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**BLOOD
OF SOVIET
PEOPLE ...**

55 DAYS
LEFT TO
GET RID OF
THIS BUTCHER!

EDITORIAL

RUSSIANS WANT USSR BACK

From news items in many newspapers, plus our E-mail Fax messages from Moscow reveal the following:

"Russia's Communist-led Duma demanded the restoration of the Soviet Union on March 15th and blamed Yeltsin for the country's disintegration.

Yeltsin called the resolution
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PEPPER
ON WRY**

By: Frank Ray Davis

ONE CHOICE IS NO CHOICE:

Yeltsin warned his countrymen that if they want to see progress in their land, they'd better vote for him. "There simply is no other way."

Those poor Russians are even worse off than we thought! □

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All translations from Russian, Byelorussian, Ukrainian, Czech and Slovak by Michael Lucas.

meaningless and other former Soviet Republics dismissed it as a campaign propaganda for the June presidential election.

The resolution was approved by 250-98 with no abstentions.

This resolution's approval by a large margin demonstrates the Communists' growing clout.

But the legal staff of Russia's Constitutional Court said the vote has no legal impact since it was only a resolution; in any case, the President has overwhelming authority to overturn parliament's actions."

The latest news from Moscow is that Yeltsin's government demands that the Duma rescind their vote. Edward Sheverdnadze, President of Georgia (a traitor of the highest order) told Western news media that this could mean "a return to a totalitarian regime".

Several members in Yeltsin's cabinet demanded that the election should be called off unless the Duma revokes its call.

Yeltsin is determined to avoid a major clash with the Duma, which he said could "lead to a Yugoslavia-like scenario, only on a Russian scale."

Former Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi and Victor Anpilov, endorsed Zyuganov this week.

PRE-ELECTION MANOUVRES BY YELTSIN

In headlines in the Toronto Star and other newspapers in USA and England, which state that "Defence boss faces axe in bid to save Yeltsin", the stories all point to the fact that Yeltsin is changing tactics weeks before June presidential elections in Russia.

Firing Pavel Grachev as the unpopular Defense Minister may appease some voters but it might be too late. Grachev was hand-picked by Yeltsin and he has been the bloody tyrant against the White

House in Moscow when he ordered tanks and artillery to bombard this Supreme Soviet building, with thousands deaths that are still unaccounted for. He is also the mastermind behind the bloody war in Chechniya.

Oleg Lobov, another Kremlin hawk, is rumoured also to be fired. There will be more manouvres, more deals made by Yeltsin and his Western backers in order to save Yeltsin's bacon, and if that will not be possible, the West will put all their eggs into a basket of someone else whom they already have in their pocket!

To the International Monetary Fund it is necessary to have their "man in place" to win, even if that candidate will pretend to be pro-socialist during the pre-election campaign. The West will not simply give up without a struggle, both covert and overt.

There is also the chance that Yeltsin will postpone the elections.

ONLY 55 DAYS LEFT FOR THE SOVIET PEOPLE TO GATHER THEIR COLLECTIVE STRENGTH. IT'S EITHER SOCIALISM OR REVOLUTION!

OUR COMMENT:

Northstar Compass has stated the fact over and over again that Yeltsin will not accept Duma's pressure or the will of the people! The foreign powers that are behind Yeltsin will not allow him to do this!

Besides ... the above news item is correct that the vote was on a "resolution" only of 250-98. A question should be asked as to why the CPRF and its leader Zyuganov, when preparing for this vote, why did they did not ask for a vote of no confidence, which would have had more legal authority than just a resolution. Or why did the communist forces not prepare this question as a Legislative Bill, which in essence would be binding?

A perfect opportunity was missed to undermine the authority of the present regime.

The working class plus the progressive movement of the world awaits as to what will transpire on June 16 elections for the president of Russia. This opportunity by the anti-Yeltsin forces cannot be missed this time to throw out of office the present usurpers of power. Since the people of Russia in their wisdom seem to think that the powers that be will go away peacefully through "democratic elections", then this opportunity must be played out to its bitter end. But ... do not hold your breath too long, because Yeltsin can cancel the election or he could again call in the tanks and cannons to bombard the Duma as he did in 1993!

We just hope that Zyuganov and his allies are playing their cards close to their chests! This is a deadly game! □

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

NOTICE!

Due to the extreme importance of publishing pre-election information about Russia, many sections of NSC in this issue are left out due to space.

We apologize to our writers, readers and foreign readers who keep us supplied with interesting letters and materials for not being able to include them in this present issue.

In the May issue of NSC, most of these sections and articles will appear.

– Editorial Committee
NSC □

THE REAL FACE OF CAPITALISM!

We publish this photograph and story in order that our friends and readers in former Soviet Union and other previous socialist countries who maybe are mesmerized by the "Western democratic ideals of freedom" to take a close look at the photograph and story!

Capitalist law enforcement, wherever they may be, including Russia, Ukraine and other former Soviet Republics – they are the SAME – they protect the capitalist ruling class in every aspect. Those Soviet people that have been brainwashed for over 40 years in anti-Stalinism, anti-communism and have been under the constant covert and overt influence of the Western "Agents of Influence", should realize

that Capitalism is ready, willing, capable and more and more brazen in putting down any protest by people, be they trade unions fighting for their job security; civil servants wanting to safeguard their fellow workers from being let go after scores of years of service; students demanding lower tuition fees and job creation; people protesting against injustices in the criminal code, NAFTA, Free Trade or other ills of capitalism – all these people CANNOT BY ANY STRETCH OF IMAGINATION be called Communists! Most of them probably voted for the government in power now, thinking that "democracy" is for everyone – the rich, the poor and the unemployed.

These people had a rude awakening!

They have learned that

capitalism, wherever it may be, is the same. The police enforcement is to keep these present politicians, who defend these transnational corporations in power, at all costs.

So, what you see in the photograph, in front of the Government Legislature in Toronto, Ontario, can be repeated all over the capitalist world – which at this time includes Russia, Ukraine and other former Soviet Republics!

We feel that this question in Toronto, Ontario, Canada is best summed up by a writer for Toronto Globe & Mail newspaper, Robert Sheppard, when he ended his article with these words:

"There are important questions. But surely there is an overriding one: What kind of Government that governs Ontario, think that it can govern in this way – from a bunker, behind a troop of anonymous,



black-armoured police, clubbing kindergarten teachers over the head?"

Our dear Soviet friends:

You had your own experience in 1993 when capitalist Yeltsin and the power structure behind him, showed Soviet people how they handle protests, democratically elected members of Soviet Parliament and Soviet patriots, who died in hundreds by tank and cannon fire. The order to kill these innocent people at the "White House" was given by Yeltsin-Grachev, the present "democrats" whom the capitalist West supports, even by plane loads of American Dollars, as NSC exposed in the last issue!

The order for this attack against peaceful demonstrators in Toronto, Ontario, Canada was given by the Premier of Ontario, a staunch conservative, reactionary politician fulfilling orders from some place else!

Scenes like these can be seen and witnessed in the capitalist countries where Northstar Compass is read!

June 16 in Russia is not far off! Soviet people should beware of what can happen if they take the decision to overthrow Yeltsin and his Western backers ... and be prepared to defend their future and their Motherland.

There is the capitalist class and there is a working class. No amount of covert or overt barrage of daily propoganda can hide this cardinal fact, either in the West or in Russia.

We are confident that Soviet people shall see through this murky scenario and make the right choice! □

MAY DAY GREETINGS
In Memory of My Father
GIUSEPPE RIGHI

ALDO RIGHI — Republic of San Marino

ITEMS FROM ABROAD

STOP THE PRESS!

Before we went to press, the following items reached our desk by E-Mail, Fax and letters.

BABURIN BACKS ZYUGANOV

Nationalist Sergei Baburin, after considerable vacillation, announced that his Russian All-People's Union will back Communist leader Zyuganov in the June presidential election. More than 70 organizations have now signed on to Zyuganov's "popular patriotic front". Meanwhile, former USSR President Mikhail Gorbachev turned in 1.4 million signatures to the Central Electoral Commission to register as a presidential candidate, Radio Rossia reported.

ARMENIAN COMMUNISTS NOMINATE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

A recent plenum of the Central Committee of the Armenian Communist Party nominated the party's senior secretary, Sergei Badalyan as its candidate for the September 21st presidential election.

U.S. AMBASSADOR CALLS FOR CLOSER TIES TO NATO BY THE CENTRAL ASIAN FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS

U.S. Ambassador to NATO Robert Hunter stated that NATO wants to step its cooperation with the former Soviet Republics. Reuters quoted him as saying that it is in Western interests to "reach out to these countries". He wants Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, who have joined

the "Partnership for Peace", but still have not sent in their military representatives to headquarters in Belgium.

HUNGARY REJECTS SLOVAK INTERPRETATION OF BASIC TREATY

Hungarian government on April 4 has warned Slovakia that their interpretations of territorial rights and treaties between the two countries is not correct. Hungarian Foreign Minister has warned Slovakia that the critical situation is here and must be resolved. Hungary claims large territory of Slovakia.

MILITARY LEADERSHIP MANOUVRES IN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Russian top brass is mixing into the elections heavily. The Yeltsin appointees led by First Deputy Defense Minister Andrei Kokoshkin, is seeking electoral support for Yeltsin from ranking officers by promising promotions and advancement in rank if the present president is elected. Present high ranking officers - led by General Mikhail Kolesnikov, Chief of General Staff - remain neutral in the hope of retaining their posts no matter who wins the election.

DUMA TO CONSIDER LOWERING THE VOTING AGE

The Liberal Democratic Party in league with Yeltsin wants to propose a Bill in the Duma to lower the voting age from 18 to 16. This move is a clear attempt to boost Yeltsin's electoral prospects since he has broader support among the young, while the Communist voters tend to be older.

JAPAN INCREASES ITS SHARE IN CASPIAN OIL CONSORTIUM

Japan's Itochu Oil Exploration Company has bought up the largest shares in the oil-rich Caspian Sea -

Azerbaijan. Now, it has the 3rd largest shares in the consortium after VBP, AMOCO, who own over 17% each.

The above items are from the Open Media Research Institute. This "Institute" is funded with money from sources that are not known but is not your pro-Soviet agency. Nevertheless, you can see by its items in our 18 page E-mail print-out that it is well-connected.

Just the number of items we picked out at random, the reader can see the intrigue, the skulduggery, the sell-out and outright robbery that is being perpetrated by the ruling clique that is in power now.

We just hope that the trust and support that is being given to Gennady Zyuganov as a Presidential candidate in June election will not be lost or thrown away. This is a situation from which there is no turning back!

The reactionary forces, headed by Yeltsin, IMF, CIA and NATO could have certain contingency plans up their sleeves in case they feel that the Communists really stand chance at a popular come back into power.

The future of Socialism-Soviet Union and the working class of the world is at stake now! □

**From Newspaper:
VOICE OF A COMMUNIST
MOSCOW**

**DON'T EXPECT
ZYUGANOV TO BE SOVIET!**

We tell many friends not to expect Zyuganov to be a Soviet or to promote the rebirth of the Soviet Union. The members of CPRF do not know into what kind of party they joined.

Average worker understands and knows what Yeltsin is and he does not need to be agitated as to whom not to vote for. The present economic-political situation is the best teacher.

The danger of Zyuganov and CPRF is that they hide under the Communist label, utilize Soviet slogans and under these "socialist slogans", will start building capitalism!

How can these "communist deputies" in the Duma work and bow to the three coloured flag of Yeltsin and his former hero Vlasov? Why don't they demand the resignation of Yeltsin?

My friends ask: "What kind of communists are they?"

Unfortunately for many, the word "communist" could be associated with the Russian Communist Workers Party; Communist Party of Russian Federation; Russian Communist

Party-CPSU; the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks and other smaller left wing parties and movements.

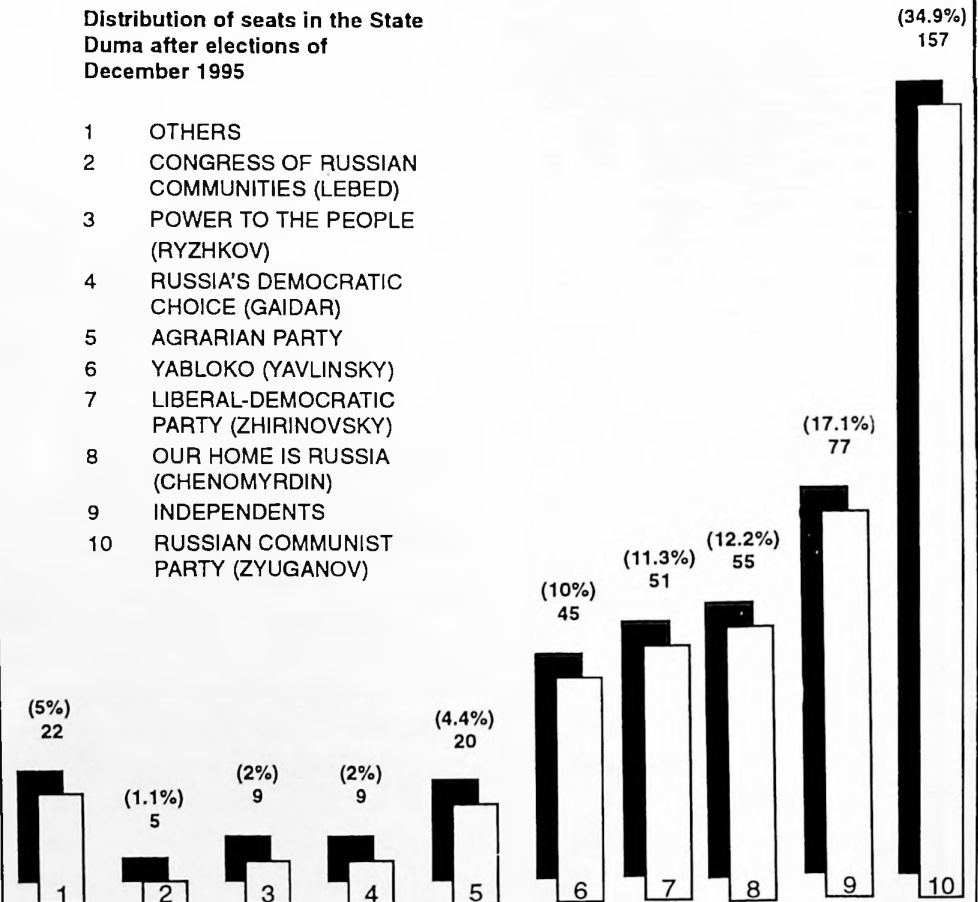
On top of all this, the present Yeltsin's media ignores all other communist parties while promoting without attacks only the CPRF, especially Zyuganov as the "best communist"! Why?

The answer is evident!

We have many sympathizers and members, dedicated patriots as the last election to the Duma showed us. Therefore, we must prepare ourselves for the upcoming bitter fight. The main aim is to unite all Communist parties into the Russian Communist Union! □

**From:
INFORMATION DIGEST
Society for Co-operation in Russia & Soviet Studies, Great Britain**

Below, we publish an interesting graph which shows the distribution of seats in the Russian State Duma, after December elections, 1995.



**NINA A.
ANDREEVA**



**From:
INFORMBUREAU OF AUCPB**

The decision of the Duma on March 15 in which they do not recognize the dismemberment of the USSR that was taken by the Supreme Soviet of Russian Republic on December 12, 1991, was welcomed by the Soviet people.

The All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks right from the beginning criticized the Belovezh Agreement as an anti-peoples traitorous act which saw the dismemberment of the USSR. In August of 1994, on the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of this act, we became the initiators of a meeting – protest in Byelovezh where this infamous agreement was signed.

The participants in this meeting – representatives of Marxist-Leninist parties and movements – that were existing on the territory of former Soviet Union at that time, that they do not accept this act and condemn it as against the will of the Soviet people, which was shown during the March 17, 1991 referendum where the majority of Soviet people voted to completely ignore this traitorous act that was adopted by leaders without the consent of the people.

Together with this, the AUCPB states that in the present situation of the dictatorship of Yeltsin and company, parliamentary decision or vote has no strength to change the present situation. The road towards the rebirth of the USSR is only one. This is the road of a socialist revolution in Russia and in other former republics.

We always stated and will state: NO – to political integration on capitalist terms! Yeltsin, Kuchma, Nazarbaev, Petrosian, Sheverdnadze and other representatives of the right bourgeois elite. They are not the ones to decide the fate of Soviet people.

In order to achieve our goal – the resurrection of the USSR – there is no alternative to socialism and can never be! The attempts of present renegades such as Zyuganov and today's leaders who try to associate themselves with Zyuganov, as Anpilov, to depart from a principled understanding of integration according to Yeltsin's tactics, will not succeed because this will be against our Socialist Motherland!

Soviet people will not allow the illusionists of the present Duma to dislodge it from the socialist path of the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

Long live the Socialist Revolution!

Leningrad

□

**From Newspaper:
UNITY
Orel, Russia**

FUTURE OF RUSSIAN YOUTH

**By: Professor A.A. Larkin
Doctor of Economics**

Youth – is not a class, it's a social demographic group, being part individually of that or other class of people. Youth is looked upon as from 14-16-25 years of age. Youth comprises about 20% of any given population.

In 1994, the youth census produced the following figure in Russia: 24.8 million which represented about 17% of the total population. With absolute lack of work and future perspective, the

youth of Russia is becoming to represent the 5th grade of development as is now in Colombia, South America – where youth is forced into narcotics, while the youth of workers has no possibility of attaining schooling ... thus, becoming servants, slaves to foreign owners.

This produces a catastrophic situation, which in actual terms means that over 40 million Russians, mostly young people, cannot afford to have children! Such terrible conditions Russia did not experience even in the darkest periods of our history, even in ancient times. This is now the result of raw, wild capitalism that is forced on the former Soviet people.

If the situation is allowed to continue in the present course of events, then there will be a split in the young generation; maybe 2-3% becoming capitalists, 1.5% will become the new intelligentsia catering to the new bourgeoisie, while another 1% will circle around the new "ruling class" as helpers!

The remaining 93% of young people will become the workers, working for minimum wages on behalf of the transnational corporations who will utilize these 93% as a cheap labour force to produce the goods.

This is being promoted and instituted even now in schools. They are taught idealistic philosophy, market economy, eclectic politology, all according to American produced textbooks. Dialectics, Marxism-Leninism, workers movements, socialism and class struggle is absolutely forbidden.

The irony of all of this is this fact – the teachers and professors are the same ones that previously were teaching our youth the truth of dialectics, socialism and mankind

living in a socialist environment! These former "teachers-professors" are forced to teach these philosophies in order to be able to make a living for their families – otherwise, they're out of a job!

In conclusion, the future is extremely bleak for 1996, if no radical change takes place. Foreign loans on which Yeltsin depends, in turn, depends on the dictates of IMF and the policy of making certain that 95% of youth – future working hands become cheap labour reserves for monopolists of the world ... seeking cheap labour in order to undermine the trade unions in capitalist countries who, through bitter struggles, have managed to organize the working class for better wages and better working conditions.

With capitalism going from crisis to crisis, the only salvation for them is to find new markets, new cheap labour in order to undercut other monopolists of the world!

Even Yeltsin himself was forced to admit that most of the Russian people are in a terrible economic situation. The most deprived and the poorest section of the population is the youth.

In Capitalist Russia, we cannot have a normal life or opportunity for the people, because more than 54% of industrial potential is in foreign hands, while educational apparatus is 78% in foreign hands. More than 43% of the total economic life of our country is in the hands of foreigners.

Russian youth, forget about any illusions of foreign help and bourgeois ideology! Wake up! Organize! Your future is in your hands! □

**GET YOUR FRIENDS
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NORTHSTAR COMPASS!**

From Magazine: RUSSIAN LIFE Formerly, "Soviet Life"

We received the following from our reader/member Nick Verigin Castlegar, B.C. As Nick stated in his letter: "Remember this magazine now is very anti-communist!"

- "Since November 1992, the Russian population has been decreasing, due to falling living standards. Last year, it fell by 1.7 million. Particularly alarming is the lowest life expectancy since World War II amongst men – only 57.3 years. This is 15-19 years lower than Germany, USA, France or Japan."

- "Reading slide continues. Subscriptions to periodicals fell by 20% per each half year. This is also the same with newspapers, which is due to costs and decreasing interest in the present government news media. 'Arguments and Facts' before (during Soviet times – Editors) had over 30 million subscribers alone."

"USSR was a country of more readers than any other per population for all sorts of newspapers, magazines, periodicals and books."

- "Russians are now turning away from present films being produced. They're turning to films produced in 1950's, 1960's and pre-Second World War films."

- "Wages in 1995 averaged only \$124.00 per month."

- "This year's harvest is predicted to be the worst in close to 40 years."

- "Although the official poverty line is \$62.95 per month, the consumer prices are in line with those of Washington, D.C., USA." □

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NEWS FROM THE CZECH AND SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Postmark Praha reports that: The court case in which the Communist Party of the Czech republic (KSCM) is fighting an eviction order to evict it from its Central Committee building in Prague has been referred back to the court of the first instance. This will mean that the struggle which was the subject of international protest will have to begin all over again from square one.

Papers have been filed with the state prosecution service charging The Communist Union of Youth with chanting "long live the Communist Union of Youth", during its Anti-NATO, and Anti-EU march.

The Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (KSCM) is setting up a committee to defend victims of anti-communist trials to be identified by the acronym VONOS. It will provide aid to those prosecuted by the likes of Vaclav Benda, head of the Interior Ministry (UVD). A close friend and associate of fascist dictator Pinochet of Chile, Br. Benda is reported as engaged in preparing several show trials of former Communist officials designed to embarrass the KSCM in the upcoming May elections. KSCM is the strongest opposition that the ruling right wing coalition now has. Miroslav Grebenicek, chairperson of KSCM, is appealing to prominent world figures and international organizations regarding the flagrant disregard of human and civil rights manifested in the purging of up to 70% of the police, judges, prosecutors, professors, etc., and the abolition of the constitutional right to a job. Grebenicek further charges that the Romanies minority in

Czechoslovakia has been made homeless in their own country having been denied citizenship.

The Communist Party of Slovakia (KSS) is experiencing a sharp increase in its membership, currently standing at 20,000 members. This is almost three times the number of members it had at the last general election in 1994. Both the KSCM and the KSS are therefore protesting the adoption by the Slovak parliament of the so-called "Law of Immorality", designed to curtail public activities by the KSS.

Once again, Capitalism has proven that under the market system, only profits matter. Human rights, freedom of speech, happiness and standards of living are things the bourgeoisie only pays lip service to when it serves its self serving greed. □

3 PHOTOGRAPHS – 3 DIFFERENT STORIES

From newspaper "Glasnost", Moscow

1: Soviet people more and more demonstrate against the mafiosi-infested Yeltsin regime. Unity process is being formulated and nothing will stop this tide of wrath once it starts moving towards socialism and resurrection of the Soviet Union.



2: Look at this photo! Mayor of Moscow giving Patriarch of All Russia Alexei II the key to the gates of the Kremlin. And what did this



"servant of the people" have to say? "That from now on, these doors will be open to the faithful to come to the Red Square and pray, to get on their knees to the Church!"

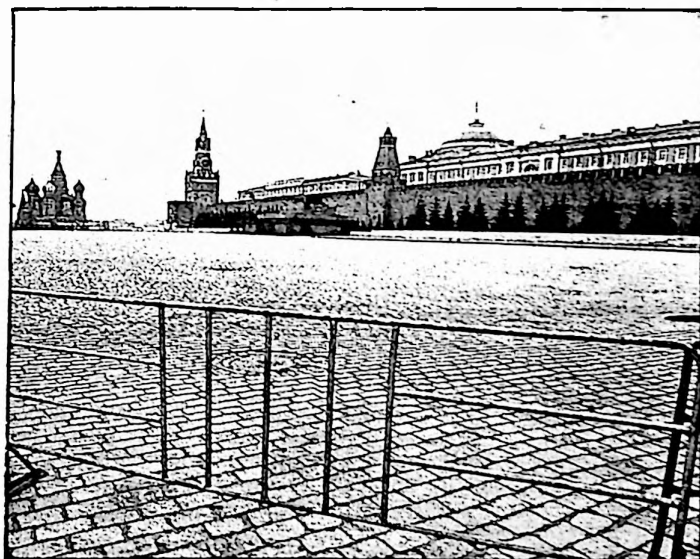
Look at the faces of these traitors around Alexei – all former CPSU members, CC members, who sold out as did Judas for 30 pieces of silver. Sorry ... now it's American dollars!

3: This is Red Square. Deserted. No meetings, no demonstrations are allowed on this people's square. Lenin Mausoleum is now out of bounds! Those of you who visited Moscow, did you ever see Red Square deserted, even past midnight? □

**From Newspaper:
MAN WITH A GUN
Kiev, Ukraine**

STATEMENT OF THE ALL UNION YOUTH GUARD OF BOLSHEVIKS

We, grandchildren of veterans of the Great Patriotic War, grown up and taught by the Soviet Union about heroism of Karbashev, fighter ace Maresiev, poet Musy Dzhallilia, Zoya and Shura Kosmodemjanski, young guards, snipers and scouts



of Kuznetsov, Marshal Zhukov, Generallismus Stalin. We know our grandfathers and grandmothers only by photographs and stories told to us by our fathers, but we are proud, that we – grandchildren of fighters in the Soviet Army – that we defeated fascist Germany and Imperialism.

The discrediting of the Soviet Army has become a boomerang, and this so-called army now has no semblance or ideals or behaviour of the glorious Red Army.

The present "Ukrainian Army" is called "damned and cursed". The desire to enlist fell by over 20%, while thousands of present officers have given in their resignations. Theft, robbery, drugs, crime is prevalent from top Generals to ordinary soldiers. Morale was never ever this low. Ethnic strife, regional conflicts are on increase and promoted from the top.

By year 2000, the "Ukrainian Army" will be without arms. The technical backwardness is mounting, Ukraine has now become a Banana Republic!

WE, MEMBERS OF AUYGB, STATE:

This is not the kind of Army that our grandfathers left us! We are appealing to all officers of the Soviet Army to stand under the Red Banners, pin on your uniforms the glorious Red Stars and become fighters for the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

BECOME MEMBERS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET OFFICERS!

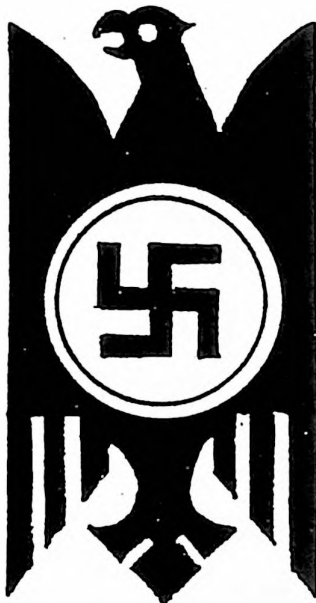
– Igor Pugachev
Andrej Semenenko
Members of AUYGB

OUR COMMENT:

This newspaper is geared to the enlisted soldiers, officers and spread in all of the barracks. There is also an appeal to all officers by Colonel Kuznetsov from Moscow asking them:

"GET OUT OF YOUR BARRACKS, OFFICERS! WE MUST FIGHT FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS!" □

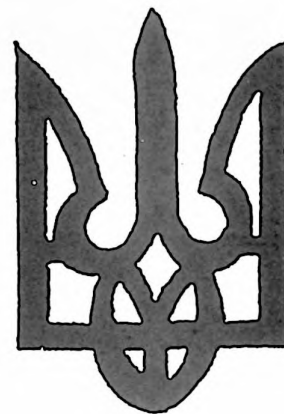
FROM WHERE DID THE UKRAINIAN "DEMOCRACY" COME FROM?



EMBLEM OF HITLER'S REICH



SYMBOL OF BANDERITES EXECUTORS DURING SECOND WORLD WAR, AND NOW – INDEPENDENT UKRAINE



PRESENT STATE SYMBOL OF UKRAINE

From Newspaper "MAN WITH A GUN!", No. 1, 1996, Kiev

From Newspaper: TOVARISH Kiev, Ukraine

THERE ARE SUCH PARTIES!

In the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, there are 37 political parties registered.

- In 1991, there were registered: Ukrainian Christian Democratic Party, Green Party of Ukraine, Democratic Party of Ukraine, Party of Democratic Rebirth of Ukraine, Liberal Party of Ukraine, Ukrainian Christian Democratic Party and Social Party of Ukraine.

- In 1992, there were registered: Christian Party of Ukraine, Ukrainian Party of Lovers of Beer, Liberal-Democratic Party of Ukraine, Ukrainian Conservative-Republican Party, Ukrainian National-Conservative Party, Christian-Democratic Party of Ukraine.

- In 1993, there were registered: Workers Party, Ukrainian Party of Truthfulness, Party of the Rebirth of Economic Crimea, Congress of Ukrainian Nationalists, Peoples RUKH of Ukraine, All Ukrainian Political Unity, "Peoples Independent

Ukraine", Constitutional-Democratic Party, Party of National Salvation, Party of Free Peasants and Entrepreneurs, Workers Congress of Ukraine, Communist Party of Ukraine, Party of Slav Unity of Ukraine, Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists of Ukraine.

• In 1994, there were registered:
All Ukrainian Centre Party "Peoples Understanding", Party of Religious, Economic, Social Progress, Party of Communists (Bolsheviks) of Ukraine, Party of Rehabilitation of Critically Ill of Ukraine.

• In 1995, there were registered:
Party of "Inter-regional Block of Reform", "Social Democratic Party of Ukraine, Social-National Party of Ukraine and Christian-Liberal Union.

For some unknown reasons, the registration of the following 4 parties was taken away: Ukrainian National Assembly, Party of Rights of People, Social-Democratic Party of Ukraine (registered in 1993) and Peoples Party of Ukraine.

Among the biggest parties are – communist Party, Christian Party, RUKH, Socialist Party.

No part can be registered if it has less than 1,000 members.

NOTE: Newspaper TOVARISH always carries an overview of our Northstar Compass publication. □

**From Newspaper:
"VOICE OF A COMMUNIST"
Moscow**

DOES RUSSIA NEED AN ARMY?

This extensive article by Major General Vitalij Lysov, member of the "Communists-Workers Russia" Bloc, outlines the facts that are unknown to the general public, about the vulnerability of former USSR to attack by outside enemies, present or future.

We will list some points from this

rather technical explanation of the different defenses that former Soviet Union had and now has to dismantle them due to the so-called "treaties" that Gorbachev and Yeltsin signed.

General Lysov states that in any other country, these two perpetrators would be tried as traitors and shot.

• For 36 years, the Rocket defense of USSR was in existence and thus saved humanity from a Third World War – by being a bastion of peace and having close to parity with USA and NATO.

• If we take just the number of inter-continental ballistic missiles by USSR – 1,398; ballistic missiles in submarines – 950; heavy bombers – 156; USA (not including Britain, France and other NATO countries) had close to 54% more in all sectors of its armaments!

• Soviets had multi-rockets, ballistic warheads of such design that Americans were not capable or able to put any defense against these inter-continental, multi-head warheads. Therefore, they bluffed their way with Gorbachev, against the advice of the Soviet military General Staff – thus having Gorbachev willingly signing the Treaty which forced USSR to dismantle these effective weapons which stopped USA military for 35 years from starting a Third World War! These were the rockets that the USA military was most afraid of.

Now, more than 800 silos of these rockets are dismantled by "US experts" with a tremendous cost to the Soviet taxpayers, while USA and its NATO partners are very busy manufacturing "our rockets" themselves, while we are now completely disarmed and vulnerable!

• The overall liquidation of our defense capabilities is more than 12 times that of the USA. Meanwhile, Britain, France, Germany and USA

itself is arming itself alarmingly.

• If this process of liquidation of defense potential of Russia continues as Yeltsin is doing, then by the year 2000, France, Britain and China each will have more than doubled their production of missiles, thus overpowering Russia by 300% – this, plus the USA potential. Russia is then absolutely incapable of defending itself if attacked.

• Minister of Defense Grachev states that "we have no enemies outside our borders"! If that be so, then why is France, Britain, USA arming and producing new generations of missiles, armaments and rockets?

• Then the question remains to be asked: Does Russia need an Army?

According to Yeltsin and Grachev, the answer is no!

Russia sold 8 aircraft carriers, now we have only one. Yeltsin sold each aircraft carrier for \$4 million only.

Therefore, it is liquidating its Army and having it serve as a police force for internal conflicts. There are more than 7 Armies to do internal duty. No other country in the world, including USA, has so many army divisions, heavily armed to do internal duties, plus other punitive forces like OMON and police. We are now definitely a POLICE STATE!

• We do have an enemy, a class enemy – its USA Imperialism and it will not rest until our country is subjugated.

• We need an army, yes, a Soviet Army, which would be under control of the Communist Party.

To resurrect our great Motherland and its Army will be done by communists in union with patriotic masses and then future victory will be assured. □

QUOTES

WHAT DID DULLES SAY IN 1945?

Allan Dulles, head of CIA, already in 1945, while the Second World War was still on, when Soviet people were still shedding their blood to defeat fascism ... when Allied forces were still "Allies" with the Soviets ... here is what the USA was planning.

Are there any people yet that think that Western Imperialism did not have anything to do with the demise of the Soviet Union?

It is unfathomable to think that even some "communists, Marxists, socialists" were and are completely taken-in by this clever, mind-manipulating scenario that unfortunately has transpired.

But you say: "The Soviets themselves are to blame. They had 70 years of socialism, why were they misled?"

Ask yourself the question: "Why are we, living in capitalist society, knowing full well the ills, the inequality, the lies, the trickery and the struggles that are being waged by the working class – why are we tricked to vote for the bourgeois parties and their promises? Should we also know better, not to be affected by the daily barrage of subliminal, covert and overt influences that we are bombarded with each day?"

READ THIS PLAN BY CIA OVER CAREFULLY. LET IT SINK IN. DULLES WAS NOT SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF – HE MOUTHED THE PLANS OF THE US GOVERNMENT!

"When the war will be finished, things will somewhat become peaceful, we then should throw, everything we have, whom we rule and influence, all the gold, all material might in order to fool the

people. People's brains, their understanding, we will make them easy tools for our proposed change. We shall sow over them chaos, we will undermine their beliefs and their ideas of things that are dear to them and propose false hopes which will eventually make them believe in these hopes.

How? We shall find our own people who think like we do, our future helpers and friends right in the middle of USSR. Episode after episode will be developed, enlarged, and it will be a grandiose tragedy and death of the most unsubdued people on this earth, forever we shall erase their name from history.

Her literature and arts, as an example, we shall take everything of value and dedication from it, we shall influence the artists to our way of thinking, we shall expel from their minds to think of dedication to people in their arts, we shall erase the processes which comes from the soul of the people. Literature, theatre, film – everything will be utilized to praise the basic instincts of people. We shall help to process with everything that the USA has and will do all in our power to praise and make heroes of the "artists" who will do our bidding in building in the minds of the people the cult of sex, rape, sadism, traitorous acts, in one word – all immorality that we can promote. In the workings and governing of the country, we shall create chaos.

We are going to promote in all spheres the bureaucrats who slavishly follow without thinking and who have no principles. Bureaucrats will be propagated by us as good doers. Good deeds and observance of the laws will be laughed at. We shall promote lies, robbery, drunkenness, rumour mongering, narcotics, untrustworthiness in fellow worker,

nationalism and misunderstanding between Soviet people – all this we shall promote and paint in bright colours.

We shall ridicule them all over the world, make them the laughing stock in their own country and make certain that they are divorced from their own people. We shall tear out any semblance of soul-searching about Bolshevism and to liquidate the main tenets of people's moral fibre. We shall thus work on each future generation, we shall expel from their minds this Lenin fanaticism. We shall concentrate on children, youth, we shall always pay more attention and give our energy to the youth generation. We shall make sure that they have no unity or a cause. We shall make from them cynics and vulgar persons. This is how we shall do it!" □

ITEMS FROM ABROAD

Continued ...

**From Newspaper:
"MOLNIYA"
Moscow**

ROBBING RUSSIA!

This is from a long article by Professor G.M. Ivanova, Dean of Tomsk Polytechnical University, given at the Congress of Women of Siberia.

We're just giving a condensed summary.

• Starting from 1994, Russia lost 1,000,000 people through local conflicts, lack of medicine, lack of food and lack of health care.

In 1995, Russia lost close to 2,000,000 people because of the present policies of government. If

this situation keeps going as it is, with a very low birth rate and the death rate soaring out of control, Russia could be on the verge of an abyss.

• UNESCO of United Nations, through its geological-mineral experts, gathered to look at the world resources, and their report came to the following conclusions:

– According to their learned calculations, the world has only enough resources in the earth to last humanity 40-50 years if the use of the energy resources by some countries continues at the present accelerated rate.

– The scientists presented UN with proposals that each country must curtail the use of unwarranted energy expansion in order to save humanity from collapse. United States government categorically opposed this suggestion.

– United States has only 5% of the world's population, but utilizes 50% of world resources, while polluting the atmosphere by 70% itself.

– If the USA is allowed to continue this rape of resources of other countries, there is ABSOLUTELY NO WAY that any other country will be able to reach that standard of living as the USA.

– If other countries start producing and exploiting the energy resources per capita as is being done by the United States of America, then the experts predict the energy resources that are available in the world will not last more than 10-20 years.

– This is the reason why USA imperialism has its paws into former Soviet Union, because until the break up of the USSR, 60% of all natural energy resources of the world were located on the territory of Soviet Union.

– Gorbachev and now Yeltsin have signed so many agreements

that give U.S. monopolists immense power, wealth and decision making over ALL energy resources of the former USSR.

• An interesting fact came to life, which was not reported by capitalist press:

– US Congress in 1994 adopted the following law on foreign policy:

1. To look at Russia as a very important resource region vital to the USA;

2. In order to defend its interests, the USA has proceeded to implement and utilize its military, without the sanction of United Nations or the UN Security Council – to use its forces inside of Russia, to protect its interests.

If we, the Soviet people do not do something very soon, our Motherland is doomed and it might be a sign for the slow death of civilization as we know it today. □

JUST IN!!!

These items were received by E-mail and Fax from the services of "Open Media Research Institute"!

IMF APPROVES RUSSIAN LOAN

"As expected, IMF's executive board formally approved a \$10 Billion, three year loan to Russia. Western agencies also reported that Russia has already \$10.8 billion outstanding IMF credits. In order to get this loan, Russia was pressured to drop a proposal to raise tariffs and to resume imports of U.S. chickens. This money will come at a crucial time for Yeltsin, since he has problems of popularity just two months before presidential election. Russia has an annual interest rates on payments which have risen by 120%, causing the cancellation of a \$250 million international bond float scheduled for March 27th."

OUR COMMENT: *Whoever, even now is under an illusion that USA and IMF is NOT dictating to Russia and other countries what they must do, should go and see his psychiatrist!!! Russia, unless the electors boot Yeltsin out of office come June, will be in the stranglehold grip of IMF and transnational corporate power that will be extremely hard to dislodge without a Second Socialist Revolution!*

FOUR PRESIDENTS MEET IN MOSCOW

"Presidents of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgistan met in Moscow to discuss regional integration. The CIS headquarters is going to be moved from Minsk to Moscow."

OUR COMMENT: *Yeltsin and his clique are trying desperately to win the election by trying to "end the war in Chechniya"; "rebury the bones in an official ceremony of the Tsar"; "paying back wages to striking workers" ... in other words, trying desperately to save his skin. That is why the West is pouring in money to save their man, and if not, they have already people waiting in the wings, ready to step in. Those loans are a noose around the Soviet peoples' necks!*

YELTSIN CRITICIZES RED PROFESSORS

"President Yeltsin criticized the professors and some social-science instructors-ideologists of promoting communism in schools. He also accused communists of organizing cells on University campuses. He will prosecute any professor or teacher and all political studies regarding past history, Marxism-Leninism is banned from the curriculum."

OUR COMMENT: *Of course! If Yeltsin wants to get loans from IMF, these Western rogues demand obedience and Yeltsin must fulfill their demands*

or else, the loans are withheld!

CLINTON PART OF RE-ELECT YELTSIN TEAM

"In a private meeting in Cairo on March 13, U.S. President Clinton promised that he would help Yeltsin win re-election, according to Washington Times report, based on a leaked State Department memorandum written by Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbot. This was done after Yeltsin appealed to Clinton."

OUR COMMENT: Did any of our readers expect anything else? Birds of a feather always flock together.

IMF LOAN CONDITIONS

"The managing director of IMF, Michel Camdessus, told a Washington Press Conference that the \$10 billion loan that was approved will be withdrawn if a communist wins the presidential election. If re-nationalization would be started again by the new communist president, this would not be acceptable. At the demand of IMF, Yeltsin has abolished all export duties and other concessions to Western investors."

OUR COMMENT: We're afraid that there is no need for a single word of comment!

TALKS RESUME ON CASPIAN OIL PIPELINE CONSORTIUM

"Foreign oil companies include Agip, Mobil, Arco and Chevron, plus future involvement of Shell and Amoco.

Their investments and decision making will influence as to what the privatized Russian oil conglomerates will receive."

OUR COMMENT: Oil is behind the war in Chechniya, problems in Azerbaijan and Georgia plus other

territories of former USSR. The West is so heavily involved in this rape of the reserves, that they certainly could call in U.S. Marines if their investments are threatened ... if a communist should win the presidential election.

That is why the UNITY question in Russia is so important. There's no place for personal ambitions now. It's either the Motherland or slavery!

FINANCE MINISTER OF RUSSIA DEFENDS DIAMOND AGREEMENT

"The Finance Ministry is defending the diamond agreement, signed with South Africa's giant De Beers. De Beers will sell 96% of Russia's first \$550 million worth of rough diamonds exports and 80% of stones above that figure."

OUR COMMENT: Under socialism, the USSR was a large competitor in the world market in diamonds. It was one of the biggest hard currency profits of the country. Now, Yeltsin and his traitors are willing to sell all the natural riches to the West. Of course, their personal pockets get an overflow! □

HUNGER CRISIS IN TORONTO

By: George Hess

Bruce DeMara in a front page story in the Toronto Star on March 30, 1996, describes the full scope of this growing problem here in Toronto. He makes reference to the children who cannot learn, the mothers who eat less so their children can eat; the job-seeker who buys a transit token instead of eating in order to get to a job interview.

Gerald Kennedy, executive director of the Daily Bread Food Bank, is quoted as saying that from a low of 100,000 people that used the food banks in the Toronto area, this number has climbed to

163,000 people in January. Charles Wakefield, chair of the food bank, called this the fastest increase in our recent history. He goes on to say that many of the branches that Daily Bread supplies have run out of food.

Judith Dunstan, spokesperson for Stop 103 in Toronto's west end, points out that people are coming to food banks more than once a month because of the cuts in welfare support instituted by the Harris Government of Ontario. The problem is far greater than most people realize since, as Mr. Kennedy points out in the article, some 40% of the people using the food bank are ashamed to admit this to their friends and family. These facts were uncovered in a survey conducted by Kennedy's food bank of the people that use his facility. Other facts uncovered were that 20% of all food bank users have some college or university education. That 60% of the adults and 20% of the children go without food for some period of time during the course of any given month even with the food bank's help.

The above situation is allowed to exist in a country that can afford to give millions of dollars to Mr. Yeltsin's election fund and even more money to Haiti, etc. This situation exists in a country so vast with so much arable land that it could produce enough food to feed a population several times greater than the population it now has. Indeed, we are a net exporter of food and our farmers could produce much more food than they now produce if they could find a way of disposing of it. But such is the true face of our economic system (Capitalism) where people starve in the midst of plenty and we wring our hands helplessly trying to find solutions to supposedly insoluble problems. I long for the day when

our children are fed and the arms merchants etc., go begging. A time when wealth is returned from the greedy back to the needy. □

U.S. ARMED BOSNIANS PAPER SAYS

The Toronto Star on April 6th, buried this news item on the back pages ... of course, we know why. The truth comes out always!

"US President Clinton approved covert Iranian arms shipments to Bosnia in 1994 despite a United Nations' arms embargo, according to Los Angeles Times report.

Quoting senior officials and other sources, the newspaper reported that Clinton did so while United States had pledged to uphold the U.N. embargo and had a policy 'of isolating Teheran globally as a supporter of terrorism'.

It stated that two top U.S. diplomats, on White House and State Department instructions, told Croatian President Franjo Tudjman early in 1994 that Washington would not object to 'creation of an arms pipeline that would channel the weapons through Croatia and into Bosnia-Herzegovina for ... the Muslim-led government'."

Even the blind should be able to see through this vile scenario of U.S. imperialism and their role in Yugoslavia. The West is neck deep in genocide promotion against the Yugoslav peoples for many reasons – strategic position to mix into all of the Balkans, including the southern parts of former Soviet Union, oil, raw resources and absolute policy of disuniting by every means possible the Slavic unity which was the cement that bound the Yugoslavia Republic together.

Divide and rule is the order of the day! There will come the day when these criminals will be tried by

humanity as were the German Nazi leaders fifty years before! There will be no place to hide! □

GORBACHEV'S LAST HURRAH!

This article is based on a very lengthy overview written by David Remnick in the magazine The New Yorker (14 pages long) on the forthcoming presidential elections and the players in this very important event for the Soviet people and for the world as well.

Before NSC proceeds to go into some details of this 14 page exposé (written as it is from an anti-Soviet, anti-socialist point of view) let us just quote two remarks by David Remnick which sums up the events clearly:

"Whatever Mikhail Gorbachev thought he was going to achieve it wasn't this: just three months before election, the Communists lead and he is cast as a historical joke. Now he wants to return to power?"

Let us just quote some remarks in point form for easy understanding how the West, who supported and orchestrated the program of liquidating the Soviet Union, how they see Gorbachev now.

We are quoting directly from the article. Our comments will be at the conclusion.

• *"The haste and vanity of those who dissolved the Soviet Union was extraordinary. Although they presented themselves to their people as national heroes, many supported or were, at least ready to knuckle under to the leaders of the August 1991 coup attempt."*

• *"On December 21, 1991, leaders of all former Soviet Republics gathered and took the step to dismember and dissolve the USSR. Gorbachev was there also and his job as General Secretary and President were also dissolved. The nominal*

leader of this gathering was Boris Yeltsin, who drank heavily during the session, and, in time, he slumped to the desk; once in a while, he would raise his head, mutter the phrase, 'What you say is right,' and then fall off again into a stupor. At the end of this fateful meeting, he had to be helped from the room."

• *A number of Yeltsin's advisors, including those from the West, who fear for their own political future and access to the financial trough, are telling him to call off, or postpone, the election, and that is still a possibility."*

• *When I asked one of Gorbachev's key conservative rivals in the former Politburo, Yegor Ligachev, how it could have happened (the dissolution of USSR – Editors), he sneered. 'Mikhail Sergeyevich played us for dupes,' Ligachev said. 'When we caught on, it was too late'."*

• *"According to playwright Aleksandr Gelman, who served briefly on the Central Committee of CPSU, 'He (Gorbachev) lied to his circle of Communist Party friends. He had a double personality, he was two-faced to nearly everyone. Next to Gorbachev, Ligachev was a moral genius."*

• *"The biggest supporter of Gorbachev in his come-back attempt is the newspaper Pravda, which prints his Memoirs and speeches. Pravda is now owned by a Greek millionaire."*

• *"One afternoon, I met Zyuganov and other communist leaders of the CPRF – meeting with business entrepreneurs, he plays the unthreatening social democrat, a Russian Willy Brandt. For the businessmen, he was like a Republican mayor of the Chamber of Commerce. Zyuganov plays with statistics, invents stories."*

• *"I also met Lukyanov.*

member of the present Duma, chairman of its legal affairs committee – former member of CC CPSU Politbureau who stated, among other things, the following:

- the West was absolutely involved in the demise of the Soviet Union;
- the Americans now are producing 10 times more weapons than when USSR was on the scene;
- it was enough in 1984 for Margaret Thatcher of England to praise Gorbachev and he became theirs;
- sitting next to Gorbachev was Yakovlev, an Ambassador to Canada for 10 years who became a vicious anti-communist;
- Gorbachev was a politician who was easily influenced by the West and out of his depth as a leader."

- "Lukyanov ended our conversation with these words: You see, sooner or later, there will be a trial. Gorbachev will be put on trial as the destroyer of the Soviet Union. Nothing more. And Yeltsin will be tried and remembered as the despot who fired on parliament buildings, causing thousands of deaths. History will punish them and they will be forgotten."

- "Former leaders of Soviet Republics disliked Gorbachev immensely and cursed him. They wanted him out and together with Yeltsin and the West, they managed to do this – even though Gorbachev was the architect of the downfall of the USSR."

- "Both Gorbachev and Yeltsin hated each other violently – their backers from the West urging this hatred to a boiling point."

- "During the meeting in Byelorussia of Yeltsin, Krawchuk of Ukraine and Shushkevich of Byelorussia, Yeltsin became so drunk that he passed out and Krawchuk of Ukraine took the chair while signing the dismemberment of USSR and formation of the

Commonwealth of Independent States. After the document was signed, Yeltsin immediately telephoned President Bush of USA. According to American Ambassador Jack F. Matlock Jr.'s book, 'Autopsy on an Empire', the first thing that Gorbachev said to Shushkevich after getting the news about the end of the Soviet Union was, 'What happens to me?'"

- "Visiting the village of Privolnoye where Gorbachev was born, I could not find anyone who had a good word to say about the



'great son of the soil'. They all voiced condemnation of Gorbachev ... saying among other things – 'the big time mafia hasn't come to this village yet, but they will.'"

- "One villager who grew up with Gorbachev said: 'Gorbachev will be buried in this local cemetery, not at the Kremlin wall.' This great friend of Gorbachev from childhood said that he had decided which way Russia needed to go now. 'I'm voting for the communists,' he said. 'We need the Party again.'"

What else can be said, after reading these 14 pages of interviews and the author trying very hard to smooth the situation out for the benefit of readers of the conservative, USA-supporting magazine, *The New Yorker*?

But enough truth seeps in between the lines to show the reader that the present players in former

USSR were in cahoots with the Western agencies, the International Monetary Fund, transnational corporations and Western governments who were hell-bent to destroy the first socialist state.

It is sad that all of this written exposé somehow does not find place in some communist-socialist newspapers or periodicals, even though there is IRREFUTABLE PROOF coming from publications such as *The New Yorker* and others.

WHY IS IT THAT THIS IS SO?

Whether these people like to admit it or not, they are so brainwashed with anti-Stalinism that everything else is coloured by this hate, and whatever is written on this subject, even by bourgeois writers, is looked upon with malice. The "hate Stalin virus" is deeply embedded in the psyche of some leading communists and socialists, that it is impossible for them to see the forest for the trees!

If Northstar Compass or International Friends of Soviet People will have the necessary finances, after we publish our "Secret Documents" book shortly, we shall try to publish a publication that we just received from Rostov-On-Don, Russia which is a marvellous insight into the school textbooks on the "History of USSR" which is now being used already for close to 30 years. It gives the quotes from Grade 11-12 textbooks on the History of USSR that already two generations of school children were taught. It is an absolutely vicious distortion of events, presented as truth. Even Western scholars decry this falsification of history. This brochure of 64 pages is a tremendous must for all of us to read, written by Alexander A. Shabalov. We shall translate this booklet and be optimistic that it will be published. □

FEATURE ANALYSIS

WHITER YELTSIN AND ZHUGANOV?

By: Haresh Kirpalani

Recent bourgeois reports on the political landscape of Russia, show only the surface changes of personality. Underlying this are the same "old" class conflicts: One is between workers and capitalists; but the second is between TWO WINGS OF CAPITAL, one pro-heavy industry and pro-"Russian" capital, the other pro-light industry and "foreign capital". Zhuganov is pro-heavy and "Russian" capital; and, Yeltsin, for the pro-light and "foreign capital". Neither of them reflect the aspirations and class interest of proletarians.

Marx noted two types of industries: Heavy (Department A) and Light (Department B). Stalin supported heavy industry and led the USSR to socialism. But "Khrushchev and Vosnosensky's 5 Year Plan of March 1946 assigned priority to consumer goods".¹ Stalin remarked on Vosnosensky's 5 Year Plan: "You are seeking to restore capitalism in Russia".² Stalin thereafter died, and hitherto hidden revisionists became brazen. Khrushchev effected the very changes Stalin had fought; privatising rural Machine and Tractor Stations; reducing state planning; pushing light industry over heavy; enshrining profit as regulators of production. The revisionists restored capitalism.

BUT, THE NEW RUSSIAN CAPITALISTS, WERE DIVIDED: ONE SECTION OF CAPITALISTS WERE LINKED TO HEAVY INDUSTRY; AND, ANOTHER

SECTION WAS LINKED TO LIGHT INDUSTRY. The conflict between an embryonic, state neo-capitalists involved in heavy industry and those involved in consumer goods industries led to power battles over the next 40 years.

By March 1985, Gorbachev as General Secretary took up the light industry programme. But now, the inter-capitalist struggle took on another dimension: "How much to link with foreign capitalists?" Light entrepreneurs wanted to link with foreign capital, to prop their infrastructure. But heavy industrialists were reluctant to link with the Western capitalists, having the former socialist heavy base. Gorbachev aimed to create a full market economy by opening the doors to foreign capital, and promoting light industry.

The light industrialists agreed with Gorbachev's programme. But those based on heavy industry did not want foreign ownership. Boris Yeltsin was promoted by Gorbachev, but he wanted faster penetration by foreign capitalists. Gorbachev proposed a foreign capital penetration headed by the USA; and radical privatization of the economy, aimed at the heavy industrialists and the "Russian National Capitalists".

On July 23, the USSR announced its application for full membership of the IMF and the World Bank. Now, irreconcilable tensions erupted. The industrialists launched a coup on August 19th. Gorbachev was arrested, but Yeltsin's defence led to the coup crumbling in 3 days. Finally on December 21st, the USSR was replaced by the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and Yeltsin came to power.

Yeltsin is resisted by Zhuganov. Who do these two individuals represent? By now, most Communists understand that Zhuganov is NOT

a Communist! Zhuganov even mobilized church sentiments in his recent elections campaign, promising to "restore the glory of the Orthodox Church and the thousand year old Russian civilization".³

ZHUGANOV IS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HEAVY INDUSTRIAL BASED, NATIONAL CAPITALIST CLASS. THEY ARE THE MOST AGAINST MAKING LINKAGES WITH FOREIGN CAPITAL. YELTSIN IS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL CAPITALIST CLASS WHO ARE MOST INTERESTED IN MAKING LINKAGES WITH FOREIGN CAPITAL.

Initially after Yeltsin came to power, a "compromise" was necessary. Thus, Yeltsin's pal, Anatoly Chubais became Deputy PM, was counter-balanced by PM Viktor Chernomyrdin. Chernomyrdin as previous head of Gazprom (the state gas monopoly), represented heavy industry. Chernomyrdin was behind several attempts to undermine Yeltsin at the time of the ROUBLE CRASH in October 1994.⁴ Yeltsin⁵ has formally announced his standing for the Presidential elections. But there are doubts as to his success. Steadily living conditions are getting more grim: BUT THE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO WINGS OF CAPITALISTS SET THE SCENE FOR THE NEW PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS LATER THIS YEAR.

(i) The economy is beset with inflation exacerbated by the unjust war against Chechnya: Finance Minister Vladimir Panskov reduced inflation by tight monetary policy, but only by a trick! He carried over 4 trillion rubles (\$840 million) of spending into 1996. He admitted that "Targets were exceeded because of additional spending on Chechnya".⁶

(ii) Major sectors of workers have not been paid: "Wage arrears in the Russian economy now amount to more than 13 trillion rubles (\$2.7 billion), and labour disputes erupted. In total, wage arrears and social payments come to 7.5 trillion rubles (\$1.7 billion).⁷

(III) Meanwhile, unemployment grows: Official figures total 6.14 million, 8.4% of work force.⁸

(iv) While pensions lag behind inflation prices: "Prices rose by more than 700% in 1994-94, but average pensions grew by 450% and the minimum pension by just 320%, Moskovkii Komsomolets reported. The percentage of pensioners living below the poverty line increased from 11.8% in 1959 to 18.5% in 1989 to 20.2% in 1995. The poverty line in January was 345,000 rubles (\$72) a month. The average salary in January was 655,000 rubles (\$137), up about 6% in real terms from a year ago."⁹

WHAT IS YELTSIN'S STRATEGY?

1. Deny His Role in Privatization: "Let Chubais Take the Blame!"

There is disgust against privatization, that enriched the Russian capitalists. This fuels calls for "re-nationalisation" from Zhuganov; Zhirinovskiy and Anatoly Kulikov Interior minister.¹⁰ Public pressure forced a special commission into privatization to be struck. The heavy industrialist and anti-foreign capitalist are out to get their own back on Yeltsin: "A witch hunt is brewing."¹¹ Leading privatizers like Anatoly Chubais, Dmitry Vassiliev, Deputy Chairman of Russia's Securities and Exchange Commission, and Maxim Boycho, Head of the Russian Privatization Centre are targeted. Yeltsin tries to deflect blame for the wage arrears and the massive unemployment onto Chubais, but, this may not work. The Chair of the Special

Commission, Mr. Seleznyov (Chairman of Duma - editor) when asked if Yeltsin will be attacked, said: "We must not place the whole burden on Mr. Chubais. Everything is possible."¹¹ Chubais was forced by Yeltsin to resign on January 16.

2. Yeltsin Got Rid of Andrei V. Kozyrev, as Foreign Minister

Yvgenii Primakov is supposed to be more "anti-West" than his predecessor Koyzrev. But in fact, one of Gorbachev's economic adviser was - Yevgeny Primakov!



He and Grigory Yavlinsky and Harvard economists Jeffrey Sachs and Graham Allinson forwarded a re-vamped 1990 Shatalin "500 Day Plan". Grigory Yavlinsky's programme (was) for a "Grand Bargain" with the West, to obtain "technical and financial assistance tied to a Five Year Plan to create a market economy".¹² Yeltsin continues to open the doors of Russia wide, for further "Aid". Foreign investment pours in: "Into

Moscow, it rose from \$189 million in 1994 to \$889 million in the first nine months of 1995. The 1995 figure represents 57% of all the foreign capital flowing into Russia."

3. Yeltsin Tries to Compromise on Chechnya

It is urgent to "solve" the Chechnya problem. But all his compromises fall short of the PRINCIPLED SOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL QUESTION IN CHECHNYA, i.e., FULL RIGHTS TO INDEPENDENCE AND SECESSION. But the industrial based capitalists with their army allies, sabotaged Yeltsin's military attempts. Yeltsin knows that the Generals are sabotaging him: Yeltsin said "they are sending 18 year old kids with no experience to fight against professionals, trained in camps in Turkey, Iran, and other countries, who are armed to the teeth".¹³ Yeltsin expressed: "dissatisfaction with the progress of military reform ... Yeltsin criticized Defence Minister Pavel Grachev, saying that reform is proceeding badly, but Grachev seems to think it is going well".¹⁴ "Disagreement among the top brass has hampered efforts to restructure the post-Soviet Russian military. Yeltsin said a special presidential commission is considering an overall concept of military reform".¹⁵

MEANWHILE, THERE IS THE WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN CAMPS OF YELTSIN AND ZHUGANOV. At the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Zhuganov tried to mollify the West: "A return to state monopoly is impossible. Total control by the state of the entire economy led us to the crisis. We recognize the role and the place of the US in the modern world and know that a good, stable, and long term relationship with her and other

Western countries is in our interests. But Anatolii Chubais warned Western businessmen on February 5 not to fall for a "Classic Communist Lie". Zhuganov's economic policy calls for a revision of the privatization program.¹⁶ Gennadii Zhuganov replied by stressing his party's "social-democratic" goals, emphasizing that the party supported private property and did not intend to carry out a policy of re-nationalization, except for "illegal" privatization and selling of land.¹⁷

Even if he does re-nationalise, so what? Nationalization has done its work. Without revolution, even re-nationalising will not lead to fundamental change. As General Manager of ING Bank in Moscow said: "A very important part of this country's assets have been divested, and the new owners will not let go."¹⁸ Whatever Zhuganov says, he will not act as a Communist.

IN SEARCH OF FURTHER ALLIANCES WITH THE WEST

Yeltsin continues to meet top Western leaders. Despite Zhuganov's honeyed words, they know that Yeltsin is their man. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl met Yeltsin on February 19. His visit "appeared orchestrated to lend support to the unpopular Russian president."¹⁹ Russia and France have signed further 5 economic accords. Alain Juppe also endorsed transforming the G-7 into the G-8 by admitting Russia.¹⁹

And most recently, the IMF has agreed to "loan" Russia \$10 billion over 3 years; provided that there was "no back tracking on privatisation, said Mr. Michael Camdessus, IMF Managing Director. And in exchange, the Kremlin has agreed to scrap oil and gas export tariffs by July."²⁰ As the Financial Times

comments, this is a "Boost for Yeltsin!"

WHAT MORE NEEDS TO BE SAID ABOUT YELTSIN - THE MAN OF THE WEST!

WHAT MORE NEEDS TO BE SAID ABOUT ZHUGANOV?! THIS "COMMUNIST" IS IN HIS OWN WORDS FOLLOWING A "SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC" PATH - AGAINST "ILLEGAL PRIVATIZATION"!!! WHAT IS NEEDED IS A NEW PRINCIPLED UNITED FRONT OF COMMUNISTS, WHO WILL FORM THE NEW PRINCIPLED UNITED COMMUNIST PARTY!

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Critical Choice for Vietnam:

"FREE MARKET" OR SOCIALIST PATH

By: Dave Silver

With the establishment of full diplomatic relations with the U.S., the leadership of the Vietnam Workers Party must choose a path of economic development. With slight variations, the choice is between a model similar to Cuba or that of the Chinese market model with visions of a rapid economic fix such as in Singapore, Malaysia, or South Korea.

At the heart of this decision is whether Vietnam will ultimately control investment or joint ventures such as in Cuba where the Cuban

economy will benefit; or will it allow the transnationals and International Monetary Fund to dictate policies as is now the case in the former Soviet Union and the so-called Third World. This dilemma is highlighted by Secretary of State Warren Christopher's remark that Vietnam must take a "giant leap" toward capitalism reminiscent of Yeltsin's "shock treatment" with results that are painfully evident.

Citibank is the first to open a branch in Vietnam. Coupled with lectures by George Bush sponsored by the neo-fascistic Unification Church, this does not bode well for the Vietnamese people. George is getting six figures for his deadly advice.

What brazenness by the representative of the U.S. that committed genocide against the Vietnamese people to demand anything of the Hanoi government, which, at enormous sacrifice of its people and land, defeated imperialism. In violation of the Geneva Treaty ending the war, the United States has not paid any reparations nor given material aid for the unspeakable destruction it caused.

Who will benefit from British Petroleum's digging for and finding natural gas deposits? Who will benefit from the activities of dozens of oil companies, including Mobil, that have descended on the country? Will the oil found in the South China Sea offshore Vietnam, benefit Vietnamese workers and peasants?

Caterpillar, Chrysler, and Motorola executives are Secretary of State Christopher's lunch guests in order to explore how they can join Ford and Coca Cola in encouraging the host country to develop a "market economy". We see a desire to duplicate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in Asia. (NAFTA lost jobs domestically

for U.S. workers and led to super-exploitation of workers in the "Maquiladoras", reminiscent of sweatshops along the Rio Grande; is this the future for Vietnam?)

What chutzpah, what gall, for the U.S. to lecture Vietnam about human rights before they can join the "booming market economy of Asia"! The United States is near the top of all the industrialized countries in political prisoners, crime, illiteracy, police brutality, homelessness, institutionalized racism, and poverty. When this U.S. uses the rhetoric of "human rights" to other nations is only to interfere with their sovereignty. There was little concern with Vietnamese "human rights" at My Lai or while using napalm and Agent Orange against women, children, and livestock.

After the genocidal devastation of Iraq over oil, we see a multi-billion dollar contract for the Bechtel transnational to "clean up the mess" in Kuwait. The imperialists profit from both the war and its aftermath in "aid"; the people suffer under both. Hopefully, Vietnam will resist this "aid". □

PROBLEM OF THE WAR IN YUGOSLAVIA

By: Max Rinis

After the Capitalist World Depression of 1929, the German Fascists, their murderous Fascist Party, named themselves "Socialist" in order to: (a) confuse people of the world, millions of whom were very sympathetic with the idea of getting rid of the capitalist order; (b) to confuse and disorganize the millions of German people who belonged to the Communist Party of Germany and had just voted, 6 million, for the German Communists. The Fascists were sneakily pushing

the lie that they did not mind socialism; they are just out to kill the communists of Germany and the rest of the world. And with the massive assistance of their rich capitalists – Krupp, Strinness and the others, and the Imperialists world-over, which include those of the U.S.A. – they proceeded to the killing of hundreds of thousands of communists, socialists, liberals, truthful clergymen, Jews of any class or belief, gypsies, old people, children. They proved themselves, at least in the eyes of unprejudiced people, to be about the worst bastardly pile of brutal murderers in world history. Now, only five years from the twenty-first century, we must try to keep our minds CLEAR of the confusion which the Capitalists, the Imperialists, their media when they lie – most of the time – T.V., duped, bought or merely confused obfuscators, factionists, infiltrators are at work on our sanity.

* A year before the break-up of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, November 5, 1990, the U.S. Congress passed the Law 101-513. November 27, 1990, New York Times predicted it would lead to a bloody civil war. A section of this law suddenly – and without previous warning – cut off all aid, trade, credits and loans from the U.S. to Yugoslavia within six months. It also ORDERED separate elections in each of the six republics that make up Yugoslavia, requiring State Department APPROVAL of election procedures and results before aid to the separate republics would be resumed. [Also] Only forces that the U.S. State Department defined as "democratic forces" would receive funding (if resumed). This meant an influx of funds to small right-wing nationalist parties, in a financially strangled region thrown into crisis by the overall funding cut-off.

This law threw the Yugoslav federal government into crisis.

At the same time, there was no civil war. No republic had seceded.

What was behind the sweeping legislation directed at Yugoslavia?

With the collapse of the Soviet Union, U.S. big business was embarking to reshape all of Europe. Yugoslavia was no longer needed as a buffer between NATO and the Warsaw Pact.

The 1990 Foreign Appropriations Law also prescribed various forms of economic strangulation for several other countries deemed enemies, including Angola, Cambodia, Cuba, Iran, Libya, Syria, (North) Korea, and Vietnam. On the other hand, countries moving toward a capitalist market economy, such as Poland, were to receive special funding.

Right-wing and fascist organizations not seen in 45 years were suddenly revived and began receiving covert support. These fascist organizations had been maintained in exile in the U.S., Canada, Germany, Austria. By March 1991, Croatian fascists were organizing attacks and demonstrations, calling for the overthrow of the quite basically socialist federation and the **EXPULSION OF ALL SERBS FROM CROATIA.**

The reality is that the U.S. government lit the fire in the Balkans. At every stage, Washington has acted as an arsonist.

In W.W. II, the resistance movement to Nazi German occupation led by Marshal Tito and the League of Yugoslavia Communists united the small nations of the Balkans into an explosive political force. Forty-three German divisions could not destroy them.

For 45 years, the Yugoslav Federation – six republics and two

autonomous regions – was able to hold the Western powers at bay. The fact that the IMF and U.S. banks were able to again strangle and dismember it does not negate its historical accomplishment.

An April 1993 interview by J. Merlino, associate director of French TV2 with James Harff, director of Ruder Finn Global Public Affairs, a Washington based public relations firm, explains the role of the corporate media. Harff bragged of his services to his clients, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. "Speed is vital ... it is the first assertion that really counts. All denials are entirely ineffective". Merlino asked Harff what his proudest public relations endeavour was.

"To have managed to put Jewish opinion on our side. This was a sensitive matter looked at from this angle. Tujiman, one could accuse him of anti-Semitism. (Tujiman claimed there was never a Holocaust.) In Bosnia, the situation was no better: Izetbegovic strongly supported the creation of a fundamentally Islamic state in his book."

"Besides, Croatia and Bosnian past was marked by real and cruel anti-Semitism. Tens of thousands of Jews perished in Croatian camps, so there was every reason for intellectuals and Jewish organizations to be hostile toward the Croats and the Bosnians. To reverse this attitude and we succeeded masterfully.

We outwitted the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Comm. and the American Jewish Congress.

When the Jewish organizations entered the game on the side of the (Muslim) Bosnians, we could equate the Serbs with the Nazis. Nobody understood what was happening in Yugoslavia."

Merlino: "But when you were doing that (outwitting the Jewish organizations) in August 1992, you had no proof that what you said was true. All you had was two Newsday articles."

Harf: "Our work is not to verify information. We are not equipped for that. Our work is to accelerate the circulation of information favorable to us. We did not confirm the existence of death camps in Bosnia, we just made it widely known that Newsday affirmed it ... We are professionals. We had a job to do and we did it. We are not paid to moralize."

British press: "CIA agents training Bosnian army." The media in France, Germany and Italy carried similar exposes of large scale CIA involvement in the widening war in Bosnia.

* Based on article by International Action Centre. □

**From Newspaper:
"MOLNIYA"
Moscow**

A TROJAN HORSE INSIDE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT?

We, as a group of members of the Communist Party of Russian Federation, after reading the book written by our leader Zyuganov, "Russia in Contemporary Times", have come to the following conclusion:

1. This book is written during these difficult and dangerous times when capitalization of the country, according to American "recipe" is going on in full force.

It is obvious that the West, looking at the results of the December elections to the Duma, realizes that there is no other opposing force against Yeltsin and company but Communists. Therefore, the West is

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attempting to: (a) prevent unity in the communist ranks; (b) try to insert different ideology into the biggest communist party (the CPRF) and not allow it to become a revolutionary party or join any other communist block; (c) to change the present so-called "democrats" into "patriots" – this in particular, even among the leadership of the Communist Party of Russian Federation.

2. Reading Zyuganov's book, we cannot but help to worry about his policies and his leanings towards social-democracy – the type Sweden has. His call for Russian state high moral beliefs, and former historical traditions (by this, he means pre-revolutionary traditions – editors) he is masking himself as a "Russian patriot". He is revising Marxism-Leninism. He is completely following Gorbachev's plans for reform, which led to the present crisis in the first place. Zyuganov appeals to the Russian "heart", Russian Orthodox church beliefs.

He places the class struggle on the back burner. The CPRF under Zyuganov's leadership has thrown out the revolutionary slogan of Workers of the World Unite. Zyuganov knows, but overlooks the fact that USA is bringing in the "New World Order". He follows Yeltsin's formula of peaceful existence between the "wolves" and "sheep"!

Zyuganov has stated that the present counter-revolution of the TNC powers is a beneficial revolution!

Zyuganov is completely against the policy of atheism, and has now formulated an alliance with the Russian Orthodox Church which itself favours capitalism. He is against the class struggle or internationalism. Zyuganov is fostering an utopian reactionary policy and will isolate the present

Russia which is becoming a perfect target for NATO to which Zyuganov wants to tie Russia to.

Even according to the Western ideologues, Zyuganov is not a communist or a Russian patriot. He is a "Trojan Horse", doing the work for the world's bourgeoisie. He, as president of CPRF, is leading the party into a nationalistic opportunistic corner, thus leaving the Russian working class to fend for itself.

We are asking members of the CPRF to understand the theoretical outlook of Zyuganov, look politically at his program and plans, proceed to try and unite ALL communist movements among the working class in order to proceed on

the path of Marxism-Leninism.

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