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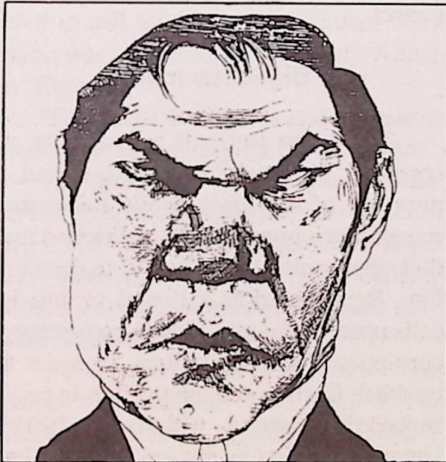
EDITORIAL

DANGER SIGNAL FOR SOVIETS

Northstar Compass has many times remarked, written about and foreseen the danger to the Soviet people and to the resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism from the "behind the scenes manipulator" General Alexander Lebed (Pinochet lover by his own admission — Editors)!

Now this "feuhrer waiting in the wings" has won 85% of the votes and is now a Governor of a key Siberian region. He won the election even though he never lived in that region and his aim is to win the Presidency of Russia in the year 2000!

Obviously he spent money like water! Where did this money come from, if the pay of Generals or retired Generals is meagre compared to the lavish expenses that were a daily occurrence for Lebed during the election campaign?



General (Pinochet) Lebed

Kranoyarsk is a mineral-rich region stretching from the Arctic almost to the Mongolian border.

Evil is evil in any terminology, so counterposing Yeltsin to Lebed is no choice, except that Yeltsin is no longer the darling of the West and MONEY. BIG MONEY is behind General Lebed for very good reasons. He is the "Bona-partie" that the West needs, because the pot is boiling and sooner that later it shall overflow,

Mayor Luzhkov of Moscow, who has amassed a fortune, plus owning the biggest TV station could also be a candidate in the year 2000 if Boris Yeltsin decides, or is told by the IMF and NATO not to run! Thus, General Lebed will be the NEW DARLING of the West and Imperialism!

Knowing how elections are run and bought in Russia and in the West, we just wonder how could those 85% of the Soviet people have cast their ballots for this future "National-Fascist Dictator"? □

PROTEST SENT RE MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON INVESTMENT (MAI)

Prime Minister Jean Cretien
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Prime Minister

We are deeply concerned that Canadians have been adversely affected by the implementation of the Canada-U.S. and North American Free Trade Agreements and will be even more affected by the Multilateral Agreement on Investment.

We are dismayed that there has not been a public or a parliamentary debate on this proposed MAI.

The rights of Canadians must be protected over the interests of foreign corporations.

Therefore we ask the Government of Canada to:

1. Stop negotiations on the MAI.
2. Begin public debates on the effect of "free trade" has had on the Canadian public.

Sincerely yours

Editorial Board of Northstar Compass □

TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:
ARISE, YOU
MIGHTY LAND!

CIA ORGANIZES MERCENARY ARMY IN KOSOVO

According to information reaching NSC from our sources in Moscow and from reading the "New York Times" which explicitly states that the U.S. government is funding, organizing and supplying these mercenaries with uniforms, the latest weapons plus electronic surveillance equipment. Besides all this, the U.S. government, using their military satellites, gives these mercenaries information about the Yugoslav Army.

These mercenaries and the so-called "Government of Kosovo" which is based in Geneva, Switzerland, are funded by the USA and CIA agents are all over this region. This "government of Kosovo" hired an advertising-promotional agency of 'Ruder Finn' which is extremely reactionary in its propaganda against the Yugoslav Government.

The American Information Centre controls any news emanating from foreign correspondents covering the troubled region.

Why is this being pushed to the brink?

It is the explicit maneuver by US Imperialism to occupy the Balkans, and send in their troops. This can only be done if they manage to inflame the war and spread it involving all the Balkan states. □

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NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

60-70 MILLIONS, OR 100-120 MILLIONS KILLED UNDER STALIN?



In a very interesting, analytical and well thought-out document "PROGRAM OF PARTY OF UNION OF COMMUNISTS" received from Moscow, amongst 27 pages of the path towards unity of all Soviet Communists, we found the following extremely informative.

"The time has long past to give correct figures of the enemies of the Soviet Union and Socialism who were caught, sentenced and put to death according to the laws of the country.

Rabid enemies of J.V. Stalin (Khrushchev and Gorbachev) made fantastic statements to serve their own needs and those of their hidden masters. Figures

were quoted out of thin air, and of course since Gorbachev promoted his "glasnost" the media of both the internal and external enemy promoted this as "gospel truth". The figures not quoted by these two enemies was that 624 thousand people were sentenced to death for crimes against the people from 1921 to 1953.

Let us look at the year 1921 — the last year of the civil war. These enemies killed leaders of the party, collective farm chairmen, commissars, honest workers, besides millions of rubles of sabotage, in all spheres of agriculture, industry and culture, besides wrecking the plans set out by the Government.

If we agreed with the so-called "truth" of 60-70 millions as espoused by Solzhenitsin or, more that the 100-110 millions as espoused by Antonov-Ovseenko(-son), it would be very strange if we would not expect the whole USSR to become a wasteland. There would not be any people left to work or to fight in the Great Patriotic War against fascism! The people who believed this propaganda are no more than idiots, but unfortunately there are people that still do believe this fairy tale, amongst them unfortunately are even some communists.

WHAT ABOUT UNITY?

Six years after liquidation of the CPSU there is still no unity of the many parties and groups. Talks are going on but the question is elusive. More than 10 communist parties exist now in Russia alone. Most of them are fractions and not bonafide parties. Most parties are sick with a lack of ideological study of theory combined with practice.

Two main political tasks are before us: to unite the communists and to unify all opposition forces. These two problems must be decided at the same time. To just unify communists — this will separate them from the whole people, falling into the trap of Gorbachevism. To unite all opposition forces around a weak Communist Party, this will open the possibility of anti-party elements to get inside the party.

Soviet people await such UNITY. If we achieve this, we shall be victorious."□

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EUROPEAN UNION! EURODOLLAR! COMMON MARKET!

WHO ORIGINATED THIS FASCIST IDEA!

A very interesting article in the journal "The Democrat", which is against Euro-Federalism, gives insight into the fascist movement and ideas which are now being re-packaged as the ultimate in "democracy"!

Generations of people recognize the name of Sir Oswald Mosley as synonymous with Britain's Hitlerite fascist movement and its infamous Blackshirt thugs. Curious then that such a character should be the subject of a four part series recently shown on Channel Four. Yet the bizarre portrayal of Mosley as a charismatic yet misguided, middle class, womaniser gives a clue to the appeal for such a project.

Big ideas man

The fascist leader is portrayed as an opponent of venal anti-semitism and a promoter of big ideas, while being surrounded by unimaginative politicians and dull opponents who failed to understand him. Represented as a flawed genius, he calls upon his countrymen to sweep away corruption and complacency in order to establish fascism and empire, while being supposedly trapped within his British Union of Fascists by anti-semites and Jew baiters — inevitably played by rouge elements from the lower orders.

Yet evidence and testimonies that Mosley was, in fact, a resolute Nazi are skated over, despite being described by his own grandson Ivo, as a "ranting ethnic fanatic".

European idea

One of Mosley's most enduring concepts was the "European Idea". As early as 1932 the Nazi's called for the creation of a "New Europe" in order to unite

corporate Europe against the threat of socialism. This concept was refined in Berlin in 1942 with the publication of "Europäische Wirtschaftsgemeinschaft" (European Economic Community), a grand design which even included plans for a single unitary European state with a European Central Bank.

Mosley consistently campaigned for such an entity, even learning German out of "patriotic duty" while interned during World War Two. After the defeat of Nazi Germany, Mosley proclaimed that National Socialism — Nazism — had failed because it was too narrow a concept and began openly advocating "European Socialism".



First to call for European Union

Mosley's British Union of Fascists was the first political party in Britain in 1949 to call for a European Union. This union was to include parts of north Africa in "Europe".

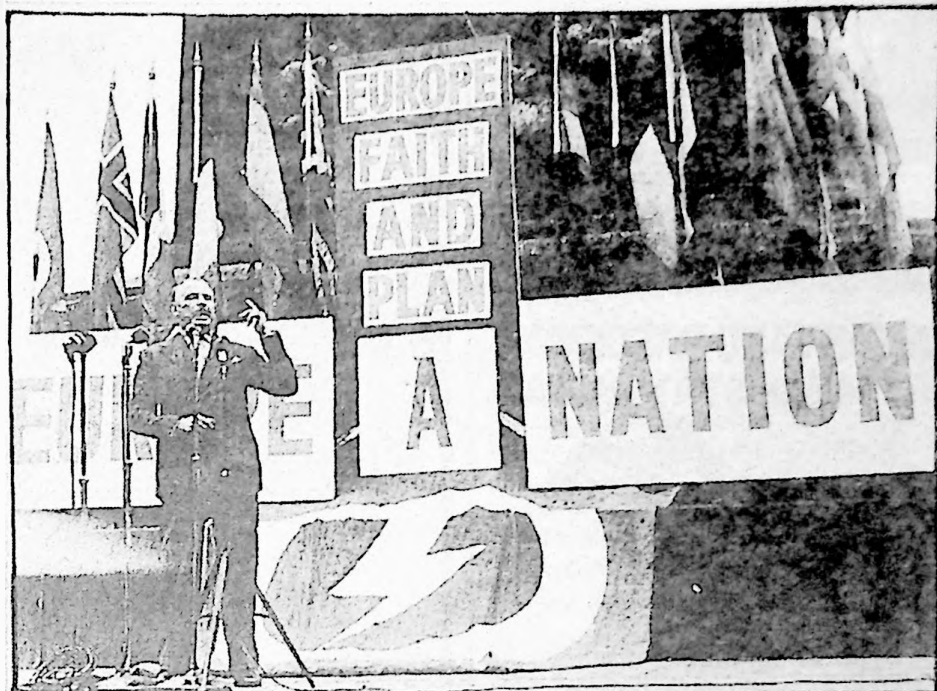
The fascist dream was and remains a "comprehensive policy for a new Europe" — "the complete Union of Europe with an European Government is now a necessity ... an entirely free system, in a large and viable area such as Europe-Africa, could solve the recurrent crises of the present European countries ..."

Mosley edited the magazine, "The European", between 1953 and 1959, which called for a "Union of Europe", proclaiming himself leader of the Union Movement which campaigned for "Europe a Nation".

Sir Oswald continued to promote the Nazi vision of a world divided up into self-sufficient, autarkic, blocs which would be corporatist in character, which would deny the existence of class struggle. As such, there are many similarities with Euro-fascist visions and those of ardent Euro-federalists.

Commissioner

Interestingly, the French Commis-



Oswald Mosley at a rally in Trafalgar Square July 1959
Note the array of flags

sioner, Yves Thibault de Siluy, has even stated the need of insulating "Europe" from the "chaos of world markets". Mosley's paranoid European ideology also called for the creation of a Euro-African "great living space" (Lebensraum in Nazi terms) while excluding imports from third world countries, a concept which remains intact within the Common Agricultural Policy.

The inheritors of the Mosley tradition in Britain exist within groups like the League of St. George who carry the slogan "Forward into Europe" on their publications. Such right wing Mosleyite sympathisers operate mostly within the Conservative Party and continue to promote the "European idea".

Darling of the Ruling Class

The enduring fascination with fascism's big ideas and its horrific glamour maybe the reason why a fanatic like Mosley became the darling of the British ruling class as well as the subject of the recent television series. It also reveals the lasting attraction of the big ideas of empire and imperial power which are still proving to be seductive to political elites within European Union and beyond. □

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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NETANYAHU PRESENTS HIS FINAL STATUS MAP

Pushing Oslo process into addressing the core problems of Jerusalem, settlements, water, and refugees, Netanyahu's establishes his preferences clearly in the map for the division of the West Bank between 'Israel' and the Palestinians. The map, now published, says nothing about the helpless Gaza Strip, where 'Israel' remains in control of 30% of the territory.

There are two ways of analysing the publication of the so-called "secret" map at this time: assessing the meaning of its publication in the context of current diplomacy, and assessing the 'Israeli' preferences that the map reflects. Whatever the map's details, its appearance now is additional proof that the Oslo process has moved irrevocably away from the framework of the "interim period" as reconfirmed by 'Israel', the United States, and the Palestinians at the time of Hebron agreement early 1997.

Netanyahu is implementing his long-held intention to re-fashion a process inherited from his predecessors. He is now focusing on developing proposals for final status issues, directing the momentum of diplomacy, moving away from "further redeployment", and on is plan - named "Allon Plus" - for territorial compromise on the West Bank. If settlement construction at Jabal Abu Ghneym (Har Homa) was described by Netanyahu as "the beginning of the battle for Jerusalem",



a battle he had no intention of losing, this map signals the beginning of the battle over the borders of "Greater Israel".

Netanyahu's map maintains fidelity to a number of long-standing 'Israeli' geostrategic principles outlined first in the Allon Plan, then in Ariel Sharon's "A Vision of Israel at Century's End" published in 1977, and finally in the "Peace Map" of the Third Way Party issued last year. According to these principles, "defensible borders" for 'Israel' and its strategic superiority throughout the territory require the following factors:

- 'Israeli' sovereignty in a 15 km wide belt - including the Jordan Valley and its western mountain ridge - and in the Judean Desert running west from the Dead Sea (except for a small area running north of Ayn Fashka).

- Expansion of the territorial bridge between Jerusalem and the Mediterranean coast by widening 'Israeli' sovereignty on the city till to the settlement of Beyt Haron and south to Etzion Bloc.

- Expansion of metropolitan Jerusalem by the annexation of

territory north to the settlements of Givat Ze'ev and Beyt El, east to Ma'ale Adumim, and south to Etzion Bloc.

- Disruption of the territorial continuity of the Palestinian entity in the West Bank by the placement of Jewish settlements under 'Israeli' sovereignty, and by the creation of four transport "corridors" of indeterminable width running in a east-west direction, connecting 'Israel' to the Jordan Valley.

- Disruption of the territorial continuity of the Palestinian populations straddling the Green Line border between the western slopes of the West Bank Samarian plateau and Um al-Fahm by expanding 'Israeli' sovereignty east of the Green Line.

The proposed map acknowledges that while most of Israel's 140 settlements (not including the Jerusalem municipality), with their population of 160,000, will be annexed to 'Israel', some settlements - and settlers - will find themselves in Palestinian territory. These include fewer than 20 isolated and sparsely populated outposts near Nablus and Janin. Curiously, Netanyahu's map also appears to

exclude the settlements of Kiryat Arba, with its population of 5,000, and Hebron from annexation by 'Israel'. According to Ha'aretz daily editor Ze'ev Schiff, however, Netanyahu is proposing functional solutions for holy places such as Jerusalem's Haram al-Sharif (Temple Mount) and Hebron's Ibrahimi Mosque (Machpela Cave) that will preserve Islamic and Jewish rights respectively. Netanyahu, Schiff says, also holds out the prospect of increasing the percentage allocated to the Palestinian entity over time or reducing it in order to accommodate demands.

The requirements reflected in the map of Netanyahu demonstrate the time-tested strategic considerations shared by the vast majority of 'Israelis'. Sharon has noted that "the details may vary but, in principle, the essence (of Netanyahu's map) is very much in the same" as one he proposed in 1977.

Netanyahu presented a similar map, devised by the 'Israeli' army, to President Clinton during a White House meeting on February 13. According to a report by Schiff, Clinton neither supported nor opposed the map, which proposed Israel's annexation of more than 50 percent of the West Bank for "security" reasons. Netanyahu, for his part, did not specify exact borders, nor did Clinton repeat the historical US position regarding changes in the pre-1967 War borders. Less than one week after this meeting, Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser noted that the United States "no longer insists on a withdrawal to the June 1967 borders."

Perhaps more important than the actual percentage of territory claimed by 'Israel', however, are the principles underlying those claims. It is far easier for Netanyahu to offer 10% or even 20% more or less of the West Bank than to repudiate the

principles on which these offers are made.

**NETANYAHU:
"WE WILL NOT WITHDRAW
FROM SOUTH LEBANON"**

At the end of last February, Netanyahu told his Cabinet that 'Israel' has no plans to make a unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon.

The 'Israeli' premier claimed that he had "no qualms" about the U.N. Security Council resolution 425, which calls for Israel's unconditional withdrawal from the zone it occupies in South Lebanon, but put a condition to have what he termed "security safeguards".

"If the Lebanese government will co-operate with us in making appropriate security arrangements in South Lebanon, we will get out of Lebanon in the framework of implementation of U.N. resolution 425," he said. □

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Statement of the International Conference



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Party of Turkey (TDKP)

The International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations which was held in Germany put the activities of communist parties within the working class at the top of its agenda.

The statements of the sister parties present at the conference shows that despite shortcomings and weaknesses there are positive and rich experiences. All the parties present agreed on the importance of taking further steps and of exchanging experience in this front.

Despite the fact that all the parties have different experiences because of different levels of develop-

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ment and changes in the situations they work in, they drew attention to many common problems facing parties and peoples in both imperialist and dependent countries.

The debates have demonstrated that the following approach and practice have been adopted once again:

1- Both because of the ideology and politics we advocate and because we aim to take root within the working class whatever the size of the working class and the stage of revolution, we are the working class parties.

2- It is the main responsibility of every party to build itself within the working class.

3- At the present stage of the crisis of the world imperialist system, the attacks on the working class and working masses have become more fearless. However, in many countries the working class fights against these attacks with a greater consciousness and fighting spirit, and they have entered a higher stage of their struggle.

The general tendency of the day is towards a new rise of the workers' and popular movement. Our parties are taking part in this movement and striving to take the lead in order to direct it towards a revolutionary rise.

4- The crisis of imperialism deepens the crisis of the reformists and revisionists and forces them to take off their masks and to take part more openly in the making and implementation of anti-working class and anti-peoples' policies. There exists a tendency within the workers' movement to break away from collaborationist and conciliatory elements. Our parties must use these

favourable conditions to help the working class hasten this break away and to gain their independence. This situation makes it possible and obligatory for our parties to gain strength within the working class.

5- Our parties are aware of the importance of trade union activity in work among the working class. This is closely linked to the character of our parties who bear the responsibility for defending the interests of the working masses. Trade union activity is also one of the main areas of activity to take root within the working class, to learn how to lead their struggle and to draw the most advanced sections into the party.

6- Our parties once again draw attention to the importance of developing within the workers' movement and trade unions the line of class-based trade unionism, revolutionary trade unionism one of the bases of which is internationalism. It is an important task to develop the line of class based trade unionism within the unions led by our parties as well as those which are under the influence of revisionists, reformists and other ideological and political currents or in the countries where there is a single union structure with a reactionary-fascist character.

7- Our parties are aware of the great importance of education within the working class, the education of the leading cadres of the workers' and trade union movement, and the communist workers who will become our parties' conscious militants.

8- The internationalisation of economy also implies the imperialist aim of dividing and provoking different sections of the working

class against each other in individual countries and on the international scale. No class fight can ignore this fact today. The sharpening of the crisis of imperialism makes it urgent to realise international solidarity on a greater scale. Being aware of the obligatory character of this task our parties are making every effort to give a class character to this solidarity. This effort must be strengthened and developed.

Workers of all countries, unite!

The message of the Communist Party of Albania to the Conference:

To the International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations

Dear Comrades,

We were not able to participate physically in the International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations held in Germany. For this reason, we send our greetings in the name of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Albania through this fax and wish the Conference success in its work. We believe that this Conference, like the others, will help us in our struggle. We think that the recent events in Albania will be discussed in the future.

Revolutionary greetings,

Hysni Millochi, President of the CPA

Hekuran Osmani, Political Secretary of the CPA

creation of "better" conditions for exploitation and oppression in Germany and the other European countries; wage reduction, reduction of social benefits, reduction of the yet remaining democratic basis rights, insulation of Europe against refugees from dependent countries:

"These are only a few of the most serious developments towards the worsening and aggravation of the situation. They mean a frontal attack on the economic, social and legal conditions of the working people, the refugees and democratic movements not only in Germany, but also in the other countries of Europe."

"German imperialism is one of the strongest imperialist big powers, an especially aggressive, imperialist big power that sparked World War I and has committed world-historically unique crimes of genocide in World War II, it is an international exploiter and oppressor. For German imperialism, the "European Union", the creation of a European common market, the German Mark as leading currency in Europe, the introduction of the Euro, the dominant position of the German Federal Bank which dominates the European currency system with or without the Euro because of the economic strength of German imperialism, are all means to enhance its ability for carrying out its world wide imperialist policy of expansion even better."

○ **The European plans of German imperialism mean imperialist war!**

In discussions about the evaluation of the European plans of German imperialism, one often hits on the dangerous illusion that the "danger of war" will diminish with a "United Europe." Lenin has already destroyed this totally wrong thesis in his work "On the slogan of the United States of Europe" written in 1915:

"Under capitalism the smooth economic growth of individual enterprises or individual states is impossible. Under capitalism, there are no other means of restoring the periodically disturbed equilibrium than crises in industry and wars in politics."

(Lenin, "On the Slogan of the United States of Europe," 1915, Collected Works, vol. 21, p.341, Moscow 1964)

"German imperialism is and remains, whether or not it enters one or another imperialist alliance against the world-wide revolutionary struggles or against certain imperialist competitors within the NATO or the Western European

Union or the EU, an source of war in its own right carrying out, with or against the other imperialists, direct and open war actions with its Bundeswehr even today, like e.g. in former Yugoslavia, preparing local rapacious wars against other imperialist powers and feverishly working at the planning and preparation of an imperialist war for the new partition of the spheres of influence among the imperialist big powers."

○ **Variants of German chauvinism**

The strategists of German imperialism know exactly that a single trick, a single kind of demagoguery won't be enough for the ideological treatment of the population. German imperialism has at its disposal various propaganda sections with appeal to different parts of the population, deceiving them each in a different way. For one thing, there is the German-nationalistic variant in the "Euro debate", the reference to "Brussels" or the "sell-out of German interests" when it comes to justifying the worsening of the social conditions of the working people in Germany. On the other hand, we have the German-European variant of the defenders of a "We-are-Europe" stance that apparently draws a line between itself and German chauvinism, in order to create sympathies within the parts of the population emotionally oriented against the Nazis, and also to try to "disprove" on an international level the justified mistrust of the other peoples against a Europe under the leadership of German imperialism. These two varieties of German chauvinism differ in form and timing.

"when this manoeuvre is used by that section or the other manoeuvre is used by another section - in consonance with their role distribution, that is. The propagandists of German imperialism offer both positions according to a careful calculus, often using even both manoeuvres combined, with both varieties blending into each other. In the competitive struggle with, e.g., the French imperialists, the German-chauvinist variant can move into the foreground even tomorrow, accompanied by musings about the 'solo attempt of Germany,' the 'special road of Germany' against 'Brussels,' only in order to reshuffle the 'German-European variant' into the foreground the very next day - wholly dependent on the interests and necessities of the goals of German imperialism..."

○ **For proletarian internationalism! Workers of all countries, unite!**

"This deeply internationalist principle of the worker's movement is by no means valid only or even especially in Europe. This has to be stressed, if one takes into consideration various forces thinking of themselves as leftist which have adopted the formula "First Europe, then the rest of the world" in their own special way. ... In the face of this multifaceted challenges, the answer and the perspective of the Communist

forces, the worker's movement in Germany can only be: Intensified class struggle, not under German slogans, not "unification of Europe," but consciously against all varieties of nationalism and chauvinism, shoulder to shoulder to the workers of all countries against the intensified exploitation and oppression, against imperialist war."

Rally supports workers' rights

Thousands march in a demonstration of union solidarity.

By **RACHEL GIBSON**

Up to 100,000 people marched through Melbourne in support of the Maritime Union of Australia yesterday in what the union movement said was the biggest display of union strength since a 1992 rally against the Kennett Government.

Led by a contingent of MUA members, the crowd, estimated at more than 55,000 by police, marched from the Trades Hall to Flinders Street chanting slogans condemning the Workplace Relations Minister, Mr Peter Reith.

The ACTU president, Ms Jennie George, told the crowd the rally was the first stage of a campaign to remove the Howard Government from office.

She said Australians had rallied to support the MUA because they recognised that if the Government destroyed the maritime union, every worker was at risk.

"We're on the point of a very historic victory for working-class people in this nation," she said. "In the months ahead, we've got to take the fight up to the Government ... We've got to get out there in the marginal seats ... We've got to say that we want industrial laws that are fair and just."



There was a show of strength when thousands marched in Melbourne

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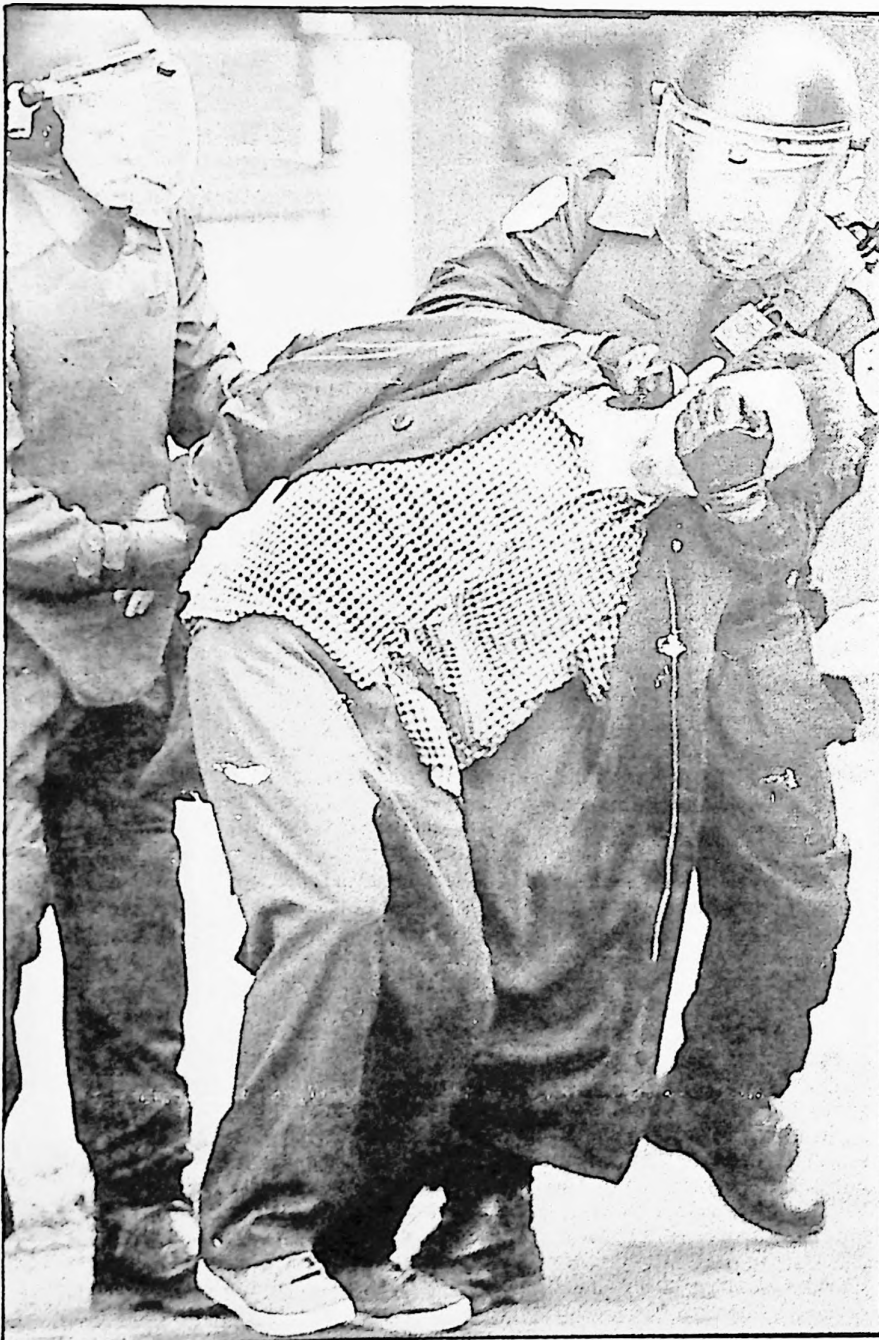
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FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION — CANADIAN STYLE!

Take a good look at this photograph! Two burly riot police decked out in full riot gear, subduing a protester in Montreal, Canada, outside a conference on globalization of

the world's economy. The police arrested over 100 peaceful demonstrators!

This photograph was published in the Globe and Mail newspaper.



NEWS FROM FORMER SOVIET UNION

From the newspaper
BOLSHEVIK OF STAVROPOLYA
Russia

**DO NOT YELL!
NO ONE
WILL HELP YOU**



In one family there happened a terrible tragedy! A robber and sex maniac raped and killed a young child. The mother of this child is asking help from everyone, the militia, the courts, the law enforcement agency, but to no avail.

The present Yeltsin regime wants to set free this molester, since he has some higher-up contacts and pull. What is happening now in Russia? We are living in terrible hell. You cannot get any truth from the present regime because wild business mentality is prevailing: unemployment, robbery, killings, murders for money, the mafia which is connected closely with some sections of the regime.

Today's Russia — this is the biggest concentration camp, where killings are a daily occurrence, hangings, poisoning, raping ... while the militia could not care less — this is on the local level and it goes up to the highest level in the Kremlin.

If you have money, no matter what you have done, you are certain to be freed after paying off someone higher up. People like this bandit who raped and killed this small child can become even Mayor or Governor or any other government post ... if you have the \$\$\$ and high connections.

This is happening all over Stavropol region. How many people became victims since 1991? The Governor Chernogorov

knows the figures but refuses to divulge them, fearing an uncontrollable insurrection by the people.

We have no war going on here — but people are being killed! When will this end, no one knows.

A. Areshenko

From
SOVIET YOUTH
Newspaper
Briansk, Russia



At the present time the youth of Bolshevik persuasion is reaching new heights of activity. The All Union Young Guard of Bolsheviks has come up from the blow given to it by the former leaders who defected such as Kaspiev-Sologubov. They were expelled consequently from the AUCPB and our Bolshevik Guard.

A new process of formation of organization and party cells is ongoing in all of the former regions of the USSR. We have our published organ, the newspaper "Soviet Youth". In the near future we plan to enlarge our circulation amongst working, agricultural, rural youth and students.

We hope that in NSC you shall publish some of the more interesting articles from our newspaper, especially about the initiative when we organized the "Committee for defending the names of Soviet Heroes."

Wishing you success for the victory of socialism.

With communist greetings,
V. Panikhin
Editor of "Soviet Youth"

Below is the background history of the Young Guards.

ALL LIFE IS A STRUGGLE

The life and struggle then death of the "Young Guard" of Krasnodar.

Komosols during 1942 of the Great Patriotic War, from the period of August

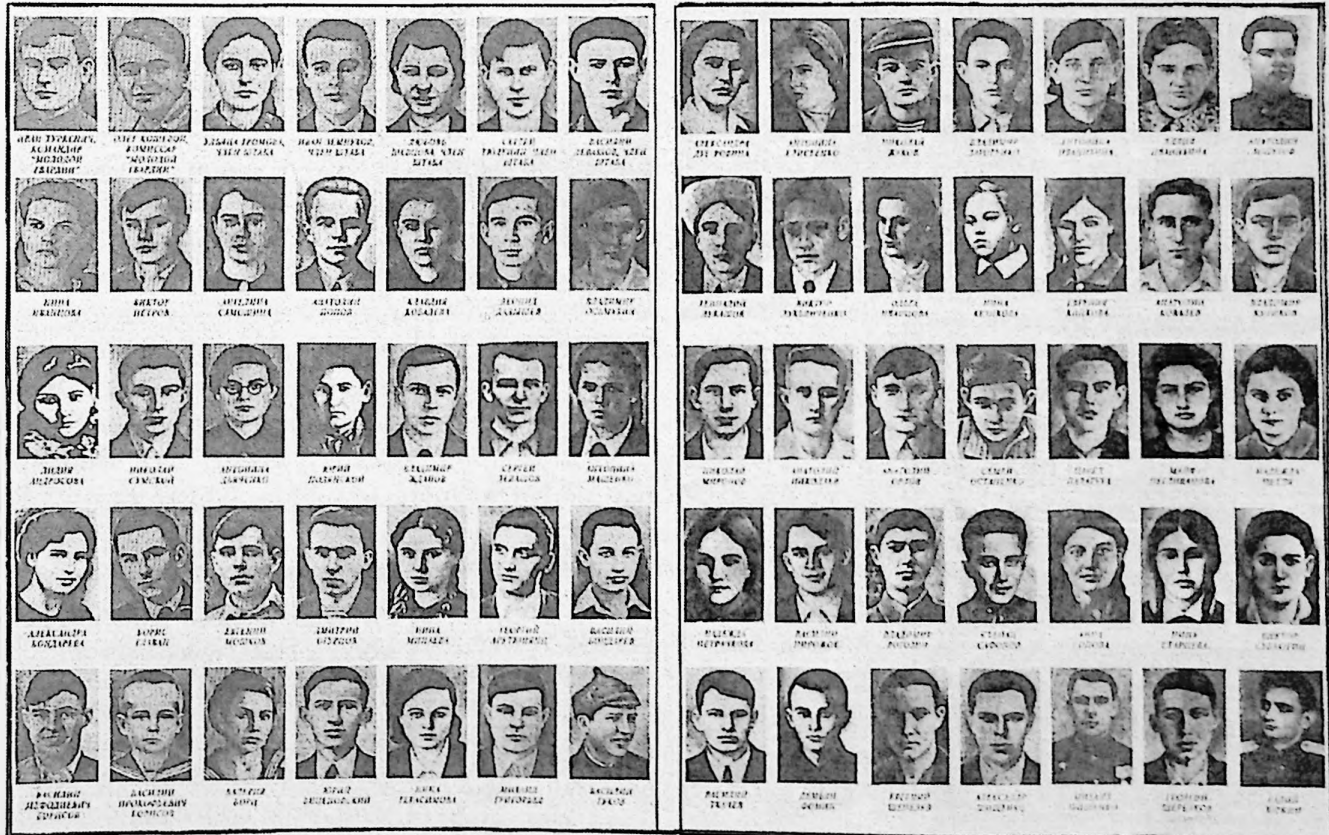
1942 to February 1943, were fighting the German fascists in the Krasnodar Region.

Komosols sabotaged German transports; made it difficult for German fascists to mobilize and ship Soviet people to be slaves in German war industries; they liberated from concentration camps Soviet war prisoners; they burnt wagons full of bread confiscated by the Nazis and being shipped to Germany; they exposed and dealt with traitors that cooperated with German fascists; they gathered weapons; they gathered goods to help war orphans and partisans.

These Komosol members at the same time agitated the population with Bolshevik propaganda, instilling in the population patriotism, to believe in the final victory of the Red Army — uplifting the people to struggle against the occupiers.

Komosols-underground fighters died a heroic death at the hands of German fascists. To the end they fulfilled their Komosol oath. These Komosol Young Guards shall forever live in the hearts of Soviet people.

Below we publish some of the photos of the Young Guards who were murdered by German fascists in the Krasnodar Region of the USSR.



FEATURE ANALYSIS

REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD GATHER IN BRUSSELS

By: Ray O. Light

From May 2 to May 4, 1998, close to eighty revolutionary nationalist, socialist, and communist parties and groups from approximately fifty countries met in Brussels, Belgium under the auspices of the Workers Party of Belgium. They met to discuss the topic, "The working class, its leading role, new forms of exploitation and experiences of struggle and organization". Among these forces, their experience in struggle, the political-social-economic challenges being faced, as well as the size and strength and the level of organization were as *diverse* as possible.

Unfortunately, the invited Soviet friendship organization from Canada, Northstar Compass, was not able to send any of its leaders. However, two articles we distributed contained the Northstar Compass masthead. From the USA, our small Ray O. Light Group was one of two participating US groups from the currently small and weak revolutionary movement within the belly of the beast; for US imperialism is the most powerful and belligerent imperialist fortress in the world, the chief oppressor of the world's peoples. By contrast, the powerful revolutionary movement in the Philippines was represented by participants from the National Democratic Front and from the Communist Party of the Philippines which today leads this powerful liberation movement against US

imperialism and its Ramos lackey government.

The working class of most of the other advanced capitalist and imperialist countries, from Japan and from Western Europe were represented by their workers and communist parties. There were small and large organizations from most of Western Europe from Britain and Scandinavia in the north, to Italy, Greece, Spain and Portugal in the south. It seems that all of these countries have more advanced socialist and communist Workers forces than the USA at this time.

The extremely important country of Turkey which bridges the civilizations of Europe, and the Middle East and which combines characteristics of both an oppressor and oppressed nation (much like Tsarist Russia did) had two revolutionary parties in attendance. Among the revolutionary nationalist and communist forces of the oppressed nations, from the Middle East, the leading Palestinian revolutionary organizations, as well as Algeria, Iraq, Iran, and Egypt were represented. From Africa, Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Rwanda, Uganda and the Congo. From Asia, where much of the revolutionary struggles against imperialism have been centred during the past fifty years, along with the Filipino comrades, there were four parties from India, two from Bangladesh, and an Indonesian group. Among the many representatives from Latin America were revolutionary organizations from Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Peru, and Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

From the former Socialist Albania, Nexmije Hoxha, widow of Albania's long time Party and Government leader Enver Hoxha, and herself a major revolutionary Party and government leader, demonstrated that she still retains

her revolutionary determination and beliefs. Now in her late seventies, she had been imprisoned for the past five years under the new capitalist and pro-USA imperialist regime. Two months before, its supposed "communist leaders" turned the country over to foreign capitalists and local reactionaries, seventy-five percent of the Albanian people had still voted communist! Yet even after suffering such a shocking setback in Albania, comrade Hoxha shared the podium with Hysni Myllosi, the chairman of the new Communist Party of Albania and together, they provided insight into the current battles of the Albanian working class. From the former USSR, five communist and workers parties (including one based in Azerbaijan) aspiring to help lead the former Soviet workers back to Soviet power participated. These included: Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Russian Communist Workers' Party, Union of Communist Parties, Russian Workers' and Peasants' Party and Communist Party of Azerbaijan. Especially noteworthy were the consistently internationalist contributions of Victor Anpilov, leader of the "Communist Party of the Soviet Union", throughout the sessions. The challenge of leading the working class of Albania and the USSR "back to the future" is unprecedented! By contrast, official representatives of the Workers Party of Korea and the Cuban Communist Party shared the efforts of their socialist regimes at defending their national sovereignty and independence from imperialist aggression and plunder.

What links all these revolutionary working class organizations?

The workers throughout the world are all experiencing exploitation or super-exploitation or are threatened with same under the domination of

international capitalism headed by US imperialism.

Eighty-two years ago, Lenin wrote that capitalism had already entered its monopoly stage and that this meant the concentration of capital and the domination of industrial capital by financial capital. The world's markets had already been saturated and wars for the redivision of the world's natural and labor resources and markets was inevitable. (World War I was going on at the time.) Lenin referred to this last, dying stage of capitalism as **Imperialism**. In the past decade, the globalization of capital, the accelerated concentration of capital, the absolute domination of finance capital over industrial capital have become so pronounced that it is undeniable. Wars and threats of wars sparked by US imperialism have broken out all over the globe. While there are still major and growing contradictions among various capitalist groupings, the "new world order" (the George Bush, Rockefeller-Tri Lateral Commission term) has sent the mushrooming of international organizations of the international capitalist class. From the Trilateral Commission, to the World Bank, to the IMF, to the Bildeberg Group, the international capitalist class has sought to achieve their maximum unity against the international working class.

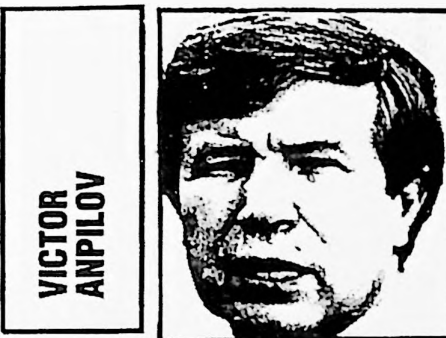
The International Communist Seminar, hosted by the Workers Party of Belgium represents a positive revolutionary step back toward international unity of the international working class which was vital to the world historic victory over the most aggressive and bellicose imperialist powers, the Fascist Axis Powers, in World War II. That victory led to the flowering of national independence movements and socialist victories especially

throughout Asia, Africa, and Latin America. One very encouraging development is that diverse revolutionary forces supportive of Comrades Stalin, Mao, Hoxha, Fidel, Ho, Che and others are beginning to forge revolutionary anti-imperialist unity. The working class and oppressed peoples of the world urgently need principled revolutionary unity to overcome the unity of the international capitalist class that is today spreading misery on an unprecedented scale.

May the annual International Communist Seminar in Brussels continue to build revolutionary unity of action and of purpose of the world's working people in the years ahead! Workers and Oppressed Peoples of the World Unite!

For more information on this Seminar, contact Ray O. Light at the following address:

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From newspaper
MOLNIYA
Moscow

COUNTER ATTACK!

The following is taken from the speech by Victor Anpilov, chairman of "Trudovaya Rossiya" and First Secretary of the temporary Central Committee of the newly constituted CPSU, given to the workers at the mass demonstration on May Day.

Dear comrades!

Exactly 5 years ago, the regime of Yeltsin tried to take away from the Soviet people the May Day solidarity of workers. Against the peaceful May Day demonstrations on the Lenin Prospect in Moscow, he ordered thousands of OMON goons armed with tear gas, batons, shields, guns and water cannons, against the workers.



Moscow citizens defended themselves in this uneven confrontation. It was on this day, five years ago that Soviet workers tore off the fascist mask of these newly-baked "democrats"! Even though we were forced to retreat, we did win, because we counter attacked and set an example. We must again learn the lessons from this first confrontation on May Day five years ago!

The present Western-oriented and financially backed bourgeois regime has brought the country into a tunnel of private enterprise which has no exit but to rob indiscriminately the people. The farce of getting "rid" of Chernomydrin and the forceful positioning of the inexperienced Kirienko again made possible for Yeltsin to wash his hands clean and not take any responsibility for the present chaotic situation.

The class struggle in Russia is heating up. We cannot retreat any longer. We must take the initiative and must give a telling counter blow to the robbers in the Kremlin. We cannot compromise on anything with these bandits! The first word must be given by the Communists. The Communist Party of the Soviet Union is not a party of Anpilov, Zyuganov, Andreeva or Tiulkin but the CPSU of Lenin and Stalin — it must be resurrected. One party, one program, one struggle. How many

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times must we go to the V.I. Lenin Mausoleum with different slogans and a different assembly of leaders? It is shameful! If we, Communists, are ready to counter attack, there must be a Central Committee — one for Russia, the Ukraine, Byelorussia and for all the USSR — which is to resurrect the Soviet Union and the CPSU before the last Great Patriotic War veteran leaves this earth. Can we be uncaring when we see what is happening to our people in the Ukraine, Tadzhikistan, or how they stomp on the people of Russia? The main attack must be struggle for Russia. One Lukashenko (*President of Byelorussia - editors*) cannot bring on this integration. We must be certain that the political system and the talk about reuniting the former Republics must be the USSR and socialism!

The struggle for the unity of Communists must be formulated in all places of the former USSR. In the Kuriles, in the Crimea, Abkhazia, Byelorussia and all corners of the USSR. Everything that helps to unite us must be tried and implemented ... donations for a Soviet TV station! March on Moscow on August 14th, if our Kremlin drunk does not go away, we must all March on Moscow! The lessons of last year's march showed us that the militia and the army are ready to join our side.

The Smolensk initiative showed that they could organize the working collectives to go on this important March on Moscow. Yes, it is hard, but that is the answer! Let us remember that the water cannot flow under a rock, or the sleeping bull shall eventually be eaten by mosquitos. We just cannot have a blind insurrection — let the people's wrath be unleashed up — on those enemies who have brought our mighty country to its knees for foreign capital! The strikes by the miners now is an example that things cannot any longer be tolerated: **ENOUGH OF BEGGING, WE MUST STRIKE!**

We had enough of words, we need deeds! We need deeds not words from the "Red Governors" whom we elected because they stood under red banners all over Russia. Then why do these Governors hide the red banners now? Cannot you comrades see how tough and terrible it is for us in Moscow? Help us! Organize the people for the March On Moscow, for our Soviet Motherland!

Enough to begging the parliamentary opposition in the Duma! When Yeltsin pushed Kirienko to the post, where was

the Duma opposition? This Communist opposition in the Duma must do two things:

- Demand from the new government that it pay all back wages to all workers including the army!
- That it bring in a law to raise the minimum wage to 1000 rubles (\$165.00) per month-pensions.

If Yeltsin thrice refuses to sign this law into practice, let him disband the DUMA. He gave birth to it, now let him liquidate it! The day of the disbanding of the Duma must become the signal to hold the All Russian Strike under the slogan of:

DOWN WITH THE ANTI-PEOPLES REGIME! LONG LIVE THE SOVIETS OF WORKERS, FARMERS AND ARMY DEPUTIES!

Comrades! This is the kind of program that we should adopt as a Counter Attack against the present regime, and this slogan is the slogan of our "Trudovaya Rossiya". I would ask you, those of you who are patriots, to vote on these slogans and on our proposals, by raising your hands.

Close to 100,000 demonstrators raised their hands and voted yes!

TOGETHER WE SHALL WIN! □

**SOVIET PEOPLE
SHALL NEVER
GIVE UP TO
U.S. IMPERIALISM!**





NEW PROVOCATIONS ARE IN THE OFFING FOR RUSSIANS!

From Newspaper "Slavyansky Nabat", Minsk, Byelorussia,
by Alexei Malashko, Doctor of Historical Sciences.

The advisors to Yeltsin see the awakening of patriotism of the Russian people – which is beginning to show its head and leading the struggle, together with other progressive forces against rape of natural resources, scientific-technical know-how to NATO – as one of the most dangerous in Russia now. This struggle is gaining momentum, not only from a political perspective but also as purely national patriotism of Soviet (Russian) people who built the Soviet Union when it was a great power, rich in minerals beyond anyone's dreams.

Now, the present regime is preparing secretly and is promoting as a law against "Russian fascism". Under this label, the Yeltsin regime is trying to undermine, discredit and obliterate the growing Russian patriotism and trying to fit a uniform on them as "national fascists".

This is being accomplished by the mass media which is completely controlled by the present regime. The facts are that 86% of Russian people get their information through the privatized, Yeltsin-controlled TV, radio and newspapers. It breaks down to this: Central TV – 27%, Local TV – 28%, other media being the radio which is mostly Central.

We cannot just state that the Russian regime and his foreign masters are sowing seeds of internal ethnic strife, anti-semitism and trying (as during the Tsars' time) to establish grounds for

the Black Hundreds! There are already laws that are being formulated to ban some Communist parties and blaming Russian Communists that they are establishing national-socialism (fascism)!

This is being accomplished very succinctly, cleverly in that the present Yeltsin government never states officially as to what kind of society they are building. They use populist demagoguery, trying social-democracy rhetoric, bourgeois liberalism, Thatcherism, and cleverly using some of the slogans of the opposition, including Communist slogans.

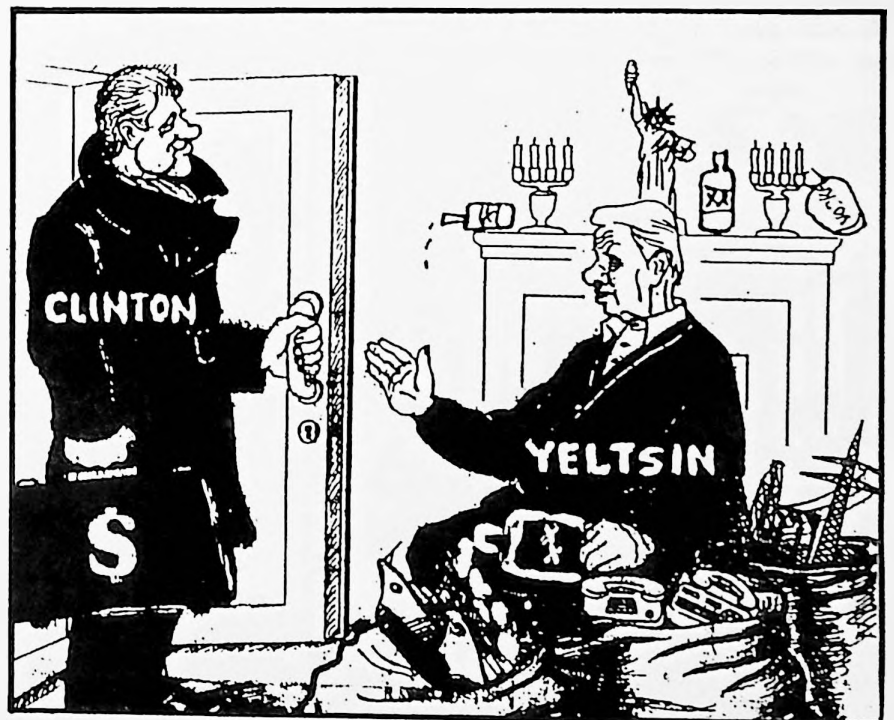
The idea of Yeltsin's regime is clear – in all manner, using all media in order to remain in power. And ... to rob even more Russia and former Soviet Republics.

Below, we reprint a cartoon from this newspaper:

Clinton: "Have you a Slavic Cupboard for sale?"

Yeltsin: "The Slavic Cupboard is sold sir. Now we are selling the Slavs and everything else."

Cartoon reworked by Michael Lucas



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YOUNG PIONEERS – YOUNG LENINISTS

This June-July combined issue of NSC is dedicated to the Young Pioneers of the former Soviet Union, who are again, in spite of all the propaganda, terror, economic hardships and school curriculum that makes certain that the history of the Lenin's Pioneer Movement is forgotten. In spite of the above reasons, the Pioneer Organization is growing all across the former USSR.

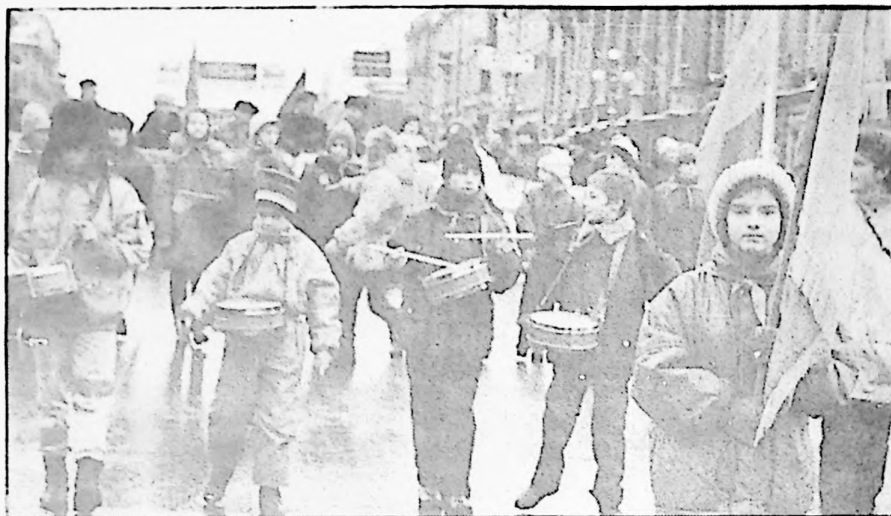


You can see by the photographs in this article that the young Leninists are following in the glorious footsteps of their predecessors and shall again play a vital role in the future of a resurrected Soviet Union and Socialism!

We also publish the letter received by NSC from the Editor of the newspaper "Lenin's Iskra" A.Y.Nesterova. You can read the story of a hero who was only 14 years of age, Kostya Kalinin who, together with thousands of other patriots defended the Supreme Soviet in October of 1993. He, a 14 year old Pioneer patriot died from the bullets unleashed by the present Yeltsin's regime.

The pictures we publish show Pioneers in many cities. One such picture shows the protest-demonstration that is held each year on October 2-3 in order to remind the people and put the regime on notice that as the slogan over the top of the photo states: "WE SHALL NOT FORGET, WE SHALL NOT FORGIVE!"

Here is the story of Kostya Kalinin from the newspaper "Lenin's Iskra".



CITY OF LENINGRAD, RUSSIA | many demonstrations against the present regime.
Pioneers marching with red flags during



CITY OF TIUMEN, RUSSIA
Pioneers laying flowers at the foot of the monument to V.I.Lenin.

CITY OF ROVNO, UKRAINE
Andtosh Raks, 12 years old with his favourite newspaper.





CITY OF KALUGA, RUSSIA
Participants of a concert dedicated to the 75th Anniversary of the Soviet Pioneer Organization.

KOSTYA KALININ

There is very little information about this Pioneer. Ordinary youngsters, studied very well, he especially excelled in mathematics; always helped elder people to carry their bags, helping mother in all chores. In one word, there were millions of such youngsters, boys and girls.

But tragedy came along. In September of 1993 Yeltsin gave the command to liquidate the Supreme Soviet. People in thousands came to the defense of this last bastion of Soviet power. The demonstrations proceeded for two weeks. On October 3 the people lifted the siege of the Supreme Soviet. With bare hands the Soviet people dispersed the armed OMON punitive detachments (Personal army of Yeltsin - Editor). The Dzerzhinski Division came over and joined the people's protest and left the blockaded Supreme Soviet building.

The defenders of the Supreme Soviet then went to Ostantkino TV Tower, in order to get on the air and tell the whole story to the Soviet people and the world. When the demonstrators came to the TV tower, they were met with machinegun, rifle and small arms fire. Kostya and his 9 year old brother were among the protesters. They found themselves right in the middle of this inferno. Bullets were whizzing all over, gunfire was constant. Petya

left for home, but Kostya stayed behind to help the demonstrators.

Kostya then left for the Supreme Soviet building, where he saw and heard cannon and tank fire aimed at the Supreme Soviet, where elected deputies were. The situation was very dangerous and what exactly was going on inside the Supreme Soviet is not clear, but when the OMON goons and other reactionary people (fully armed) invaded the Supreme Soviet, there was carnage.

Only after two weeks, the mother of Kostya received the dead body of her son. Looking at the wounds all over Kostya's body, it was evident that he was machine-gunned. All his clothes were riddled with bullet holes. On his skin and body you could see signs of torture.

Mother and 9 year old brother Petya asked and asked the Prosecutor as to why this happened. The Prosecutor just demanded to know whether Kostya belonged to any political party. That is all they were interested in.

They buried Kostya with all his classmates attending. The school was in mourning. Children speaking at the burial told stories about the exemplary work of Kostya as a Pioneer, and the main thing was stated over and over again — Kostya was a fighter for justice, against all evil and together with their young patriots he struggled against the policies of Yeltsin and his anti-peoples regime.

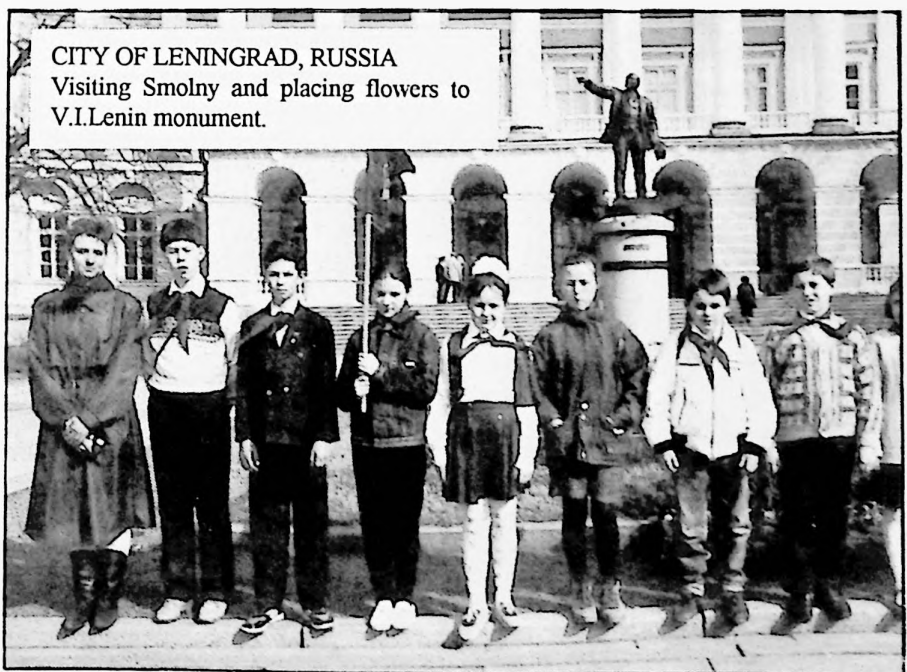
Already 4 years have gone by, Kostya would have been 18. He is remembered by the defenders of the Supreme Soviet, and he is known by all dedicated people.

And looking at the photo of Kostya as his picture was carried by Young Pioneers during demonstrations in Moscow, Leningrad, Tula, Voronezh, Perm, Tiyumen and other centres by people who never knew Kostya, we bow our heads and promise to uphold Kostya and other heroes and what they stood and died for.

The day is not far off when the Soviet people shall resurrect the Soviet Motherland and there shall be no place in this Motherland for killers such as performed those evil deeds in 1993!

In the name of Kostya Kalinin we honour numerous other pioneers-heroes of whom the whole country is proud of.

A.Y.Nesterova



CITY OF LENINGRAD, RUSSIA
Visiting Smolny and placing flowers to V.I.Lenin monument.

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**GALINA
SAVCHENKO**



UKRAINE – LESSONS IN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS – 98

Ukraine today – this is millions out of work, this is a government which is under direct control and subservient to the West.

This is a regime of direct presidential dictatorship by Kuchma at the beckon call of International capital.

This is a regime of neo-banderite ideology, symbol of nationalism and capitalism, which can be called “habitual fascism”.

The structures that control the government of Ukraine are: UNA-UNSO, Congress of Ukrainian Nationalists, RUKH, semi-governmental organization “Prosvita”, part of intelligentsia that has sold itself to the present regime and who are poisoned with rabid nationalism, plus the newly-baked bourgeoisie for which nationalism is a means to control and divide the people and to rob the country.

Before the elections, the present regime, afraid of the wrath of the people if it should lose, did everything in their power to win the

elections by hook or crook.

The elections that took place on March 29, 1998 were preceded by the following actions:

- Information was curtailed (some newspapers that the State felt were overly critical were closed) anti-laws were put into effect to stop broadcasting parliamentary proceedings over the radio. Deputies channels to the public were closed.

- Tremendous propaganda was unleashed of anti-Soviet and anti-Russian, meant to make the population into zombies.

- Immediate putting into place “Trojan Horse” into the ranks of the left movements (meaning the right wing parties but left wing names); in this way, to break up any unity that exists with communists. These are the parties that are considered the opposition: All Ukrainian Party of Workers, Block of Trudovaya Ukraina, Peoples Democratic Party. The role of Trojan Horses were played also by these parties with hidden agendas, such as – All Ukrainian Unity “Hromada” and the Green Party of Ukraine. RUKH must also be included as a Trojan Horse, plus the “Forward Ukraine”, who promote themselves as opposition to the President, but in actual fact, are cooperating with the President in a coalition ... besides all this, the present regime depends on the “independent” candidates in districts.

- Formation of local and district electoral commissions composed solely from the President’s adherents who proceeded to falsify the returns.

- Calling for holding of congresses by pro-fascist youth organizations, plus other congresses that aim at muddying the waters before the election.

- Taking all steps to make the businessmen who were to be tried for embezzlement and anti-state money manipulations, by rescinding their

charges of corruption and thus making available their ill-gained finances to help Kuchma regime during the election.

- Pre-election agitation aimed at the young people who were about to vote for the first time and unfamiliar with the previous and present falsification, plus utilizing the church to agitate against communist and other patriotic candidates.

- Fabrications of falsehood against some Communist Deputies who were honoured with the Marshal Zhukov Medals, such as the young deputy N.V. Pilipenko. A whole campaign of slander was unleashed to falsify the meaning of this medal. (In this regard, the Marshal Zhukov Medal was given to Michael Lucas, Editor of NSC and President of Canadian Friends of Soviet People at the 5th Anniversary Conference ‘98 held in February in Canada.)

The elections in Ukraine brought about 70–78% of people to the polls and was held in a mixed system: from the 450 deputies in Ukrainian parliament, 225 were elected from major districts while 225 from party lists.

According to the election laws of Ukraine, the right to participate in the elections and be represented in parliament is given to the following parties: Communist Party of Ukraine, RUKH movement of Ukraine, Socialist Party and Village Party, Green Party of Ukraine, Peoples Democratic Party, All Ukrainian Union “Hromada”, Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine, Social Democratic Party of Ukraine.

The following numbers were elected from the parties:

- Communist Party of Ukraine – 84.
- RUKH – 32.
- Socialist-Village Parties (block) – 29.
- Green Party of Ukraine – 19.

- Peoples Democratic Party – 17.
- Hromada – 16.
- Progressive Socialist Party – 14.
- Social Democratic Party – 14.

From the 225 deputies, 130 were elected who called themselves “independents” but composed mostly from the rich businessmen and the present bourgeoisie.

In spite of many years of propaganda against communists, every fourth voter voted for a Communist candidate. Not one pro-governmental party received a majority vote or support of the electorate. Thus, the Peoples Democratic Party had only 5.01% of votes ... while the Agrarian Party did not reach even the 4% barrier. The least vote was had by the “European Choice for Ukraine” who promoted themselves with expensive TV ads that “Ukraine is a European Country!”

People have shown that they do not trust the present regime and it should resign.

The tactics of “Trojan Horses” did not altogether work, even though they had the money (which they did have – from where, no one knows) but a one minute ad on TV costs \$5,000 US. The government even forced the people in jail to vote promising them lighter sentences. Even with all this, the pro-government parties did not take first place.

**PEOPLE MADE THEIR CHOICE
– FOR FUTURE, FOR SAVING
THEMSELVES AND FOR
SOCIALISM!**

But we should not have any illusions about the results of this election. Let us remember what Yeltsin did to the Russian Duma in 1993!

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Right after the results of elections, Sergei Tehipko, Vice-Premier, quickly flew to Washington for consultations and then on April 14, Ukrainian radio announced that Ukraine in the near future will join NATO. Obviously, the present regime wants a defender to save it from the wrath of the people.

Another point that followed the results of the elections was the announcement that Ukraine and NATO shall hold joint military exercises on the Black Sea soon, called: “Sea Breeze – 98”.

Completely frightened, the present Kuchma regime seeks assurances from the “world policeman”.

History does not record any change of systems when the working class takes power by peaceful means, even though that would be wanted, but reactionary forces in power shall never give up their ill-gotten gains. Even if the Communists of Ukraine in alliance with other partners received over 50% of the votes, this would not mean victory, even though Soviet people already close to 10 years are yearning for.

Bourgeois government, as V.I. Lenin taught us, can be overthrown only by a revolution. The first step in Ukraine must be the elimination of the presidency and its structures.

– Galina Savchenko

Member of ACP[B]

Vitaly Blinov

Member of “Movement for USSR”

Ukraine

COMMENT:

We thank Galina and Vitaly for an interesting article but we feel that the article could have appealed for UNITY of all the left forces under a common program and tactics to fight the present bourgeois government and their backers.

Is taking part in the elections now, knowing full well that no way will the

NATO block countries and those under its influence allow the Communists to gain control through “parliamentary means” even if the Communists and their allies received over 60% of the votes!

There is logic to those who state that by participating in the elections that we know are fixed, that are manipulated by many means at the whim of the present regime, this participation adds the “aura of respectability” to the regime and thus keeps it in power.

**JOINT UNITY! JOINT ACTIONS
FOR AN OVERTHROW IS THE
ONLY ANSWER!** □

WHERE ARE WE HEADING?

**From: “RED YOUTH”
Vladikavkaz, Russia**

The regime and its ideologists tirelessly want to convince the people that all the misfortunes and hardships that they have to endure are temporary. They claim that all this is due to some “transitional period” that will come to an end soon, and then the economy will start flourishing and life will be better.

Many talk about socialism, very often without having a clue of what socialism means. Often people say: we lived under socialism but it was no good. Here, they mean the two-three decades that preceded Yeltsin, the so-called the “epoch of stagnation”.

As a matter of fact, the Khrushchev-Brezhnev period in the USSR had nothing to do with socialism. The construction of socialism in the Soviet Union was dismantled right after the death of J.V. Stalin. And this was neither just accidental nor the result of an involuntary mistake. The counter-revolutionary coup that was held in March 1953 was the result of the tireless struggle of imperialism

against the country of the new, progressive formation, socialism.

In his speech, on November 25, 1936, on the draft of the Constitution of the USSR, comrade Stalin said: "Our Soviet society has already, in the main, succeeded in achieving socialism; it has created a socialist system, i.e., it has brought about what Marxists in other words call the first, or lower, phase of communism. Hence, in the main, we have already achieved the first phase of communism, socialism." This implied that under the dictatorship of the proletariat capitalist exploitation was liquidated in the country. In the USSR, there were no more capitalists, social property in the means of production dominated, new, formerly unknown relations of productions were consolidated: socialist relations of production. This gave a tremendous push to the development of all sides of life of the Soviet peoples: the economy, culture, science, education ...

However, the period of socialism existed in the USSR for only 17 years. [Here, the author means the period between the proclamation of Socialism in the USSR in 1936 till the death of Stalin – note of transl.] One should subtract the years of war and reconstruction: only 10 years of peaceful development of socialism are left.

With the death of J.V. Stalin in March 1953, the Khrushchevites started a line completely opposed to the Stalin's socialist line. The proletarian party was turned into a "party of the whole people", i.e., into a bourgeois party. In order to accomplish this, the system of Stalinist party cadre was liquidated and in their place arose bourgeois cadre: Trotskyites, Bukharinites and similar enemies of the Soviet people. Those who were repressed and sent to jail in Stalin's times for economic and political crimes, were now

proclaimed "innocent victims", released from jail and places in leading posts. These were capitalists. They started all over again to exploit the people, they restored capitalist exploitation in the country. But as a disguise, they did not liquidate the CPSU and they kept the communist symbols. The descendants of these "victims" held key posts in many of the regions of the USSR ever since. Therefore, in March 1953, a counter-revolutionary coup took place in the Soviet Union that led to the liquidation of socialism and the restoration of capitalism.

The replacement of Khrushchev by Brezhnev in 1964 did not bring a change in the general line. The bourgeois regime just decided to "replace the mask", since Khrushchev was already dripping with the blood of the rebellion of workers of Novocherkaz that was brutally smashed and he had gained the reputation of a political clown. In the 18 years of Brezhnevite economic rule, the economy of the USSR stopped growing and began to disintegrate, alcoholism and narcotics began to flourish in the country, and the standard of living of the people began to fall. However, during this time, the country still preserved a certain economic independence that was made possible due to its isolation from the outside world.

Gorbachev's "perestroika" put an end to all this. The regime no longer needed a communist disguise and it banned the CPSU. In order to better plunder the Soviet peoples, they dismembered the USSR. Former "secret" capitalists raised their heads high and openly plundered the people. All this

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yielded catastrophic results for the economy. The vast majority of the people have been plunged into misery. The bourgeois regime cannot transform itself into anything else. The transition from socialism back to capitalism was a transition from a progressive system to a reactionary one.

What is the way out? The way out is through struggle. The oppressed people should rise to the struggle for the restoration of socialism. And this can be achieved only by means of the revolutionary seizure of power by the working class. This struggle will take place together with the struggle for the independence of the country. The ruling regime is serving the interests of imperialism. By kicking out this collaborationist clique, the people will manage to restore socialism, the Soviet Union and make a decent life for the working people possible.

We publish this article knowing that some readers might have a different interpretation of Brezhnev period. This is to show how many different currents are at work in former USSR. Hoping that these currents shall combine into a mighty river that will remove all the filth that has been accumulated! □

URGENT APPEAL FROM A MINER IN UKRAINE!

I'm an unemployed miner Igor V. Knyshov living in the Donbass region of Ukraine.

Dear friends:

Having found out about your extremely important journal, I'm asking you to publish this letter in order to help me and thousands of miners to guarantee their rights which are under attack from the privatization and the present policies of the Kuchma regime in Ukraine.

I worked for 14 years as a miner at the coal pit "Krasnoluchkaya" as

an expert and inspector of safety, ventilation and life safety of the miners. I was let go 5 times, 4 times I demanded to be reinstated all the way from the local, region and up to the Supreme Court of Ukraine. They did not allow me to go to work, changed my qualifications, shifted me from my responsibilities ... in other words, they did not allow me to look after the safety standards for the miners.

They accused me of all sorts of hooliganism, taking time off work, laziness, disruptive activities, etc., etc. The main reason against me is the fact that I complained to the Ministry of Labour about the dangerous and ever worsening working safety conditions that are allowed to go unremedied in the coal mines. There is no control of safety standards even though there are laws to this effect and guaranteed in the Ukrainian Constitution.



Igor V. Knyshov

I was threatened and not allowed to speak to the miners. They fired many of my co-workers who supported my demands for safety checks. The court judges, the prosecutors falsified my documents. I have all these documents on hand and at the last appearance in court on February 24, 1997, the judge with the help of the militia took forcibly the documents from my hand in which they admit that there is danger to the miners,

and because I strongly protested this outrage, the judge sentenced me to 10 days in jail.

More than 200 miners signed a petition to have me reinstated as a Safety Inspector. This was published in the newspaper in Odessa, called "Bolshevik". Again, having made copies previously of all the signed documents, before the originals were forcibly taken from my hands while in court, I sent them again to the Supreme Court of Ukraine – they registered them and then without any action on their part, they sent it back to me.

The police, the courts are ransacking my home, my belongings, and my father, who was witnessing this, could not take this terrible ordeal and died of a heart attack during this provocation.

Now, I'm without work, with a very sick mother, hungry and cold, going from friends to friends.

Can't there be instituted a government that is law abiding?

Hundreds of miners are dying each year through lack of safety in the privatized mines!

Please help us, do not let myself and my sick mother die!

– Igor Victorovich Knyshov

We are asking those that can help this miner to send in your donations to NSC and we shall forward them to him through the "Workers Ukraine-Canada Society" of which Professor Herasymchuk is the Chairman.

Again, we repeat. We receive letters of these kind frequently and we offer them to other progressive newspapers to publish for their readers. □

POLITICAL REPRESSIONS IN KAZAKHSTAN

During the last seven years, the workers of Kazakhstan are being deprived of their most fundamental rights. Thousands of plants, factories

and state-owned enterprises are being closed. The unemployment has reached unprecedented rates. But those who are lucky enough to get a job face another problem – not being paid. One has to wait up to a year to get his paltry salary. The vast majority of the Kazakh population lives below the limit of poverty.

This has become the main reason for various protests recently staged all over the Republic. There have been unrests in the miners' regions of Karaganda, Kentau, Dzhambul, in the capital – the city of Alma-Ata, as well as in many other regions of Kazakhstan.

Almost all of them have been organized by the Workers Movement of Kazakhstan. Its well-known leader, a construction worker Model Ismailov, is among the first political victims of the Nazarbayev-IBK's regime. Last year, Ismailov was detained under a false pretext of illegal organization of a rally of protest against the announced rise of prices for housing, gas, electricity, water. He was sentenced then to one year of imprisonment, but lately set free as a result of the international solidarity campaign.

This year, he has been arrested once again, this time being charged with insulting the Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev. Last year in his public speech, Ismailov qualified the political regime in his country as inhuman and undemocratic one.

The political trial was held behind closed doors. Not a single journalist was let in. The workers' leader was sentenced to a year in prison. He is on hunger strike since the last month and faced some serious health problems. He needs your support, your solidarity.

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The first thing everyone can do is to send letters of protest to the President of Kazakhstan N. Nazarbayev. Here is a useful address and a fax number:

480067 Kazakhstan Alma-Ata
pl. Respubliki 4
The President N. Nazarbayev
Fax: 63-76-33 (in Alma-Ata)

The best thing to do is to organize a picket, a rally or a demonstration of protest in front of a Kazakh Embassy, Consulate, Trade Delegation whatever there are in your city.

In any case, please keep us informed about anything you do in this respect via e-mail and do not hesitate to ask any questions you might have.

Workers of the world, unite!

We urge our readers to protest at the above address. The Editorial Board of NSC as well as the Council of Canadian Friends of Soviet People have sent protest letters. □

THE LEFT PARTIES OF RUSSIA

By: Yevgeny Pashentsev

Yevgeny Pashentsev Ph.D. was born in 1956. He is an associate professor working in the Moscow State Institute of Steel and Alloys – the Technologies University and is the co-editor of the “Russian Progressive Review” published in English. Yevgeny Pashentsev is the author of *Social Crisis and Society, Military Regimes: History and the Present Day*, and numerous articles on various problems of World and Russia’s political developments.

In his time, H.G. Wells wrote that the downfall of the Russian empire “is not likely to be restricted to its borders. Other countries, to the East and West of Russia, will be one by

one drawn into the amorphous abyss. Probably this fate will overtake the whole of modern civilization.” In the nuclear age, the writer’s warning has a truly prophetic meaning. The way out of the present crisis for Russia means security for Europe and the whole world.

Russia is in dire need of international aid and support. Naturally, if this is rendered, it should be to progressive forces and not to the ruling elite.

The publication of the present collection is intended to a certain extent, to dispel the ‘shadows’ of ignorance of the wide layers of the foreign public as to the real reasons and dimensions of the Russian crisis, ways for its possible resolution, and the forces capable of solving the problems facing the country.

The development of the political situation in the USSR, and later in Russia and other CIS countries, has naturally led to the replacement of one-party rule by a multi-party system. The rapidly progressing social and property differentiation, painful and untried ways to extract people from the deep crisis, ideological polarization, and an absence of a proper political culture – these are but a few of the factors that determine the present diverse and amorphous character of the party system in Russia.

The potential influence of parties has not yet been realized. This is because parties are still very much in the process of formation. Developing according to the principle *mobilis et mobilis*, they are taking an increasingly active part in the transformations now taking place in the society they were born into. But it is inevitable society itself determines the nature, possibilities and limits of the evolution of the party system. The choice of an adherence to a certain model of social development are still to leave

their mark on the future of the parties, on the circumstances of their activities, their theoretical guidelines and the practice of political struggle.

At present, few people will dispute the insufficient deliberation concerning the concepts of Russia’s future development. The positive social alternative may lie in the synthesis of different approaches (but certainly not in their mechanical combination). This explains the extreme importance of a serious and unbiased study of party documents, the best of which do not only reflect creative thought but genuine pain for the fate of the Motherland, for its best sons and daughters.

Alongside the information and reference materials, the present collection includes, first of all, programme documents of left-wing parties, associations and movements. The only aim of the accompanying reference material (time and place of the formation of the organizations, their strength, sphere of influence, etc.) is to facilitate one’s own analysis of the documents. The texts of the latter are either taken (occasionally abridged) from the corresponding party publications, or are directly provided to the author by the leading bodies of the various parties.

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– Elena

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"YEDINSTVO-UNITY"
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ABOUT PARTICIPATION OF AUCPB IN THE APPROACHING ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

**This is from the Plenum of
CC AUCPB**



"... IN LAST 6 YEARS THERE IMMIGRATED FROM RUSSIA OVER 100,000 SCHOLARS, AMONGST THEM 11,000 SCIENTISTS FROM THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. MORE THAN 60% OF COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS IN THE USA NOW ARE FROM FORMER USSR, WHERE THEY STUDIED TO BE HIGHLY QUALIFIED EXPERTS. THIS WAS PAID FOR BY THE SOVIET WORKING CLASS..."

"We are publishing an overview of this lengthy article which is based on the Report to the CC Plenum given by Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks.

We are meeting during the days when the world is honoring the appearance of the 'Manifesto of the Communist Parties' by Karl Marx and Frederik Engels 150 years ago. This small brochure of the Manifesto speaks volumes to this day.

The opportunistic tendencies during the last years of the CPSU did not manage to act upon or produce the necessary results to uplift the economy to a further

plateau because the top nomenclature divorced itself from the working class. The rest of the problems since 1953 is self evident to all of us here. The present leadership no longer does its traitorous work secretly – they now work openly for Western Imperialism.

According to specialists, Russia has half of the world's natural resources, one third of mineral resources; we are a reserve of biological riches – unlimited agricultural potential growth of all natural products – but in such a rich and bountifully endowed by nature country, there are over 150,000 people dying of hunger each year. Because of the present degrading state of health care, it is predicted that by the year 2006, there shall be 70% invalids of the population of the country. Specialists state that if the present health care is such as it is now or worse, 1/3 of the present children, when they grow up, shall not be able to have children. This is a terrible catastrophe for our people which is in the interests of the new ruling class and their across-the-ocean masters.

If during the whole of civil war which was forced upon us by external and internal enemies, the loss of life was 2.8 million people, the demographic loss in the population in the last 2 years was 8 million people. If this process of early death is not stopped or curtailed, according to scientists, then in the next 10 years, the population of Russia shall drop to 138 million people. The same situation is prevalent in all other former Soviet republics.

This is nothing short of GENOCIDE. According to International Laws about the right of man, in order to stop this genocide, the people have the legal right to use all forms of struggle, including insurrection. This is according to UNO statute.

This is our task – to bring up the people for radical change before it is too late!

There are many problems and questions that we have to resolve here at this Plenum in Leningrad:

- How to improve our work in all regions;
- How to activate our work amongst the youth;
- How to improve our Bolshevik press to be more effective;
- How we can make our party work amongst the people more effective;
- How we can intensify our propaganda work amongst all sections of the population. Here is the concrete work to set up strike committees;
- What we can do realistically to save our population from premature death in every region;
- How best to co-operate and work amongst all patriotic organizations and the intelligentsia;
- How we can gather around AUCPB all specialists in different spheres of life, patriots of the Socialist Motherland in order to defend the ideals of socialism;
- How to influence the numerous trade unions and to convince the leadership to struggle for the workers' rights, and not be just a buffer zone between the government and the revolutionary upheavals of the workers – not just a zone where air is let out in order to defuse the revolutionary spirit of the workers;
- How to enhance and make stronger the unity between workers and farmers for the resurrection of socialism;
- With whom and how AUCPB should co-operate in the Communist movements on the territory of USSR. What is the real situation amongst the communists in our Motherland and also in foreign countries?

At this Plenum, I would like to deal with only two specific questions. One of the questions is:

THE PARTICIPATION OF AUCPB IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

This problem is very much on the minds of all patriots and much misunderstanding is prevalent as to the position of AUCPB on this important question. The communist opposition is very sick with this question of participation or not.

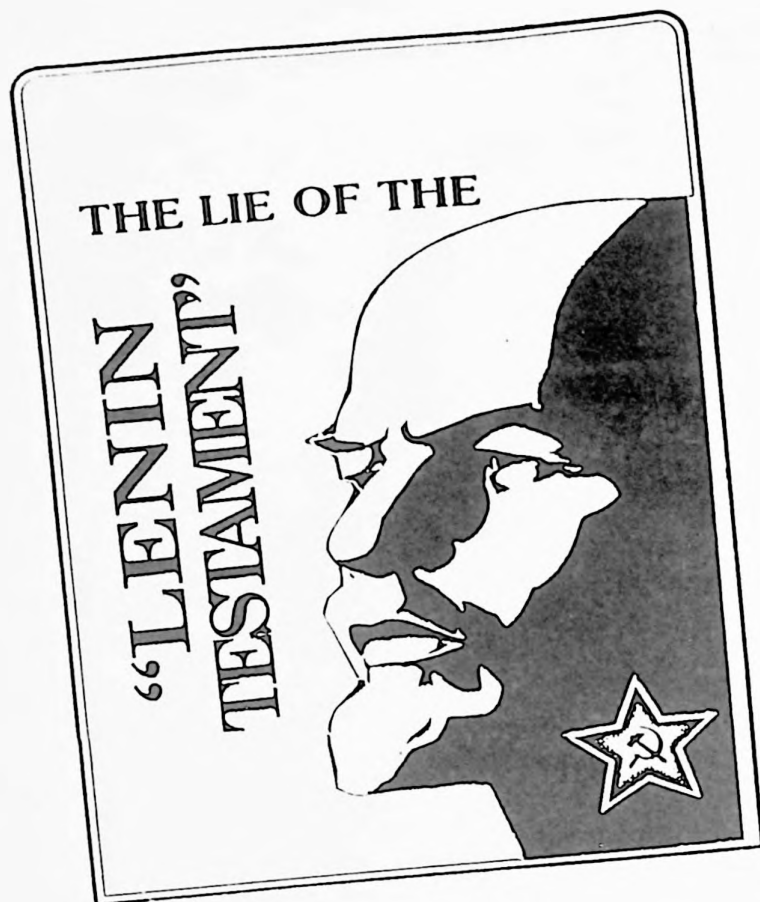
As we always stressed, the only way to realize the goal of socialism is through the leadership of a Bolshevik party.

How do we dispel the myth that parliamentary elections in a bourgeois state shall produce concrete results? This myth is constantly being pushed into people's minds by daily media controlled by the present regime and by leaders of the "communist" opposition. We have to show in concrete terms that the present "communists" are, in reality, ineffective and, contrary to propaganda, they act to legitimize the myth of "democracy". This is being done by the CPRF themselves and they are, slowly but surely, discrediting themselves in the eyes of the people. There cannot be the myth of "good presidents", "good government", "government of peoples' wishes" in a country of outright mafiosi dictatorship and the rule of monopoly capitalism.

Up to this time, the tactic of AUCPB in the elections was to boycott them.

Why did we promote an active boycott in the elections?

First elections in 1993 were held over the dead bodies and blood flowing in the streets of Moscow of those who defended the Supreme Soviet. This was also the elections to push through the so-called "Constitution". Together with the



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 progressive 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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AUCPB, all other communist and patriotic parties boycotted the election except the CPRF (Zyuganov). Zyuganov and the leadership thus brought 13% of the population to the ballot boxes. In this way, he legalized the new "Constitution" and legitimized Yeltsin as the president. It is good to remember as to what Zyuganov spoke over the TV while the blood of Soviet patriots in their thousands flowed in Moscow. Zyuganov stated: "Do not go into the streets, stay at home, do not take any part in the protests around the Supreme Soviet or at the Ostantkino TV Tower." At the same time, Yeltsin gave the right-of-way to Zyuganov and his entourage to cross the line of demonstrators. Due to this traitorous example, we are now under the heel of dictator Yeltsin and a new reactionary Constitution that even some hardline anti-Sovieteers in the West have a hard time to defend.

The next election in December of 1995 was also held in the blood of people in Chechniya, peaceful citizens and our youngsters in the Army who, without even a month of training, were thrown into this bloody conflict. We boycotted this election as well, and we were unfortunately amiss in that we believed the slogans of other communist leaders about their anti-Yeltsin stance, but they did not support the boycott. Thus, the regime of Yeltsin weathered again the approaching storm due to support by other forces that took part in the elections instead of boycotting them.

The Presidential elections in summer of 1996 (and this is even agreed upon by Yeltsinites) gave the final legitimization to the post of President. Yeltsin and his cohorts did not care as to who voted for whom. It was only important that people came to vote for a "Presidency". It was only necessary

to have people participating ... the results could be controlled (as was proven later on). There were such irregularities, such cheating and stuffing of ballot boxes that even Western observers had to admit this publicly.

Even after knowing the terrible cheating of the ballots, Zyuganov nevertheless was the first to congratulate Yeltsin on his "victory"! Zyuganov thus sold out all those that voted for him, believing him to be "communist". In fact, Zyuganov was afraid to win that election ... he did not WANT TO WIN! Even in 1995 on the vote of the "new" Constitution, there was falsification. Even the Judiciary in the West officially does not recognize the "Constitution of



Russia". This means that we in Russia are living under an illegal president!

Thus, the Communist opposition in 1995-1996, due to the policies of the leaders, lost their chance. By their participation in the elections, the opposition lost its credibility and its own perspective.

OUR BOYCOTT IN THE ABOVE ELECTIONS PROVED OUR POSITION CORRECT!

Our agitation and correct analysis of the boycott showed its results. Now, it is a fact that more than 50% of the voters are boycotting each consecutive election. Now the Yeltsin regime is legitimizing the fact that even if 25% of electors take part in the elections, this is enough, while it was law that at least 51% take part before.

Thus, the regime very cleverly has a "run off election" where it does not matter how many people come to vote. Thus, in Leningrad, only 18% of the voters voted the first time and in the run-off elections, only 7% came ... this is now considered LEGAL!

ELECTIONS COMING UP IN RUSSIA NEXT YEAR. WHAT IS OUR POSITION?

We must always remember that a parliament in a bourgeois state is a product and the arm of a counter-revolution, made to fool the people and thus, dampen their revolutionary attempts. Let us also remember the "stormy debates" in the Russian Duma by "communist opposition" of CPRF about the impeachment of

Yeltsin and about the budget for 1998 and other demagogic debates. As soon as it was shown that Yeltsin might disband the Parliament, these "patriots" got panicky to lose their warm chairs and very handsome pay plus all the perks ... these "patriots" completely caved-in and made Yeltsin again look like a hero to his Western Imperialist backers!

Thus, looking at the present situation, where the presidency and the Constitution are "legitimized" now, the course of genocide is proceeding legally and the transnational corporations are running our country with the direct approval of the "opposition" (CPRF) - there is a need for a new tactic on the part of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks.

We must utilize an opportunity

that is still available to us in the bourgeois state, before fascism gains the upper hand. It is now evident that the present regime is very much interested that the AUCPB should boycott the elections. By boycotting at this present junction in the political situation in Russia or in other former Soviet republics, we are helping to get into office all sorts of criminals, opportunistic and fascist-nationalist elements. Thus, we in the end, receive a more reactionary parliament, filled with enemies of our people. Thus, the future is the state apparatus of financial mafiosy and in this way, the West shall reap the benefits of our Motherland. We are now losing scientists, doctors, professional intelligentsia due to the persistent and well thought out plan to drain Russia of the scientists and highly qualified people ... the "brain drain".

Therefore, it is saddening to see that Victor Anpilov is now co-operating with the "national-Bolsheviks" in order to participate as a block in the 1999 elections.

Therefore, it is now necessary to have our membership and all people who want the resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism to participate in the elections on all levels and mark the **BALLOTS AGAINST THE CANDIDATES AND BLOCKS**. In this way, the regime at least shall know the true feelings of the electorate. At the same time, we must utilize this opportunity to convince the people as to what is being done by the mirage of "parliamentary elections" and those parties that support this buffer between the government and the people. □

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RUSSIAN MINERS PROTEST WAGE PROMISE

Moscow — (Reuters) Hundreds of desperate coal miners in and around Russia's Arctic city of Vorkuta blocked a major railway on Saturday for a fourth successive day, despite government promises to pay their wage arrears.

The head of local miners' trade union, quoted by Interfax news agency, said his members did not trust "promises on paper" and wanted hard cash.

"The miners are not planning to stop the protest action and are still blocking the Moscow-Vorkuta railway. There hasn't been any real money and there still is not," said Kamo Alaverdyan.

About 100 miners in the area have been on hunger strike since mid-week. "When I took leave last September it was the last time I was paid," one hunger-striking miner in the town of Inta told Russian Public Television.

Hundreds of miners in other parts of Russia backed their Vorkuta colleagues on Friday and Saturday by blocking major railways or staging strikes to protest at chronic delays in paying wages.

Many also demanded the resignation of President Boris Yeltsin and his government and said the state must take back control of privatized pits.

Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko said more money had been found to help pay the wage arrears. The cash should come from savings made from limits on electricity consumption, from alcohol production and from privatization, he said.

"Where the situation is so critical that people are not getting their wages and have no means to survive, we will unlock state reserves to provide food and other necessities," he said.

Trade union leaders earlier held talks in Moscow with Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov, who has special responsibility for the energy sector.

Nemtsov, quoted by Russian news agencies, said afterwards that the govern-

ment had worked out a schedule of financial support for the miners and he promised that the first payments would be made.

"The situation in the coal mining industry is the hardest and problems there are the most difficult," Nemtsov said, noting that the government itself had already paid what it owed to the miners.

Many mining companies say they cannot pay workers because of a financial crisis in which mines are, for example, owed huge amounts for coal deliveries they have already made.

Miners insist that the state, which holds big stakes in most of the coal mining companies, is responsible for the problem and should take care of all unpaid wages.

Itar-Tass news agency quoted Kiriyenko as saying he would convene a meeting of governors from the coal-producing regions in the near future in a further attempt to tackle the crisis.

Kiriyenko persuaded the communist-led lower house of parliament, the State Duma, on Friday to accept big cuts in parliamentary and government red tape to help raise cash for the miners.

He said this would save over 500 million rubles (\$83 million) and was just one of several "unorthodox decisions" needed to pay off 3.7 billion rubles (\$583 million) in wage arrears in the mines.

Yeltsin sacked the entire cabinet of veteran prime minister Victor Chernomyrdin on March 23 partly because of its failure to solve the wages problem.

REQUEST RECEIVED FROM KUZBASS MINERS

Dear friends,

We, the miners of the Kuzbass coal mining region of Russia, are addressing you our appeal to express support for our action. It is already for more than six months, and some of our comrades still more, that we do not receive money for the work done. The situation is so dramatic that there are cases of death from hunger and suicides from desperation. The same

state of affairs is occurring in many regions of Russia where to work without being paid has become an every day occurrence. All social indicators have deteriorated sharply in recent years. Mortality and morbidity rates are at a catastrophic level.

That is why we decided to go on strike (Some of our comrades are on hunger strike) in order to force Yeltsin and his government to resign. We have begun to bloc the Trans-Siberian railroad. Our comrades from Northern and Rostov-on-Don coal mining regions are doing the same.

We hope you will respond to our appeal and will send a message of solidarity. Messages can be faxed to the following address:

Russia, Kemerovo region, fax:
Russia's code + (3842) 23-54-91 for Nikolay OSIPOV.

Telegrams of support can be sent to the address:

Nikolay Alexseevich OSIPOV
Russia, 650033,
Kemerovo, ul. Gurlevskaya,
dom 15, kv. 18

**LETTER/FAX/E-MAIL
SENT TO KUZBASS
MINERS**

KUZBASS MINERS
KEMEROVO REGION
RUSSIA

c/o Nikolai Osipov

Dear comrades! Dear coal miners!

Following your struggles here in Canada on TV, press and radio, we are convinced that only through the struggles that you comrades are waging can the present unsustainable situation in the country be rem-

edied!

We, as friends of the Soviet people (including the Russian people) shall do everything in our power to support you morally by publishing your appeal for solidarity in our journal "Northstar Compass" which is read now in 62 countries of the world.

We are also circulating your appeal for solidarity to all the trade union organizations in Canada and in the USA.

Our organization was established in 1918 as the "Hands Off Russia Committee" and today we are doing all in our power to explain to Canadians, plus to our readers in 62 countries about the heroic struggles now being waged in former Soviet Union.

Economic demands must be combined with political demands if the present situation in Russia shall be rectified for the working class! The enemy is very adapt in getting money from one pocket, to satisfy the demands while the other sections of the working force are deprived.

The present regime must be done away with!

You, miners can be the impetus to start this process!

Comradely yours! Venceremos!
Canadian Council of CFSP
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A REPORT: STRIKE SITUATION IN RUSSIA

We have received detailed information about the strikes that are daily taking place all across the former Soviet Union

and Russia in particular. This information is from the Soviet-Political Information Bulletin published in Moscow.

In 1998 alone, there were more strikes, work stoppages, hunger strikes, demonstrations and protests than in all the years since "perestroika" came on the scene! The situation is heating up daily with more and more demands by the workers combining economic together with political demands to oust the present regime.

There were Congresses held of Soviets all over the huge territory of Russia and factory based strike committees are springing up all over these industries that are still operating.

The Government of Yeltsin is desperately trying to subdue the growing movement with partial back wages payments to one section of the workforce at the expense of another section which still have to wait for 6-8 months to get paid.

Minister Susuyev, Vice Premier, is hopping from one hot spot to another trying his best to convince the strikers that all will be well, just wait — you shall get paid.

But in Khabarov region, 13 school teachers have gone on hunger strike. The majority of the trade union organizations in the Khabarov region have vowed to show solidarity to the teachers, urging them as a sign of protest to stop giving final examinations if the debts are not paid by that time.

At another trouble spot, the pit-workers from the coal mines Inta continue to block the railway line Moscow-Vorkuta. They decided not to remove the rail blockade. Even the Economic Minister Urinson, sent by Yeltsin there proved futile. The Minister promised to pay only 49 million rubles of the wage debt while the total debt amounts to 170 million rubles.

Reading this Information Bulletin one is amazed at the ongoing protests all over and the discussions taking place practically around the clock. The pot is boiling over and is about to overflow!

The nagging question in all this is that there is no overall unifying policy to all these thousands of strikes and work stoppages. This is caused by lack of leadership to this movement by the various Communist Parties, who still are discussing which road to take to solve the situation! That is a very dangerous situation that must be looked at and resolved quickly!

WHY?

People like General Lebed (Pinochet lover) who is now the Governor in Siberia and is planning to take over in the year 2000 with the complete blessing of American Imperialism. He is promising to bring law and order, to satisfy the wages, to do this and to do that — waging a real Western styled election campaign ... AND ... employing a high priced public relations firm from the US to plan his campaign!

He who pays the piper, calls the tune!

Whether the reports are correct or not, this Information Bulletin states that leading this workers trade union struggles is the Russian Communist Workers Party plus rank and file members of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation ... but its leaders, like Zyuganov, are trying desperately to take the steam out of these strikes.

If there was any need for UNITY amongst the scores of Communist, Socialist and Patriotic movements — it is now! Workers demand that they want to struggle, to fight for their rights ... they just need leadership that IS dedicated to Socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union!

That is why we state in our humble opinion ...

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

**SALT &
PEPPER
ON WRY**

By: Frank Ray Davis

LIMITED KILL OPPORTUNITIES:

Israel's President Netanyahu can mourn up a storm on cue re the six million Jews murdered by Nazi goons. But he really hasn't learned much, for he seems determined to run up an equal score of dead Palestinians.

But be warned, 'Yahoo: You are doomed to disappointment for there just aren't six million Palestinians.

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IMPROVISED EVACUATION:

13 Mexican soldiers were killed when a reportedly drunken colonel ran them down. There should be better ways of ridding the sovereign state of Chiapas of an unwelcome military presence than by pouring booze into brass.

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ANOTHER LIST TO STARBOARD:

The Mexican administration has launched a heavy-handed campaign against the non-Mexican friends of the Zapatistas as foreign devils and outside agitators. The Government party, PRI, obligingly came up with a list of 163 "foreigners" who pose grave threat to the Mexican civilization. Far more helpful would have been a list of PRI death squadders who, according to both foreigners and natives, routinely massacre farm-worker families.

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RAGGED INDIVIDUALISM: Maquiladoras ("free-trade"-inspired factories; runaways) have brought Mexican workers an average-wage prosperity of \$5.09 a day. Only, beggars and street hucksters hustle up twice that much. All this speaks little for the generosity of foreign employers in Mexico, but it sure bolsters capitalist think-tank propaganda that individual-initiative capitalism is the best stuff.

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ARMS VS. LIGHT FINGERS: The priests of Kentucky can now carry guns to protect their collection-plate take, which robbers find attractive. Seems capitalist morality is advancing faster than the morality of Jesus.

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SEX-REVOLUTION REVELATION:

Pres. Bill Clinton's opinion-poll popularity has actually risen since his alleged sex adventures. Which just goes to show you what people generally think of fat-old-duffer, has-been politicians.

TV HOLIDAY:

Cut a new deal; live for real:
Turn off the boob tube's brute banality,
Tune in on Life's eternal verity.

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CAPITAL QUESTION: Why do we kill people who killed people to show people that killing people is dead wrong?

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A PERSONAL NOTE

This has not been my year so far. Earlier in the year, I had to go into hospital for an operation and the day after I was discharged, my eldest son died.

My wife and I had hardly come to terms with this tragedy when I was informed of the death of my sister. In the circumstances, with hospital attendances and funerals and replying to letters of condolence, I have not been able to meet the deadlines for my monthly articles in Northstar Compass. But I hope to be starting again soon to write my monthly reports on the British political scene.

There will be a further short delay, due to the fact that I am now about to bring out Part Two of my PEACE AND THE COLD WAR, which deals with the crucial years from 1952 to 1960. Readers of Northstar Compass living in Canada and the USA will be able to obtain details from Northstar Compass but readers elsewhere may find it more convenient to write for details direct to Crabtree Press at:

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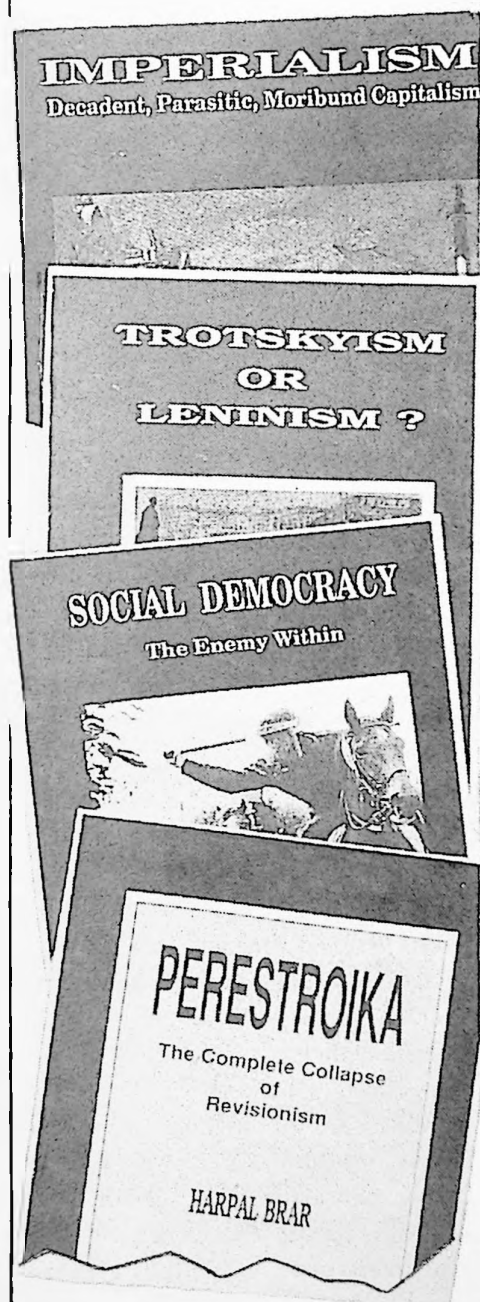
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BOOK REVIEWS

BOOKS YOU SHOULD NOT MISS TO READ!

These timely books are meant to put into perspective the present situation in the world, the influences, the historical materials that are not known by a majority of people plus, an insight as to the causes and the cure that is available.



Harpal Brar, Editor of the popular magazine "Lalkar" published in England and, a member of the Northstar Compass Editorial Board plus of the "Organizing Committee for Friendship and Understanding with Soviet People", has done an excellent job in bringing these 4 books to the attention of people who are searching for the truth.

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OPEN FORUM

LIES ABOUT ARMAND HAMMER

By: Vladislav Nikiforov

The pro-Yeltsin, anti-Soviet newspapers continue their dirty smear campaign against honest, dedicated people who gave their best in order to serve the Soviet Union and the rest of humanity. They still heap abuse and calumny on Lenin and Stalin. Unbelievable stories full of lies were also published about the legendary Hero of Soviet Union and Civil War – Chapayev.

Now, the latest diatribe is done by a paid yellow journalistic scribe who wrote a shameful piece about a wonderful humanitarian – Armand Hammer of USA.

Armand Hammer was born in the

USA. His father was a communist and he raised his son as a progressively educated human being. When the Civil War was unleashed in Russia after the revolution took place in 1917 and the Imperialist countries joined forces with Germany in order to attack the young Soviet state, Hammer was the first U.S. citizen to go over to Russia to see how he could help the young struggling Soviet Republic. He helped in every possible way, bringing in medical supplies, hospital equipment, etc.

He was a personal friend of V.I. Lenin. They respected each other. All of his life, Armand Hammer was a welcome guest in the Kremlin and in the Soviet Union. Even when he became one of the richest men in the United States later in life, he always acted as an honest person.

Now, the story by this journalistic hack states exactly the opposite: accusing Hammer of stealing, of robbing people of their honest wages and of profiteering off the backs of Soviet people. No amount of these stories shall besmirch the name of Armand Hammer and his name in the history of Soviet people and of honest communists.

Names such as Lenin, Stalin, Chapayev and yes, even Armand Hammer, the "capitalist" who did help the young Soviet State, shall always be revered and remembered. History does not forget people of such calibre. □

NEW SILK ROUTES

By: Jerry Morse

What's for sale these days on the Old Silk Routes? Comrades, items being sold are so TOP SECRET in security-guarded inner Sanctuaries of Transnational Corporations that macro-economics related to these products cause corporate executives,

bankers, financial wizards within gold-plated boardrooms to purchase even the media to prevent advertising such marketable items.

Shutting down communication lines about such products, and shutting forever any mouth in opposition to such purchase or sale is a big dirty game.

These technologically advanced bandits, pirates, robber-barons, raiders on NEW SILK ROUTES do not ride fast horses or camels. No – they pay political puppets to raid tents. They ride in expensive automobiles, or corporate jets, and use closed circuit internet systems with financial wizardry. We, comrades, pooling all our resources, wouldn't have enough money to buy one pair of sandal-laces made from this new silk.

Riches, beauty, resources, land and people are bought and sold. The rights to live, work, be educated, have health-care and culture, the right to sport and vacation, to dignity of retirement with pension earned from labor of our hands and backs, out of our own resources; these are the inventories for purchase and sale.

New Silk Routes, comrades, are woven around the world. Markets are in every country. Today, let us look at Azerbaijan.

Origin of the word itself evolved from ADURBADAGAN which means "A Land of Fire". What kind of fire? Fossil fuel? Thermal? St. Almo's Lightning? Yes comrades, but more, the "Fire of Spirit of Its People".

Place a chess-board on our examination table. Start at square one. What does one see in Azerbaijan? Makagonov, Zatulovskaya, Bagirov, Khalilbeili, Ainur Sofiyeva, Garri Kasparov from Baku. World renowned Grand Masters. Chess players who have been taught this game (and many times beaten) by their very own mothers, fathers, grandparents. A foundation,

comrades, for such "Fire of Spirit in Azerbaijan"?

Can you imagine sitting opposite them at such a game of examining Azerbaijan?

We shall obviously need some help. Maybe the Prophet Zoroaster (Zarathustra) would help us? Bless our search engines, he also came from this land.

We must examine history, delve into some statistics, use documents from Academicians. The place is filled with knowledgeable people.

Many are descendants of early inhabitants of Kobustan cave-dwellers, who made fantastic rock drawings 12,000 years ago. And did that without computer graphics? Our move? Khalilbeili, give us a chance, we're thinking, we're thinking.

Seven million hard-working, talented and friendly people on 86,600 square kilometres. A shoreline of 800 kilometres on the Caspian Sea. Sixty-one regions which from 1922 to 1936 was part of the Transcaucasian Federation. Became a sovereign Republic Dec. 5, 1936 of the USSR. These people from many nationalities including Azerbaijanis, Russians, Armenians, Georgians, Daghistanis, Jews, Tatars have the rights to riches of Azerbaijan, not some corporate conglomerate which raid countries on behalf of a handful of shareholders.

Our dear friend, Academician Afrand Dashdamirov of Azerbaijan, who we call upon to assist us in this game, said in 1987 at NOVOSTI PRESS in Moscow: "Our times are special in that people of different countries and continents have ever broader opportunities to communicate with one another.

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ABOUT NSC? WRITE!**

And the need for communication is growing. Every nation, both large and small, is making its own special contribution to world civilization. This is probably one of the most powerful factors countering instability and the growing international tensions and at the same time promoting trust between nations and all-round mutual understanding, of bringing people in different countries closer together and building friendship between them. (Ed. note: Actually, a basic idea expressed by Afrand, long ago, for friendship, and it came to light in Toronto, Canada, Feb. 1998 with the formation of International Council for Friendship & Solidarity With Soviet People and from the Hands Off Russia Committee in 1918).

Azerbaijan has a long history of struggle. The people have had more than their share of greedy capitalists, landlords, and tsarist officials. The land is not new to marching feet of strikers, and in the First Russian Revolution 1905–1907, Azerbaijan's working class walked again; having been part of a powerful strike in Baku, December 1904. Out of that strike, a collective agreement between oil workers, and oil tycoons, called the "MAZUT CONSTITUTION" was the first of its kind in history of working class in all Russia (USSR).

Much must be remembered about Azerbaijan's working class struggles. Let's hear Afrand tell it:

"In 1918, when Soviet government was established in Baku, 26 Commissars headed the Baku Council of People's Commissars. This was a body of government that genuinely belonged to the people. The Baku Council of People's Commissars dissolved the Baku Duma, reorganized administrative bodies, nationalized the oil industry, fisheries, banks, the merchant fleet and transport. It furthermore

introduced workers' council control over production and launched socialist reforms in the fields of education, culture, labor protection, and in the services provided for the people. But Soviet government lasted only a few months in Baku. Its leaders were treacherously seized by counter-revolutionaries and British invaders and shot dead in KARA-KUM desert. The heroic example they set fosters the revolutionary and international traditions of the people of Azerbaijan. Soviet government was restored in Azerbaijan in 1920, after the young Soviet Republic had rallied all its forces and expelled the foreign invaders and domestic revolutionaries."

And what did they move on that chess-board comrades? Azerbaijan is faced with a new type of invaders, but they want the same things: to make slaves of Azerbaijan's working class, complete control of industrialization.

Transnationals today sit at the same tsarist banquet tables with new tsars, hi-tech candelabrum; manipulating with OPEC and other oil selling nations to rob Azerbaijan's working class of their oil. They will prevent the working class from developing, for their benefits, extractions of large reserves in productive oil fields, while setting up more platforms from which to launch profit and tax benefits for shareholders in Wall Street Castles.

Privatization in industry, mineral wealth, electric power, agriculture are the items today for sale on this New Silk Route. Gaining control of real-estates, for example, health spas, where exclusiveness will become places for shareholders to hide, sounds well in boardroom security requirements hidden among mountains, valley orchards of this azerbaijan.

Buyers want a big slice of any

country that can show increases in industrialization of 170 times. Or of agriculture with increases of 15 times. Production of electricity that grows 65 times is certainly call for merger vultures to get their claws into that industry. And the oil industry, with refineries to process Caspian Sea oil where profit packages, change oil into drinkable cream by just a wave of the little finger of the new tycoons, growth charts that could be used as carpets for their massive jet hangers. And sales with price fixing for telecommunications, transport. Statistics for rich Azerbaijan boggle the mind at their grasp of purchases and sales. □

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

From
SEVASTOPOL
Ukraine

**KONSTANTIN
KOLONTAEV**



Dear comrades:

I thank you for sending me all the documents of the 5th Conference '98. I want to express my agreement as member of the Editorial Board of NSC that I agree with the establishment of an Organizing Committee for an International Council of Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

I would suggest also that you try and promote the idea of Slavic Committees in countries of the world. Why? Let us look at the role of Slavic peoples during the

Second World War and the losses that the Slavs suffered: 24 million of Russians, Ukrainians and Byelorussians were lost plus 2 million other Slavic peoples lost their lives. This should be taken into account if we look at the total losses of the Second World War of 55 million people. This is the REAL HOLOCAUST OF SLAVIC PEOPLES! The Second World War was mainly fought against the Slavic people.

Try to get coordinates of what is actually transpiring now on the Internet, radio programmes and the Western press, all aimed at discrediting the Slavic contribution during World War II. This is on "Freedom" radio, plus Internet "www.svoboda.org", "BBC" and "DEUT-CHE VELLE" ... programmes in Russian and German, all aimed to discredit the heroic struggles by Slavic peoples, and above all the Russian, Ukrainian and Byelorussian peoples for the liberation of mankind from fascism.

There are also booklets published now in Russia that you should ask comrades to send you, that deal with this subject.

Unfortunately I cannot write as often as before articles for NSC since in Sevastopol now people (including myself) have to wait for 3-6 months to get paid at our place of work!

With great respect for you comrades!

Konstantin Kolontaev

We thank you Konstantin for the news and we shall struggle together and victory shall be ours! □

From Editor
Antonina Nesterova
of "Lenin's Iskra"
Leningrad

Dear comrades:

I am writing to you as Editor of "Lenin's Iskra" Pioneer newspaper and want to thank you comrades for publishing in your previous issue of NSC an article about our newspaper. We are also doing our best to reunite our Motherland.

We are registered as a Pioneer newspaper and have Pioneer organizations in many cities and districts of the former Soviet Union. In total we are in 15 regions of Russia.

We are also organized well in the Ukraine and in Byelorussia. Maybe I do not know all of the regions or places in the other former Soviet Republics, because of the problems of information reaching us — due to the present monopoly of the media by the present regimes.

I am sending you our last 4 numbers of our newspaper. You will be able to read all the news of different Pioneer events in different cities.

Again many thanks for your NSC and for the publicity to the newspaper "Lenin's Iskra".

Wishing you comrades success.

Under "News from former Soviet Union" we publish articles from these Pioneer newspapers that show that the young generation will rebuild the Soviet Union and be true to the Lenin and Stalin legacy. □

From
MOSCOW
Russia

Dear Comrades!

Forgive me for the late answer to your letter.

I'm informing you that the party "Union of Communists" is alive and well promoting the study of theory, and after that the formation of a really united party, able to analyze and take action on everyday issues, a mass party of the people, whom it shall not be ashamed to call Communist. For this we have adopted a Program. I am sending the text to you plus many copies of our party newspaper "Iskra". By getting familiar with the text of our Program you will be able to get a much better idea as to our aims and our tactics.

Our Program is aimed:

- to be educational and practical
- to be in keeping with the present situation as far as the already irksome situation of countless "communist parties" is concerned which are now becoming dangerous and to form a dedicated, life and solution-oriented mass party
- to be able to give a realistic program that can unite all opposition groups together

Am enclosing also a few numbers of

the newspaper "For Motherland and Stalin", which I help edit for the Stalin Society.

I'm a Philosopher and an active journalist for such as "Questions of Philosophy", the newspapers "Pravda" and "Moscow Pravda" plus the theoretical journal "Communist".

As a member of Union of Communists from its inception. Unfortunately I do not read English well, so that please correspond with me in Russian.

With communist greetings

Vladimir Markov
Secretary of CC
Union of Communists

We are going to study the Program of the "Union of Communists" and shall utilize some elements in future issues of NSC.

For the last 6 years we have read, studied and printed practically every aspect of all the communist-socialist parties now in existence in the former Soviet Union. In one way or another they all sound the same in theory, but in daily practice (as per CPRF) things go the opposite. Time certainly is long overdue that you cannot be a Communist Party as an exclusive "club" without involving the working class in the decision making. A Communist Party that will be able to do this, is the party that will resurrect the USSR! □

From
RUSTAVI
Georgia

Dear Friends:

We'd like to thank you for providing us with No. 7 issue of Northstar Compass of February, 1998. It gave us a good idea of the current state of affairs on the threshold of the 5th Anniversary Conference of the Northstar Compass journal.

We regularly publish materials of the journal in the republican newspaper Zarya Vostoka, organ of the Central Committee of the United Communist Party of Georgia. That enables wide public masses to be aware of all current events in the light of the problems discussed.

We'd also like to congratulate the Editorial Board on the occasion of awarding you Medal of Marshal Zhukov of the Soviet Union. Beyond doubt, you are worthy of it. You are performing a great

task and manage it well. Keep it up, comrades! We whole-heartedly wish you more successes in future.

To expedite the process of consolidation of our friends all over the world we would like to establish contacts with relevant organizations and movements of other nations. To that end we enclose our Appeal in the hope that you will consider the possibility of publishing it in the nearest issue of Northstar Compass.

We are sorry for not supporting you financially, but still hope that we'll manage it in the near future.

Thank you once again for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,

Avtandil Maruashvili
Chairman of the Executive Committee
President of the Association for Friendship of Georgian Peoples

Helen Blau
Vice-chairperson of the Executive Committee
Vice-President of the Association for Friendship of Georgian Peoples

Below we publish the APPEAL from the Association of Friendship of Peoples of Georgia.

Destructive consequences of the temporary break-down of the USSR and world socialist system caused the establishing in February 1996 of Association for Friendship of Georgian Peoples which is regarded as movement for unity and socialism. The principle purpose of its whole activity, based on the Association Charter, is the resurrection of the renewed Union of Independent Republics by peaceful means, which, without doubt, will expedite the whole process of restoration of the new world socialist system and thus stop further ex-pansion of American imperialism.

We know from Northstar Compass that we have a lot of supporters throughout the world struggling for peaceful transition from capitalism.

We want to underline the fact that the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass skilfully fulfils the crucial task of consolidating progressive world forces. At the same time we believe that it's just the moment to start the process of intensive cooperation among all like-minded world forces which as we see it, will only contri-

bute to strong united movement for new socialism on an international scale and the achievement of our common objective.

In the light of what has been said above, we appeal to all relevant parties/organizations, movements to consider our proposal to establish contacts among us all.

Those, who will consider the proposal to be accepted, please send your correspondence to the following address:

Avtandil Maruashvili,
Flat 3, House 33,
Pruzhiba Natodov Ave.
Rustavi, Georgia

From
SAO PAULO
Brazil

Dear comrades!

Enclosed please find my promised donation to Northstar Compass of \$300 US plus \$100 US from Rafael Tramm of Sao Paulo.

Guaracy Gouvea
Unia Cultural pela
Amizade dos Povos

We thank you and we hope that at the next Conference we shall have the opportunity to meet with both of you.

From
CAERPHILLY
Wales, G.B.

Dear Comrades:

I was pleased to receive Northstar Compass' report yesterday of its Fifth Conference. A pity I could not have been there to participate in person, but that's life. Let's hope this will be the unleashing of a surge that will sweep away the disaster that has overtaken the Soviet Union resulting from betrayal from within (in some cases over a very long period) and from without. The mighty Soviet Union laid low without firing a shot! It was not to be unexpected, of course. A politically stable and a growing Socialist economy could not be allowed to continue to exist if world capitalism was ever to continue to exist with its booms and slumps, the rich getting richer, the poor getting poorer. Therefore Capitalism has always been at war with the Soviet Union ever since 1917.

I have already been to Moscow once since it became 'free' and was absolutely appalled at what they had done to the working people; all in the name of 'freedom' (for western investors). But there are already signs that the working class worm is beginning to turn. There has been a general strike in Denmark for weeks with the British press desperately trying to suppress the news. The Australian dockers have just won — hands down — a battle with the bosses who wanted a union-free workforce and locked them out. There are rumblings in Greece, France, Belgium, and even Germany, and of course you know better than I what is happening in

North America.

I understand my subscription is up-to-date, so please accept the enclosed £60 (Can \$ 142.80) as a donation to your work.

Yours fraternally,

Denis Martin

We are proud again to put your name on our Honour Board in the Friendship House in Toronto, Canada. We hope that your example shall be followed by many of our readers.



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Delegates of the Conference '98 agreed to launch a \$50,000 Financial Campaign in order to sustain and expand the work as outlined by the 5th Conference held in February, 1998.

This campaign is being participated in by all readers in the countries where NSC is read and we are certain that it shall be achieved.

The Organizing Committee for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is in the midst of sending out the "CALL" to hold an International Conference in 1999 in Europe in order to elect the International Council.

There are requests that Northstar Compass journal be printed in Spanish, Russian and French editions. How successful this can be depends on donations that NSC receives!

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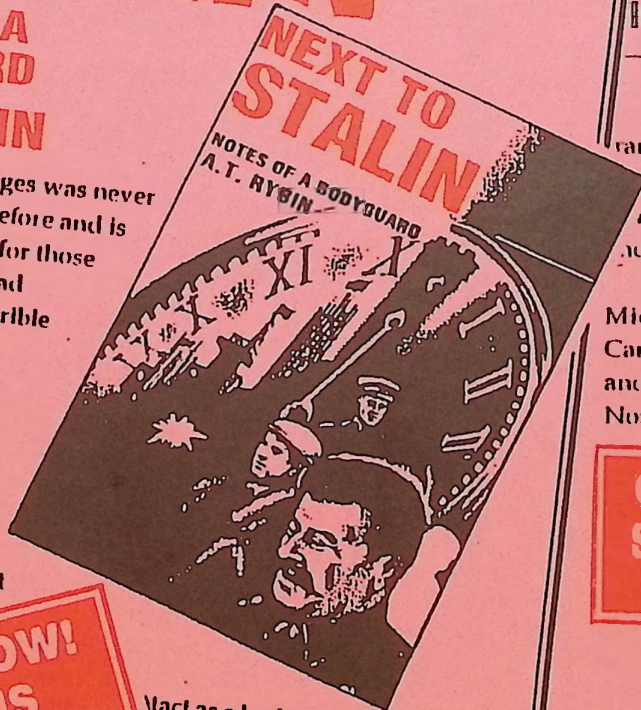
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