering more and more terrible conditions, robbery from the present Mafia!

The speech given by K. Tishenko was specific, but bungled and illogical even though he is the leader of Volyn Socialist Party. He did not even know or realize the significance of the October Revolution and he did not even say a word to this event, even though the audience was there to celebrate this great event in the history of mankind. He characterized this event as "road was unclear and it was an accident of history". What did he have in mind when he said this? Let us analyze these foggy ideas of K. Tishenko through the medium of a conceived dialogue:

Tishenko: After the 1905 revolution, there took place an active national independence movement in Ukraine.

Herasymchuk: Did not October lay the foundation for all of the nationalities to freely develop their culture, entity, to even the opportunity of separation? Did not the October Revolution give Ukraine opportunity to establish itself for the first time in its history to statehood and did not that statehood voluntarily join the Union of USSR? Or does Mr. Tishenko have in mind the establishment of the bourgeois state and its Central Rada, established together with German and Polish occupational troops in occupying their own people, drowning in blood the revolutionary outbursts of the Kiev enterprise "Arsenal"? But it was the Arsenal insurrection in

Kiev that gave Ukraine its freedom and the victory of October in Ukraine! Did these patriots not deserve honour, that their name and their historical deed should be at least mentioned on this 80th Anniversary?

Or does Mr. Tishenko (that former "communist") think that he considers the leader of the national liberation movement the rabid enemy of his own people, organizer of Jewish pogroms and the person who tried to suffocate the movement, Semeon Petlura?

Tishenko: It is not correct to compare socialism and independence. Internationalism is just a mechanical unity into one central body or its attempt to get social justice.

Herasymchuk: Again, this is a foggy notion. Who is it that counter-poses the two? The basic tenets, the foundation of the freedom of people and their independence are in the science of Marxism-Leninism. Of course, such freedom does not mean to forcibly divide the people, as this was done at the Byelovezh Forest by Yeltsin, Krawchuk and Sushkewich. People have the right to voluntarily unite in order to discuss the political, economic, military and other questions! Does this socialist (Tishenko) understand the unity and friendship of Soviet people in their struggles to defend the socialist Motherland, formed in these struggles of workers and peasants as opposing socialism?

Tishenko: Today, we are going to build Ukraine, looking at all the mistakes of former period, on the road that is an alternative to dictatorship of the proletariat and former socialism, but aim towards the present market economy.

Herasymchuk: Why is it that you, Mr. Tishenko, always concentrate on the "negative moments" of Great October, or on the "mistakes and problems" of the former epoch? It

seems that to "socialists", it is something foreign to transform the society towards socialism. Your kind seems to suggest a third, unknown before road of developing a society. But where is this third road? In the program of the Socialist Party of Ukraine, there is no such third road. And, speaking forthrightly, there cannot be such a third road! Historical science shows us this clearly – to throw out capitalism, only socialism can replace it. A third road is nothing but opportunism which is geared directly to the establishment of capitalist mud, where the might is right and gold rules above all.

The means of production must belong to the people. There is no other road! Or is Tishenko of another frame of mind? If that is the case, he is masked under a red-pink fog while in actual fact, he is a classical opportunist.

### **THIRD STORY – WITCH'S SABBATH OF BROWN SHIRTS IN LVOV**

After the November 7th celebrations in the Volyn region, Mrs. Clinton (wife of President Clinton of USA) came here. This visit is nothing new to the citizens of "Independent" Ukraine. They (the people) did not care much about Mrs. Clinton arriving – they were worried about not getting paid for months on end. Others in their thousands have no jobs even to worry about. It is strange that Mrs. Clinton, speaking about the role of women in building a democracy, forgot to mention the fact of starvation, no payment, no jobs. She somehow also forgot to mention the fact of Lvov workers, men and women and even children who were attacked and beaten up by the Lvov social-nationalists, who gathered on this November 7th to re-dedicate themselves to the ideals of the Great October Revolution. It looks that

in this "Independent" Ukraine (from their own people) which is now a colony bearing the name of "Ukraine" – the present regime still has to have some people to support them.

How did this vicious attack take place in this "Independent" Ukraine? In the centre of the city, near the monument to Ivan Franko, people gathered. At about the same time, over 300 young hooligans from the Social-nationalist Party (in columns of 8 abreast) came to where the left forces were gathering for their meeting. (It's good to remember that Hitler also had a National-Socialist Party.)

When the patriots gathered for November 7th event raised the red flags of revolution, giving honour to the fallen heroes who defended the Soviet Motherland, from among the columns of these social-nationalists, the command was given: "Attack them!"

"These trained young storm troopers attacked the peaceful citizens, veterans" as seen by a correspondent from newspaper "Village News". "They attacked and clubbed the people hard and without mercy. A former worker was knocked down to the ground – (a socialist) Melnik, he got such a blow between his eyes that blood gushed all over his face – making him blind. Such a 'gift' was also received by S. Radchenko, a member of the Socialist Party. The deputy to local Soviet V. Matrokhin had his teeth knocked out ..." ("Village News", November 13, 1997). It is interesting to note that on the scene were scores of militia who were there to keep order ... there were more militia present than all the other participants at this meeting. But they did not mix in or stop this vicious attack until it was over. Why? As the facts now prove, this was done on purpose so that the



attack could take place with the connivance of the authorities. The local city authorities were well informed as to what was being planned. Yes ...

Let us give here some eyewitness accounts as to what was published by the newspaper "Tovarish": "... We were attacked by these well trained young brown shirts, ages from 17-22 with the insignia on their uniforms (SNPU - Social-nationalist party of Ukraine). In their hands, they had knuckle-dusters, hammers, rocks, flails, while in their pockets, they had salt and pepper. They started to hit us. They knocked me to the ground. By my side, these hoodlums knocked down my lady friend L. Mikhailov. I looked to the other side and saw how viciously animal-like they were pounding and kicking S. Radchenko ... I could not recognize him since he was covered in blood ... I saw with my own eyes how they punched and kicked my 16 year old son, and with a rock, they split his head open; they attacked my daughter, tore off an ear from my brother. (The militia was just looking on and contemplating with smiles on their faces.) These hooligans were trained professionally as to where to hit - on the most sensitive and dangerous parts: the head, face, neck, stomach ..." (O. Stabrovskaya)

"... We were attacked by these youngsters in black shirts with their nationalistic insignia on their sleeves. I was hit hard on my cheek by a tall man, and I saw that he had a steel object in his hand. After he hit me, my cheek immediately got swollen so big that my eye vision was shut completely. In front of my eyes, they attacked my youngster who is a public school student ... his chin was split open - his forehead. We had to go quickly to get help in a hospital since even the medical help on the scene was not too eager to help us. My son had to get

numerous stitches." (L. Mikhailova)

"... Attacking us, these hoodlums were allowed through barricades set up by the militia with their nationalist-fascist flags. In their hands, they were prepared with all sorts of objects to do us harm and even to maim us. With the command "Attack!", they went through the crowd beating up indiscriminately ... These bandits whom some of our comrades were able to hold on to - quickly, we gave them to the militia to take them away, but to our surprise, the militia just let them go and again, these same hoodlums started their attacks again and again." (O. Haida)

Are you not afraid, my dear reader, to read such lines here? This is not a dream! This is what is happening in Lvov nowadays. While Mrs. Clinton, a few days after this bloodletting, greeted Lvov citizens and commended them for finally bringing democracy to Ukraine ...

Yes, in former years in Berlin, the national-socialists were also beating in the heads under democratic slogans. Today, these events are happening in Ukraine.

#### **FOURTH STORY - ABOUT THE YELLOW-BLUE FLAG**

Over the government building, there is flying this yellow-blue dirty cloth. Former party functionary, putting his hand on the bible, swore (but actually, he is an atheist) and also on the former Constitution of Ukraine, that he will make stronger the independent of Ukraine. Yes, today, Ukraine is "independent". It is independent from its own people. The internal and external debt is rising. Manufacturing and industrial production is falling drastically. Starting from 1991, the production of cloth fell off 11 times; hosiery - 6.6 times; footwear - 15 times; children's clothing - 56 times. If

before we produced 50 million tons of grain per year, now it has fallen off by over 50%. Production of sugar has fallen off from 5 million tons to 2 million tons in 1997. Ukraine has one of the highest suicide rates in Europe - over 40 suicides everyday. In 1996, there were over 15,000 suicides in Ukraine ... they could not cope with the present conditions. Everyday, there are 20 murders. From a population of 50,000,000, there are 1,200,000 psychologically sick people. Before, we did not know what narcotics or speed were. Today in our country, there are officially registered (this does not include unofficial figures) over 45,000 narcotics plus 200,000 transmitted diseases. The country has become destitute. But the top mafiosi regime is living a life as they never did before. And on the residence of the president, there keeps flying the yellow-blue flag ...

#### **FIFTH STORY - NOT FINISHED YET**

From time to time over Lutsk, there appear the Red Flags with hammer and sickle flying proudly. And not only in Lutsk. We are certain workers shall be the ruling class! The struggle is intensifying ...

*Reading this is shocking for all of us and it's too disconcerting that Western progressive press does not seem to pick these stories up and let their readers know the REAL truth. Progressive press (by that, we mean newspapers or magazines of the communist parties and also the ethnic press) which, before, was progressive (like Ukrainian Canadian Herald in Canada and Ukrainski Visti in USA). We offered these newspapers the materials, but unfortunately, these two periodicals are not really interested as to what is REALLY happening in Ukraine. Their agenda is unfortunately much different now!* □

# SPECIAL

## A DYING GUERRILLA'S TESTAMENT

by Luls Adamic, Submitted by Lydla Karhu

"Yugoslavia was overwhelmed by Hitler and the Nazis in the spring of 1941."

Marko was his name and he was a small town man, still a young man – only a little while before the Axis turned its fury on Yugoslavia, he had married a girl named Yelena who came from a village nearby.

So begins a story people in many parts of Yugoslavia started to whisper among themselves in 1942, after the countries far flung resistance to German, Italian, and Magyar occupation had taken a heavy toll of the guerrilla fighters who called themselves partisans of the Liberation Front.

Sometimes, as the tale was told, Marko was a Serbian, sometimes a Croatine – this was not important to those who whispered it about.

What seemed to matter was that Marko was an honest man, not with much school behind him, but intelligent and able to say what went on in his head so that one who was even less well educated could understand him. In his spare time when business was slow in his shop, Marko used to read newspapers and books, and tell others what he read about, and evening and Sundays he liked to talk politics and philosophy.

That is the sort of man he was, this Marko, of the people but a little above the average in that he knew the meaning of things and could express his mind and heart in simple, honest words.

Later when the enemy occupied his town and began to seize men for hostages and worse yet, for slave labor in Germany and Italy and behind the Russian front, Marko told

his young wife Yelena, who was with child, to go back to her father's house in her native village and with God's help, take care of herself as best she knew how, and he left his home and business, his friends and town without saying a word to anyone else, and he headed for the mountains and there, he joined other men who felt as he did about the things that were going on under occupation.

Marko was a Partisan guerrilla and he fought in one battle after another, now against the Germans, now against the Italians, and sometimes against native dupes and scoundrels who served the Axis puppet governments, and he helped to inflict many casualties on the enemy. He was a great fighter.

But the Partisan's losses also were not small, and one day in a fierce battle with the Axis, Marko was mortally wounded.

And as he lay on the ground with enemy metal in his torn body, knowing he was bleeding to death and no one could help him, Marko managed to get a little stub of pencil and some paper out of his coat pocket, and he started a letter to his unborn child:

"My little one, curled up in the darkness, blind and unbreathing soft and shapeless, I salute you. Now you are unhurried in the wonderful warmth, but the day of your birth is not far off and you are storing strength. When your moment comes you will be ready. Your mother will have given you everything you need. You will twist and struggle, something within you will fight toward the light and for air, for life – no one knows why. How I wish I could hear your first gasp and see the first blink of your eyelids."

"Keep Burning, but always under control, the fire of your passion that tempers the steel of your young years and gives them the

ring of human worth. Let the flame leap and let it be so clear that in the years of your age when your work is over, its light will continue to shine in your eyes like a lamp in a dark-framed window drawing and warming those who stumble in the night and are chill.

Keep your wonder and surprise your impulse to discover, your eyes on the horizon – they are your promise of immortality. Go through storms, but fix your heart on the sun and stars above them. There is a never-changing rule in the world, dawn follows darkness.

Work as you are able, whatever the task and keep high courage and firm faith. Do not be ashamed of fear. Do not hide it, conquer it. Do not be dismayed when you see others grow tired in this confused world. There is always light around the edges of gloom, strive toward it. Work as you are able. Ponder, decide, act. Never stop the flow of thought and feeling between your mind and your heart. Let your instinct tell you what is right.

As you go on, know what is behind you. I am ashamed to leave you a world of charred hopes, of error piled upon error, blood spilled upon blood, forgive me. Know the errors of the past, but look ahead – to the stepping stones to the future, to a clear dawn.

Keep your love of life, but overcome your fear of death. Life is lost if it is not loved, only never love it so much. Sometimes the best thing a man can do is die. Keep your joy in friendship and your anger at what your instinct tells you is wrong.

Keep your pleasure in little things – a snowflake, a blade of grass, a cobweb stretched between two branches of a bush, the sheen of a bird's wing, the moisture in a linden leaf, a girl's smile. They are as big as sunlight and thunder, wind

and wave on the ocean, and the greatness of heroes. There is magic in the stillness of a seed."

Vision was going from Marko's eyes. His fingers were numb and he could barely hold the little pencil. He did not finish the letter to his unborn son. In irregular lines at the bottom of the paper, he scrawled: "Please deliver this to my wife Yelena" and he placed the letter under his cheek so that his face served as a weight to keep the wind from blowing it away.

When his fellow Partisans found Marko, they read what he had written and they all said, "this is just as I feel". And they all copied it, making it their own letter to their unborn children, ending it themselves with: "In thought, as a last benediction, I kiss your forehead, or Goodnight to you my little one, and a bright morning." Then each carried it on his person till he was killed too, and when his fellow Partisans found it on his body, they copied it - till now every Partisan guerrilla who has a wife with child copies the letter.

It was impossible to deliver Marko's original letter to his wife Yelena, for the village where she lived was in territory which the enemy held with specially strong forces. By and by however, the Partisans penetrated to that region and liberated it. But when they reached Yelena's village, they found it destroyed. Most of the villagers had been massacred, and Yelena was among the dead. Marko's child was never born.

But Marko's letter will be read by many a Partisan's child born under Axis occupation. It will be read the world over and someday, "a clear dawn" will break over the lands of the south Slavs, over the Balkans, over Europe, over all the earth. □

### **CREDO OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS**

Northstar Compass is the public voice of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People (formerly Canada-USSR Association) and is dedicated to the resurrection of the Soviet Union as a Socialist State.

In our tradition since 1918 (Hands Off Russia Committee) we are devoted to international cooperation in building socialism and solidarity in a world at peace.

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **HURRICANE'S KICK-OFF LEADS THE CASPIAN FIELD**

**By: Jerry Morse  
KAZAKHSTAN**

Behold, it came to pass, camel-drivers seeing the light shining in Nasdaq Stock Market skies, gathered together their feudal gifts to be presented at the manger of new-born oil kings. Multitudes around the Caspian Sea oil and gas deposits knelt in prayer to the Gods of Multinational Corporations where promises of good tidings were rained down upon barren sands. Thence a Decree was issued by King Lukoil of Kumkol Oil Kingdom that the flocks, multitudes, and starving children would receive mana from Transnational Heaven. So it was decreed a great feast with games, songs, dancing, and tents filled to over-flowing with silks, beads, peanut-butter sandwiches, hamburgers, french-fries, ketchup, and vinegar, and two candelabras from Moscow Caliphs. And it is prophesied Hurricane with its Hydrocarbons would part the seas, and Moses Mokrae would officiate in receiving for Kyzylordaya Shareholder's Democracy the covenant of privatization, and serve

to the multitudes, ears, eyes and nostrils of sacrificial lambs at this great and good feast of plenty.

And all present would be baptized in the waters on the shores of the Syr Daraya River. There would be great rejoicing, until it was realized by the peoples of Kazak land that these scheming Philistines would bleed them dry along with their oil and gas, and even the smear of their own blood on the flaps of their felt tents would come to naught.

The peoples of this land will have to revolt against these new Crusaders, demanding rights and controls of their own resources; or their land, their herds, their governments will be but plunder where profits are removed and the multitudes will go the same routes as others who have been, and are exploited by profiteers of this world.

### **ISRAEL**

Very interesting, that the well educated working class there which includes immigrants from former S.U. are rising up against the greediness of multinationals. Russians had enough sand in their foods, their homes, and especially their education politically, to fall for Promised Land promises. Leninists will always be Leninists whether in Red Square or Israel.

### **CAMBODIA**

It appears the same things are happening there. People can lose their currencies, their homes, their clothes, their rights, but one thing very hard to lose are political beliefs. And that is being put forth in Cambodia today. We will watch this.

### **MOSCOW**

Red Square is hearing new words these days. It is not talk about

removing Lenin, but of retaining, for safety and survival purposes, the long lines of people wanting to pass into Lenin's tomb.

These are Capitalists, oil-Barons and politicians associated with them who will be needing places to hide. R. Vyakhirev, Chairman of Gazprom, has reserved a place for himself and executives of Royal - Dutch Shell since signing a multi-billion dollar deal for natural gas.

Executives of British Petroleum who signed a deal with Sidanco, although knowing the expanse of Siberia, do not want anything to do with Siberia except to take all gas, by-products, and anything else grabbable to Western World Freedom, and they have no intentions at all of hiding there. They too have reserved line-position.

Yeltsin & Co., of course, have access to the line from secret passages through vaults in Kremlin walls. Listed through Bourse and Stock Exchanges globally are quotations for undisclosed speculative sums in foreign investments, combinations of various vaults past Lenin are guaranteed.

- Background materials from *Globe and Mail* newspaper

## CZECH GOVERNMENT RESIGNS

*Postmark Praha*, in its January issue, reports that the government of Vaclav Klaus which resigned on November 9th has not been replaced and that the country is drifting aimlessly into anarchy. The ruling three-party coalition lead by Klaus' O.D.S. had been floundering for some time, mired in charges of corruption and mismanagement prompting the Communist Party of the Czech and Moravian Republics (KSCM) through its leader Miroslav Grebenicek to repeatedly call for their resignation.

The O.D.S. has been found to have a secret Swiss bank account in which it had deposited millions of dollars resulting from bribes it received from the benefactors of its privatization programme in which state property was sold at less than market prices, resulting in the impoverishment of the state and exorbitant profits for the capitalists to whom the property was sold.

The Czech Currency has fallen to a record low. Economic growth is down to its lowest level in the history of the Czech Republic. Domestic demand is down while prices have gone up by 9.4% and investment is down by 8.3%. The deficit is between 6 and 7 billion crowns (\$180 million) and the inflation rate is sitting at 12.5%. All this will result in further belt tightening by the already impoverished Czech workers. This has resulted in calls for industrial action by all segments of the trade union movement including even the most docile of these, such as the 32,000 member glassworkers union. Strike action in January is being prepared if employers proceed with planned pay-cuts.

The Communists and the Social Democrats have indicated that they would support president Havel's decision to ask Tosovsky, the president of the Czech Central Bank, to form a government only as a temporary measure, combined with a promise of early elections. Havel who is standing for re-election in January and is being opposed by the distinguished scientist and Communist, Stanislav Fisher, was forced to admit that the post-1989 government had betrayed the principals of the Velvet Revolution

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- to which, the Communists reply that he [Havel] had done nothing to stop the corruption, and in some measure, had acquiesced in it. He spent his time restoring capitalism and offering Czech soil to NATO for its nuclear basis; prompting *Postmark Praha* to remark that Rome burned while the emperor fiddled.

- George Hess

## STATEMENT OF SYRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

The dangerous developments recently witnessed in the north of Iraq raised much concern. These developments were the result of Turkish invasion of the Iraqi territories and the violation of the sovereignty of this brotherly Arab country. This forms a danger which exceeds, in its dimensions, Iraq to include the security of the entire region.



Michel Mounayer

The new invasion of the north of Iraq, besides undermining the Arab-Turkish relations, confirms the devastating aggressive role entrusted to Turkey within the framework of its alliance with the Zionist entity and American Imperialism against Syria, Iran and all Arab countries. Turkey and its Israeli and American allies could not hide their real aims latent behind these dirty aggressive operations. It is clear that the pretext used for the invasion is nothing but a veil covering large-scale colonialist plan



aiming at subjugating the region to the American Zionist hegemony and to militarily pressurize steadfast Syria, the insurmountable obstacle facing these Imperialist plans.

This is not the first time Turkey invaded north Iraq but its new aggression concurs with the approaching date of the joint military naval maneuvers of the unholy tri-partite American-Turkish-Israeli alliance which will be carried out in the Mediterranean waters facing the Syrian and Lebanese western coasts in order to pressure Syria and undermine her steadfastness, advocacy of Arab rights, firm principled stands and demands that a just and comprehensive peace, according to Madrid terms of reference, should be established.

The Turkish invasion of north

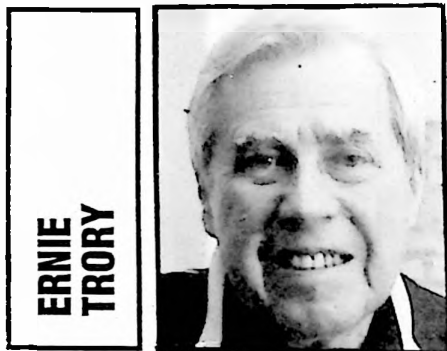
Iraq is denounced and condemned. The Turkish invasion troops should immediately withdraw from the Iraqi territories. All patriotic forces in the Arab world and all honest people in the world should raise their voices high, condemning and denouncing these Turkish aggressive practices which are supported by the US and the Zionist entity and to use all forms of pressure, denunciation and condemnation to halt the Turkish aggression against north Iraq and to express their solidarity with the people of Iraq in their hard ordeal and, whose homeland is exposed to a conspiracy of partition and fragmentation by these aggressive forces and to further promote solidarity with Syria and her steadfastness against these colonialist plans.

– Michel Mounayer

Britain (Marxist-Leninist), and the Communist Party of Scotland, based on mutual respect for each other's positions and recognition of differences between them, has enhanced relations between the four parties during the two years that have passed since the last NCP Congress."

There was also hope for a united communist movement for peace and socialism on an international scale. Fraternal delegates from 12 overseas Communist Parties also attended the Congress and most of them spoke from the platform. In addition, there were messages from at least another 20 Communist Parties throughout the world, including the All-Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, who were unable to send fraternal delegates through financial and in some cases, political constrictions.

Unity then, is the way forward for all organizations that desire to see an end to the war-like threats of the three main centres of imperialist power and from their sycophantic supporters. An International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People could make an important contribution to the fight for peace; for the restoration of socialism in those countries whose peoples, having once experienced the benefits provided by a socialist society, imperfect though it may have been, are now experiencing the culture shock of living under raw capitalism, a system of society already decadent before they were conned into embracing it; for the liberation of all colonial peoples, including those where Britain and the United States have troops stationed; and, most important of all, for the advance towards socialism in the main metropolitan countries, without whose armed forces colonialism would collapse overnight.



## TWO CONGRESSES

The 11th Congress of the New Communist Party of Britain (NCP) met in London during the weekend of last December 5th and 6th. It met at a time when capitalism in crisis worldwide was seeking salvation through a series of aggressive imperialist blockades and threats of war. In his presidential address to the Congress, Eric Trevett said: "This crisis is proving to be a cauldron of capitalist instability. The objective factors necessitating revolution are maturing. The subjective factors – a working class equipped with

revolutionary leadership – has yet to be established."

Moving the main Political Resolution, Andy Brooks, the NCP's General Secretary, said: "Only the working class, winning state power by overthrowing the capitalist class, can achieve its emancipation." Later in his speech, he said: "It is working people and mass action that bring change."

One of the prerequisites for a successful outcome to the struggle for working class power is a united working class, not just in Britain but throughout the world. That, some headway in this respect, has been made in Britain, was evidenced by the presence, at the NCP Congress, of fraternal delegates from three other British Communist Parties. As the *New Worker* duly reported on December 12th: "The new formulation of progressive co-operation between the New Communist Party of Britain, the Communist Party of Britain, the Revolutionary Communist Party of

The time for a return to the principles of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin has come. In Britain, the New Labour Government has already revealed itself as a pillar of the establishment, threatening even the child-allowances of single parents and the allowances of the disabled as an alternative to taxing the rich. The Parliamentary Labour Party, with a few notable exceptions (these can be counted on the fingers of one hand) divide basically into three categories: the Old Labour Right, the New Labour Right, and the anti-Communist Left. Parliament, honed to perfection in the service of big business, has nothing to offer to the British working class, the poorest of whom are already beginning to take to the streets. The crying need now is for a Marxist-Leninist lead from a united Communist movement.

My message then, to the Fifth Congress of Northstar Compass, is to unite for peace and socialism. What are we waiting for? Let's do it.

— Ernie Trory



## FEATURE ANALYSIS

### THE IMPLICATIONS OF M.A.I.

By: George Hess

The Multilateral Agreement on Investment (M.A.I.) is a treaty that is being negotiated amongst the member states of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (O.E.C.D.). These negotiations have been ongoing since 1995 with virtually no publicity, no public input and no justification as to the need for same. In fact, as recently as last spring, members of the Canadian Government denied that such

deliberations were taking place. This leads one to ask – why the secrecy?

The truth is that what millions fought and died for in the last war and what Hitler failed to realize in World War II, world domination, is being accomplished not through the force of arms but by financial blackmail and coercion. What this treaty will accomplish is a world government, consisting of multinational corporations most of which will be American, that will have the power to dominate and dictate to freely elected governments what they can and cannot do. Nation states as we now know them will no longer exist nor will their borders. Governments will no longer have the right to regulate the extraction of their natural resources nor the protection of their ecology. For the first time in history, foreign corporations will have the right to sue and otherwise deal with foreign governments without going through their own national governments. While foreign corporations will have the right to prosecute governments, foreign governments will be denied this right.

Tony Clarke, president of the Polaris Institute and author of *The Silent Coup: Confronting the Big Business Take-over of Canada*, is quoted in the daily *Hamilton Spectator* as saying, that “few people are aware that transnational corporations are emerging as corporate states and working to promote advantageous trade agreements and legislation”. He goes on to say that “they have become political machines in order to shape public policy” (in their favour). He is also quoted as predicting that hospitals that are

now being closed in Canada will re-open in a few years run for profit by large transnational health-care businesses.

David Orchard, president of *Citizens Concerned About Free Trade*, in his remarks to the St. Lawrence Forum on November 18, 1997 in Toronto, traced the origins of free trade as follows:

“The Americans – i.e., American Capital – found in the late 1970’s and early 1980’s that they were unable to realize their aspirations through the existing General Agreement on Trade and Tarriff (G.A.T.T.) treaty. They, therefore, entered into a free trade agreement with first of all, Israel, then Canada, and later, with Mexico. hey are now extending this agreement to include all the member states of the O.E.C.D. In this fashion, they are attempting to dominate and subjugate the world one country at a time. National governments will be unable to regulate the extraction of their natural resources such as was the case with the national energy policy instituted by Canada to regulate the petroleum extraction industry. Central banks, through which governments regulate finances in their individual countries will be eliminated. Governments will no longer be able to accord preferential treatment to their national businesses nor will they be able to insist that local people be hired by a foreign company.”

Orchard cited one example in which the government of Ontario, under the past premier Bob Rae, wanted to institute a government-run auto insurance policy, and was threatened by an American insurance company, State Farm, with a \$1.3 billion suit for damages under the free trade agreement, should it institute this insurance. The Ontario Government was therefore forced to abandon this project. While not all

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aspects of this complex document have been finalized, consensus has solidified on the inclusion of the so-called investor-to-state dispute resolution process which will be used in the implementation of the foregoing examples. Not only will corporations be able to sue when their interests are threatened as described above, but if a government was, for example, to create a crown corporation which would result in the loss of profits by a corporation in another country, that corporation will then have the right to sue and collect damages from the government in question. In short, elected governments will be regulated by transnational corporations who are elected by no one and responsible only to their shareholders, many of whom may not even live in the country that is being regulated. One might ask – is this the democracy for which we all aspire? □

## WHO WAS CHE?

**WHO WERE HIS FRIENDS?  
WHAT DID HE DO?  
WHAT DID HE FIGHT FOR?  
HOW DID HE BECOME CHE?**

**By: Jesse Light  
with Great Humility**

Che was born in Rosario, Argentina on June 14, 1928, a month premature. Later, the family moved to Aha Gracia, Cordoba, Argentina. The cleaner air and fragrance of coniferous trees better suited their lovely child, Che. His father is Ernesto Guevara Lynch, and his mother is Celia de la Serna. Che was the oldest of five siblings.

Che's name as a young boy was Tête. On May 2, 1930, his parents took him for a dip in a pool. Tête started to cough and wheeze. His parents rushed him to a hospital. They found Tête had asthma.



His parents had thousands of books at home. His fellow students would come to read books that even their school did not have. Che read Marx, Engels, Lenin, Kropotkin, Bakunin. He also read Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, Victor Hugo and Jules Verne. Che loved poetry very much. He wrote some as well.

From 1945-51, Che studied at Medical School in Buenos Aires. In 1951-52, Che travelled with his older friend Alberto Granado all through South America, treating people with leprosy. Che completed a 6 year course in 3 years, and became a doctor. On December 24, 1953, Che arrived in Guatemala and met Antonio Nico Lopez, who told Che about Fidel's vision.

In Guatemala, Che got to see the aggressive American intervention in a foreign country – American Imperialism right in front of his eyes. The best president ever elected in Guatemala was Jacobo Arbenz Guzman.

Sam Zemurray, the man who ran the United Fruit Co., owned all the Telephone and Telegraph Facilities, controlled the only port, had a fleet of 50 white freighters to ship his goods, owned almost all the railroads, and 50% of the best farmland in Guatemala. So Arbenz, buying some cropland back from Sam, made him feel bad. So Sam called a few friends of his in the U.S.A. Almost all of them had shares in United Fruit. His friends were

John Foster Dulles – Secretary of State, Allen Dulles – Head of the CIA, Walter Bedell Smith – Under-Secretary of State, General Robert Cutler – Head of the National Security Council, Thomas G. Corcoran – CIA Operative, even the American UN Ambassador had shares in United Fruit. Talk about a conspiracy, here it is! Talk about conflict of interest! What do the best and brightest of Princeton and Harvard care when dollars are all that are worshipped?

In March 1953, the CIA and United Fruit offered bribe money to high ranking officers in Guatemala. The CIA also offered bribe money in a Swiss Bank to Arbenz. He rejected it. The CIA cut credit, oil and goods to Guatemala and paid for over 200 articles of lie in newspapers. CIA/USA distributed over 100,000 copies of anti-Communist leaflets, 27,000 anti-Communist cartoons and posters. Played pro-American films for free at the cinemas. The CIA used Frances Cardinal Spellman to tell Archbishop Mariano Rossell Arellano of Guatemala to preach to the very religious Guatemalans that there is a devil called "Communism" and to fight it. The CIA planted weapons that they claimed came from outside Communist countries. The CIA also had a propaganda radio station called "Voice of Liberation".

On June 15, 1954, Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered the Coup de grâce. On June 26, the CIA supplied their bought troops with US airplanes and pilots. One US pilot dropped some bombs on Honduras. The CIA blamed it on Arbenz, while the National Palace was attacked from US airplanes. The CIA had speakers on the roof of the US Embassy in Guatemala. It broadcasted sounds of a great war to scare the people. On June 27, Jacobo Arbenz, fearing the wrath of the CIA on his people, stood down as president.

Castillo Armas, the new puppet president, care of the CIA, now started torturing and killing thousands of people. There was a hit list for 72,000-100,000 people. All 7 top union leaders were murdered. 75% of the population was banned from voting. All opposition newspapers were closed. All subversive books were burnt – even Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables". Allen Dulles wanted people hiding in foreign embassies tortured and killed. Armas did not get to it. In an Argentine Embassy was a young 25 year old Argentine doctor named Ernesto "Che" Guevara. His first wife, Hilda Gade, whom he met in Guatemala, said, "up to that point, he was merely a sniper. From here on, he was convinced that the struggle

with an end to racism. In 1895, Marti and 6,000 rebels landed in several places in eastern Cuba. Sadly, he was killed in the battle of Dos Rios in May 19, 1895. The American ship SS – Main sat in Havana Harbour while they claimed it was blown up by a Spanish Mine. We all know today that the explosion came from within the ship.

On April 25, 1898, the Spanish-American War began. The war included the Philippines, Guam, Puerto Rico and Cuba. In 1899, the Americans had a new flag flying in Cuba, with the Red, White, and Blue plus one star of the United States. The new colonial power detested the Cubans. In 1901, the Platt Amendment gave the United States the right to intervene in Cuba's

foreign and local corporations, even from the American Mafia kingpin, named Meyers Lansky.

On September 21, 1954, Che fled for his life from Guatemala to Mexico City. In June 1955, Nico Lopez set a meeting between Che and Fidel's brother, Raul Castro. In July 1955, Che talked with Fidel all day long. He made such a great impression on Che that he joined as the third member of the July 26 Movement. Now, Che was with Fidel who knew that if Americans with all their churches took Cuba by the gun and not prayer, then Fidel must take Cuba back by the gun and not prayer.

On November 25, 1956, 82 guerillas, including Che, left Mexico on the Granma. They set soil for



against Yankee Imperialism must be an armed one, supported by the people".

José Marti was burning with hate of colonialism in Cuba. He wanted his country to be 100% independent. He was exiled and went to New York and Florida. Marti organized Cubans in America under C.R.P. – the Cuban Revolutionary Party. As much as he wanted independence, he also equally wanted social and economic justice

affairs. Before the war, US interests controlled 15% of Cuba's sugar cane industry. After the war, it leaped to 75%. From the 1902 election of Tomás Estrada Palma to Bastias flight of January 1, 1959, all presidents kowtowed to the interests of the United States. Batista was close to John Foster Dulles. Nobody spoke against Batista. If you did, you would be hanging from a tree in Havana. Eulgenio Batista was ruthless. He took bribe money from

Cuba. Che copied a poem by Pablo Neruda and took it with him, named "Farewell". On December 2, 1956, the Granma reached Los Colorades Beach in Oriente Province, Cuba. Most of the guerillas were killed or captured by a surprise attack by Batista's troops. Che was wounded. On December 21, 1956, only 15 of 82 guerillas united after hiding from Batista's troops. They now went to the Sierra Maestra Mountains where they started



building their Guerilla Movement.

On May 27–28, 1957, guerillas captured Batista's army garrison in the Battle of El Uvero. In July 1957, Che became a Commander of a Second Column. On August 31, 1958, Che led an invasion in Los Villas Province. On December 28, 1958, Che began the battle of Santa Clara, the capital of Los Villas. On January 1, 1959, Batista fled Cuba. On January 8, 1959, Fidel Castro entered Havana to a huge crowd of cheers. On February 9, 1959, Che is declared a Cuban citizen. On October 7, 1959, Che was head of the Department of Industry of the National Institute of Agrarian Reform. On November 26, 1959, Che is appointed president of the National Bank of Cuba. In July – October, Cuba nationalized all major foreign and domestic banks and corporations. On April 17–19, 1961, United States invaded Cuba, using Cuban born troops trained in America and US client countries. They were defeated in 72 hours. By Castro wanting missiles after being attacked made America think this man is not to be bought or intimidated. This man was a Hero, Fidel Castro.

On October 28, 1962, Soviet Premier Khrushchev agreed to remove Soviet missiles if USA pledged not to invade Cuba again. On December 9, 1964, Che left to speak at the United Nations and visited some African countries. On March 14, 1964, Che came back to Cuba. On April 1, 1965, Che delivered a farewell letter to Fidel Castro. He left Cuba to help Belgian Congo (now Zaire). He entered through Tanzania using a cover name Tatú, Swahili for #2. On October 3, 1965, Castro publicly read Che's letter of farewell.

On November 4, 1966, Che arrived in Bolivia in disguise, with a cover name. From March 23 to October 8, 1967, Che's guerillas

battled with Bolivian troops. They tried at the same time to educate the Bolivians about justice and equality they deserve as human beings. On October 4, 1967, a deserter led the Bolivian army to Che's stash of weapons, ammunition, secret documents and the medicine for his asthma. On October 8, 1967, 17 guerillas and Che were trapped by Bolivian troops. They captured Che. On October 9, 1967, Che and two of his men were murdered.

Richard Bissell, head of the CIA 1958–62, said "From time to time, individuals would appear on the scene, and it would be very important to have them disappear from the scene".

John Tilton, CIA Chief of Station in Bolivia 1966–68, said "The operation to locate and capture if possible Che Guevara was a CIA Operation, run by the station (CIA) with the co-operation in the field of Bolivians".

Felix Rodriguez worked for the CIA. He had fought at the "Bay of Pigs". Rodriguez was the man who caught and murdered Che with Bolivian soldiers. Che was wounded and tied in a Bolivian school with two of his guerillas. Felix Rodriguez said "He was laying down on the floor, in a dirty floor. His hands were tied to his back, and his clothes were torn". Rodriguez waited for orders while photographing captured documents, like Che's diary. Felix Rodriguez said "while photographing the diary, a telephone call came from the room behind me. It was the call that gave the order 500, 600. 500 was Che. 600 was to execute him. I took the call." He continued: "So I came over into the room where he [Che] was. And he was sitting on the bench ... He [Che]

looked at me [Rodriguez] and said ... 'I should have never been captured alive!' And I [Rodriguez] went to where Tehran was and said Saliento shoot him from here down, don't shoot from here up (the neck), because this man is supposed to die from combat wounds. And he said [Saliento the soldier] Si mi Capitan, Si Mi Capitan. I understand that he borrowed an M2 Carbine from a Lieutenant Paris who was in the area. And I left. It was one o'clock in the afternoon when I left there. At 1:10 p.m. Bolivian time, I heard the shots. I looked at my watch and took note that that was the time when Che was killed."

John Tilton, CIA Chief of Station in Bolivia 1966–68, said "It made him look like a martyr, because laid out on a stone slab, pale, and long dirty hair. He bore an eerie, ghostly resemblance to Jesus Christ. Which was picked up by some people. And it was not good publicity, it was not good propaganda, for the operation of his demise."

When I was in Cuba, I met a man that worked with Proctor & Gamble before the revolution, and after, was "Director of Exports". He knew Che. My friend's name is Miguel A. Pria Grosó. He told me Che did much hard work. He always ate with the workers in factories. He always did what was on his mind. A man of action. He had no thoughts of why should I risk my life for others. He was always the first to volunteer. Before Che went to Bolivia, he was in disguise at table near his wife to see if she would recognize him. Che's wife was with their baby daughter. The little girl fell and Che rushed and picked her up to see if she was all right and kissed her. Then the little girl turned to her mom and said Mom, mom see that man (she pointed to Che but the mother did not recognize him) that man loved me, mama! □

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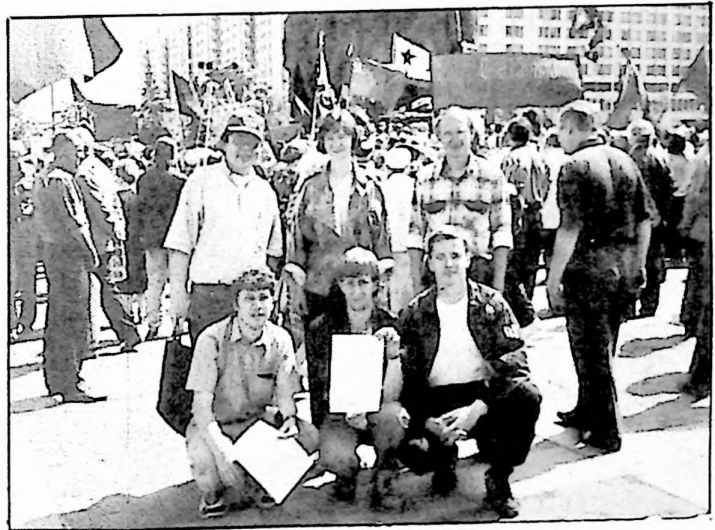
# LETTERS FROM ABROAD

## From: Kharkov, UKRAINE

Dear Canadian Friends of Soviet People! Dear "Northstar Compass!":

I was very very very happy to receive your letter as an answer to my letter, which I had sent to you! I was also very happy to know that I shall receive each issue of Northstar Compass! And I will certainly, from time to time, write analytical articles for NSC. I'm preparing 2 large analytical articles, and I guess I'll send them in my next letter.

Again, I would like to say that I was very happy to get your letter from Canada! This matter is even more wonderful, because here, in Ukraine, Canada was and is well described as the country of huge Ukrainian diaspora, but this diaspora is described as a great number of



*Above, we publish a photo of Peter and some others taken from the March On Moscow. □*

Ukrainian nationalists, but as far as I know, previously, during many years, the Ukrainian diaspora in Canada was divided in 2 parts. One of them was anti-Soviet, nationalistic one, and the other was pro-Soviet, the communist one. Is that true?

In this letter, I'm sending you 2 sets of snapshots. The first one, I made this summer during my participating in the "Rally To Moscow"; and the second one, I photographed on November 7, 1997 when I was in Moscow. I think these snaps will be of some interest to you. The backside of these pictures, I have written various explanations and comments.

As for the situation with present Ukrainian (as well as Russian) youth, I must say that most of young people in the former USSR lost any ideals – they don't believe anybody, and mostly they think of socialism as of something which was in the past. They don't take seriously any words concerning socialism, communist and labour movement and so on. There are certainly radical political groups of youth and youth sections in different left-wing parties, they are not so numerous. Nevertheless, the situation is not so critical – in the big cities, there appear radical Marxist young groups. For example, in Moscow, the great number of punks were involved in anarchist movement and some of them later on joined the new Revolutionary Communist Union of Youth (Bolshevik), which is, in general, the youth organization of RCWP. By the way, I may say that radical political punk-rock is very popular among ex-Soviet young communists and other radical leftists. Such acts like "The Sex Pistols", "The Clash", "Dead Kennedys" and Russian punk-group Grazdanskaya Oborona are very popular among the new Soviet counter-culture.

As for my other hobby, I can name sports. I'm fond of wrestling, and for 3 times a week, I take the sambo wrestling classes (This kind of wrestling was invented by Russian revolutioner-Bolshevik Spiridonov in 1920's and is a mixture of national types of wrestling of various nations of the USSR). But unfortunately, sports is now very poorly financed compared to the Soviet times.



Above, we publish a photo of Peter and some others taken from the March On Moscow. □

In conclusion, I must write that I'm very ashamed to get issues of NSC without paying any money at all, and so, in this letter, I send you \$5 US, which is my donation to sustaining fund.

Maybe that's all I would like to write you in this letter.

– With Best Communist Wishes and hoping to get some reply, Peter Krasnopyorov

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**From:  
Cheshire, ENGLAND**

I'm subscribing to our friends who were active in the British-Soviet Friendship Society and Soviet

Weekly newspaper ... they love Northstar Compass!

Once again, congratulations on the first class content of NSC. Considering it is compiled and produced by voluntary labour makes it even more remarkable.

Keep it going, comrades!

– Clifford F. Roe

*We certainly will, Cliff ... jointly, we shall overcome!* □

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**From Newspaper:  
"YUNKOM"  
Kiev, UKRAINE**

Dear Friends:

Because of "Northstar Compass", we in Ukraine are able to know what other publications are being published in former Soviet Union, since there's no possibility for small newspapers or movements to get this information.

We depend on Northstar Compass!

– Svetlana Fedorova

Editor □

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**From Newspaper:  
"SOVIET YOUTH"  
Briansk, RUSSIA**

We receive "Northstar Compass" and in return, we send from time to time our newspaper.

Unfortunately, we cannot come to the conference, I'm only 18 years old and am one of the youngest Editors of a Communist newspaper on the territory of the USSR. I shall be grateful to study your Conference materials. I wish you success!

– Vladimir Panikhin

Editor of the newspaper which is a regional organ of young Bolsheviks

*We certainly are proud of your accomplishments and we do wish you success. There's a need for more such young Bolsheviks as you are!* □

**From:**  
**East Sussex, GREAT BRITAIN**

Please find enclosed \$50 towards NSC fund drive. Thank you for the videos and I shall be sending you more information regarding Monument to Soviet Soldiers that we're preparing to erect here. Plus ... can send you interesting videos that we garnered from BBC.

I'm being asked to come to your conference by my friends – hope to see you all there.

– Albert G. Williams

*We certainly hope to see you at the Conference to bring us news of this great undertaking of a Monument to Soviet heroes.* □

**NEWS FROM  
U.S. FRIENDS OF  
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**From:**  
**Cosmopolis, WA., USA**

Dear Michael:

Now that the postal strike is over, I'm sending NSC \$1,000 U.S. in honour of the 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution!, and the unforgettable Vladimir I. Lenin!

I appeal to others to put their money where their mouth is!

I asked PWW (Peoples' Weekly World) why they did not accept the "NSC" May Day greetings in their newspapers – but no reply!

– Lydia S. Karhu

*As always Lydia, your young age and energy and dedication is setting an example for our future revolutionaries. May you live to be 100 years young.* □

**From:**  
**Boston, USA**

Dear Friends:

Recently, I had a long open letter addressed to you and Northstar Compass by the MLKP of Turkey. As a relatively new and enthusiastic member of the Northstar Compass Editorial Board, I am concerned that we take to heart the fraternal criticism raised in the letter by serious and sincere anti-imperialist and revolutionary fighters – that we embrace the valid points and reject or correct that which is not valid.

First of all, I believe MLKP is mistaken in describing Northstar Compass as a "revolutionary journal". Rather, Northstar Compass is a pro-revolutionary, pro-Soviet journal; that is, it is a supporter of the Russian Revolution and its legacy and of Soviet restoration. This is a continuation of the traditional mission of the Canadian "Hands Off Russia" committee beginning in 1918 in the context of today's conditions in the former USSR, in Canada and the world.

However, even given this correction, I believe the core of the criticism offered by MLKP is correct. Namely, much more space in the pages of Northstar Compass could have, and should have, been devoted to the May-July '96 death fast and hunger strike in Turkish dungeons. As a letter correctly points out, "... much less important events ... even letters take ... much more space ..."

MLKP movingly cites the great Dimitrov, Bulgarian communist leader of the world anti-fascist struggle in World War II, as follows: "Such worthy examples of proletarian heroism must be popularized, must be contrasted

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with the manifestations of faint-heartedness, Philistinism, and every kind of rottenness and frailty in our ranks and the ranks of the working class. These examples must be used most extensively in educating the cadres of the workers' movement." (Georgi Dimitrov, *Selected Works*, Volume 2, p. 117)

MLKP points out: "Here, you have a fresh example and an irrefutable proof of the vitality of the cause of revolution from a country, where communists, national liberation fighters and anti-fascists are defying militantly a blood-thirsty and militaristic state in all fields of life; in the streets, at the factories, at the barricades and under torture, in dungeons and at court."

I am enthusiastic about Northstar Compass being a strong support for revolutionary forces in the tradition of the Soviet Union. We need to look for ways to support and encourage revolutionary work. This, in turn, will support and encourage our readers and advance the cause of the restoration of socialism in the former USSR.

– With Fraternal Regards,  
Ray O. Light  
Editorial Board member

*Policy of NSC, we're certain, will be discussed and changed to reflect the international character of the journal. Criticism is well taken and noted.* □

**From:**  
**Chicago, USA**

Enclosed is a \$100 donation and a very Happy New Year to all of you, as my subscription to NSC until the year 2001!

– Nick Anagnostopoulos

*We thank you Nick and we are very happy about your optimism for Northstar Compass. We certainly will not disappoint you and will be publishing even after the year 2001!* □



## LETTERS

**From:**  
**Toronto, ONT.**

Dear Comrades!

I enjoy reading NSC very much. It is like a light at the end of a dark tunnel. You're doing an excellent job.

– Frank Trampus

*We shall keep the light shining!* □

**From:**  
**Guelph, ONT.**

Dear Editorial Board:

A request from you Michael regarding the debt that we are finding ourselves, and the plea to help NSC in this dilemma, I'm donating finances towards keeping Northstar Compass being published and to have a successful Conference in February.

– Dr. A.J. Thut

*We hope that all of our readers will remember that Dr. A. J. Thut, our Honorary Chairman, a great friend of Soviet people, a great humanitarian and a great believer in justice for the people – always since our inception, gave us help when we desperately needed it.*

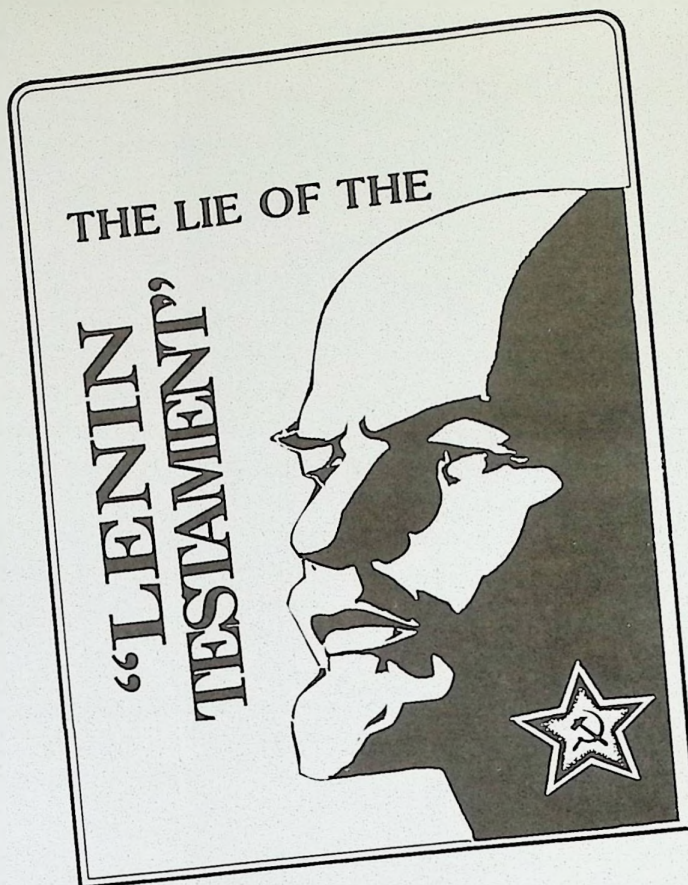
*We hope that Dr. Thut, in his 94 years of energy (he practices medicine everyday) shall live to a ripe old age of 102, like our founder Dr. H.A. Lowrie, who founded the "Hands Off Russia Committee" in 1918.* □

**From:**  
**Cowley, B.C.**

Am enclosing a \$50 donation towards the Conference, and although I shall not be able to attend, I'm certain that it will be a great success.

– Michael M. Verigin

*Yes, your donations (as others) will help us defray the costs.* □



Trotskyites, in order to discredit Stalin, have made several serious allegations. These of course began with Trotsky himself, as he jockeyed to gain control of the CPSU(B) after the death of Lenin. One of the most influential distortions of the truth, has been Trotsky's claim that before his death, Lenin had warned the party that Stalin should be removed from party leadership, and replaced by Trotsky. This lie still has currency, and is referred to as the so called - Lenin Testament . It is accompanied by the claims that Stalin subverted Lenin's plans for the party, and acted with gross megalomania. We will examine this spurious claim in detail here. Three recent articles when taken together, we argue, will allow us to do this.

We believe, these articles should force the unbiased reader to reject the Trotskyite claim. North Star Compass feels that it is necessary, to present the real facts regarding these documents. The documents have circulated now for over 70 years, and have been promoted, circulated, falsified and used as one of the main weapons against the USSR, Stalin and Socialism. This particular lie - the so called Lenin Testament , has been published in practically all known languages of the world. It has been well nurtured, affecting numerous communist and progressives movements in one form or another. The dissemination of the lie was part of a conscious attempt to defame Stalin and the development of Socialism In One Country.

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