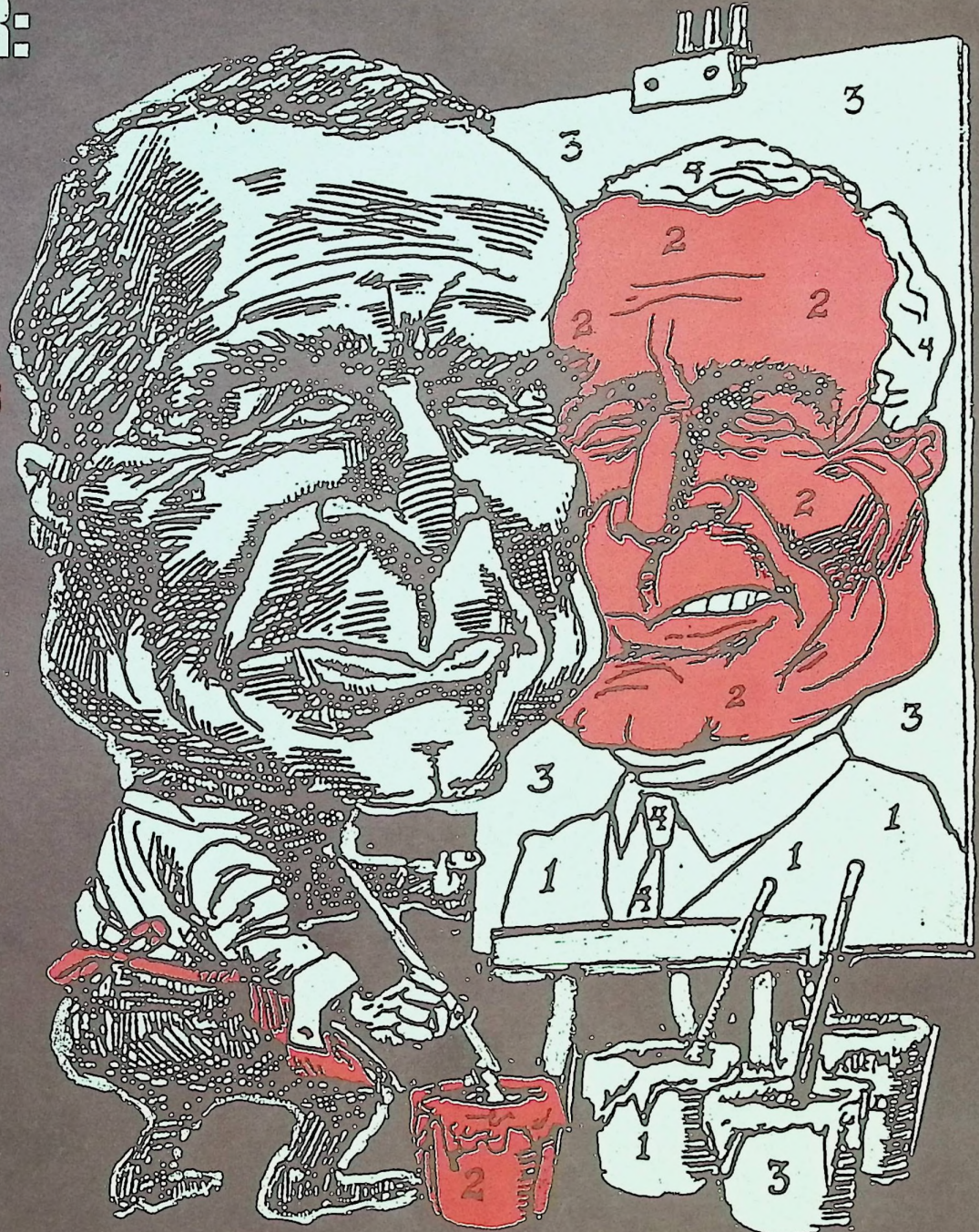


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EDITORIAL

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE



UNITED FRONT AND THE MINI-CONFERENCE

BY PEDRO CASTRO
BRASIL

Last October 28-29, 2000 I had the honor to participate with other delegates in the Mini-Conference in order to prepare for the World Congress of Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People which shall be held on September 21-22-23, 2001 in Toronto, Canada. I participated as an observer with credentials from the *Instituto de Cultura Socialista* in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.

The first question that was discussed was the Credo which was published in the NSC in March of 2000 and which reads as follows:

"Northstar Compass is a unifying force to consolidate and coordinate all the anti-imperialist forces of the world in the ongoing movement to restore the Soviet Union. We act as a united front, but we are not a political forum for ideological debates. The Soviet people themselves will choose the path towards socialism".

I do defend the Organizing Committee and also the Northstar Compass journal. I also agree in calling and also participating in the World Congress this September. But we have to define as to what we mean by the expression, such as "unifying force", "to restore" and "united front". If we

do not do so, then it means that we shall have to allow participation of all currents that will be at the Congress and in the election to the incoming International Council. There will then be a very diverse range of meanings to these expressions, since the participants will have different positions on these questions.

These differences were already seen at the Mini-Conference when three different positions were expressed regarding the resurrection of the Soviet Union. Some defended the ideal of the Lenin-Stalin period, a few defended the model as seen under Brezhnev. Gorbachev since there was de facto the USSR...while some did not agree with either position.

A second point that was discussed is the representation at the World Congress. I would like to suggest that before the question of representation is finalized that at least these two questions should be cleared up:

**What criteria and level of participation will be set and how will they be considered to participate at the Congress? By that I mean - delegates, observers or guests?*

**What type of representation shall be considered - regional, country, party, institution or individual?*

We have to distinguish the right of participation. A delegate has the right to discuss, propose and vote; Observers would have the right to also discuss but not vote; while guests shall have none of these rights.

The participants would be in-

troduced from which country they are from as symbolic and shall be considered as a delegation of that country. When delegates or observers are introduced and when speaking, each delegate or observer shall be introduced from which organization, party, journal-magazine or institution they are sent as a delegate or as an observer.

These procedures are given in order to avoid ambiguities during the World Congress so that we do not have a repetition of the Mini-Conference that was held last year.

MANY THANKS!

We would like to thank many readers who sent in donations to our appeal to keep on publishing Northstar Compass.

We are not publishing the names or amounts given since many readers requested that they be anonymous.

Please keep on helping NSC to publish this year, since the World Congress is being held in September and it looks that it shall be a great success and it will unify all forces dedicated to the resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism!

We would like you to make all efforts to be present. Please notify us early so that we can make the arrangements.

Again, many sincere thanks for your financial contributions.

Editorial Board on NSC

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**WHAT SHOULD THE WORLD
CONGRESS ACCOMPLISH?**

Let us hear from you!

PROPOSALS FROM

RUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY-CPSU - CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Dear comrade Lucas and friends of the Organizing Committee for the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People!

I and my party comrades from the bottom of our hearts wish all of you a Happy New Year with the new century! We, like you, are certain - the future is in Communism.

Our party - RCP-CPSU, greatly value your dedicated and courageous work for the benefit of all the working class in the world, and above all, that of the Soviet Union. We wish you luck and success in everything you do. We are certain, that year 2001 will be the year of the unity of the International Communist movements, in this regard also on the basis of the forthcoming World Congress, which, thanks to your initiative, shall take place this year in Toronto, Canada.

We are very thankful to you for the news of the work of the Organizing Committee and of the work of the Mini-Conference which you had. The RCP-CPSU shall take a most active part in this World Congress.

Regarding the composition and character during the Congress, may we suggest, that only truthful, open positions of each party can bring the results of understanding and cooperation between friends. One thing that must be avoided- this is not to allow personal recriminations of one party against another party, which is a departure from Marxism-Leninism.

We support the ideas as were expressed on the pages of NSC by Ray Stevenson, the Associate Editor.

We are in agreement with the promotion and the logo of the upcoming World Congress. Nevertheless we would like to voice one proposal and also receive

an answer to two of our questions. We consider that it would be beneficial for the World Congress to make certain that into the forthcoming International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People there should be elected a representative from every Communist Party and Movement that now exists on the territory of the Soviet Union. In the case that this should not be done, there could arise misunderstandings as you are aware, we're also certain that this would cause problems.

(a) How many people can come as a delegation from each party or movement;

(b) when should the registration for each delegate be paid, ahead of time or when the delegates arrive at the Congress in Toronto

With deep respect
Alexei Alexievich Prigarin
First Secretary

FROM
**PARTIDO
COMUNISTA
MEXICANO**
MEXICO



Dear comrades:

We received in Spanish the invitation to the World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People that is going to take place this year, to which we want to register and take part.

Enclosed please find a copy of our party newspaper "*The Voice of Mexico*" in which we publicize the news of this World Congress and about our intentions to support it and to participate.

We shall await further information and also the monthly journal

"*Northstar Compass*". The Communist Party of Mexico is accepting the invitation and we shall be present with our delegation on September 21-22-23, 2001 in Toronto, Canada.

Workers of the World Unite!

On behalf of the National Executive Committee

Jesus Lacano Ochoa
President

FROM
ODESSA
UKRAINE

Dear comrades:

I greet you from the bottom of my heart and all of the Editorial Board of NSC with the new year.

You are playing a tremendous role - practically your NSC journal is heading the world-wide struggle for solidarity with Soviet people. And you are doing this very effectively. This has produced for your journal immense popularity and authority.

The forthcoming World Congress to be held in Toronto, Canada in September of this year is going to play a very significant and important role in supporting the Soviet people, who were left alone by the enemies of the socialist Motherland - the USSR.

To our way of thinking the resurrection of the Soviet State, depends first of all on the Soviet people, its organizations, who must be united under the leadership of dedicated and true communists - who are the followers of the eternally alive leadership of V.I.Lenin and J.V.Stalin. In this dramatic struggle to encompass the progressive and revolutionary forces against the strong reactionary and counterrevolutionary forces, the support of the democratic movements in the world will

play a decisive role.

Therefore the work of Northstar Compass, under the leadership of Michael Lucas as its editor we all value highly.

Again, our best and sincere wishes for 2001.

Guram Tsushbaya

Editor of "Voice of a Communist"
newspaper in Odessa, Ukraine ■

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF

SCINTILLA

MARXIST-LENINIST REVIEW
ITALY

Dear comrades:

We have received and read the last issues of NSC and the Mini-Conference Minutes that you comrades had in October of 2000.

The lively debate that had emerged encouraged us to express our opinions through NSC regarding the characteristics that the World Congress will have to assume and the election of an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and the fight against revisionism and imperialism. It's obvious that, for the tasks and the nature of the organizations and their participants, this upcoming International Council must have a clear united front character. But, a united front is not a Communist organization. It is, substantially a political agreement between representatives of various social classes (*primarily of the working class*) and groups, with the aim to lead a common action program against imperialism and fascism, irrespective of their views and policies on other questions.

Therefore it is compiled of various forces that have different programs, different ideological and political content. The united front is constructed in order to support the determined and specific objectives that benefit the proletariat and its allies. Its aims

are to avoid those bourgeois forms that are all used as blocks against the proletariat and to exert an influence on the popular masses.

This is necessary especially because of the capitalist offensive against the working class which needs the protection of a broad movement than can, under proper Marxist-Leninist dedicated leadership, be transformed and merged into a revolutionary front for Socialism...when the objective situation changes.

The Communists propose the formation of a united front and to participate in it as the vanguard of the working class. In the united front actions, the Communists support their proposals and their ideas, without imposing them on anybody, in the conviction that correspond to the interests of the proletariat and the people.

The Communists never renounce their right to explain their point of view on all the problems, to assert their ideas, politics and programs, proposing and realizing the formation of a united front, calling on workers and social organizations to unite their forces, approaching and guiding organizations of many various ideological persuasions and of many different political convictions towards united action (*including those influenced or directed by the democratic bourgeoisie and by the many reformist parties*), tightening the agreed upon program with parties, groups, newspapers etc. in order to attain the same objectives.

Therefore, the united front is not a hotchpotch in which each and every political current will sacrifice something of their own principals in order to establish some ambiguous understanding. The united front is not the result of conciliation or a truce between organizations that have various conceptions and different political lines.

In a united front the differences are not canceled out or the past buried. To the contrary, it is first of all the result of a fight based on principal positions. In all of their actions, the Marxist-Leninist must always maintain an independent position in regard to all the other tendencies and organizations, demonstrating by real facts to be the only force that is able to lead a resolute fight against the main enemy - monopoly capitalism.

This is a duty of all those comrades that represent revolutionary proletariat, whose task is to conquer the top leadership of the united front and of the movement that is in the struggle.

As an example, this means that we must denounce without mercy and decidedly, whichever hesitation or sabotage of any common action, all attempts to divide the working class, or trying to ditch the fight with the enemy who try to maintain the masses disunited and to disintegrate them for the benefit of the bourgeoisie.

The Communists have a duty to publicly attack and denounce in the first place the parties, organizations and the groups that are working contrary against the unity of the international actions of the workers and that also support the capitulation policy. In this, Communists should never give up the right to condemn the theoretical mistakes made on any problem, to unmask the hypocritical and false friends of the people and all of those forces that want to stop the struggles of the working class.

This is the only way to make clear to the people who are their enemies and who are their allies, and which must be the correct program for their emancipation and also, which ideology expresses their fundamental interests.

To ask Communists to renounce their independent activity and to renounce the struggle against

modern revisionism (which is the cause of the disastrous condition in which the Soviet people find themselves in), or to assert that in a united front there is no place for a fight against revisionism, or against the bourgeoisie in the class movement, would ask Communists to become revisionists themselves!

The Communists and their parties should all be opposed to revisionism and social-democracy. Without their action of criticism, without an open and constant struggle, it would be impossible to guide the working class towards a revolutionary position all of the existing groups of the left that are inside these currents.

Obviously the struggle against revisionism can be expressed in many different forms which differ from situation to situation, but we must recognize that the content is still the same. In every case we must remember that the working form of the anti-fascist and anti-imperialist front is an essential element in the ongoing revolutionary struggle for Socialism.

For the concrete objectives that we should realize at the World Congress in September 2001, we are listing here our suggestions as a short list of what we feel should be achieved in our combined actions:

- *defense of the interests and the economic and political demands of the workers of the former USSR, within a general platform;*
- *defence of the democratic attainments and liberties against monopoly capitalist offensive and the defense of their free collective bargaining;*
- *fight against the preparation of imperialist war and the spreading of such ideologies as nationalism-chauvinism and neo-corporatism.*

We feel particularly important that the following issues which should be addressed:

- (a) the creation of a workers

class union and also committees to fight against all tendencies in order to resist and to fight against the capitalist aggression;

- (b) *the creation of a unified young organization;*

- (c) *the start of large and constant activity among the troops;*

- (d) *the start of an international campaign to aid in denouncing the crimes against the people and workers, aimed to help anyone suffering repression.*

Clearly, the United Front must have an organized form and a democratically elected leadership.

Communist greetings for a new year of success.

The Editorial Board of Scintilla Marxist-Leninist Review

FROM
MARXIST BULLETIN
MOSCOW

Below we print an overview of an article that was written for NSC titled "Tasks of Communists in preparation for a new revolutionary upsurge". We published this article separately and sent it out to readers of NSC.

"...Results of the last ten years has shown us that not one party or movement here in former Soviet Union is capable to unite all the different currents inside the left in order to regain the resurrection of the USSR and socialism. It is absolutely necessary to cleanse these parties-movements from these elements that prevent this unity.

The cleansing process has to take place by dedicated unity of doing practical tasks and by theoretical understanding in organizing all the working class into a revolutionary movement, not only inside former Soviet Union, but all over the world. There must be established a united front on the international scene.

The aims and program of the journal "Northstar Compass" and their plan of holding a "World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People" can be the beginning of an international movement of the working and communist movements. This International Council can be the focal point of helping the working class in all of the former Soviet republics in many practical terms to reorganize the professions and in party work.

The potential is here to organize, help, exchange in all spheres of life, since even now there are great potentials for cooperation and helping the Soviet people.

Again we must state: that it is only through practical cooperation can there now be formed a mighty communist and workers international movement without which the success of the communist movement cannot be achieved. We must start small, but we must start! We must throw away this mania that it is only certain party movements or its top leaders that have the correct answers."

V. Isaichikov, Editor.

P.S. We might add that for over 50 years there has not been organized an organization such as was the Communist International or the Comintern! Why? Obviously it is in the interest of Imperialism and those elements inside some communist parties to prevent this unity at all costs.

It could be, as Isaichikov stated, that the forthcoming World Congress could set in motion a movement that has long been overdue. The revolutionary standard will be picked up by all dedicated Marxists-Leninists and Bolsheviks and achieve this elusive unity on an international scale. That is why the upcoming World Congress could and must be the spark that will achieve this noble goal.

MICKEY MOUSE IN THE WHITE HOUSE

By DR. VERA BUTLER

Australian International Studies Association

Disney has finally made it: - The Mouse is in the Oval Office in Washington, master over the weal and woes of America - not quite legit, some would say, not quite democratic in the true sense of the word - but, nevertheless, the Mouse is in, by hook or by crook, its path smoothed over by oil dollars, the military-industrial complex, *all of the* fundamentalist Right. Now all the creature has to do is sit pretty and not squeak out of tune. National security, advisor-in-waiting, Condoleezza Rice, with impeccable anti-Communist credentials, may even teach the mouse to roar.

The world stands back in wonderment. *"The Guardian"* newspaper described the presidential election of November 7, 2000 as *"a calamity without precedent"*, which has poisoned American democracy. Italy's *"La Repubblica"* put it more bluntly: - *"America finds itself with a president it did not elect"*. But who cares? Mickey Mouse is part of the American dream, a lovable mascot, sweeping problems under the table with a flush of its tail. Mickey Mouse embodies what both Bush senior once called *"the vision thing"* - America standing tall.

Visions in politics are poor guides to action. The U.S. advisors, hand-picked by pater, and the proposed cabinet, resurrect memories of *"Cold War"* years. There is Dick Cheney, former Defense Secretary under George Bush senior, and Asia specialists



Paul Wolgowitz, Richard Armitage, James Kelly and Doug Paal. Even more suggestive of a new hard line in U.S. foreign policy is the appointment of former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), General (Retired) Colin Powell, of *"Desert Storm"* fame, as Foreign Secretary. Powell is not backward in stating his position: - continued engagement in the Middle East, followed by the credo of the professional military: - *"we will stand strong, we're not afraid of them., we'll meet them, we'll match them, we'll contend with them."*

WHO ARE THEY?

The public statement of the Foreign Secretary has to be seen in the light of his strategy in the Gulf War. The *"Powell Doctrine"* of military engagement holds that force should be overwhelming, decisive and short. Military intervention should not be undertaken unless the outcome is all but guaranteed. The aims in using force need to be precisely defined beforehand, and as soon as they are achieved, American forces should be quickly extracted, lest the Pentagon risks sliding into a quagmire - It sounds very much

like the blueprint for American intervention in Panama, Grenada, and Kosovo.

In their analysis of the Gulf War, Gordon and Trainer draw attention to the political consequences of Powell's pursuit of a military victory at the expense of the long-term goal of removing Saddam Husein from power: -

"The Powell doctrine contributed to the decision to bring the war to a premature close and to the muddled ending and it left Washington without a means for influencing events in postwar Iran.."

Powell's all-or-nothing doctrine of decisive force not only is insufficient for many of the smoldering conflicts the United States faces today, where the military is called on not to win a decisive "victory" but to support diplomacy, protect peacekeepers (other nations, not the American -Editor), or carry out humanitarian tasks, it also has its limitations when it comes to ending major "high intensity" wars."

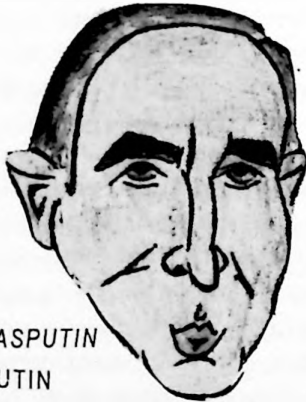
There are growing apprehensions that the new US Administration will engineer a very drastic foreign policy change, from engagement and dialogue back to containment. With Russia on its knees and in complete disarray, among the communist adversaries of old, there remains only China, and the minnows North Korea, Vietnam, and Cuba. None of them has the power to challenge the United States, either militarily or economically. However, we know that decay sets in from within. **With Mickey Mouse in charge, who needs enemies?**

Perhaps the most scathing assessment of Mickey Mouse was given by Professor Colin Campbell of Georgetown University, Washington, DC: - *"He's a total, absolute opportunist who is utterly rudderless..and propped up entirely by his daddy's friends."*

We are witnessing an American tragedy unfolding. ■

VIA E-MAIL /
JERRY MORSE

WAS PUTIN SELLING
OR BEGGING?



RASPUTIN
PUTIN

Mr. Putin was in Canada in December of 2000. His welcome was not too enthusiastic, but his begging and selling got the nod from the TNC's. We're talking about loans, selling oil and gas rights to the greedy tycoons. It's a great come-on-get-rich-scheme that the TNC's are even trying in Canada, besides the Caspian rich oil and gas fields in Russia. The TNC's are greedy for electricity, gas, oil, coal, wood, all arm sales and of course investments to enslave the so-called "friends".

Among the large retinue with Mr. Putin was one Chilingarov, the present speaker of the Russian Duma...a former President of the USSR-Canada Society, assistant to Valentina Tereshkova, the former Chairperson of the Union of Soviet Friendship Societies. He was in Canada many, many times, hosted by our Canada-USSR Association, a friend of Michael Lucas, President and Editor respectively. You would think that this present Russian "capitalist" market economist would at least have the courage of his convictions to

either visit the Toronto Friendship House or a telephone call to say "Hello!

But what can you expect when a person becomes a turn coat. We wonder whether he still wears the "Order of Lenin" medal that he received...or is this medal also for sale?

They (TNC's) set up organizations in Canada and elsewhere, asking ordinary citizens to volunteer to the community and also to donate money to the Energy Funds for the "poor countries" while the TNC executives and shareholders bask in the sun, on the beaches of Caribbean Islands and sighting in unison as the waves wash their feet about the plight of poor countries and people as Russia

They lobby the governments of their respective countries for subsidies (as they did propose to Putin) to give subsidies for exploration while they have the biggest shares in the enterprise. After these rights are given, then they start explorations and the money flows into the pockets of the rich while the people are in the same place as before!

Mr. Putin came in pretending that he is in charge of a world power and the media just snickered at him. Begging for money is meant to say that: "Yes, I'm willing to sell my soul and country, as long as the price is right!"

History had many examples of these "beggars" who ruled for a while and then the people threw them into the trash can of history!

Sorry, Putin-Rasputin! Heed the lessons of history.

UKRAINE-

Ukraine's Parliament debated the disappearance of a prominent journalist Georgeiy Gongadze who had a news website which strongly criticized Kuchma's gov-

ernment. The parliament wants to sack the interior minister and the chief of security police. The charge is that the body that was found outside of Kiev is that of Gongadze, while the police and security forces deny the accusation.

This comes as the IMF is discussing the frozen \$2.6 billion lending program to Ukraine. But the vote was only a slim majority (231 for sacking the interior minister and the police chief - the chamber has 450 deputies.) Kuchma, according to the present laws in effect, does not have to listen to the Ukrainian parliament.

Oh yes... "independent" Ukraine is really "democratic!"

It is now correct to state that NATO is pressing Ukraine to speed-up the overhaul of its armed forces. Ukraine wants close relations with NATO.

NATO looks at Ukraine as a strategic "counterbalance" to Russia. Minister of Defense of Ukraine, Anatoli Zlenko met in Brussels with the NATO brass and said that it's in our "national interest and national security" to cooperate with NATO. NATO is going retrain all Ukrainian officers, to get them to forget all of the Soviet-styled training. In a joint statement by NATO and Ukraine it stated: "we have an ambitious work plan" for 2001 that emphasizes "political consulting and cooperation" which includes defense against external enemy (Russia of course-Editor)

All of the above is by Agence France Presse.

TURKMENIA

*Over 2,000 teachers and medical personnel are losing their jobs in "independent" Turkmenia. This was the order issued by President Saparmural Niyazov This dictator rules Turkmenistan of 5,000,000 with an iron fist as in the middle ages.

The admission to higher learning by the people is now being cut drastically, after the president made this statement: "training of specialists from the people are of no use to anyone." The government allows into medicines (from the newly rich) only 240 students while under Soviet Union there were thousands of medical students graduating as doctors.

WHAT IS PUTIN (RASPUTIN) DOING NOW?

- *Russia is in discussion with President Bush on policy matters.
- *Putin is satisfied with Duma which supported his budget reforms.
- *Putin stated that Washington has a positive dialog with Russia on security.
- *NATO has established a permanent office in Moscow.
- *Putin shall not mix into the Gusinsky affair, who is on trial in 4 countries, although he considers Gusinsky his "friend".
- *Commander of Russia's defense forces is proposing a cutback on the insistence of USA.
- *Russian Orthodox Church is represented at the inner council advising Putin.
- *Moscow mayor and British betting consortium sign a deal for a very large race track betting emporium in Moscow,
- *According to an energy official, it is predicted that Russia shall have an energy crisis in 2003-2005.
- *U.S. sees Kazakhstan as its strategic partner for oil exploration and shipment via a new pipeline that will eliminate Russian pipeline already in use.
- *France is going to "modernize" Soviet made MIGs.
- *Russian Duma is considering removing Lenin's body from the Red Square Lenin Mausoleum. □

WE NEED FINANCIAL HELP!

THIS IS THE WAY TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS!

A reader of NSC in the USA, Al Strasburger shown here who together with other progressives gets much press coverage locally in his large community and is very active in demonstrations, pickets and distribution of progressive literature. The story in the little newspaper "The Hub" gives an excellent overview of our reader Al. One quote of his is much to the point: "I'm not a reformer, I'm a radical. I don't want to reform a system (capitalism) that is unreformable!"



Here's a lesson for many so-called Marxists-Leninists parties, both inside of USA and also in former Soviet Union! And, many thanks for your donation!

Keep on going left Al! □

Dear comrades and friends:

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Fraternally
Rafael Martinez
 Member of Editorial Board of
 NSC.

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 NORTHSTAR COMPASS!**

DU EXPOSED!

United States and Britain are the only two countries that are trying desperately to cover-up the deadly effects of Depleted Uranium that their forces in NATO were using in the Gulf War and in Yugoslavia. The Balkan veterans are now demanding an inquiry in most NATO countries that have sent their soldiers into these undeclared wars.

In the Kuwait and Iraq conflict, it is estimated by experts that over 600,000 lb. of DU dust and fragments are still littering the ground. It is estimated by the US experts that in this dirty war over 100,000 rounds of DU weapons were fired by the NATO forces. The whole region is contaminated as it is in Yugoslavia.

It is admitted and confirmed by Iraq authorities that since the Gulf War, the incidence of cancer has jumped sky high. A terrible increase in cancer and leukemia among the children is now a reality.

Many U.S. veterans admit now that they have used fragmentation bombs in Yugoslavia and the targets were not military as NATO and US government claims. All of these anti-personnel NATO weapons were meant only for "soft" body targets.

It is evident that USA, Britain and other NATO participants did not think much about their troops. They are concerned only about all the bad publicity that is making its way into their controlled media. That is why they refuse even to recognize the demands of their own troops that are now demanding answers and medical care from this "Gulf War Syndrome".

Imperialism sheds crocodile tears about the refugees and then abandons them as soon as these refugees turn up on the borders

of these countries.

Other NATO countries that had sent their troops to the Balkans, such as Portugal, Germany, Norway, Belgium, are alarmed at the incidence of DU on their troops. Portugal is screening their 10,000 troops that served in Yugoslavia. Germany is calling for a full investigation, since an outbreak of leukemia in their returned troops from the Balkans. Russia called also for a full inquiry. Norway is checking all of its 20,000 soldiers, while Belgium has sent out to their 12,000 troops a questionnaire.

Portuguese and Italian scientists in protective clothing have been wandering all over the battle fields in Yugoslavia. Somehow, these NATO invaders are only concerned about their soldiers. What about the civilian population which had no protection at all.

NATO countries are worrying about the coming expensive compensation suits. There are thousands of births of deformed children in Iraq and now also in Yugoslavia!

Remember Agent Orange in Vietnam? The people have little prospect of suing those that have poisoned them and so the imperialists feel that they can be ignored.

NATO uses DU in their weapons because it is widely available as a by-product of the nuclear power industry and it is so dense that it can penetrate all armor such as tanks.

Once inside the body, alpha radiation can do immense harm, causing cancers and interfering with the reproductive systems.

The by-product is also oxide dust, which is heavy and sinks into the ground, water or river sediment and it will effect root crops for years while in the sea it will affect feeding fish and organisms.

The testing that is going on in all of the NATO countries is kept secret, but the truth comes out quickly. There are many reports by people in the USA that live near the testing ranges of seeing leaks flowing of this DU and children becoming very ill.

All these effects are known by the United Nations...but it is resisting calls to protect the children and other civilians in Iraq and in Yugoslavia. Is it United Nations now or is it US Nations?

COMMENT

The above are facts gathered from foreign press and Internet. It boggles the mind that in the USA - in the belly of the beast - many progressives it seems, according to their press, are more concerned about the last US election (as if it makes one damn bit of difference as to who gets in - Republicans or the Democrats) than about this Fascist genocide that the US regime of President Clinton and NATO perpetrated! These NATO leaders should be tried as war criminals as were the German Nazi leaders after the Second World War. They are no different at all...they just wear a different patch on their uniforms

Humanity must support the growing international call for the complete outlawing of DU weapons and also expose the horrific crimes perpetrated by imperialism against civilians plus their own troops!

PRESIDENT KUCHMA OF UKRAINE INVOLVED IN A SCANDAL

According to the latest news from Ukraine and confirmed in a story by Geoff York, the Globe & Mail correspondent in Kiev on January 11th, Georgy Gongadze's headless body was found and all facts point to the office of President Kuchma. Gongadze was a journalist who had exposed corruption in the highest places in his Web Site on the Internet.

Ukraine's chief prosecutor, Mykola Potabenko denies that Gongadze is dead, even though his own department did the DNA tests and proved 99.6 per cent certainty that it is he. His wife also identified him and wants him buried, but the state has secreted the body and no one knows where.

Gongadze disappeared mysteri-

ously yet on last September 16, 2000. Now, the presidential bodyguard had released video tapes, secretly recorded earlier in Kuchma's office which shows the President crudely ordering his security guards to get rid of Gongadze, with violence if necessary.

The investigation demanded by Mrs. Gongadze is moving so slowly and is stalled that this is absolutely a complete cover-up!



PHOTO OF THE YEAR 2000 IN CANADA

Protesting conditions of the Toronto (Canada) homeless, this protest at the Ontario Legislature was attacked by the armed police and protesters were beaten and arrested. The protest turned into a battlefield between the homeless and the riot police! This is how Canadian democracy works...the rich get richer while the poor get poorer!



NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

FROM
BUREVESTNIK
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LEGALITY - OPIUM OF THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

In a lengthy article by I.V.Gubkin in this newspaper, we just give an extract concerning the events of 1991-1993 that transpired in former USSR.

...If we say that we must not use arms in achieving the goal of socialism, then what can we hope to achieve from the bourgeoisie at a time when the working class is ready to take arms to regain their lost rights and way of life? Armed uprising in NOT against Marxism-Leninism! Must we have our heads and backs broken by the present Russian bourgeoisie OMON militia? Have we not learned our lessons yet? We must strike back at these imperialist servants in power!

During the counter-revolution in August of 1991, there was not one member of the CC-CPSU, not one Secretary of the CC, or not one member of the CC that tried or even suggested that the people be given arms and give a fight against the oncoming bourgeois onslaught.

In October of 1993 when the government of Yeltsin (ala Gorbachev) attacked the defenders of the White House (Supreme Soviet) the defenders were patriots, non-communists and even fascists of Barkashov who were defending the White House. Where was the call from the then existing CC CPSU?

Facts are facts...the Communists did not, with arms in their hands fight against the well armed bourgeoisie who were controlled and financed by Imperialism? It seems that there was not one communist leader in 1993 who wanted or tried to organize an armed defense of the USSR and Socialism!

EDITORIAL COMMENT!

IS THERE A TROJAN HORSE IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT?

Dear reader:

In September of this year we are going to celebrate our coming Tenth Year of publishing. In every issue we tried to present an actual reportage of events, the players in this dramatic country. More than once we criticized the CPRF and its leader Gennady Zyuganov. We stand by our criticism now, more than ever. Below is an article by Raphael Martinez, member of NSC Editorial Board who writes about the acceptance of the "Soviet Anthem"!

The action of the CPRF members in the Russian Duma on this question will go down in history as the sell-out of year 2000...as the drawing illustrates. Therefore, it is still pertinent to ask: "*Is there a Trojan Horse in the Communist movement in former USSR?*" The answer is absolutely YES!

The Soviet Anthem is back, but capitalism remains

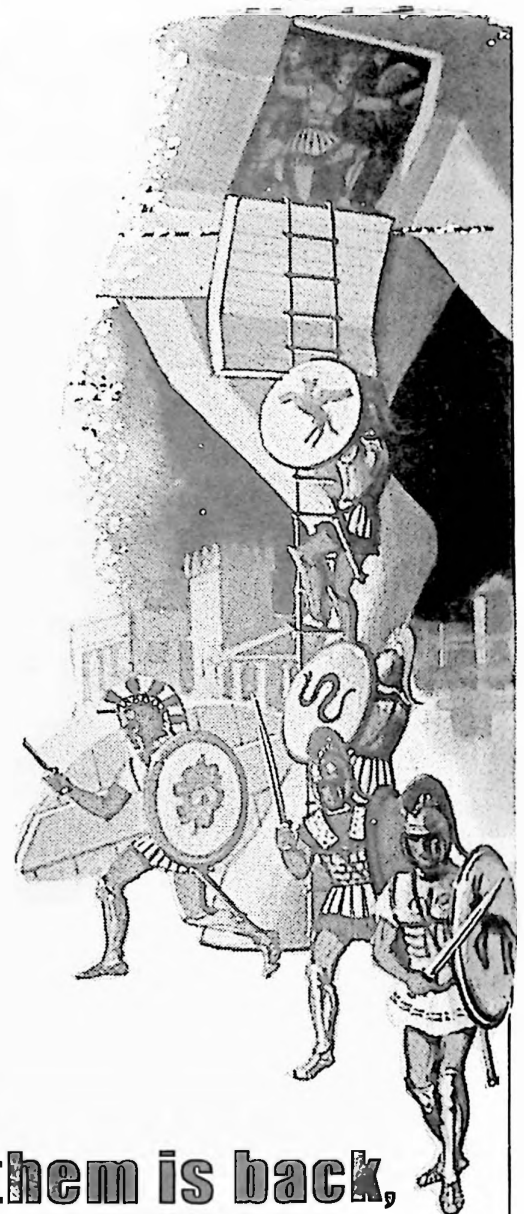
By Rafael Martinez

Member of Editorial Board of "Proletarskaya Gazeta" and "NSC"



Russia's upper house of the Russian bourgeois parliament has voted overwhelmingly to adopt the Soviet Anthem and the national hymn. The Federation Council; passed the law in December 2000 with 144 voting in favor, with one against and two abstentions. This decision follows the law passed by the Russian State Duma, the lower house of the Russian bourgeois parliament on December 8th and was sent to President Putin for his signature.

It is foreseen that the "new" national hymn will greet the new year. Little time was left to decide on the lyrics to the music of Alex-



androv, as President Putin requested the author of the original lyrics of the Soviet hymn, the 87-year old poet Mikhailov to implement the necessary "touches" to bring it up to date. Mikhailov's task might seem to many a mission impossible, if it wasn't for the fact that he had given the "magic touch" to the original lyrics adopted in 1943 already once. Here we speak of ripping out from the original text the word Stalin and anything related to him. Today he just needs to replace the word Lenin by god and the word Soviet Union by motherland, and he will be done.

As Russia's central TV quoted sources on the panel as saying that one well-known line from the old anthem had survived: "Sing to the Motherland, home of the free". In other words, what seemed to many impossible to reconcile, turned to be no more than a technicality. Definitely, since the lyrics of the new Russian hymn is not the real point. In the first place, supporters of the Friends of Soviet People around the world are wondering now why the hell the Bourgeois government of Russia and its president, after ten years of anti-Communist propaganda, all of a sudden decided to restore the Soviet Anthem, and together with the Red Flag as the symbol of the Russian Army (the post-Soviet tricolor flag and the double-headed eagle coat-of-arms still remains the official symbols of Russia)

Is the Russian bourgeois giving up the road of capitalism; did it get interested all of a sudden in building socialism; or, maybe on the contrary, is it now concerned about the stability of the present regime of savage capitalist exploitation? What is it that triggered such a grotesque move from the side of those who were one time so adamantly allergic to anything that would remind them of the Soviet past? And finally, how should all the Friends of Soviet People and those in Russia striving for a Soviet future react to this bizarre irony fueled by the Russian authorities?

To the question, is the Russian bourgeoisie planning to give up the road of capitalism and to volunteer to restore the Soviet Union, we all know the answer! There is no instance in modern history of world capitalism when the bourgeoisie voluntarily assisted in any way to undermine the roots of capitalist exploitation, not even to share with the exploited masses the wealth accumulated during their rule. The world bourgeoisie, however, may change the appearance of its rule as long as the latter does not compromise any of the foundations of capitalism.



From magazine "Antorcha" Spain

The Friends of Soviet People should be sure that the restoration of the Soviet Anthem by the Russian bourgeoisie is not a concession to the Russian working class, much on the contrary, it's a tactic chosen by the ruling class aimed to confuse the working class movement in a frantic attempt to preserve the really fragile stability of the regime.

What are the social and political conditions that compelled the Government to resort to such desperate measures? From the one hand, the economy is on the

brink of collapse, on the other, a union and workers movement is rising throughout the country and its political strength is magnified by the fact that the social base of the Russian regime has dramatically shrunk over the past years. This past year the Russian government, hand in hand with the State Duma have tried to adopt the new draft of the Labor Codex, an abomination, if adopted it would deprive the workers of the most elementary rights such as the right to be unionized, even the right of expression...in essence, it would inflict on the Russian working class fascist relations of production.

The adoption of this new Labor Codex is a legal imperative for the Russian government to suppress the growing Russian union and workers movement that is threatening to blow apart the shaky foundations of the capitalist regime of president Putin. So weak is capitalism in Russia that the government of the Russian bourgeoisie has failed to proclaim the legal foundations of a new and imperative attack on the rights of the Russian working class. So desperate is the Russian government that it is ready to restore the Soviet anthem in an attempt to divert the attention of the progressive minded and organized workers from labour issues by fostering confusion over the nature of the Russian economy: is it really capitalist a state that chooses its national hymn the Soviet Anthem? The Russian bourgeoisie has been forced to this red disguise.

The restoration of the Soviet Anthem may be understood by many people as a concession from the side of the Russian bourgeoisie. Indeed, it is no secret that after ten years of capitalist reforms that have brought nothing but misery and humiliation to the vast majority of the population, the Russian people in general are sympathetic to Soviet symbols and phraseology. It does not come as a surprise when the Russian news agency Interfax recently reported to the Western

media that Russians have named Lenin "the Man of the Century", the founder of the Soviet State.

Enough with that, according to the same opinion poll, the second choice of all the Russian people would be Joseph Stalin. The restoration of the Soviet Anthem is no sensation, the majority of the Russian people are sympathetic to the idea of the restoration of the Soviet Union. The present Russian government is trying to create the false illusion of a sensible transition to a state of social welfare, however, this is no more than a hollow illusion since the real intention of the Russian bourgeoisie is to intensify even more the rule of oppression inflicted on the working masses. It is therefore not a concession to the Russian working masses, not a retreat to the ideas of socialism but a cunning trick to confuse the Russian masses.

Is Russia a capitalist country? Of course it is! Tens of millions of workers go to work for a miserable \$50-100 US as a monthly salary, which in most cases is never ever paid on time!!! The classical cycles of capitalist reproduction develop in Russia on

the basis of over-exploitation of the working class. That is the harsh reality of today's Russia. The Russian bourgeoisie has no choice but to conceal the real nature of the Russian state by approaching the public with phraseology that is so very popular among most of the Russian working masses.

Is the Russian government alone in this new attempt of fooling the Russian working masses about the nature of the Russian state? No, unfortunately it is not. Soon after the collapse of the Soviet Union, followed by the first wave of open market reforms, the anti-Communist government of Yeltsin realized the necessity to cooperate with the revisionist Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF) led by Mr. Zyuganov. This so called CPRF helped Yeltsin to consolidate his presidency after the massacre that suppressed the popular revolt of October 1993. Thanks to the cooperation of the CPRF, Russia then adopted a presidential constitution. Speaking on behalf of all the progressive minded people of Russian Republic, the "constructive and civilized parlia-

mentary opposition" dominated by the CPRF turned the State Duma into a docile instrument of the Russian president. After almost ten years of this so-called "constructive opposition", Mr. Gennady Zyuganov is proud to announce that "starting the first day of the coming year, the Russian people will wake up every morning with the Soviet Anthem"

Thanks to Gennady Zyuganov, what about the misery and the over-exploitation inflicted on tens of millions of Russian workers? Will the Soviet Anthem make it any easier for the majority of the impoverished and the humiliated Russian people? In reality, the revisionists work together hand in hand with the Russian government to fool and exploit the Russian people.

The Russian working class today is learning to organize. The Russian working class is now also learning to understand that the ruling classes, starting from the revisionist cliques of Krushchov-Brezhnev to today's Putin, choose to conceal themselves and all of their economic privileges under the symbols and phraseology of a once glorious state of workers and peasants, the Soviet Union of Lenin and Stalin, so dear to the people of Russia.

The Friends of Soviet People, the organized workers of Russia should not be fooled by those who hide themselves behind Soviet symbology. The organized workers of Russia, the All-Russia Federation of Workers Unions "Defense of Labour" and other progressive unions throughout the country will not give up the economic and also the political struggles against the capitalist regime of President Putin, will not give up their determination to organize the Russian working class.

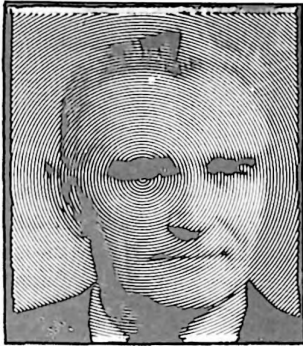
Only the organized struggle of the working class and not the restoration of the Soviet Anthem by the Government of the bourgeoisie will bring back the Soviet Union and solve the most vital problems of the vast majority of impoverished and deeply humiliated Russian people! ■

ZYUGANOV OF CPRF IS NOW WILLINGLY SHINING THE SHOES OF PRESIDENT PUTIN!

From a "communist" to a shoe-shine boy! Good luck Gennady!
From newspaper "Molniya".



**PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK**



Prof. Herasymchuk from Ukraine, first Soviet NSC correspondent is planning to be a delegate at the the World Congress in September. We certainly hope that he will accept our invitation!

Under the screws of "guaranteed" Constitution

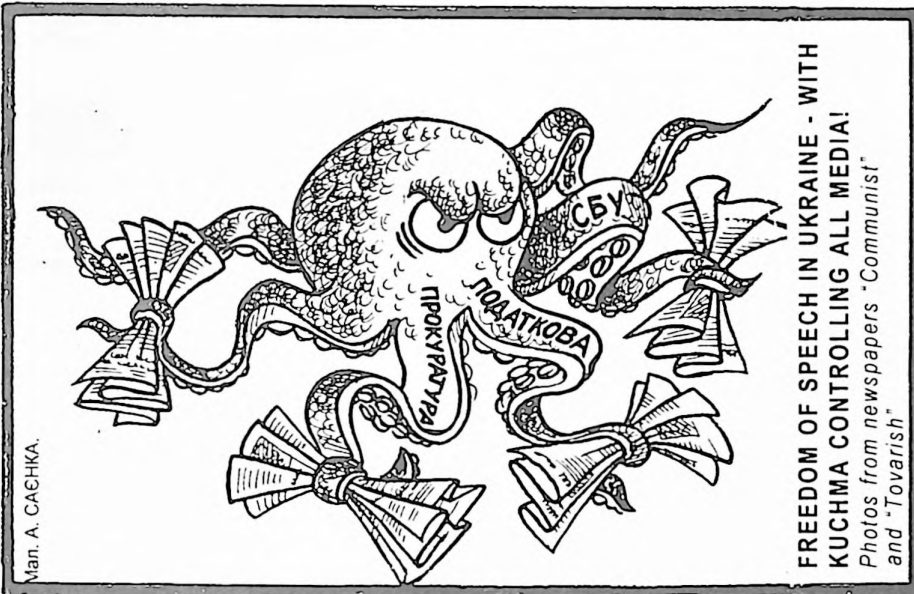
A very important role in today's psychology is being played by all mass media and its leading writers and editors...and it is no wonder that they are many times persecuted or even killed. As an example can be the case of the assassination of the Chief Editor of the populr Ukrainian newspaper "Evening Odessa" Boris Der-vjanka who was brutally murdered in 1997. He was an outspoken patriot and very brave in exposing corruption and crime in

the Ukraine. He also exposed and fought against the Mafiosi structures that exist now.

The attacks and persecution of the progressive journalists in Ukraine now has become very systematic. That is why it is not coincidental that the "Committee of American Journalists" in USA has called President Kuchma of Ukraine as "one of the biggest and dangerous enemies of the press in the world!"

The newspaper "Village News" is under constant attack. This newspaper is one of the largest in Ukraine, with a circulation of over 650,000. This newspaper is far from being Communist, but it defends the rights of the peasant population and it also criticizes Kuchma's pseudoreforms. That is why a few years ago the Deputy Editor I. Spodarenko was severely beaten-up. These attackers were well known to the police, but they did not want to arrest them. "Today everyone is being beaten up". Ukrainian President Kuchma commented on this. Strange position! Is this not so? Kuchma said that he will "Blacken the face of "Village News" (!) On this command the whole regime apparatus of Kuchma went into attack against the newspaper. First of all they confiscated all the money from the newspaper. They made certain that the newspaper cannot buy any newsprint and they had forbidden any supplier to have any dealings with the paper. Then they forbade the printing firm which printed the newspaper to print it. Due to all of this, the newspaper ceased publishing for a time. They took away about 3 million Hriven from the newspaper, without any charges or even a legal court case being held." (From "Tovarish" newspaper of October 2000)

Under this "guarantee of freedom of the press in the Constitution" another popular newspaper



May 25, 2000 Alexander Gorobets is giving his Court authorization at the Editorial office of "Pravda of Ukraine" with correspondents on hand



got attacked. It was the popular "Pravda of Ukraine". Without any cause or elementary rights of people, the Chief Editor Alexander Gorobets was fired from the newspaper plus his staff. We give here chronological steps that were to follow, according to the Editor of newspaper "Tovarish" (#41, 2000).

-**January 27, 1998.** In Kiev when O.Gorobets the Chief Editor came to work, there were already waiting for him a prosecutor, administration persons, militia, Minister of Finance, even two fire fighters - altogether 17 people(!) Supposedly they came to control the work of the newspaper(!?). The staff already knew that the command was given to close the publication (?!)(.

-**On January 28** the secretary of the Editorial Board went with fresh proofs to the print shop. He was barred from entering the print shop. He was then told that there came down a command from the Ukrainian Ministry of Information that "Pravda of Ukraine" must cease publication. But a question must be asked: why was this command given to the print shop and not to the Editorial Board of "Pravda of Ukraine"? Secondly - according the present law in Ukraine, a newspaper can only

be closed after the Supreme Court decides! (???)

- In order to get to the bottom of this, the Editorial Board had 49 court cases! Then in 1998 the Kiev Court decided that what was done by the Ministry of Information was illegal and that the seizure of 1.3 million Hryven from "Pravda of Ukraine" was also illegal.

But, to this day the money was not returned!...

- **July 27, 1998** the Supreme Court of Ukraine also decided that what transpired was illegal, but the workers of the newspaper were still not allowed into the premises or the print shop. The command was given by someone from the top.(!?)

-In order to finish with this, the Kuchma regime decided to get rid of the Editor. On September 30th the Editor was held and put under house arrest (?!). But no charges were laid! He was guarded by militia plus a body guard so that the Editor could not talk to any of his staff.

-While the Editor Gorobets was under house arrest all the staff of the newspaper were fired. A new collective was formed by the bourgeois regime for the newspaper and the newspaper started to become the mouthpiece for the

Kuchma regime. The deputy editor Volodimir Malakhov who gave 30 years of his life to the newspaper, could not take this tragedy, died of a heart attack. Two more newspaper workers died from attacks.

-After he was freed from house arrest O. Gorobets came to the new editorial office. He was barred. He then gave this into court. The court case was going on for over a year (?!).

-After the court again stated that he was held unlawfully and the newspaper was closed against the law, Gorobets came with this court documents to the editorial office, again he was barred from entering his office.

-**On August 28, 2000** the new Editorial Board appointed by the Kuchma regime threatened to resign since they stated that the other Editor was fired unlawfully. This statement by these people was thrown out.

What is next? The Editor is fighting for the right of the newspaper "Pravda of Ukraine" to be published. He is waiting for the decision of the Ukrainian Supreme Court to be adhered to by the bourgeois authorities. The former "Pravda of Ukraine, sooner or later shall be reborn" said Alexander Gorobets. ■

**NEVELA
GUREIVA**



ZHITOMIR IS PROTESTING

Last year's Fall in Zhitomirshina of Ukraine was unseasonably warm and with hardly any noticeable winds. But you cannot say the same thing about all the

political events. More and more people are protesting and not believing the lies of the government. Workers often are in the streets protesting. They are protesting against the anti-peoples policies of Kuchma and co. As an example: in most regions of Ukraine in August and September there took place protests against the rising cost of living, housing charges, and against further enroachment of the state into the living standards of the people. During this time of constant protests by the people, Kuchma and his cohorts on August 22, 2000 were celebrating the "9th Anniversary of Independence". But, people in their thousands gathered here in the

main square to voice their demands to the local and also Ukrainian state authorities. The local government received an ultimatum to abolish the tariffs and prices that are robbing the working people.

But these pseudo-democratic apparatchiks did not even blink an eye or listened to all these protests or demands. On September 6 of last year, there took place in the center of the city a demonstration of even more protesters then before, in order to hear what the local government representatives - V.P.Lushkina, chairman of the local Council and A.V.Vojtenko are going to say as

to the demands of the people:

+To eliminate the higher tariffs for living quarters

*To freeze the prices for all communal expenses of the people at only 15% of the total earnings of the family

* To freeze all prices on bread, sugar, and other products needed for daily use

* To eliminate cash payments and bribes for all medical service

* To take drastic measure to eliminate the growing unemployment

This time there came to the protest not only people of Zhitomir, but people came from all other surrounding regions representing the workers collectives. The Zhitomir authorities could not

at this time ignore the multitude of thousands of people gathered in the main square. The question put to the administration was to the point: either the administration immediately gets these demands fulfilled or they should all resign en masse since they are unable to carry out their elected functions. The population demonstrated for a long time until the city administration (who were in emergency session) considered their demands. At the end, all of the demands of the protesters were adopted. Yes, but will they be carried out? The fight and struggles continue.

The same actions took place all over Ukraine. Here is just another example...in the large town

of Chervonoarmiisk, which is only about 50 km outside of Zhitomir, the most docile population who never took any action before, now took to the streets. The main speaker at this large protest rally, I.I.Romaniuk, stated that the town is dying, and it is due to the present conditions. There are more people dying than are born by over 200%. Unemployment is a chronic problem. The local agriculture is in a terrible condition since the elimination of the collective farms. Culture, education, sports are all dying or dead already. The population has absolutely no available money or premises for health care.

The most heartrending speech at this rally was given by an older mother G.M.Bronisky, who said: "During Soviet times, I was certain of the future. I had 5 children. All of them had enough to eat, clothes to wear, free schooling right into University. But today? All this was taken away from us by these vampires!..."

The participants of this large protest action in Chervonoarmiisk elected at this protest meeting a Citizens Council for defending their rights. The people will not accept the loss of all the gains that they had not too long ago, during Soviet times.



FELIX
GORELIK



During the Cold War years, the enemies of USSR widely utilized for "polluting the brains of people" the writings of dissidents. Amongst them were books by Alexander Zinoviev, such as "Yellow Home", "Crisis of Communism", "Undertaking" - about 40 books and hundreds of articles. All of these, as if in a crooked mirror, pictured Soviet Society in a de-

formed and in an unrecognizable manner. Dissident Alexander Zinoviev laughed at and also heaped abuse and wrote in a very negative way at all the successes that transpired in the USSR: Communist ideology, the CPSU, the Soviet economy, culture, living conditions, not recognizing any successes or positive steps taken by the USSR. Of course all

writings by these dissidents were loudly cheered in the West and were used in order to undermine faith in socialism in people of left orientation, purposely trying to instill deep crisis in the world communist movements. Here are just some "pearls" from his last book called "Undertaking". "Our system of life is making people very unlucky, making them ex-

AT LAST HE SAW CLEARLY!

tremely moody and worried" "this society is just a caricature of personal life and their work. They, the Soviet people are in themselves different, strange and not normal." "Here everything is gray - all holidays, future, items, books, films, successes. There are crisis and defeats, lawlessness, no happiness, no love, all hate etc., in short - everything..."

Of course in writings of this author-satirist he looks through his crooked mirror at life around him. Why is it that in Zinoviev's outlook on life took such a turn when looking at the Soviet Union? Did he not see their cultural successes?

Zinoviev was born to a large peasant family and lived during the 1930's. After moving to Moscow they lived in an uncomfortable basement apartment and this started the hate towards the Soviet system. He became a student and then organized an underground terrorist group to plan the assassination of Stalin. He was arrested but was lucky that the Second World War started and he then served in the tank corps, also as a fighter pilot. After the war he finished his university studies and he then became a Doctor of Science in the realm of Logic. Because he continued his anti-Soviet activities, he was banished outside the borders of USSR.

Was the life in the Soviet Union so bad and horrific as A. Zinoviev wrote about during 1970's? Of course not! For over 70 years the country became unrecognizable in its achievements in all spheres of life, making very gigantic steps forward. From a backward country, living in practically feudalism; First World destruction; the devastating civil war; then the horrendous destruction of the Great Patriotic War and the cost in millions of the Soviet best sons and daughters; the cold war; the arms race...the Soviet Union and socialism became the savior of humanity. Education, culture, living conditions improved with each year. Workers became engineers, teachers, doctors, artists, mar-

shal's of the Soviet Army and Air Force...all sorts of opportunities were open as was the case with Zinoviev. All of these facts are masked and overlooked in these anti-Soviet books and socialism was made to look as caricatures.

Were there reasons for some criticisms? Of course there were some shortages. The dialectical unity was fighting many enemies, both internal and external.

What objective shortages became the stimulus for these dissidents? In spite of all the tremendous successes of the Soviet Union state, it was impossible to solve all the problems and reach the standard of life in the leading capitalist countries who became rich from World War II and their colonies while the Soviet people had to rebuild the devastation.

More capital outlays were needed but these had to go into the defense which was specifically instigated by imperialism and the arms race, in order to

PRESENT "INDEPENDENT" UKRAINE



DO NOT ROB -THE STATE DOES NOT WANT ANY COMPETITION!..

From "Communist" newspaper

weaken the development of the economy of the USSR. This onslaught by Western Imperialism was meant to sow discord, raise unobtainable expectations for the Soviet people. Thus the outlay of large capital into construction was minimized, in spite of the greatest construction boom that any country of the world had undergone. "Living conditions form attitudes".

The working class produced heroically for the population, but still it was not enough. There were shortages to be sure, which were slowly being overcome. The desire to get better living standards individually went into conflict as to the overall plans for all of the society. This led to some crime, robbery and also shady dealings by some section of the population, which in turn started the careerists on their way up the ladder inside the CPSU which was not being cleansed regularly as V.I. Lenin and J.V. Stalin demanded. These careerists managed to usurp the leadership of the CPSU and this led to the disintegration of the USSR.

In order to put their personal needs above those of the country, these elements joined others as "reformists".

Zinoviev and other dissidents, seeing these revisionists making their way up the government ladder, made him blind to the progress, enthusiasm and the creative work of the masses.

In spite of all this, Zinoviev showed his love for the Motherland and, outside the borders of USSR, he then characterized other dissidents as: "These fighters for law and truth are not saints by no means! They are well paid with dollars from foreign countries! They received money either in rubles or dollars!! Most of these dissidents that I worked with and met outside the USSR were not normal. The dissident movement was a lucrative business." He especially is bitter towards these rabid dissidents such as Sakharov, the "Great thinker?" This self-love was promoted by Western bourgeoisie in order to promote their "genius" and thus these dissidents were given the green light to be even more outrageous in all of their writings. The more outrageous they wrote, the more Western sources promoted them as "geniuses" and the more money they received!:

When the counterrevolution took place, the curtain fell from his eyes and he started to see reality! This became a great sur-

prise to all those when Zinoviev called "perestroika" nothing but a "catastroika". And when Yeltsin came to power, A. Zinoviev took a very good stand against his so-called "democracy" and "reforms".

I would like to show those people that read or agreed with any of the dissidents, what was written by Zinoviev now, after he visited Russia:

"I consider the Soviet period the best and the top summit of Russian history. Not being an apologist for communism, I consider this period unbelievable. Generations will pass, the children will look at this period and not believe the insurmountable obstacles that were overcome, the sheer magnitude of construction that took place and they shall not believe that dedicated human efforts could have achieved this. Yes the great events were had, although there were problems, there was sabotage, there was treason. In spite of all this, the colossal Soviet period is not matched in history."

A. Zinoviev now has become a defender of the Soviet Union. He told the newspaper reporters that "You should not spit at the past, because if you do that, we cannot take not even one step ahead!" He now is a Soviet patriot. He now never stops proclaiming that "USSR - is my Motherland, I am a Soviet person!"

What transpired that changed this rabid anti-Sovieteer dissident? "Now I clearly see and Soviet people see as to what capitalism has brought the people. Its practically slave labour and the loss of all the gains that were achieved under Socialism. All this has now been seen by those who had a screen over their eyes."

The newspaper "Trud" had published this interview with former dissident Alexander Zinoviev. The newspaper asked Zinoviev about his mother when she was working on a collective farm if she would like to quit the collective and have her own property. She always said no. Why? Even with all of the problems at that time...she liked the progress, the

standard of living, the happiness and the culture of the population.

The correspondent asked as to why A. Zinoviev became an anti-Stalinist and found himself in jail. He replied that: "...there was no system that I would have liked fully, but I now realize that under the Soviet system everyone had the equal opportunity to reach his or her goal". Then he confessed that "Socialism is a system that is as good if not better than capitalism." As to the question as to why he thinks that the Soviet system collapsed practically without a shot being fired, he replied: "It collapsed not because it was weak internally but because of internal traitors in league with a mighty foreign foe. This collapse was accepted without hardly a murmur because of the elite in the CPSU that sold out the interests of socialism. People to this day do not understand that not only communism collapsed, but Russia collapsed as a country. Here is where the biggest blow was given by world imperialism and internal enemies. Just look at the tempo of the loss of the population in Russia, the terrible unemployment growth, the growth of all narcotics and also alcoholism...there is taking place amoral and intellectual death of the Soviet people - Russians in particular. This is the main aim of imperialism...the defeat of a potential competitor!"

It is a fact that the main cause of anti-Communism of these dissidents was and is the so-called "repression", even though it is now over 50 years that have passed. Zinoviev now hits this trump-card of all of the present "democrats" at every opportunity that is now available to him: "Regarding the so-called repression's...today, at 77 years of age, I feel, that, they were necessary repressions of the enemies, because there was no other way to keep the country progressing with all these internal enemies sabotaging politically and economically all the plans that were made for the benefit of the people. Let us look at the present situation:

millions of big and small robbers and traitors. Do you think that elements such as these present robbers did not exist after the 1917 October revolution? There were echelons of them, all supported from inside and outside by the enemies. Was not Trotsky a bitter enemy of the Soviet regime? Or Tukhachevsky? Was he not sick with Bonapartism? If they were victorious over us there would not have been the 20s or 30s. In 1939 I was arrested. And they were right to arrest me. I was a terrorist. I feel now that Brezhnev was not too energetic and dedicated in his struggles with all the dissidents. They were today's fifth column!"

Zinoviev's attitude to Stalin has also undergone a radical change, even though he was a rabid anti-Stalinist. As opposed to other dissidents against the Soviet regime "I struggled against Stalin while he was alive. After Stalin's death I told my party meeting that a dead Lion could be thrown even by a Donkey. I immediately was then called a Stalinist. I never concurred with Stalin's methods, correct as they were at that time. Let us just look at the terrible danger for the Soviet Union beginning with the Great Patriotic War. Massive retreats were in order, millions of war prisoners. If there was no Joseph Stalin, Moscow would have fallen. Millions of us would have been liquidated by fascism, and the rest would have become slaves."

As to the question as to what he foresees for Russia, he said: "I do not see a bright future now. The question is of life or death of Russia and the Russian people. Our enemy is very strong, clever but has absolutely no conscience. Our total losses now have already surpassed the losses in the Great Patriotic War(!!!) and the question is this, when are we going to realize the truth and start the struggle for our resurrection?"

Is there anything else that we can expect? Zinoviev replied: "In life many things happen that are unpredictable. During the last war, many times things looked

hopeless and no light was seen at the end of the tunnel. But we did win a victory. Everything depends of the will and courage to fight to the last. In this I see the chance of our people to struggle and live and take our rightful place on this planet!"

The opening of the eyes and understanding of Alexander Zinoviev is a lesson for those, who had a one-sided outlook on Soviet Union or on the communist ideology. As was stated by Zinoviev: "We have to differentiate the objective and subjective points of view - sometimes they tragically go apart, but in history everything depends on logic only!" From a fighter against Soviet State, A. Zinoviev has become a defender, and was able to see the objective meaning of the historical rising of Soviet people, the first to have a society of workers and peasants. Now he calls for a struggle to defend the working class of complete annihilation.

We greet Alexander Zinoviev. We welcome him to our ranks!

May other former dissidents and their hangers-on also see the light of truth!

FROM
BOLSHEVIK OF STAVROPOLYA
RUSSIA

PUTIN KNOWS, WHO SUNK THE KURSK SUBMARINE, BUT HE'S NOT TALKING

This is from an interview by the Dean of the Leningrad Military-Mechanical Institute Y.P.Saveliev to the correspondent of the newspaper "Soviet Russia"

The country to this time has not gotten over the terrible shock and tragedy of the sinking of the Kursk submarine in the Bering Sea. But, in this traumatic situation and grief, the Russian mass media has completely blacked-out this fact. Three months before this tragedy happened, this Kursk submarine had just returned from a patrol mission near the coast-

line of Yugoslavia which was then under heavy NATO attack. American military brass called this submarine "A Killer of Aircraft Carriers" since this Kursk-type submarine was deemed as the most dangerous weapon by the USA military.

Now that Kursk was longer in Yugoslav waters, USA was not afraid of having their fleet in the Aegean Sea and commanding the outcome of the Yugoslav elections. Here it is time to ask this question, which was answered by the Russian Navy Command under some pressure...*Kursk was to be reassigned soon to the coast*



of Yugoslavia during the presidential elections in order to keep an eye on the US large fleet stationed there.

The Russian Commission looking into this tragedy was to have given a report on this tragedy last October 1, 2000 as to the cause of this Kursk tragedy. But on orders from above there is no report by this Commission.

We can show our readers, based on the interview given by Profes-

sor Dean Saveliev, the following: *Kursk received on its right side a tremendous hit from an unknown underground object. There took place an explosion in the accumulator batteries.

*The submarine immediately went down to the bottom of the sea, and even being disabled of all its power, Kursk plowed the ocean floor for over two hundred meters. *From this tremendous hit, the steel structure was bent and split and turned around by 90 degrees. Due to a third explosion, the water rushed inside all of the compartments.

All of these facts Putin knew as did all of the top leadership of the country, plus the Russian Minister of Defense. Therefore, it is a perpetrated falsehood to state that Putin did not know all the details of the tragedy or danger of the Kursk crew. He knew immediately that everything was hopeless in the Kursk tragedy.

*This fact is revealing...*The first day of this tragedy, Marshal Sergiev of Russia in a moment of emotional shock, let slip the following...*"there is no doubt in my mind at all that there was a foreign submarine involved..."* They knew the truth even at that moment, but...

No comment is necessary now! ■

FROM NEWSPAPER
HAMMER & SICKLE
KRASNOYARSK, RUSSIA

OPEN LETTER TO CPRF PROVOCATEURS IN KHABAROVSK

This letter was adopted unanimously by the Khabarovsk organization of the AUCPB

Before the November 7th celebration of the 83rd Anniversary of the Great October Revolution in Khabarovsk, the leaders of the local organization "Communists, Workers Russia - for USSR" and the Communist Party of Russian Federation (CPRF) united in the

idea to hold this 83rd Anniversary celebration together. This was voted upon and agreed by a great majority of both parties to hold such an event.

Both parties approached the city Mayor to get permission which was readily granted. A day before the event was to take place, the deputy of the local Duma, L.Golub, received the newspaper "Hammer & Sickle" organ of the AUCPB, where an article criticized in a comradely manner the weakness of the CPRF in the local Duma to fulfill their promise of settling the delayed payment of allowance for children that was owed them for 1998-1999, instead of going on holidays before this help was given to the children.

The deputy Golub decided to teach the AUCPB a lesson. At the meeting on November 7th they ran the meeting as if they were there alone, ignoring the AUCPB. They did not even allow the AUCPB to speak and then proclaimed the closing of the meeting without even singing the International. When the AUCPB representatives, who were allowed together with the CPRF to hold this manifestation, tried to get to the microphone, the CPRF leaders disconnected the microphone.

Perceiving this action ahead of time, the AUCPB were prepared with a megaphone and proceeded to hold the meeting anyway. The people were very perturbed and the CPRF leadership even tried to split all of the marching columns of people into the "Bolsheviks" and "Zyuganovites". Nevertheless, the AUCPB won the day with rousing Soviet songs and most of the people from the CPRF marchers joined the Bolsheviks in this celebration. There were heard many cries from the people of contempt and of "provocateurs".

It is a fact that there is a great departure of members from the CPRF since they do not believe in

the dictatorship of the proletariat or of the Soviet Union or socialism. The CPRF organizers even tried to call in the militia, but with the sanction of the Mayor and city council, the militia did not provoke any action.

The loss of a large section of their membership both in Moscow and in other regions is worrying the CPRF leadership. Therefore, unfortunately all of their efforts are towards fighting and undermining the popularity of the Bolsheviks in the AUCPB.

We are deeply disturbed by the actions of the leadership of the CPRF in Khabarovsk. □

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Above is Nikolaev Konstantin Antonovich, who, as one of the leaders of the Union Communist Parties-CPSU, together with Oleg Shenin its leader, now known as "CPS". He is a dedicated Communist and a revolutionary who is a worker and a bulldozer operator. He represents the interests of the working class of Russia and a fighter for the restoration of Soviet Union and of Socialism. Welcome to the growing popularity of NSC! □

FROM NEWSPAPER
FOR USSR
RUSSIA



Today many citizens of Russia and outside its borders are very surprised at the uncaring attitude that Putin showed towards the tragedy of the sinking of the Kursk submarine, with its horrific loss of lives. It seems that it was just yesterday that Mr. Putin, before he became president, was drinking vodka with submarine crews and he was even made an "Honorary Submariner".

To understand the character of Putin, we have to go back a few years in order to see his actions then...which are the same actions now.

The summer of 1999 is written up in an excellent book by E.Kiselev, called "Altogether"

"In Moscow there was a champion tennis match and the Russian star player Kafelnikov was winning. Looking on were the "family" of the Boris Yeltsin clique Yumashev. Mr.Yumashev phones Tanya (daughter of Yeltsin) who was then President of Russia and tells her to get Mr. Putin to come immediately in order to congratulate the winner. In a few minutes Putin comes in running without a tie or formality, congratulating the tennis star when eating his lunch while he was speaking! Putin at that time was not a lackey but held the post of Prime Minister of Russia!!!

* A second example (that shows the character of Mr. Putin is

much more tragic. This happened in 1998 when Putin was in charge of the Federal Russian Security. He was traveling in his foreign-made jeep on the main highway to Moscow, and, during some reckless moments, the jeep jumped the medium and smashed into a small Moskvich car travelling the other way. As a result of this crash, due to carelessness of Putin, a 5 year old girl was instantly killed. Putin immediately got out of the jeep, jumped into the body guard's auto that was following him and took off without

even one word to the screaming parents of the little girl who was dying in the car. No words were spoken in sympathy, just a letter was received from the Russian Prosecutor that *"Mr. Putin cannot be charged since he didn't break any laws"*! The dead 5 year old child was killed, but no one is to blame!?

What about Putin?

Putin the lawyer! Putin the KGB agent! Putin the sportsman! He is promoted at home and abroad as *"strong leader ,young and as*

political thinker" but he is nothing but an average bureaucrat and capable only of following a command but with no political initiative by himself. It is interesting to note that when the powers that be were putting forth this *"figure"* for the president of Russia, he was not put there to *"save Russia"*, he was put there to *"save"* the criminals and robbers from punishment for corruption - and this was also meant to save all of these criminals from international corruption charges and trials. This task, Mr. Putin is fulfilling *"excellently"*. ■

OPEN FORUM

On the One Hundred and Twenty First Anniversary of Stalin's Birth

By ANDY BROOKS,

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TWENTIETH CENTURY was one of great upheavals, world wars and revolutions. It was the century of very great revolutionary changes; popular movements inevitably linked with the leaders thrown up by their times - Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong, Kim Il Sung, Ho Chi Minh and Fidel Castro. It was the century in which the ideas of Marx and Engels were put into practice, the century when the torch of the Paris Commune lit the flames of revolutions across the globe.

The memory of all these leaders is subjected to denigration and abuse by the hired hands of the bourgeois media and academic world. The unholy alliance of bourgeois politicians, social democrats, Trotskyites and revisionists stoke fires of their own every day to produce a seemingly torrent of lies about the great revolutions that shook the world and the people who led them. The name of Joseph Stalin heads the list.

COLOSSAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Their hatred of Stalin should not surprise us. He led the world's first socialist state from 1924 until his death in 1953. During those decades the Soviet Union was the hope of the working people across the world.

The colossal achievements of the Soviet Union led by Stalin was living proof of the validity of the socialist system. The Soviets swept out the capitalists and land-owners and unleashed the immense proletariat of the workers and peasants to build a new life for themselves.

While the economies of the imperialist world crashed, the people of the Soviet Union saw their living standards rise twelvefold. While the imperialists prepared for another world war, against themselves and actually against the USSR, the Soviet Union worked tirelessly for collective security and peace.

While the imperialists mercilessly plundered Africa and Asia, the Soviet Union helped the world

communist cause and the national liberation movement.

The oppressed nations of the Czarist empire were freed and lived as equals in a Union of Soviet Socialist Republics which guaranteed everyone work, education, science and culture. The socialist system created new men and women who rebuilt their country after the destruction of the Civil War, who struggled to create the industries for the future, who sacrificed themselves by the millions to defend the Soviet Union and defeat fascism in the Second World War.

THE EARLY DAYS

Joseph Vissarionovich Djughashvili was born in 1879 in the town of Gori in the Czarist province of Georgia. He came from humble origins. His father was a peasant who later worked in a shoe factory in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi. His mother also came from a peasant family. Neither of them could read or write.

But Joseph Vissarionovich was a brilliant student at primary school. He was recommended for

admission into a leading school in Georgia which was run by the Georgian Orthodox Church.

The Tbilisi Seminary was a center for Georgian nationalism and opposition to the Czar's regime. Here the young man turned to Marxism and revolution.

"My parents were uneducated, but they did not treat me badly by any means. But it was different matter at the Orthodox theological seminary which I was then attending. In protest at the outrageous regime and the Jesuitical methods prevalent at the seminary, I was ready to become, and actually did become, a revolutionary, a believer in Marxism as a really revolutionary teaching," he said later.

In his second year at the seminary, when Stalin was just 15, he made contact with underground Marxist circles. Three years later, in 1897, he joined the first socialist organization in Georgia. Stalin started by setting up Marxist study groups for students and workers. In 1899 he was expelled and became a full-time revolutionary worker.

He called himself "Stalin" - meaning "Steel" in Russian - most Bolsheviks adopted movement names to work underground.

The Caucasus was seething with discontent. The Georgians and other people of the region were doubly oppressed by the Russian colonial and largely feudal administration and the Russian and local exploiters who were plundering the new industries in the province. Tbilisi was an administrative and railway center serving oil-rich Baku, on the Caspian Sea.

Stalin plunged into militant revolutionary activity. In 1902 he was elected to the first Committee of the Russian Social-Democratic Labour Party. He organized illegal strikes. He was banished to Siberia many times, escaping twice to return to the Caucasus.

In 1905 Stalin first met Lenin at the Bolshevik Congress in Czarist Finland. In 1912 at the Prague Conference which led to the final break between the Bolsheviks and

Mensheviks within the Russian Social-Democratic Labour Party. Stalin was chosen to head the Bolshevik Russian Bureau. He published the first edition of Pravda and organized the new party's work in Russia.

By 1917 he was regarded by most as Vladimir Lenin's second-in-command. Stalin represented Lenin at the key Sixth Congress as Lenin was in hiding in Finland. That Congress drew up plans to overthrow the bourgeois Provisional Government which had removed the Czar in February 1917, pretending to heed the workers, peasants and soldiers demands for "peace, bread and liberty", but it secretly worked to keep Russia in the First World War and for the restoration of the monarchy.

LENIN'S CAUSE

Lenin, crippled by an assassin's bullet, died in 1924. Stalin was inevitably seen by the Soviet masses as Lenin's successor. But not by all. Within the Bolshevik leadership factions were at work. Lenin fought the same battle with the Menshevik defeatists and class collaborators when they were all in the same party. Now the Stalin leadership faced the same challenge, with much higher stakes - the future of the first workers' and peasants republic.

Stalin fought first of all to defeat Trotsky, who had bitterly opposed Lenin in the past. Trotsky, who without foundation, believed that he should have succeeded Lenin, used a variety of bogus arguments to oppose the construction of socialism in one state. Later this tiny band of followers would abandon argument for treason and sabotage.

Stalin upheld Lenin's legacy against Trotsky's left sectarianism and against right deviation - held by others who did not believe the revolution could succeed in building socialism and were ready to capitulate to local and international reaction.

Stalin stuck to Lenin's strategy of building socialism in only one country. There was then no other choice. The White Guards and all

the foreign interventionist armies were crushed in the Civil War, but the great upheaval in other imperialist heartland which the Trotskyites said had to happen for socialism to work did not occur. The revolutionary upsurge in Germany and also in Hungary was drowned in blood. Communist Parties were hounded out of the working class movements in Europe and in the rest of the world, but social-democracy prevailed. As Stalin put it in 1927 "Our Western European brothers do not yet want to seize power, and we are obliged to do the best we can with our own means".

And did it they did! Agriculture was collectivized and the grasping petty landlords, the kulaks, were liquidated as a class. Immense new industries were established across the Soviet Union, the country was electrified, universal education and national health service that was the envy of all countries of the world was established. In the 1930's, when the capitalist world tottered on the brink of economic collapse and the ruling classes in some parts of Europe established naked dictatorships in the form of fascism, the Soviet Union ended unemployment and established a constitution which guaranteed every Soviet citizen work, education, science and culture.

Stalin was a great revolutionary and a great organizer. But he was also an outstanding popularizer of Marxist-Leninist thinking and made some very important new contributions to the science of socialism himself. His development of Marxist-Leninist theory of the national question provided the basis for the revolutionary changes which transformed the Czarist empire, which was a prison of nations, into a Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in which everyone regardless of nationality, creed or culture lived in equality and harmony. Stalin's Foundations of Leninism, written back in 1924 remains to this day the best introduction to Marxism-Leninism.

Stalin always upheld the prin-

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ciple of collective leadership and putting the Party first.

COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP

"Comrades, I shall not comment on the matter of personal feelings, although personal feelings played a rather conspicuous part in the speeches of some of the comrades from the Bukharin's group," he warned in 1929.

"I Shall make no comment on this subject because personal feelings are a trivial matter, and is not worth while speaking of trivial matters. Bukharin spoke of letters he had written to me. He read some of these letters and from their content one could gather that although we were still friends some time ago, now we differ politically. The same could be detected in speeches of Uglanov and Tomsy: What is happening, they seemed to suggest, how is it that we, old Bolsheviks, should suddenly be at odds and have no respect for each other?"

"I think that these moans and lamentations are not worth a brass-farthing. Our organization is not a family group nor is it an association based on personal friendship; it is the political party of the working class. We cannot tolerate that interests of personal friendship should be placed higher than the interests of our cause.

"Things have come to a sad pass comrades, if the only reason why we are called old Bolsheviks is that we are just old. Old Bolsheviks are respected not because they are old, but because they are eternally young, never-aging revolutionaries. If an Old Bolshevik has swerved from the path of the revolution, or degenerated and failed politically, then, be he even one hundred years old, he has no right to call himself an Old Bolshevik; he has no right to demand that the Party should respect him.

"Moreover, questions of personal friendship should not be placed on the same personal level with political questions, for, as the saying goes - friendship is all very well, but duty comes first.

We are all of us servants of the working class, and if the interests of personal friendship clash with the interests of the revolution, then personal friendship must come second. For Bolsheviks this is the only possible attitude.

"I shall not comment either on the subject of insinuations and veiled accusations of personal nature that were contained in speeches of the comrades from Bukharin's opposition. Evidently these comrades are attempting to conceal the underlying political reasons for our differences behind a cloak of insinuations and ambiguities. They are seeking to substitute petty political scheming for politics. Tomsy's speech is indeed typical in this respect. His was the speech of a typical trade union politician trying to substitute petty political scheming for politics. However, this subterfuge will get them nowhere."



DEFENDING THE USSR

In the 1930's war clouds were in the air. Fascists, the most aggressive elements of the German and Italian ruling class, were preparing for war. The Soviets knew that another war was coming. Either all imperialists would combine against them as they did during the Civil War, or some of them would attack - which is what eventually happened. This made the drive for rapid industrialization even more urgent.

Stalin put it like this in 1931: "Do you want our socialist motherland to be beaten and lose its independence...we are fifty to a hun-

dred years behind the advanced countries. We must make good this distance within ten years. Either we do this or they will crush us."

While the Party led the campaign for greater production, others amongst the leadership were plotting the Soviet Union's downfall. On December 1, 1934 Sergei Kirov, regarded as second only to Stalin himself in the Party leadership, was shot dead by an agent of the Trotskyite opposition. At the 17th Party Congress that same year Kirov had said: "Immense, indeed, are the successes we have achieved. To put it in plain human language 'one would like to live on and on'."

The anti-Communist lie-machine immediately claimed that Stalin had ordered it himself. In fact, as became clear in a series of state trials later, the right-deviationists and the left sectarian Trotskyites had made a common cause in a conspiracy involving imperialism to overthrow Soviet power.

The leaders were put on trial. All confessed. The ring-leaders were sentenced to death and shot for treason. The Party ordered a purge, a cleansing of its ranks which led to waves of arrests.

The professional anti-Communist bourgeois "historians" and their Trotskyite friends portray this period as the time of "Stalin's terror". Ludicrous figures are given of the numbers sent to labour camps during the crack-down and astronomic figures for those said to have died in the camps. Most claim "millions" perished. The most rabid talk about "25 million" in a effort to equate Stalin with the very real number of people who died on the orders of Adolph Hitler and the German Nazis.

In fact the figures were made public in 1990. Two Soviet historians delved deep into the archives which revealed a totally different picture.

According to Zemskov and Dugin, the total number in the labour camps in 1934 was exactly 510,307. This number includes

criminals as well as those charged with "political crimes". In fact the number accused of "political" offenses oscillated between 127,000 in 1934 to a maximum of 500,000 during the two war years of 1941 and 1942.

From 1936 to 1939 the figure for all criminals detained had risen to 839,406 and then to 1,317,195. The largest number held in labour camps in Stalin's day was in 1951 when the figure had risen to 1,948,158. Most were ordinary criminals. The number sentenced for "political" offenses totaled 579,878. Most of them had been Nazi collaborators; 334,538 had been convicted of treason.

To put this into perspective, the population of the Soviet Union in 1939 was 170,000,000. It should also be noted that in Kruschov's day, the Soviet leader who did his best to denigrate and smear the memory of Stalin, the labour camps population was still around two million, all convicted of criminal offenses.

The masses closed ranks around the Party. The counter-revolutionaries were crushed. Many workers took up the challenge of the Stakhanovite movement and worked even harder to meet their targets. In 1936 a coal miner, Alexei Stakhanov, overfulfilled his work target by 1,400 per cent. Other followed. But Stalin never forgot that the working people had to benefit concretely from the revolution.

CONCRETE BENEFITS

He told the Stakhanovites that: "The basis for the Stakhanov movement was first and foremost the radical improvement in the material welfare of the workers. Life has improved, comrades. Life has become more joyous. And when life is joyous, work goes well. Hence the high rate of output. Hence the heroes and heroines of labour. That, primarily is the root of the Stakhanov movement. If there had been a crisis in our country, if there had been unemployment - that scourge of

the working class - if people in our country lived badly, drably, joylessly, we should have had nothing like the Stakhanov movement.

"Our proletarian revolution is the only revolution in the world which had the opportunity of showing people not only the political results but also material results. Of all workers' revolutions, we know only one to achieve power. That was the Paris Commune. But it did not last long.

"True, it endeavored to smash the fetters of capitalism; but it did not have time enough to smash them, and still less to show the people the beneficial material results of revolution.

"Our revolution is the only one which not only smashed the fetters of capitalism and brought people freedom, but also succeeded in creating the material conditions of a prosperous life for the people. Their lies the strength and invincibility of our revolution.

"It is a good thing, of course, to drive out the capitalists; to drive out the landlords, to drive out the Czarist henchmen, to seize power and achieve freedom. That is very good.

"But unfortunately, freedom alone is not enough, by far. If there is a shortage of bread, a shortage of butter and fats, a shortage of textiles, and also the housing conditions are bad, freedom will not carry you very far.

"It is very difficult, comrades, to live on freedom alone, in order to live well and joyously, the benefits of political freedom must be supplemented by material benefits.

"It is a distinctive feature of our revolution that it brought the people not only freedom, but also material benefits, and the possibility of a prosperous and cultural life. That is why life has become joyous in our country, and that is the soil from which the Stakhanov movement sprang."

VICTORY

Throughout the Thirties the So-

viet Union worked to prevent war, proposing collective security to Britain and France to counter the threats from the new Nazi leadership in Germany. But the leaders of Britain and France feared communism much more than they feared the Nazi demands. They hoped and encouraged the Nazis to look to the East for a new German Empire. They didn't realize that the most aggressive sections of the German ruling class, those who had put Hitler to power to prepare for war, wanted to settle accounts with Britain and France first.

In the end the Soviet Union signed a non-aggression pact with the Germans in 1939, sparing the Soviet people the horrors of war for two more years. The Nazi war-machine over-ran Western Europe and then turned its venom against the land of the Soviet in 1941.

Hitler and the Wehrmacht believed the Soviet Union would fall like a pack of cards under their blitzkrieg. They expected the Soviet masses to welcome the Nazis with open arms as liberators. What they got was ferocious resistance.

Soviet young men and women in the Red Army, the partisans, and those working in factories-fields, rallied to the Party to defend the Soviet Motherland. Millions upon millions, over 20, million died in this heroic struggle.

"For the Motherland! For Stalin!" was the watchword as the Red Army brought the might of the Nazi army to its knees in a epic struggle of sacrifice, endurance and heroism. It ended in 1945 with Berlin being captured and the Nazi Fuhrer dead by his own hands in his bunker.

The defeat of Nazi Germany and the Japanese Empire was largely due to the Soviet Union's efforts, a fact recognized by British and American politicians at that time, but soon forgotten when the war ended.

The Soviet victory was only possible because of the measures taken by the Stalin leadership in the 1930's. Without rapid industrialization, the Soviet Union

would not have been able to withstand the blows of the Nazi invaders. They would have made mince-meat out of the Red Army.

Without the purges, the Nazis would have found plenty of collaborators to work for them, but few offered to serve the swastika. The defeat of fascism was the greatest achievement of the Stalin leadership. The alternative - world run by Hitler and Hirohito - would have set back humanity hundreds of years.

Stalin's last years saw the drive to reconstruct in a postwar world which was dramatically different. In Eastern Europe Socialism had triumphed and in the East the Chinese people had stood up, winning their own civil war and establishing the People's Republic of China in 1949.

The flames of revolution had spread to Korea and Vietnam. The people of Africa and Asia were breaking the chains of European colonialism. And the Soviet Union was able to stand up to the

threats of the imperialists, now led by the United States. Within a decade the Soviets would match their technology rocket for rocket and bomb for bomb.

Joseph Stalin died on March 5, 1953. The people of the Soviet Union were overcome with grief. A file of mourners, sixteen across and ten miles long, marched through the icy streets of Moscow to pay their last respects. Hundreds of millions across the world paid tribute to the man who had led the Soviet Union.

In the years which followed, much of Stalin's work was undone. Revisionists and corrupt elements who had wormed their way into the leadership began by attacking Stalin's record and then moved back to attack what had been built during his leadership. They paved the way for hidden traitors to rise to the top and lead the counter-revolution which

Stalin, Molotov, Vyshinsky and other Soviets at the Yalta Conference of the Big Three powers.

destroyed the Soviet Union in 1990.

PRO-CAPITALIST CLIQUES

Now the Soviet Union has gone. The former Soviet republics, including Russia, are all led by pro-capitalist cliques drawn almost entirely from the corrupt CPSU apparatus which mushroomed after Stalin's death. Workers and peasants live in poverty unknown since the days of the Czar. The cities are run by drug-lords, spivs and profiteers and feudal relations are returning to much of the rural areas.

But Stalin's memory is now being recalled in Russia and the other republics. The genuine communist movements all uphold his name. Old people, old enough to have lived under the Stalin leadership, bear his photo on demonstrations. No one carries any posters of Krushchev or even Brezhnev. The traitor Gorbachev is probably one of the most de-



spised men in Russia today.

"It is not heroes that make history, but history that makes heroes. It is not heroes who create a people, but the people who create heroes and move history forward. Heroes, outstanding individuals, may play an important part in the life of society only in so far as they are capable of correctly understanding the condi-

tions of development of society and the ways of changing them for the better".

"History of the CPSU(Bolsheviks), Short Course. Moscow, 1938.

For further information you can order the two books from NSC, called: "Next To Stalin" Notes of a Body Guard, and "The lie of the "Lenin Testament". Only \$12.00 each.

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LATVIA- There's a youth newspaper called "TRIBUNAL." published in Russian by Soviet youth which is revolutionary, optimistic, humorous, dedicated to constant struggle against the present nationalistic-reactionary and chauvinistic regime of Latvia. They are struggling for a rebirth of the Soviet Union and Socialism.

HUNGARY - For once the Mayor of Budapest stood his ground and did not allow the demands by Hungarian nationalists to take from history the fact that the Hungarian People in 1945 made J.V. Stalin a Honorary Citizen of Budapest. He stated: "We cannot and will not change history!"

RUSSIA - Russian government has opened up its archives to get the facts about the Holocaust. It is the turn of Israel to return back all the countless archival and historical riches that were stolen by the Russian Jews who emigrated to Israel.

IN WASHINGTON, YOU SAY ?

The White House in Washington was built by Black slaves, plus its cupola. These Black slaves have left their signatures on the roof. Each slave was bought for \$55!

Oh yes, America the free and the beautiful! How many Americans know this fact?

**FROM
HAMMER & SICKLE
NEWSPAPER, RUSSIA**

This is a small excerpt from a speech given by Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of AUCPB in the city of Lill, France, November 12, 2000 to French Communists.

In a future issue we shall publish in full the text which gives an overview of all the main communist parties in former USSR from AUCPB perspective

"...the largest party in Russia is the Communist Party of the Russian Federation with its leader Gennady Zyuganov which now has over 1/3 of its deputies in the Russian Duma. Before the last election it had a majority in the Duma.

From former CPSU 19,000,000 members, today there are only about 300,000 members that remain, dispersed amongst countless communist parties. The AUCPB was formed already in November of 1991.

CPRF was formed by former CPSU partocrats in 1993 and numbered at that time about 100,000 members...after the outlawing of the CPSU. As we see, there is nothing "communist" in the CPRF! Part of CPRF's thesis is that "we need a new multi-partied Russia" and "multi-faceted economy", and "Russia has had enough of revolutions", and also "CPRF must be part of the present Russian government! This is a typical left-liberal party, or not even a social-democratic party in the best sense of the word.

The leadership of the CPRF utilizes the name "communist" in their name is order not to lose

the membership of former CPSU. It is against an open class struggle and has eliminated the slogan of "Workers of the World Unite" from its program and its publications. It is dedicated to a two-party system as in the bourgeois Western states. In the last while there was a great membership outflow of its members from the CPRF to join other more Marxist-Leninist parties.

CPRF was given the finances of former CPSU and now has no problems of finances at all, publishing its many newspapers and having an official nod from the present Russian bourgeois government.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS!



This photo was taken in Prague at the WTO demonstration by Joseph Kucera. Sent in by Dr. Mirko Svoboda. This is Czech "democracy ala NATO-IMF,WTO,WB recipe!"

STATEMENT BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF SPAIN (reconstructed)

Northstar Compass readers were already informed about the arrests of Spanish comrades in Paris, France on November 9, 2000, we print the latest statement published in the magazine 'Antorcha'.

Four members of the Central Committee of our party, among them was our Secretary General, Manuel Martinez, Arenas in this operation, which was led by the

torturers of the civil guard, plus three militants of GRAPO. Hundreds of policemen were mobilized on both sides of the border to achieve the detention of this handful of prominent Communists, some of whom have been evading repression from the underground and exile for more than 15 years in order to continue with their task of the leadership of the whole Movement of Resistance in struggling against the present Fascist regime. It's still too soon to reach a conclusion as to how the bulldogs of capitalism were able to find our comrades. It

seems that some members of the Organizational Commission of the Central Committee at giving a new boost to the work within our country, have provided the Spanish and French police with a "track" which has led to the arrest of these comrades.

In order to avoid any speculation, we want to emphasize as to their arrest and such deployment of forces explains the fact that our Party has become little by little a serious political enemy of the regime. During the last years our party has achieved success in the realm of education, organization and also leadership among the masses, establishing closer links with the most advanced sectors of the working class and fighting youth, becoming the focal point for the whole Anti-Fascist Resistance Movement. We can truly say that the Party leadership were developing well the tasks set upon them and entrusted them with, even at the risk for their own security for the cause of Socialism.

The present Spanish regime of monopolies, immersed in their chronic weakness and isolation, and some of the "left wing" sunk in rottenness and weakness, the regime escalated the repression without precedents from Franco's time in a desperate attempt to stop the development of the people's and workers movement and its leading vanguard organizations. Therefore we have to consider this blow of the Fascists against our Party as a direct attack against its leadership, aimed at spreading confusion and demoralization within its ranks and to try to control it.

This is not the first time that our Party suffers such important blows. We have prepared ourselves for this in order to minimize their affects and make certain that they have minimum repercussions in the development of the Movement and the Party. Following this action, there are plans in place to replace these comrades and to incorporate new militants to the posts of leadership. These plans are already put into practice. At the same time we have taken steps to compartmen-

talization and security in order to avoid immediate new arrests. There are other plans to carry on in this new situation.

Finally, we count with a whole political experience accumulated and is synthesized to our political line and revolutionaries because, and we must make this clear from the very beginning, no arrest, no assassination perpetrated by the present Spanish regime, no pressure or blackmail, will deviate us from our course, drawn up in the IV Congress of our Party and, in general, from the line of resistance that we been practicing for more than 25 years.

We want to point out the responsibility that the French right and its government "of the left" have agreed and helped with the imprisonment of people for the mere fact of defending consistently their ideas of freedom and socialism. They are then direct accomplices of the prosecution of a communist political organization. We have to take note of that and we hope that the example of this new outrage to the most essential liberties will serve all the true democrats to realize once and for all the true fascist character of the European "democratic" regimes, denouncing them as such and demanding the immediate end of the prosecution and imprisonment of the communists, patriots and revolutionaries.

We call once more upon all people, especially upon the working class in order not to tolerate this new attack of the torturers of the regime against the communists and anti-fascists. We cannot allow Aznarists to continue with impunity through the way of all-out terror! They will and they are going for everybody and we have to stop them!

It is necessary then to unite our forces in order to increase and continue the current struggle of resistance against the exploiter and terrorist plans of the regime. The workers and the most conscious and fighting youth must continue providing every kind of support to the Party and to the revolutionary armed organiza-

tions, redoubling at the same time their efforts in favor of the release of our militant comrades and all the political prisoners.

LET'S ORGANIZE 100 PEOPLE INTO THE STREETS FOR EACH OF THE COMMUNISTS IMPRISONED!

LET'S STOP TOGETHER THE FASCIST TERROR!

Central Committee of the Communist Party of Spain (reconstructed) PCE (r) ■

GENERAL STRIKE SHUTS DOWN NEPAL

A general strike at the beginning of this year called by the Communist parties shut down the country, leaving businesses and schools closed.

The "Group of Nine Leftists", an umbrella group of Communist parties, called the two-day general strike to protest against deaths at the hands of the police during demonstration over anti-Nepal remarks made by the Indian film star Hrithik Roshan.

We feel that there is a lesson that could be learned by all Communist Parties in Russia who for 10 years of "destroyka" are still trying to unite and still talking about a general strike!

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FINAL DECLARATION OF THE SOLIDARITY MEETING WITH CUBA

Under the fraternal skies of Cuba, from November 10-14, 2000 we have met the 4264 participants of the 2nd World Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba, representing 118 countries of five continents, to reaffirm and proclaim our conviction that the Cuban people have the unquestionable right to construct their own model of economic, political and social development to decide their future without inter-

ference, threats or foreign aggression and to defend their sovereignty and independence.

After 10 years of economic crisis, aggravated by the blockade and successive laws of the U.S. government that intensified it, we appreciate with great admiration the fact that the Cubans have maintained their fighting spirit. They face the problem with intelligence, unity and determination and are victorious. Not only do they persevere in the construction of the society they have chosen, but they also offer a generous and growing solidarity to the poor countries of various continents.

We have found a society of peace and respecting fundamental Human Rights, very different from the twisted and misinformed image which the enemies of the Revolution promote. The U.S. government lacks political, historical and moral reasons to try and subjugate Cuba, imposing suffering and sacrifice on its People as it's done for the last 40 years. The economic blockade is an illegal act of war and it should be totally and unconditionally eliminated.

The North American citizens should exercise their constitutional rights to travel to Cuba and see with their own eyes the realities of their neighbor. Cuban citizens should travel to the U.S. in a legal, organized and safe manner.

The Law of Cuban Adjustment, product of the Cold War, cause of innumerable deaths, permanent stimulus to adventurism and irresponsible human trafficking and should be abolished.

Cuba is the victim of a cruel and undeclared war. It is impossible to peacefully contemplate the power and contempt for the norms of universal coexistence with which the major world power projects its policy towards Cuba.

The constant mobilization of solidarity will be our reply to this intolerable situation.

We will globalize respect, fra-

ternity and friendship with the heroic Cuban people!

Every day of delay in the justice, which Cuba deserves, is another day of shame for the whole of humanity!

We redouble our fight to definitively eliminate the killer blockade against Cuba!

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ning of the political process. The motivation for selecting reactionary politics rests as much on the here and now as on the conceivable future.

Socialism is the answer in drawing out the fundamental arms of both economic and social generates excitement and optimism. There are great many voters who are searching, looking for as yet unidentified alternative. In the absence of a militant, confident, forward-looking revolutionary left, we are prodded with an intense corporist variant and worse from the right.

In all things there is an element of risk. The revolutionary parties in Canada are plagued by the worry of isolation from the main areas of attraction in the broad left. Expecting something is seen to be adventurous. Crawling on hands and knees, if in some kind of direction, is the best we can apparently expect from them. Fear and self-doubt are the harsh innermost feelings, although neither party would ever admit it.

This seemingly unending "hangover" from the temporary collapse of the Socialist bloc still is in the forefront of their views.

While we are able to understand the present circumstances, the need for Canadian workers is to establish the political vehicle(s) that will aid and obtain their emancipation.

Of the two parties, the CPC(ML) demonstrates a much sharper understanding of the role of revisionism in the International Communist movement. The hope is that the M-L can lift itself up and become all that it should.

The objective climate in the fight against World Imperialism exists here in Canada. Meanwhile we have a home base of the Northstar Compass journal to offer principal if none-partisan direction. For that, this writer is sincerely grateful as for the formation of an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People!

See you at the World Congress on September 21-22-23!

CANADIAN ELECTIONS - THE ROLE OF COMMUNISTS

BY WILL LAMBERT

CAW Local 1256
Chairperson Oakville Transit
Workers Union

The new year 2001 is here, the collective level of resistance against the neo-Liberal world-wide forced agenda is rising. "Globalization" is beginning to be seen as an imposing monster with clay feet. The sheer exposure of the ideology and preminent actions of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (WB) are more visible today and thereby so much better understood.

A decade has passed since this world became unstuck. At present there is a world unipolar international scene, dominated by the power of the United States, which has plundered, plunged and provoked the economic and social rights of this same world's inhabitants. In the "First" World, in a nation like Canada, the explanation made by the revolutionary left, both the Communist Party of Canada (CPC) established in 1921 and the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) (CPC M-L) established in 1970, is that we are in a period of "retreat" and at best, our fight-back potentials are in their "infancy". Independent political action among these two is at a premium, with the worry of isolating the party from the broad left and the labour movement is the rationale.

The concept of Vanguard Leadership is shrugged off - while the

emphasis is placed on surveying individual members outlook(s). This democratic exercise is expected but is solely replaced by precise pointed leadership. The Vanguard Party is of the greatest requirement today. This requirement is unfortunately dismissed. Following around workers with their accounts of personal exploitation is comforting and needs little in the way of accountability. This exercise is likened to a Group Therapy approach - similar to alcoholics anonymous or overeaters.

Towards the end of 2000 the Canadian Federal Elections were called by the governing Liberal. The CPC and the CPC(ML) both met the standard and exceeded by, fielding in excess of fifty candidates and 84 candidates respectfully. This effort was substantial and was a departure from past political activity. The CPC led a legal challenge to the Elections Act and helped to secure Amendments. They were the "lead dog" in this pursuit. Their entry into Federal Canadian politics now affords them a registered party status and the ability to generate donation moneys.

The CPC(ML) on the other hand, focused almost strictly to a conceptual critique of the parliamentary process, arguing for citizen based political group participation.

Criticism can be made that the CPC campaigned on a "soup to nuts" reform based agenda, while the CPC(ML) grasped the plan-

CONGRES du RCWP

Le Dixieme Congres du RCWP a eu lieu en Octobre les 20 et 22 a Cheliabinsk. Le rapport pa le Comite Central de la situation poliur dans le pays et sur les taches du party a ete accuelli par les delegues et les participants.

En interpretant la conbstitution Russe sans gene, en violant les droitd humains, le regime de Putin fonde une structure de son propre pouvoit Presidentiel absolu avec une composition tout a fait specifique de cadres. Le code de trail et des lois severes concemant les partis poliques et des elections en preparation.

Une attention particuliere a ete portee au trail parmi les jeunes et le Plenum suivant sera consacre a cette question. De nouvelled occasions pour les rlations beaucoup plus proches avec la Jeune Ligur Revolutionnaire Communiste ont trouvees. Leur leader, Oleg Alesksejev a ete accepte au Commite Central du RCWP.

Le profil du partu depend de la condition de son organe officiel, le journal "Trudovaya Rossija" (le peuple travailleur de Russie). Le Congres a encourage les membres du parti a lever plus de fonds pour le journal et contribuer aux rapports locaux.

Un programme fut approuve pour decrire les futurs pas dans le proceddus d'unification de toutes lesforced communistes en Russie et lr reste du territoire Sovietique.

Le camarade Victor Tiulkin a ete reelu a la position de Premier Secretaire.

IN MEMORIAMs

Northstar Compass had many requests to have a section in NSC where ads in memory of loved ones and friends can be expressed. Donations will be accepted in this column.

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Rafael Martinez

Nos dirigimos al movimiento progresista mundial que se pronuncie en defensa de los presos politicos en Turquia, que en este momento estan siendo sometidos a un sangriento terror por parte de las autoridades de dicho pais.

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Moscu, Kremlin

Al Presidente de Exteriores de Rusia, Putin

Nosotros exigimos la inmediata ruptura de relaciones diplomaticas con el regimen fascista de Turquia. El regimen fascista de Tuirquia esta orquestrando una camiceria contra prisioneros politicos en este pais. El mantenimiento de relaciones diplomaticas con el regimen sangriento y fascista de Turquia ofende la memoria de millones de ciudadanos Rusos que murueton por la lucha contra el fascismo hitleriano y por la independendia de nuestra Patria.

Las autoridades Rusas en caso de no tomar las medidas adecuadas se convertirian en complices abiertos del fascismo con todas las consecuencias derivadas de ello.

Muerte al fascismo!

Vladimir Nikiforov - Redactor principal de "Proletarskaya Gazeta"
Anatoli Pizhov - Secretario de relaciones internnacionales de Comite Ejecutivo de la Federacion de Sindicatos Obreros de Rusia "Defensa del Trabajo."

**MICHAEL
MOUNAYER**



NATIONAL UNITY IN DEFENDING THE HOMELAND

Editorial Board member in Syria

In the atmosphere of the frantic onslaught, waged by American Imperialism and Zionist Israel against all the Arab peoples, it is important to mobilize all resources for the struggle against the forces of hegemony and aggression. It is obvious that the new Nazis, i.e., Israel's Zionist leaders, do not refrain from using any means, however dirty it is, for achieving their colonialist aims, fully supported by American imperialism whose representatives pretend to forget the formulas of political hypocrisy they use...such as their slogans of "human rights" and "democracy", when things pertain to their concubine and partner Israel...but they show full support to the Mafia godfathers among themselves. The common issue of US and Israel is aggression, looting and subjugating the peoples.

For the Americans and Zionists, it is insufficient to use loose and direct methods of terrorism, as in the case of the attempt to oppress the brave and courageous Intifada (*Uprising*) of the Arab Palestinian people or in the integrated steps to annihilate the Iraqi people. Therefore, the Imperialists and Zionist circles are endeavoring to use cool and indirect methods, such as economic sabotage and cultural invasion in order to erase the peoples national identity. They also resort to the ugliest and most malignant methods in order to direct a blow to the national unity of the countries in which they have ambitions.

We should not forget the "March of Tension" theory, set by one of the great Imperialist experts, distinguished for his absolute reaction, Zbigniew Brzezinski.

According to this theory - the region located between the north of Afghanistan, in the north and Bab al-Mandab in the south, forms an arch of American interests.

This arch is distinguished by tensions. Therefore, in order to get rid of this tension, in the way that serves the American and Zionist interests, all of the countries within this arch, which includes the world largest oil reserves, should be divided into small states of one race, nationally, confessionally or even - if they could - clanishly.

If we take the colonialist theory of tension into consideration, we would understand the motifs of the chronic Afghani war, which actually fragmented Afghanistan. The motifs of reality in Somalia will also be clear, and the same apply for the events in Yugoslavia. Even the horizons designed by Imperialism and Zionism for Iran, and then towards several other Arab countries become very clear. The first experiment of applying Brzezinski's scenario was the Civil War in Lebanon, which did not fulfill the Imperialist aims of fragmenting Lebanon, thanks to the orientation of the national forces, composed of many different groups, strata and factions. This is also thanks to the general line of supporting the efforts exerted for maintaining the Lebanese national unity by Syria.

Imperialism and Zionism incessantly try to strike at the national unity of the countries that are resisting them or that might resist their colonial and expansionist plans. Therefore, the Arab peoples should persistently work for maintaining their national unity, which is the corner stone in defending the homeland, its sovereignty, dignity and unity.

Hunger is the real cause of all illnesses. Therefore, the work for improving the living level of the people is not only a social task, but it is the number one national task.

Concerning our beloved country Syria, we are confident that the deep-rooted Syrian people shall preserve their unique heritage of unity through diversity. Our people are known all over the world by their cooperation and tolerance, particularly at times of adversity and outside threat. This was the real situation during the French colonialist occupation which was confronted by the Syrian people's unity and successive revolutions and uprisings that did not allow the colonialists a single day of rest in our country. The French occupationists left our country after they suffered many defeats and humiliation. The successive aggressions waged by Zionism and Imperialism suffered the same defeats and humiliation.

This situation shall not last forever. Our people shall persevere and their deep-rooted national heritage, in spite of all machinations planned by the Imperialist and Zionist enemies and also their unpatriotic parasite bourgeois lackeys. Striking at the positions of the parasites who loot the people of food, plus the alleviation of the living standard of the people...these are the solid bases for national unity.

The masses of our people shall always march on the road of solidifying and enhancing the national unity, guided by the heritage of the Syrian brave heroes -- Yusug al-Ashmar, Joule al-Ali, Sultam al-Atrash, Ibrahim Hananu, Mohamad al-Ashmar, Joule Jamal and many other heroes who gave their blood and souls for the freedom of our homeland, sovereignty and dignity. □

CAPITALISM TRIES TO SAVE ITSELF BY A NEW THEORY!

From a Welfare State to the Neo-Liberal State

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In the course of this decade, inflation and unemployment together gave rise to stagflation. The Keynesian measures could no longer revive the economy and only led to the state debt. The ruling class had to find another solution: this was neo-liberalism. We will see how it was imposed.

Presentation

The year 2000, the year zero, the turning point between two centuries, the 20th century, which is being buried and the 21st, which the experts tell us will not begin until 2001! It is an occasion to make an assessment of the past century, to draw the lessons and lay the bases for the century to come, using as a principal tool the book by Eric J. Hobsbawm, *The Age of Extremes, The Short 20th Century, from 1914-1991*. This is the object of this chronicle.

At the beginning of the 1970s U.S. economic domination, which had been uncontested since the end of the Second World War, was contested by Europe and Japan whose commodities were sold cheaper on the U.S. and world markets.

The Nixon Measures and the Oil Crisis

The Nixon administration responded with a unilateral action that would considerably modify the relations between capitalist countries that had existed since the Second World War. In 1971, Nixon abandoned the convertibility of the dollar into gold and with that the stability of the international system of payments disappeared. Then he imposed a 10% surtax on foreign products. These two measures led to the reduction of prices of U.S. products abroad and the increase of prices of imports into the United States.

The contradictions also intensified with the oil crisis of 1973 and the breathtaking increase in the price of oil. The Arab oil producing countries responded to the one-sided support by the Nixon administration to Israel in the Yom Kippur War and took advantage of the weakening of the power of the U.S., which was mired in Vietnam. Subsequently, the great majority of third world countries followed along by demanding the raising of prices of raw materials, in demands New International Economic Order.

These policies of the Nixon administration were taken without consultation with those countries that were allies of the United States in the framework of the policy of containment of the USSR. This set off a world crisis between the United States and its partners, but also within the U.S. ruling class. Nixon came to the defense of the interests of the U.S. industrial-

ists, who were hurt by European and Japanese competition in the U.S. market, but he ran counter to the interests of the U.S. multinationals and, above all, he shook up the Western coalition that had been set up to contain the influence of the USSR.

The Creation of the Trilateral Commission

Stalin had written some time before his death in *Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR* that contradictions would not fail to develop between the United States and its Japanese and German allies, emphasizing that the USSR could eventually take advantage of these splits within the Western camp.

The most farsighted elements of the U.S. bourgeoisie were evidently aware of this perspective and the Nixon crisis set off a round of infighting. The Rockefeller family took a dim view of the development of contradictions with Europe and Japan but also with all the countries of the third world. Moreover the Rockefellers disapproved of Nixon's policy of one-sided support to Israel in the Middle East, where they had immense oil interests and were more favorable to a more "evenhanded" policy of alliances, particularly with Saudi Arabia. All this was in a context in which the opposition movement against the Vietnam War was raging within the United States itself.

The Rockefeller family at that time took the initiative to form a semi-secret organization having as its objective the coordination, under U.S. leadership, of the activities of the capitalists of the three key geographic regions of world capitalism: North America, Europe and Japan. The name of the future organization, the Trilateral Commission, would reflect this fundamental characteristic

A similar organization had already existed since the end of the Second World War. the Bilderberg Organization, created by Prince Bernard of the Netherlands and including the main elements of the ruling classes of Europe and the United States, but from which the Japanese had been excluded.

It was principally to fill this gap that the Trilateral Commission was created. Rockefeller wanted, on the one hand, to prevent at all costs the increase of con-

traditions between Japan and the United States, and sought, on the other hand, to utilize the influence of Japan, whose trade relations with the USSR were reduced, to counter the opening to the East, the *Ostpolitik* of the European countries.

What was Behind Watergate

The opposition between Nixon and the Trilateral Commission reflected the divergences between the two main interest groups of the U.S. ruling class, divergences which have marked the history of U.S. policy during the last thirty years. The Trilateral Commission mainly represents the interests of the capitalist groups of the East Coast and of the Midwest, while the other group comprises above all the interests of the South (Sunbelt) and of California, at the heart of which is the military-industrial complex and the Las Vegas Mafia. Nixon, let us remember, came from California.

The struggle between these two groups to determine U.S. policy has often taken violent turns. As the film by Oliver Stone on Kennedy and many other books published in the U.S. suggest, one may believe that the Sunbelt group was responsible for the assassination of John Kennedy in Dallas, as well as of his brother Bob in Los Angeles, both in the home territory of those whose interests were opposed to the East Coast, which the Kennedys represented.

The retaliation would come with the "political" assassination of Richard Nixon after Watergate, in which the CIA was involved. We must emphasize that Nixon tried to snatch control of the CIA from the Rockefellers. Since its creation, the CIA was a hunting ground of the Rockefellers. The great majority of its directors since Allen Dulles came from the Council on Foreign Relations, an organization controlled by the Rockefellers.

Nixon had forced the director, Jesse Helms, to resign and had named an outsider, James Schlesinger, to do his bidding. At the same time certain information was leaked to the media on the role of the CIA and of ITT in Chile to discredit it temporarily.

At this point *The Washington Post* and the newspapers of the East Coast discredited Nixon with Watergate so that he would have to hand in his resignation in August of 1974 in order to avoid being removed. So that he would not be replaced by Vice President Spiro Agnew, who was anti-Rockefeller, a scandal about him was leaked that forced him to resign. He was replaced by Gerald Ford, a member of the Trilateral Commission, who succeeded Nixon, with Nelson Rockefeller in the Vice Presidency, one of whose first mandates was to retake control of the CIA! It should be emphasized that Gerald Ford was the first U.S. president to make a visit to Japan, thus fulfilling one of the principal objectives of the Trilateral Commission.

Jimmy Carter, the Trilateral Commission's President

After the Watergate scandal, it was evident that the Republicans could no longer lead the country. A change was necessary. The Trilateral Commission prepared carefully at the time of the presidential election of 1976, praising the candidacy of one of its founding members, Jimmy Carter, the former governor of Georgia. While he was still governor, Carter had shown that he shared the orientation of the Trilateral Commission by opening offices of Georgia in Eastern Europe and in Japan.

Ford was discredited by the media, which presented him as a clumsy buffoon who couldn't walk and chew gum at the same time, and Carter was elected. To his cabinet were named twenty members of the Trilateral Commission including the Vice President, Walter Mondale, Secretary of Defense Brown, Secretary of the Treasury Blumenthal, and above all the National Security Counselor, Zbigniew Brzezinski, who had been the lynch pin in setting up the Trilateral Commission and its first director.

But the Carter administration could not solve the problems of the U.S. economy. An important network of lobbies set up by interests opposed to those of the Trilateral Commission, of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the Brookings Institute succeeded in blocking in Congress the majority of the policies of President Carter.

On international policy, Carter set up a recommendation of the Trilateral Commission, the Summit of industrialized countries of North America, Europe and Japan, the G-7. But in 1979, the Iranian revolution provoked a new oil crisis and the seizure of hostages at the U.S. embassy ended up in totally discrediting Carter, who lost the election of 1980 to Ronald Reagan. The hostages were freed immediately after the election, substantiating the thesis that there was an agreement between Oliver North, Reagan's representative, Iran and Israel. This was called Irangate.

Before leaving the presidency, Jimmy Carter took a decision that would mark the 1980s. He named Paul Volcker, a banker of the Rockefeller-owned Chase Manhattan Bank and a member of the Trilateral Commission, to the head of the U.S. Federal Reserve, the central bank of the United States.

The Reagan Years

Former governor of California, Ronald Reagan represented roughly the same Sunbelt interests as Nixon and the neo-liberal current that had developed in the United States. Under his leadership he had the upper hand over George Bush, a member of the Trilateral Commission.

At the nominating convention, the Trilateral Commission sought to impose former president Gerald Ford, a member of the Trilateral Commission, as Reagan's running mate on the Republican ticket. More

over, since the position of vice-president in the United States is politically insignificant, they wanted to grant him powers on economic matter and on foreign policy. Kissinger, a former employee of the Rockefellers, who had been part of the Nixon government but never had anything to do with economic policy, concerned himself with this task together with Allen Greenspan, today the director of the Federal Reserve. But the maneuver failed and Bush was named vice-president.

Once elected, Reagan applied the same formulas as the Iron Lady in England (see Insert on page 9). He sought to break the back of the trade union movement by dismissing the air traffic controllers of PATCO during a strike and deregulating the principal economic sectors: airlines, railroads, transport, telephone, electricity, financial sectors, health and education.

On the international scene, he revived the cold war with the USSR, supporting the "freedom fighters" in Afghanistan and in Central America, before invading Grenada. But above all, he launched the Strategic Defense Initiative, commonly known as Star Wars, which led to an exponential increase in military spending for the greatest benefit of the military-industrial complex.

Reagan acted in a unilateral fashion with regard to the U.S. allies and the G-7 was reduced to a token role. The policy of high interest rates drained the world's money supply to the United States to finance the military effort, and the inflated dollar caused a record deficit of the balance of trade which increased by a factor of five in ten years.

The members of the Trilateral Commission disagreed with Reagan's economic policies and maybe it was not by chance that he was the victim of an assassination attempt on the very day that he was to meet with members of the Commission!

Progressively, the Trilateral Commission succeeded in imposing its members on the Reagan administration with the nomination of George Schultz to the State Department, Frank Carlucci to the Defense Department and, above all, James Baker to the Treasury.

Baker imposed the need to coordinate policies with the allied countries, particularly within the G-7. Next came a currency reevaluation, a devaluation of the dollar and a reduction of the U.S. trade deficit. Japan was urged to stimulate its internal demand.

It is said that it was James Baker who was the source of the policy of free trade with Canada. An intimate friend of George Bush, his campaign manager in 1988, he was named to be the next Secretary of State.

The Triumph of a Single Thought

In 1989, a major event took place that would considerably transform world politics: the collapse of the Soviet Union. The cold war was now over. For the capi-

talist class, the sentence was final: capitalism had definitively triumphed over socialism.

U.S. imperialism dominated with arrogance. The peoples of the world had to hold tight, as one can see in the wars in the Persian Gulf and in Kosovo. As for the workers, they had to face neo-liberal policies that were imposed throughout the world, so that one could now speak of a single thought shared by different political parties.

The Keynesian measures, put in place right after the war to counter Soviet influence and to pacify the workers' movement, no longer had a reason for existence. The return to 19th century capitalism was evident; socialism had been nothing but a bad dream. It was the return to business as usual, with the specter looming of a major world economic crisis.

Canadian Business and the Trilateral Commission

Although the principal objective of the Trilateral Commission had been to reaffirm the links of the United States with Europe and Japan, Canada was also a subject of preoccupation of the Rockefeller group.

Indeed, in the context of the explosion of oil prices in 1973, the Trudeau government sought to profit from the immense oil resources of Canada to affirm its economic and political independence with regard to the United States. A new energy policy was adopted to allow Canadian industry, concentrated in Ontario, to take advantage of the abundance of oil at a low price from the Western provinces and to tighten control over foreign investments.

As the continuation of what had been the "National Policy" of John A. MacDonald, the Canadian ruling class sought to counter the attraction of North-South economic relations to the advantage of the historic Montreal-Toronto axis.

The Balkanization of Canada

The United States, on the contrary, saw its interest in the Balkanization of Canada and the U.S. oil and natural resources monopolies supported the demands for provincial sovereignty over oil by the government of Peter Lougheed of Alberta. In 1973, David Rockefeller himself affirmed, during a trip to Canada, that he recognized the French factor in Quebec, which was interpreted as possible support for a plan of sovereignty.

The fall of oil prices in 1983 marked the end of the inclination towards independence of the Canadian ruling class. It made a 180-degree turn and rallied to the plan of free-trade put forward by the U.S. Trudeau resigned, his mission of subduing Quebec having been accomplished with his victory in the referendum of 1980 and the repatriation of the Constitution.

Brian Mulroney, former president of a natural resource company and former employee of Conrad Black, completed the plan of economic integration of

Canada with the United States and applied Reagan's economic policies in Canada.

The Business Council on National Issues

To understand these transformations, it is necessary to go back to 1976 when the Business Council on National Issues (BCNI) was created on the model of the Business Roundtable of the United States. The initiative fell to W.O. Twaits of Imperial Oil and Alfred Powis of Noranda.

The BCNI is the business council of Canada. It groups together the major corporations of the country and its president since 1980 has been Tom d'Aquino, undoubtedly the most influential man in Canada. The BCNI is nothing more nor less than the Canadian branch of the Trilateral Commission.

The BCNI spent millions via the Alliance for Trade and Job Opportunities led by Peter Lougheed, Donald MacDonald and David Culver of Alcan, to assure the victory of Mulroney in the election concerning free trade.

The BCNI also managed to impose its program of deregulation of gas and oil prices, of lowering federal taxes on businesses and replacing subsidies to corporations with less obvious tax deductions. It also has to its credit the introduction of the TPS and the debt psychosis, which served as a pretext for the budget cuts of the last years. In sum, the BCNI planned the dismantling of the Welfare State and its replacement with the Neo-Liberal State. This appears clearly with the example of the Fraser Institute.

The Fraser Institute

The founder of the BCNI, Alfred Powis of Noranda, was originally from the Fraser Institute, the principal neo-liberal *think-tank* in Canada. Its founder, Michael Walker, was a racquetball partner of Milton Friedman and he had links with the Mont-Pelerin Society.

In 1996, the Fraser Institute bragged that 3,108 references to its researches could be found in the media. It is not surprising, therefore, that people like Barbara Amiel, the wife of Conrad Black, have seats on the administrative body of the Institute.

From Keynesianism to Neo-liberalism

Today, the Canadian ruling class, particularly its financial and natural resource sectors, is integrated into the U.S. bourgeoisie to such an extent that it has begun to consider the adoption of the U.S. dollar as the "national" currency of Canada.

Once partisans of Keynesianism, the Canadian ruling class today has completed its alignment with neo-liberal positions.

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At the origin of the Trilateral Commission was the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), a key institution on the U.S. political scene. It was created in 1921 after the First World War by the J.P. Morgan empire which, going into decline at the end of the 1940s, entered into an economic alliance with the Rockefeller family.

During the following decades, the CFR was the source of people who held key positions in foreign policy within the U.S. administration. More than 45% of those who have occupied these positions have taught classes at the CFR, with a high of 57% under Johnson but only one-third under Nixon.

Linked to the CFR are two other important organizations, the Brookings Institute and the Ford Foundation. Founded in 1916, the Brookings Institute has, for example, defined the domestic policies and the international trade policies of the Kennedy administration. As to the Ford Foundation, it financed to the extent of \$500,000 the creation of the Trilateral Commission, the Rockefeller family advancing another \$150,000.

The Trilateral Commission was set up to coordinate the activities of the ruling classes of North America, Europe and Japan in the context of the Cold War. It had 190 members in 1975 and 320 members in 1986.

The interests of the transnational corporations, of the great capitalist families, of the banks and the financial institutions are represented. In the environment of the 1980s, two-thirds of the largest enterprises held seats.

HISTORY OF THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION...

LETTERS

HELEN BLAU



FROM
RUSTAVI - GEORGIA

Helen Blau is a member of the Organizing Committee and Editorial Board of NSC.

Dear friends:

It was for the first time in a long time that I laughed with all my heart when I received the last November issue of NSC. How lovely a newly-born Soviet Union was pictured! It embodies kindness, happiness, benevolence...in short, everything that is good.

I see from the received minutes of the Mini-Conference, the preparations for the World Congress is in full swing. The World Congress logo is perfect. You even managed to hold a Mini-Conference and I thank you very much for the high honour of me being elected to the Organizing Committee for an International Council, which is a great responsibility. I am also honoured that the Conference proposed me to be one of the main speakers at the World Congress, which is a great responsibility. I cannot see any reason not to accept this honour and a great responsibility.

I shall do everything I can to make certain that the World Congress shall be a success and I will send my humble ideas to you friends at a later date.

And now a few words about the disgusting case of Gorelik and the selling of Georgian children about which I wrote in the 12st December issue (2000) of NSC. Yes, unfortunately that even the worst rumors have substance of truth behind them. This case was made public here in the Georgian

media. According to the magazine "Mirror", #45,46,48,2000

Olga Gorelik, a citizen of Canada and Russia, was arrested in Tbilisi, Georgia on November 4, 2000 and accused of the illegal buying and selling of children under age to foreign countries. She has sold about 20 children, according to the information released. But O. Gorelik's lawyer considered her arrest illegal, justifying it by the fact, that there is no parent that claims that she has sold them a child.

The Canadian Ambassador arrived in the Georgian capital; from Turkey. In his first TV interview he expressed astonishment as to what could have made this case sensational, as, according to him, there had been no official claims in Canada regarding foreseen adoption. The Canadian Ambassador was allowed to have a four-hour talk with O. Gorelik. The talk remained confidential. But in his next TV appearance on November 23, 2000, the Ambassador said that O.Gorelik had pleaded guilty and had told him everything. After that, the Ambassador gave up his intention to interfere in the investigation process.

The National Bureau of the Georgian Interpol has available information, saying that the similar crime caused the U.S. Emigration Service to also take an interest in Olga Gorelik's case, and it is still being investigated. The Washington Interpol was interested in O.Gorelik since April of 1999.

As I see it, there is no point going into the details of the printed information since it is still being investigated. But on the basis of what the people already know, one comment can be made: It is the most dreadful kind of business! Sacrilegious indeed! I possess no further information. Georgia has been in deep electric power crisis for years already, hence the chronic lack of all TV news.

Dear friends:

Can you imagine me doing much needed work in the eve-

nings and at night, using either a kerosene lamp or a candle? And this has been going on for days, weeks, months and years on end. Of course it might be rather romantic when one is writing a love letter, but not a business one. It might be no less romantic when one is writing a love story, but not an article of such a serious nature.

Dear friends at NSC!

How quickly time flies! Another winter has set in. The weather here is like my mood now: no hurricane, just a soft wind; no pelting rain, just a drizzling one; no frost, just a bit chilly; no snowfalls, not even a snowflake, a green winter so far.

FROM
LENINGRAD
RUSSIA

Dear friends:

Wishing all of you health and a very Happy New Year and much energy in your noble and very wonderful work for friendship and understanding.

Although I have not been writing articles for NSC as I promised, please understand the present situation inside Russia for me and other people.

(Here we give in a very condensed form Vladimir's e-mail.)

*As a Dr. Professor of the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute, I receive only 1200 rubles per month.

*I sleep only about four hours per day since I have to teach Theoretical Mechanics, Theory of Dimensions and Similarity Theory, Tension Analysis, Analytical Mechanics plus English. This gives me extra wages to help in my economic crisis as a Doctorate and Professor.

*One US dollar is 28 rubles.

*My apartment costs 500 rubles per month. Telephone costs 300 rubles per month. If I take my car to work every day it would cost me 450 rubles...9.5 rubles per liter and the full tank is 50 liters...that would be one half of

my salary. That is why I cannot afford to drive.

*Using public transport costs me about 700 rubles...one ticket is about 5 rubles.

*Bread is 10 rubles, potatoes 1 kg is 8 rubles, butter is 40 rubles, meat 1 kg is 30-80 rubles, milk is 1 liter 10-20 rubles.

* A young girl (*my neighbor*) just graduated from High School as a secretary makes 12,000 rubles working for a private firm!

Is Science really important in Russia now? Are brains and University training important here now?

The brain-drain is here in reality. I am applying to the University of Alaska for a full Professorship. There is absolutely no alternative. Most of my colleagues, scientists, researchers are gone.

But, nevertheless as a former member of the USSR-Canada Society and after my many visits to Canada, I promise that I shall write that article.

Wishing all of you dear friends a Happy New Year!

Professor Dr. V.R. ■

FROM
BURLINGTON
CANADA

Dear comrades:

In response to your appeal enclosed please find a donation towards NSC. NSC is the one publication that must never be allowed to get into difficulties, since it is to me a (*World War II veteran*), the only beacon of light that bridges the gap between the Great Patriotic War of the 1940's and today's world when socialism has been temporarily dismantled.

I can never forget the gigantic battle that was drawn to a close 58 years ago on the banks of the Volga, when, after battling the German Nazis since July 1942, the glorious Red Army was practically single handily (*there was no Second Front yet*) turning the tide of war at the Battle of Stalingrad. With that victory, mankind could at last breathe a sigh of relief and see the light at the end of the tunnel.

This great victory over the German 6th Army (which had lost 1,500,000 men), gave the Red Army the strategic initiative to start throwing the enemy out of the Soviet territory. The Battle of Stalingrad was the big turning point of the war, and this was acknowledged by all of the world leaders.

Eternal glory to the Red Army and its leader - the Great Stalin!

Best wishes dear comrades and success in the many endeavors to alert the people to the dangers we will encounter if we do not soon get back on the path to socialism.

Robert McNicol ■

FROM
BROOKLYN, NY
USA

Dear friends:

Having just returned from Los Vegas, Ca. with my brother, I was shocked to see this statue of Lenin, with his head chopped off in front of a "Red Square" Bar in front of a gambling casino. It was a dreadful sight, with a Santa's hat instead of Lenin's head. During summer, they have flowers planted on V.I. Lenin's shoulder where the head was.



Even the enemies of socialism-communism are shocked at this macabre deed!

Who was it in former USSR that sold this statue to the USA? May their soul rot in hell!

Vegas is showy, glittery, but its heart is black, bottomless and a pit of despair.

Eileen M. O'Leary ■

FROM
OREL
RUSSIA

Dear comrades:

Regarding Northstar Compass that I receive and read diligently, I have only one suggestion. Many "russians" believe, that the present dark hell is only temporary, transient: today they say we have the "wild" capitalism, but there will come soon "civilized" capitalism that we shall enjoy. In order to make the people see the truth, you must give them actual facts that show them that the "civilized" capitalism is the same dark hell and that capitalism cannot ever solve its problems.

Therefore I would like to see that "Northstar Compass" would publish more information about the state of the working class, of farmers, intelligence in the "civilized" countries; the place of the workers in the economy; about the opportunities that are and that are not open to the people.

I feel that not all of our present "communists" or even the existing "bolsheviks" have an appreciation of what NSC is doing or trying to do. I feel many times that many of our own "communist and bolshevik" parties are in many respects anti-Communist and opportunistic.

All of these parties were formed about 9 years ago. But what happened since that time? I feel that not too much was done. NSC publishes articles from all the "communist and bolshevik" parties, and these parties feel good about this publicity. What else do they need? They feel that they have then accomplished their task.

The struggle needs facts, figures, detailed information, and if there is not struggle then there is no need for all these facts and figures. That is why some of these parties do not show a good attitude towards NSC.

I would like to inform you that about 9 years ago in Moscow a small group of Leninists-Stalinists formed a Coordinating Council for a Lenin-Stalin party of Bolsheviks...their aim was to defend the works and deeds of Stalin and to form a really genuine Lenin-Stalin Party. We published leaflets and newspapers on our own costs and thus the circulation was not large.

This is the only organization on the territory of the USSR which talked and defended always the true meaning of Marx-Engels, Lenin and Stalin. But now this activity has ceased due to ill health and lack of finances.

During all this time we were not able to gather too many like-minded people to carry on the struggle. Today in Russia not too many newspapers carry a defense of Stalin. I have sent articles to many "bolshevik" newspapers but did not get them published.

No matter how influential opportunism is now, it shall be defeated. Future belongs only to those who defend the truth. As Stalin said: "Our task is correct, victory shall be ours!"

Wishing you comrades the best of the year 2001 in your struggles to save our planet from slavery.

I.M.Komarov

COMMENT

We thank comrade Komarov for his letters, materials and the 4 books that he is trying to publish. In this regard he has sent us the manuscript plus the floppy disks. NSC does not agree altogether with comrade Komarov, since there are many parties now in former USSR which defend Stalin and Bolshevism, as there are also many "communist parties" that do exactly the opposite. That is why we are publishing his letter in order to let our readers know the complexity of the struggles ■

FROM
MOSCOW
RUSSIA

Dear friends:

As a reader here of the Russian newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda (Red Star) here's an item that NSC should publish.

An article by Sergey Sumbayev was titled "Will the SS Units Join NATO?" If Latvia joins the North Atlantic Alliance soon, it cannot be ruled out that NATO will discover that it has SS units in its military organization. These conclusions follow logically from the way the present Latvian authorities pay attention to the former members of the Latvian SS and the way fascist traditions are consistently fostered in the Baltic country's armed forces.

Marches in Riga by the former members of the (Latvian) Legion, for example, have long been a local sight - with the participation of the top authorities also. A memorial to all Latvian SS Units was ceremoniously opened near the Latvian capital of Riga last November. News stands devoted to the SS are in every Latvian Army barrack now.

The fact that the SS was adjudged as a criminal organization by the UN International Tribunal is clearly discounted here in Latvia. The present Latvian Defense Minister Kristovskis is very fond of the SS and through his efforts he is always promoting the idea that Latvian SS were real heroes of the people and he is one of the most active participants in these SS processions.

Let us hope dear friends that this chapter of past history does not repeat itself. Good luck with your noble efforts!

Ivan G. Alexiewich . ■

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SUCCESSFUL DAY OF STRUGGLE IN ECUADOR

By RAFFLE MARTINEZ

The revolutionary struggle in Ecuador is heating up, as was shown by a series of actions as on January 10th when a Day of Struggle was held, called by the student organization (FESE) and the university students organization (FEUE), plus the Revolutionary Youth of Ecuador (JRE). They were joined by the organizations of the Patriotic Front. Also joining this demonstration was the National Teachers Union (UNE) and the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Ecuador.

In the center of Quito the marchers gathered in front of the government house and this action took place in the provinces. The police did everything possible to prevent the demonstrations to take place...arresting scores of students, entering homes in various neighborhoods in order to arrest those that have fled repression.

Some of the demonstrators managed to break through all of the police lines and reached the Grand Plaza. There they held continuous meetings. They were headed by Luis Villacis, Chairman of the Popular Front. The demonstrators stayed in the Grand Plaza until the police, reinforced by other units managed to throw them out.

The strength of the popular uprising of January 10th, headed by the Popular Front and the Patriotic Front, extended to the rural and urban areas. After that event took place, other demonstrations are planned against the measures of the country's bourgeoisie and pro-imperialist government of Noboa.

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