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## EDITORIAL

### 1998 - WHAT'S AHEAD?

In order to look ahead and try and prognosticate what the coming year will bring, it is necessary to evaluate what has transpired in the year that is drawing to a close. The bourgeois press has worked overtime in its effort to convince the working class, not only in Canada, but throughout the world where capitalism holds sway, that the struggle is over and that resistance is futile. They would have us believe that the capitalist system has resolved its contradictions and that it is the wave of the future. However, their trumpeting of the so-called magic of the market place and the newly revived laissez faire economy sound more hollow with each coming day. No matter how much the spin doctors and their capitalist mentors try to placate the proletariat, certain facts can no longer be ignored. They are that the so-called Globalized Economy is a bust. That unemployment is at an all time high with no hope of being resolved. The economics of the East European countries are incapable of duplicating, let alone improving, the living standards, that the working class in those countries enjoyed under socialism. In the west, the living standards are being eroded, social programmes are being done away with and the only things that are enjoying unprecedented growth are the food banks, unemployment, pollution and profits.

First of all, the so-called globalized economy which was supposed to solve capitalism's number one problem - that of over-production - has prove to be a total failure. One has only to look at

Canada, Mexico and the countries of the Pacific Rim to realize that what was touted as a solution to the economic failure of 1990 is in fact a bust. In Canada, the free trade agreement with the U.S.A. and the subsequent North American Free Trade Agreement have resulted in more unemployment as factories are moved to lower wage areas such as the southern U.S. and Mexico. This has resulted in lower wages and the subsequent lowering of the standard of living. In Mexico, it has resulted in unprecedented pollution while wages and living standards have not improved as promised. In Japan, the so-called miracle economy is in decline with banks collapsing like a deck of cards. Western Europe is experiencing usually high levels of unemployment and the countries of Eastern Europe are in turmoil with workers in Russia not being paid for months at a time. The G.N.P. in all of Eastern Europe is in decline and social services are being gutted as they are in the rest of the capitalist world. In the U.S., the ghettos keep growing with the underprivileged living in cardboard boxes, underground sewers and abandoned buildings. There are thousands of people on death row, most of them poor, awaiting execution. All these things prove but one thing and that is that the free market system is incapable of equitably distributing the G.N.P. which the working class produces but is prevented from enjoying. Added to this is the problem of pollution on a world scale resulting in global warming and the ultimate destruction of this planet in the anarchy of the market economy and the quest for ever-increasing profits.

All this has led to an ever increasing militancy and class consciousness among the working class on a global scale. One has but to look at the strikes by the workers at United Parcels in the U.S., the

threatened general strike here in Canada and the strikes that have taken place in both Western and Eastern Europe, the general strike in Israel, not to mention the strikes in Korea and Japan. Northstar Compass has tried over the past year to keep our readers in 61 countries informed about all these events especially those taking place in the soon to be revived, we hope, Soviet Union. What is missing in all this fight back is the leadership of the U.S.S.R. on a world scale. This has resulted in a situation where parties that are aspiring to be the vanguard of the working class are incapable of a proper scientific Marxist Leninist analysis of the contemporary class struggle taking place here in the West. This has manifested itself in many forms such as "Anti-Stalinism" which inevitably leads the working class down the slippery slope of Anti-Socialism, Anti-Leninism and ultimately, onto the path of revisionism. There are other symptoms of this same phenomenon such as the falsification of historical data, various innuendoes and outright lies which lead to strife within the various progressive forces helping the realization of the age old bourgeois goal of divide and rule. The editorial board of this paper continues to strive to keep our readers informed of all those events that are taking place on a global scale. We also want to keep our readers informed of the struggles taking place in the lands of Lenin as the progressive forces there continue to form new associations as the struggle towards a revived Soviet Union and socialism intensifies.

On February 20, 21 & 22 of 1998, Northstar Compass will be holding its 5th Conference here in Toronto. We will be reviewing our past accomplishments and analyzing our past mistakes in order that we might learn from our experiences.

But most importantly, we will be exploring the question of setting up an "International Council of Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People" dedicated to the resurrection of the Soviet Union. Time has come for all those who are genuine friends of the Soviet People to set aside all their subjective differences and join hands in the struggle for the accomplishment of this noble goal, much like our forefathers in 1918 who set up the "Hands Off Russia Committees".

LET US NOT BE SO NAIVE AS TO THINK THAT HISTORY WILL NOT REPEAT ITSELF! IF OUR SOVIET BROTHERS AND SISTERS ORGANIZE TO OVERTHROW THE PRESENT WESTERN-SPONSORED REGIME, YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT NATO TROOPS SHALL IMMEDIATELY INVADE THE TERRITORY OF THE FORMER USSR AND TRY TO DROWN THE BABE IN THE CRADLE AS WINSTON CHURCHILL STATED IN 1918.

We appeal to all of our readers to try and attend this important event and participate in these deliberations. Our goals are socialism, brotherhood and peace. Please help us realize this goal. □

## DOES THE SHOE FIT?

Present Russian (Soviet) revisionists, no matter how they try to define their political slide down the slippery slope, falling into the reactionary bourgeoisie's hands, while the ruling class will make good political profit, cannot do it. Unfortunately, the words of Lenin fit even some of the present communist leaders in former Soviet Union!

There are many instruments playing, but the tune is always the same!

V.I. Lenin's political essence of revisionists still stands to this day:

"class collaboration, repudiation of the dictatorship of the proletariat, repudiation of revolutionary action, unconditional recognition of bourgeois legality, lack of confidence in the working class while having confidence in the bourgeoisie." □

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## 5TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE OF NSC FEBRUARY 1998

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CONFERENCE!

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FROM EUROPE, USA,  
SOUTH AMERICA ... WE  
NEED FINANCES TO  
KEEP GOING!

PLEASE GIVE  
GENEROUSLY!



## WHO WAS THE ARCHITECT OF THE "CULT OF STALIN"?

*In the extremely valuable book written by V.I. Nedashkovsky and E.D. Oyaperv called "Truth. Only One Truth" – We Swear! is a quote from a speech given on January 30, 1937 at a meeting in Red Square, Moscow, in front of over 200,000 people, dedicated to the decision of the Supreme Court of USSR when the Trotskyite gang was sentenced. This is just a sample of constant "praise" that was heaped on purpose on J.V. Stalin. It is hard now to believe (or is it?) as to who was the speaker!*

"Traitors-Trotskyites were preparing terroristic acts against our leader. Traitorous bullet cut down unforgettable Kirov. These traitors were trying to penetrate the hearts and brains of our party. They took up arms against comrade Stalin, against the working class, they raised their arms against Marx and Engels and Lenin and their great pupil J.V. Stalin. By raising their hands against Stalin, they raised them against all best that our people have, our great son J.V. Stalin ... because Stalin – this is our hope, our future, our dreams, this is our lighthouse for the world's future. Stalin – this is our will and freedom! Stalin – this is our victory! Long live our Soviet State, long live its leader, the Chairman of the Council of Peoples Commissars, comrade Molotov! Long live the leader of the world proletariat, who is carrying out the ideals of Lenin – our own great comrade Stalin!"

– NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV

*Due to this traitor, followed by others and climaxing with Gorbachev and Yeltsin, according to Canadian Press from Moscow, there are over 1,000,000 homeless children in Russia alone. The hunger, homelessness, sickness and*

*abuse are approaching alarming levels. This is according to the statement of Ezio Gianni Murzi when he opened the office of UNICEF, the United Nations Agency providing relief to children world-wide.*

*Since the demise of Soviet Union, according to UN, the Russian economy has plunged more than 50%. The present Yeltsin gang of profiteers has slashed all support for social welfare and public services. The terrible facts are that according to even the present government's statistics, more than 2,000 children have committed suicide just last year, having come to the end of their endurance!*

*The fact that a questionnaire survey of High School students found that the most popular occupation now (seeing what is going around them) is to be a "killer and racketeer".*

*Seeing these horrific facts ... do not the present leaders of the anti-Yeltsin movement see the absolute necessity to unite to remedy this unbelievable situation? □*

## ON THE TERRITORY OF USSR THE WORK OF CPSU IS RENEWED!

On November 1–2, 1997 in Moscow, there took place a Congress of Soviet Communists. Delegates at this Congress came from 45 regions of Russia, 5 regions of Ukraine, 3 regions of Byelorussia, Latvia, Predniester, Moldavia, Georgia. Aside from these delegates, there took part in the work of the Congress delegates from other parties and patriotic movements.

- Russian Communist Party-CPSU
- All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks
- Russian Communist Workers Party
- Communist Party of Russian Federation

• Communists of Workers Russia  
• Union of Officers  
• Society "Lenin and Motherland"  
• Society for Studying Stalin  
• Peoples Movement for USSR  
and many others. There were a total of 362 delegates present.

Listening and discussing the Main Report by Victor Anpilov, "Class struggle and the unity of Soviet Communists", the Congress adopted the Declaration for rejuvenation and rebuilding of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union on all of the former territory of the USSR and called upon all communists in their localities to immediately start to set up local party clubs of this united party.

The delegates also adopted a Constitution and Program of the party and gave instructions to the newly elected temporary Central Committee to make all Congress materials available to everyone across the USSR, to all existing communist parties and movements in order to cement the unity drive based on Marxist-Leninist principles and to formally adopt the Constitution and Program after a full discussion at the next Congress which shall take place in 1998.

The Congress elected a temporary Central Committee of CPSU, which must do the necessary political publicity and hold conferences between now and the next Congress. The function of the printed organ is to be the newspaper "Molniya". Victor Anpilov was elected as the First Secretary of the CC CPSU.

*We want to wish the newly reconstituted CPSU and its First Secretary Victor Anpilov success in the task of uniting all communists into a mighty vanguard party that will lead the Soviet people onwards to socialism! □*

# SALT & PEPPER ON WRY

By: Frank Ray Davis

GOOD TEST QUESTION for an Economics I class: The USA is a greedocracy, and Russia is a mafocracy. Name ONE essential difference.

CULTURE FOR THE MASSES: The president of Mexico's Investment & Loan Societies complains that Mexicans have no culture of saving. Sure, they have a culture of saving, but it's overwhelmed by their culture of eating.

HUMAN SERVICE CAREER: 1/3 of Mexico's land is owned by big-time dope peddlers. Surely, any young person should be aware that selling instant happiness can lead to a magnificent future – oops, there I go thinking like a capitalist again!

PEOPLENESS:  
All hang together, hang in there tough:  
go it alone – that's almighty rough  
Do-your-own-thing makes you heroic?  
The rest of the race just rates you zeroic.  
Lone stars are losers; team play's the stuff.

HALF-LOAFERS & HALF-LOAFERS:  
That part-time-work routine that bosses palm off on workers poses a challenging problem to scientists – Can they develop people who have part-time hunger?

SOMETHING ABOUT A SOLDIER:  
The only persons who need soldiers and weapons are generals and

arms-makers. Of all the people on the public dole, they live the highest – and howl the loudest about people on the dole.

UP THE RAINBOW: Good people and good friends are like rainbows – they come in all colors. □

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE NORTHSTAR COMPASS

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### SPECIAL NOTICE TO OUR READERS!

**NORTHSTAR COMPASS** has good relations with **Communist, Workers parties** shown below. **Exchange of information, dialogue and co-operation is ongoing.** **The names of the parties, movements are listed on next page.** – Editors

- Workers Russia Movement (now, newly formed Communist Party of Soviet Union)
- All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks
- Workers Party of Belgium (PTB)
- Russian Communist Workers Party
- Russian Communist Party – CPSU
- Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) – Sweden
- Revolutionary Communist Party of Germany
- L'Uguaglianza – Working Class for Communism – Italy
- Congress of Citizens of USSR – Executive Committee

- Marxist Workers Party – Australia
- Tovarish – Socialist Party of Ukraine
- Kilusang Mayo Uno – Communist Party of Philippines
- Ukrainian Committee – All Union Communist Party [B]
- O Proletariado – Revolutionary Communist Party of Brazil
- Federal Parliament of Russia – Deputies of Communist Party of Russian Federation
- Workers Weekly – Communist Party of Nepal
- All Union Lenin Communist Union of Youth
- The Communist League – Great Britain
- The Voice of Revolution – Revolutionary Communist Party of Turkey
- Workers Anti-Fascist – Soviet Communists-Internationalists
- People's Voice – Communist Party of New Zealand Reconstruction Collective
- Syrian Communist Party
- Communist Party of San Marino – Italy
- The International Centre for Modern Communist Doctrine Development
- Brzask – Union of Polish Communists "Proletariat"
- Pressedienst – Party of Democratic Socialism of Germany
- The People's Star – Communist Party of Japan (Left)
- Workers Party of Bangladesh

*This is just a short list of our world-wide contacts among the communist and patriotic movements. In future issues, we shall show readers other countries and their parties that NSC has co-operation with.*

*Aside from official contacts, NSC receives scores of newspapers, journals and magazines from 61 countries.*

*If finances would permit, there is enough interesting and extremely valuable material to fill the pages of a weekly newspaper! □*

LIST OF COMMUNIST, WORKERS' PARTIES SHOWN ON THE LEFT PAGE:

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THE VOICE OF REVOLUTION

The Statement of the Second General Conference of the TDKP

...second half of the 1970s, when the revolutionary process in the capitalist countries...

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Общероссийская общеполитическая организация "Трудовая Россия"

Всеобщая Коммунистическая партия большевиков (ВКПБ) Информационно-аналитический центр

PTB Parti du Travail de Belgique

MARXIST WORKERS PARTY (Australia) Dear Comrades, We received your August special edition of Northern Star...

ТОВАРИШ

KILUSANG MAYO UNO (MAY FIRST MOVEMENT LABOR CENTER)

SYRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Dear Comrades, Dear Comrade Michael, It is a great pleasure to...

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## NEWS FROM FORMER SOVIET UNION

From Newspaper:  
"FOR USSR"  
Organ of Peoples' Movement  
"UNION"



*An article by Tatiana Astrakhankina, Deputy to Russian Duma (Parliament) based on her speech which she gave at the XII Plenum of CC of Communist Party of Russian Federation. Being a member of the CPRF (Zyuganov) she outlines the ills and manouvers of the present regime; the outright movement and masked co-operation by the leadership of the Communist fraction inside Duma. We reprint just part of this article, due to space limitations ... but it is enough for readers to see the patriotism and dedication of Tatiana Astrakhankina.*

## NON-CONFIDENCE IN THE OPPOSITION

For some unknown reason put across as "tactics", the opposition is playing games with the present regime, thus guaranteeing that instead of the former nomenclatura governing, they want the "new Russians" to do the same ... as they stated in 1993 when they bombarded the House of Soviets.

There is a dangerous movement of death for the party (CPRF) and Russia, the consolidation of the new nomenclatura now in the governing seat, together with the nomenclatura of the opposition (CPRF - Editors). The last named is helping the regime, embarked on open co-operation, aiming at taking their place and hiding under the slogan of "ideology of State patriotism" which in fact is meant to support the present regime in power. The previous attempt by CPRF at proposing a "vote of no confidence" in the present regime, was nothing more than to simulate a facade of opposition!

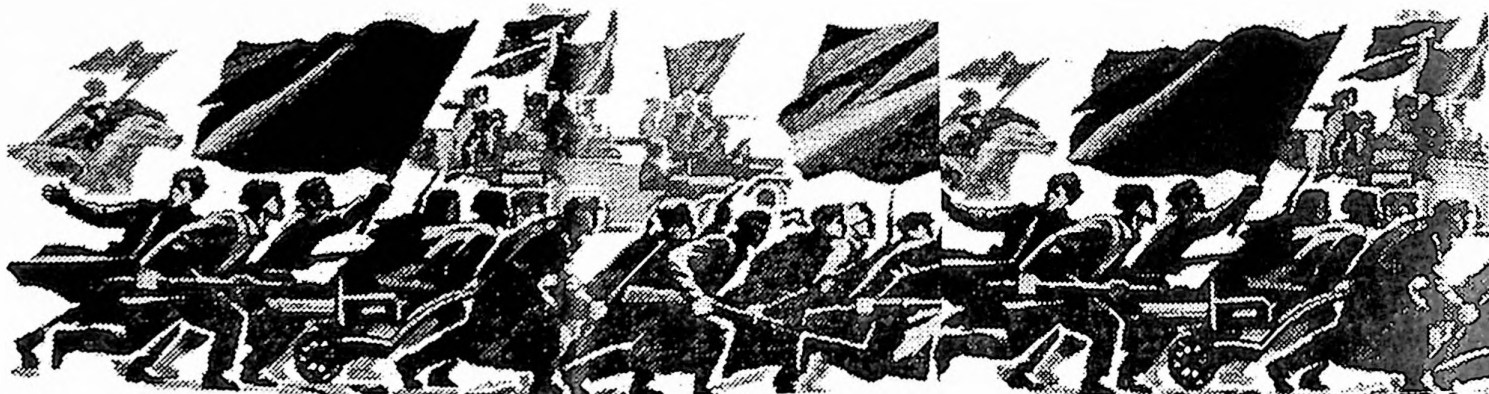
The authority of CPRF in the eyes of colleagues-deputies - but more traumatic, in the eyes of the members of the Communist Party of Russian Federation - is that they feel they were betrayed. This is leading to distancing of the CPRF from the masses. We can see this in all of the regions, localities, provinces, this dismay and loss of authority by the

leadership of CPRF. Even in my own "Red District" of Tver, we have a situation where the local communists will not put their names on the nomination papers for their local candidates.

People know that we lost the presidential elections, but the truth is that we gave them away; while the leadership was not taken to task for this give-away and the cheated results ... they sit in their warm cushioned chairs in fancy-luxurious hotels, reading newspapers and philosophizing about the elections.

We loudly proclaim that the mass media does not allow the CPRF deputies to make their position clear to the people ... but how are our newspapers being utilized to promote our positions? "Soviet Russia" newspaper has become a personal forum for V.P. Chikin - it has lost its organizational and policy character and is just a vehicle to "let out steam" of the masses but nothing of substance or playing an organizational role. Then there is the newspaper "Pravda Rossii" which was to be our party newspaper, but instead of the CPRF leadership putting in an Editor that is dedicated and has authority, they put in Adam Pogarsky from Omsk and with his first issue, he put a cross on the authority of the newspaper. This is sheer lunacy, or is it a provocation?

Let us take the work and tactics of our CPRF party fraction in





parliament. The laws that we allow to pass are nothing but making stronger Yeltsin and his regime overall. Among other laws that were passed, they in actual fact are meant to completely take everything that was Soviet to have any legal authority, we are now made to vote (and it surely will pass) the legalization of pornography! This is a time bomb meant to completely wipe out from culture and upbringing of future generations the foundation that was so patiently built up during Soviet times.

The deputies in the Duma, including many of the CPRF, are lobbying and formulating laws to once and for all erase all symbols of the history of USSR. They propose to eliminate February 23 as the "Day of the Soviet Army and Navy" besides trying also to eliminate March 8 as "International Women's Day". Who gave the Duma this right to erase these symbols?

By our opposition fraction (CPRF) being part of these new "commissions" that the present regime is formulating, we are going hand-in-glove in supporting the present regime in power. This is nothing but traitorous acts and a cynical method of giving it legitimacy, with the help of our opposition!

Let me end this article by these words: "to be or not to be", as Hamlet said ... this applies to CPRF very succinctly. And in this lies our



future – how each one of us will answer this question: this will not only concern our party's future, but that of our Motherland! □

**From Newspaper:  
"HAMMER AND SICKLE"  
Russia**

**SOVIET WAR MEDALS  
FOR SALE ON THE  
BLACK MARKET!**

Soviet people defended their land and defeated fascism at a great price, and thus saved humanity from slavery. The whole world knows and most people appreciate and honour this sacrifice. So, how come that the "Gold Star of a Hero of Soviet Union" is being sold for a few hundred dollars to any medal collector?

Unfortunately, that is what Yeltsin and company did to these war veterans who are absolutely destitute now, forced to beg on the streets and also forced to sell their dearest possession – their medals for bravery while fighting the Hitler hordes!

There's a flea market in Kharkov (Ukraine) where one can buy almost anything – old shoes, dresses, etc., plus Soviet Medals. Because of hunger, because their old age pensions are held up for months and months on end, and not enough money for bread and cabbage, they had to sell their beloved medals as a last resort. This is absolutely true – even the anti-Socialist bourgeois press admits this as so. Because the powers in the West that are behind this degrading, immoral and unscrupulous buying of Soviet war medals, it is another step to demoralize Soviet people ... here's an example of what happens:

A group of criminal-fascists broke into the home of Soviet retired Admiral, killed him and his



wife while they stole all of the Admiral's medals. An 11 year old boy in Moscow grabs and tears off a medal from the chest of a war veteran on the street. He was caught by other veterans. They called the militia and the militia officers just laughed and let this youth go free. But this child (as the militia officer said) knew already that this medal could fetch him in the West through the black market for over \$400 U.S.!

Russian border guards caught a man recently who tried to cross the border with the medal "Golden Star" on his chest. The Russian regulations forbid anyone to leave Russia with any medals. After being questioned and searched, they found 18 Soviet medals on him. The accused confessed, stating that he had customers in the West who are willing to pay high dollars (American) for medals that the Soviet Union awarded their heroes.



Although some people are caught, a majority of cases are just

overlooked by the present regime, since this is another method of brow-beating the people and thus demoralizing them. In order to live, they will do almost anything to get some food to feed themselves, their wives and families.

*On the preceding page is a photograph of some of the medals that Western buyers (?) will pay high American dollars for! □*

### From Newspaper: "PRE-DAWN FIRES" Ukraine

*This newspaper is the official organ of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine (not to be confused with the Socialist Party of Ukraine – Editors).*



## STATEMENT of Presidium of Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine to the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine

Our Presidium is extremely outraged by the actions of President of Ukraine to completely disregard the Constitution of Ukraine by trying to prolong the functioning of the present Government for yet another year. This is against all international laws which Ukraine is a signatory to: to obey the Constitution and not override the will of the people. The reasons that are given by the Government are: to save costs of another election, and political stability – thus trying to take away from Ukrainian people the right to vote and make a choice.

The Presidium of PSPU states that President Kuchma, the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine and its head, A. Moroz (head of the Socialist Party of Ukraine) are following the plans drawn up by the International Monetary Fund, have brought

Ukraine to a national catastrophe.

Our party always pointed out that this course will be taken by the present regime. All of our proposals regarding the economy, political, recommendations which were sent to the President, Supreme Soviet, were discarded. That is why people and our party are demanding the resignation of the present government since they have lost the confidence of the Ukrainian people.

With this, we also support the hunger strike by members of our party under the walls of the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine. There are 67 representatives of our party on this hunger strike.

We demand that the present regime hold elections in the fall of 1997, giving people of Ukraine an opportunity to pick a government that will get Ukraine out of the present catastrophe.

– N.M. Vitrenko

*Below, we show a photograph of the hunger strikers from the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine. □*



**From Newspaper:  
"HAMMER & SICKLE"  
Krasnoyarsk, Russia**

Well known millionaire businessman (former member of CPSU) Berezovsky in an interview in the London "Financial Times" stated that 6 financial groups in Russia control over 50% of the economy. Another businessman over Israel TV, Malkin, stated that "60% of all businessmen in present day Russia are owned or controlled over Israeli TV, Malkin, stated that "60% of all businesses in present December 7, 1996). ["Soviet Russia" newspaper is the mouthpiece of the Communist Party of Russian Federation - Zyuganov.] As the article points out correctly, the question is not that of Jews or Russians that now control the destiny of former USSR, it is with INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM which controls the major portion of Russia. International capitalism does not care what nationality is co-operating with them - it is the bottom line that counts in the end!

The Russian capitalists are getting so rich that they are beginning to compete with American ruling class. Here are some of them:

- B. Berezovsky - \$3 billion U.S.
  - M. Khodorkovsky - \$2.4 billion U.S.
  - V. Alikperov - \$1.4 billion U.S.
  - R. Vyakhirev - \$1.4 billion U.S.
- (Figures according to newspaper "Soviet Russia", July 27, 1997).

But all of the above were below the earnings of the present Prime Minister Chernomyrdin (former member of CC CPSU and its Politbureau). This is according to the French newspaper "Monde" - his fortune is estimated at over \$5 billion U.S.!

*It is necessary to remember that it was the CPRF (Zyuganov) who, knowing this accumulation of robbed assets by Chernomyrdin, still decided to*

*urge his "communist block" in the Duma to vote for Chernomyrdin, instead of urging and taking steps to have a vote of no confidence! - Editors.*

That is why we cannot now state that Moscow is the centre of the world revolutionary movement and the industrial centre of our country; Moscow now has become the centre of a "capital of FAT CATS" sucking the riches from the working class and the riches of Russia.

- Avenir Soloviov  
Doctor of Economic Science  
Professor of University □

**From Newspaper:  
"BOLSHEVIK STAVROPOLYA"  
Ukraine**

*We reprint an article that was published in this newspaper, dedicated to the 5th Anniversary of NSC, for which we're thankful in that the Editors appreciate the work and dedication of Canadian Friends of Soviet People.*

## **HANDS OFF RUSSIA!**

It seems the truth that history repeats itself. It was in 1918 that the slogan "Hands Off Russia" came into being. Under such a slogan today, Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass are proposing to set up the "International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People", protesting against NATO and its rush towards the borders of the Soviet. Of course, the situation today is different than in 1918, since at that time 80 years ago, the new Soviet State was all alone against the armed might of Western Imperialist countries. Today, Western Imperialists are satisfying their robbery instincts on the ruins of USSR, dismembered by Gorbachev-Yeltsin clique and their 5th column traitors. As before and as now, we are not alone in our struggles to save our Motherland. In this world of ours, there are many

honest, dedicated people who are not afraid to raise their voices in our defense. There are always friends who will help each other in time of crisis and danger. In these ranks of honest and dedicated people are Canadian Friends of Soviet People and its journal, the "Northstar Compass".

This journal has been publishing for over 5 years already, in Toronto, Canada by the Canadian Friends of Soviet People. The Editorial Board, led by its Editor Michael Lucas, are placing before them the task to help to resurrect the Soviet Union, for socialism and communism, as the NSC Credo states.

The publication of NSC is not an easy matter to prolong in the "land of opportunity" (as the bourgeois press propagates it is). The "red press" has no opportunity to get sponsors. Besides all this, the official government information of the truth that is happening in former Soviet Union, about the life, the demonstrations, strikes or about the growing communist movement are twisted. It is very hard to get the truth out to the people when you have this blockade of news or if the news does get out, it is coloured and subverted in order to serve the present bourgeoisie. Opposing this avalanche of misinformation and subverted ideas is "Northstar Compass" which truthfully reports and analyses the present situation in former USSR and thus does struggle against the capitalist misinformation. This journal is read in over 60 countries of the world, and it receives hundreds of letters from all over the world, which permits the Editorial Board to always be on top of events and problems and to draw proper conclusions.

NSC translates articles, letters from newspapers and journals that are published in our country and other parties in different states. In its turn, NSC offers its services and

materials to all those who want to get informed and exchange information. Thus, we the "Bolshevik Stavropolya" do exchange information with "Northstar Compass" and together, we struggle against bourgeois propaganda.

The Editorial Staff of "Bolshevik of Stavropolya" sincerely greets our Canadian colleagues and companions-in-arms with the 5th Anniversary of NSC and wish them in future not to abandon their position to the class enemies. That is the way to do things, comrades! Our cause is just; that means – we shall be victorious!

– S. Kurilov  
Piatigorsk

*Also, in the same newspaper, the newspaper republished an article by our reader in Montreal, William Bunge. □*

### From Newspaper: "TRUDOVAYA ROSSIYA" Leningrad

## WHERE IS THE CPRF BEING LED BY ZYUGANOV AND CO.?

With all the known facts that are indisputable, the present leadership of CPRF (Communist Party of Russian Federation) led by Zyuganov, Kuptsov, and Liukanov is not a party of communists but has become a social democratic party in its program and strictly parliamentarian as far as its present work shows.



For those who have forgotten the difference between communists and social democrats, let us explain – the

struggle between work and capital is not antagonistic and they struggle within the realm and institutions of capitalism, not ever putting the question of replacing capitalism with socialism ... that's social democracy.

The mass struggle of the working class is not within the walls of parliament. Social democrats want to be in partnership with capitalism, trying to get some goodies off the table to satisfy the workers and thus, dull their revolutionary spirit.

If the present course continues, the Russian people, the Russian state shall be liquidated. According to Zyuganov, the CPRF has already fulfilled its program and task. In the Russian Duma, there is a fraction of "communists". Tasks can be accomplished without the knowledge or decisions by this fraction – and this is exactly what is being done. Instead of utilizing the communist fraction in parliament to unmask its treachery as V.I. Lenin did, unfortunately, the communist fraction in the Duma has gone along with Yeltsin and is co-operating in its program. They did this in 1996 when they voted to have Chernomyrdin elected again as the Prime Minister – even getting permission, time and money to be on TV and radio.

Instead of really bringing the facts to the Soviet people about cheating and massive irregularities in the last Presidential elections, and instead of organizing massive protests and calling people unto the streets, Zyuganov stated: "We respect the wishes of the Russian people" – then practically stopped all struggle against Yeltsin and the West-supported regime! This then was followed by agreeing to the Yeltsin's Budget which is devastating the country, to fooling his own members in the CPRF and its deputies that the present regime will definitely help the people. In actual fact, the

leadership and the fraction in the Duma have taken upon themselves the role as a buffer against the anger of the Soviet people towards the present government.

The fact that this policy of Zyuganov as social democratic apologists for Yeltsin and company has shown that the CPRF, to this day, has no newspaper that it can call its own!

If other communist parties and movements can have their own newspapers (and many have numerous newspapers) whose membership is much smaller than that of CPRF, then why cannot CPRF have its own? It is very easily explained in that the social democrats (like CPRF) do not want their own newspaper since this might force the CPRF through its membership and readers to become a real communist party. Also, by not having their own newspaper, this helps the leadership of CPRF to hide from its members its ideological turn about its policy, program and action!

The membership of CPR does not know as to what the Central Committee of CPRF is doing, what ideological differences there are with other communist and left-wing movements.

This is also the reason why CPRF does not want to lead any mass party demonstrations or be part of the real oppositionist movement against the present West-supported regime of Yeltsin.

That is also why Zyuganov did not want to co-operate with the intellectual potential of the intelligentsia who belong to socialist movements. Instead, he fully supports and co-operates with the movement "Spiritual Heritage", headed by a bitter anti-communist, Podbereznik.

The fact that Zyuganov holds 3 very important posts (with the

blessing of Yeltsin) such as: Chairman of the Central Committee of CPRF, Leader of the Communist fraction in the Russian Duma, and co-chairman of the Council of National Patriotic Movement of Russia, is not normal from all aspects, thus deluding the role of the CPRF and watering down all attempts to struggle for socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

Aside from Zyuganov in the leadership, there is Lukianov and Kuptsov, the same people who promoted, co-operated and defended Gorbachev and who were the authors of all manner of laws, proposals, who carried out to the letter the policies of destroying the USSR and the CPSU. Kuptsov, during the last days of the USSR under Gorbachev, was sent by "Gorby" from the CC CPSU to be the First Secretary of the Russian Republic, after the fact that Polozkov fulfilled his traitorous act and thus saved Yeltsin from being removed as the chairman of its leading communist body. The plans were well rehearsed and people already put into place for the final act.

Since Zyuganov took these traitors as his closest advisors, this then brings to mind the old proverb: "Please show me your friends ...?" Zyuganov's real teacher and his mentor in history was not V.I. Lenin, but Prochanov.

Zyuganov has his eyes on 2010 and the presidential elections as his "alternative course for saving Russia, saving Russian capital". But not a word about socialism!

Of course, we are certain that there shall be voices raised that this article is meant to break up the CPR and therefore, the communist shall lose the next presidential elections.

How can we reply to this?

Revolutionary struggles in Russia have shown us that communists can win victories only when they fought

against opportunism and revisionism in its ranks. The opposite is true, starting with Khrushchev, the CPSU started to get afraid of criticizing its mistakes, then the party started to lose its authority in the people, and in the end, it liquidated itself. We can be certain that if this self-criticism is hidden and is not allowed to be in the open today, if the present leadership of CPRF will keep on holding the positions of opportunism and revisionism, if it will stand aloof from strikes, marches, demonstrations, and if these communists will only work in the Duma and in the parliamentary endless debates, they will surely become discredited in the eyes of the people who believe in communism.

If nothing definite and unifying movement shall not take hold and become a force to be reckoned with, then the authority and influence of communists in the elections will mean that there will not be a victory for a communist candidate, but a victory of the representative of imperialism, Zionism and a demagogue, dictator such as could become General Lebed, lover of General Pinochet!

Therefore, we cannot be afraid of the fact that Communists shall not be able to see through the murky waters to find where the truth is!

- A. Shevedunov  
Deputy of the Duma  
from Altay District of Russia,  
Candidate of Technical Sciences  
Member of CPRF

S. Yurchenko  
Deputy of the Mayor of Rubtsovsk  
Members of District Committee  
of CPRF of the Altay Region of  
Russia □

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## **FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION**

On July 21, 1997, in the city of Lutsk, there took place a founding meeting of the society "Workers Ukraine-Canada". This organization is non-party. But, nevertheless, it will "proceed organizationally - as it is written in its Constitution, with individual citizens having as their aim and readiness to defend the rights of the working class." This new form of organization was born as a mass organization of people as a result of the people's initiative with the aim of establishing friendly contacts with the workers in Canada, its mandate and work will be to work on the territory of Ukraine. It is governed by the Constitution of the present republic, has its own constitution, as also governed by the Declaration on Human Rights, International Agreement governing economic, social and cultural rights, plus being governed by the International Agreement on citizens' and political rights.

The founding of this Society is an important step in formulating its organizational structures. This kind of work factually is being carried out in the Volyn, Dnepropetrovsk, Donetsk, Carpathian, Kiev, Lugansk, Lvov, Odessa, Kharkov and other regions of Ukraine, plus in the Autonomous Crimean Republic. In 1998, it is planned to call the First All Ukrainian Convention. At this Convention, there will be adopted

fuller aims, purposes and a Constitution. There will be an attempt to register this Society with the Justice Department of Ukraine.

THE FORMATION OF THE SOCIETY "WORKERS UKRAINE-CANADA" ACTUALLY WAS FORMED DUE TO THE DIFFICULT POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE WORLD AFTER THE TEMPORARY COLLAPSE OF THE USSR IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE "COLD WAR".

The defense of the rights of man for survival and for work, rest, free education and medical help – is the right and demands of all people.

What is it that concerns our organization?

1. In former socialist countries, which included Ukraine, under the so-called struggle against "totalitarianism", in effect, there are now total totalitarian regimes in existence. Under the cover of democratic phraseology, there are being liquidated all former democratic laws that were fought for by the Soviet people. The present regime is constantly overriding the bourgeois Constitution of Ukraine, even the present, weak and watered-down laws for the rights of workers.

Workers demand to be defended!

2. All tangible facts point to the process of forceful domination of the world by USA and NATO. On the territory of former USSR and former socialist countries, there now appeared new, semi-colonial, marionette states, calling themselves "independent", with reactionary, totalitarian regimes, under false slogans of "nationalism": "National ideals" in Ukraine, as in other former Soviet republics, there is being forced and cemented into the economies of foreign capital, diktat of International Monetary Fund. There is taking place internationalization of the Ukrainian bourgeoisie – its

absorption and co-operation with world imperialism. It is a paradox, but a fact – there is a growing movement for Internationalization of nationalism, which has nothing in common with the interests of a given nation or people, it openly buys and sells these interests to world capitalism. The so-called "national ideal" – is false. Ukraine is under the hammer. NATO is marching to the East.

Therefore, we must unite to defend the workers from the domination of world capital!

3. "Industries and enterprises: for the Workers! Land: for the farmers!" – from these demagogic and false slogans from the mouths of the national-fascists, there started the robbery of workers and peasants in our country, the turning over of all state-owned enterprises and means of production, all socialist riches were turned over into private hands, into the hands of capitalists. Today, there is forced privatization of all the material and natural resources in the country.

Only the property still owned by the state and the means of production somehow tries to supply the needed products for the people. Let us defend even this last part of our riches from the hands of the present Mafia!

Let the owners of this natural and people's production be the workers!

4. The apologists of Imperialism with the help of the almighty opportunists, are trying with all their might to bring about further break-ups and misunderstanding in the communist and workers' movements. There are being formed new parties and movements all the time. Their task is to undermine and liquidate the communist ideals with pseudo-revolutionary demagogy hiding the bourgeois ideas of the present-day opportunists.

Our task as a non-party organization is to stop the further break-up in the revolutionary movements, try to promote into life co-operation with all existing left-wing parties and movements. At the same time, we categorically will throw away the rotten ideas of the present opportunists.

5. World Imperialism, together with the renegades of the former nomenclatura of the CPSU, are trying to forever do away with Marxism-Leninism, to uproot the communist ideas from the minds of the working class.

We are dedicated to preserve in the minds of the people and to teach the future generations the truth about the successes of the heroic Soviet people, about its struggles and successes on the road to form a new society. We must unmask the lies of the traitors of this century who were responsible for the demise of a Great State. Truth will eventually be victorious. Future – is for communism!

OUR CONCRETE TASKS AND AIMS ARE BASED ON THE PRESENT POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. Amongst them is propaganda and its influence on the life of the people by constitutional methods of progressive ideals about the rights of man. We must utilize and learn from the work and successes of International knowledge of the working class of Canada and other countries. We must proceed to organize, cement and put into effect the cultural ties of workers' collectives and individual citizens of Ukraine with the workers of Canada. The organization of educational-practical conferences dedicated to the struggles of peoples for the rights of man and for a normal life must be our task.

"Society Workers Ukraine-Canada" is taking its first steps. We

are certain of wide support of all people of good will. In friendship and solidarity – this is our might! Together, we shall be victorious!

– Vladimir Herasymchuk  
Chairman of the Presidium of the  
Republican organization  
“Society Workers  
Ukraine-Canada” □

**From Newspaper:  
“SOVIET PRAVDA”  
Organ of “LEFT RUSSIA”  
Moscow**

In Russia today, there are over 20 political parties who consider themselves communist, socialist or on the left flank of the progressive movement. Many of these parties utilize the name “communist”. Why is it necessary to have so many “communist” parties? What is this? Are these principle differences or are they ambitions of its leaders? Unfortunately, according to our way of thinking, these are the two main reasons. The confusion in the heads of communists and people in general is great. Is there a possibility of coming onto the road of unity?

**OUR COMMENT:**

*We received these two newspapers from our Editorial Committee member, Konstantin Kolontaeov from Sevastopol, Ukraine, for which we thank him.*

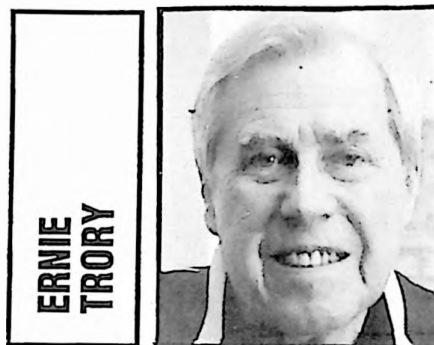
*Reading this newspaper and scores of others, you cannot find major faults with their policy or program. It seems that EVERYONE is for the Soviet Union and Socialism in one form or another.*

*The ongoing attempts to unify the communist parties, although gaining ground, nevertheless, are going too slowly for the rapid deterioration of the life of Soviet people.*

*After reading Soviet newspapers for over 5 years since Northstar Compass had appeared, we are of the opinion that the “tree of disinformation and lies” planted by Khrushchev and Western Imperialism after the death of Stalin,*

*unfortunately, is bearing fruit now. Three generations of Soviets are growing up on this disinformation, so that it is obvious that the “BIG LIE” is succeeding.*

*Obviously, the lack of UNITY serves somebody’s interests! The answer is very obvious to most of our readers. □*



**A NEW YEAR BONUS?**

At last, New Labour has done something for the pensioners of Britain. On November 25, Gordon Brown, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that every pensioner household in the country will receive the sum of £20 towards their fuel bills; those already on “income support” will receive £50. It is not a great deal but it will be welcomed by the poorest of the poor who will at least be able both to eat and stay warm for a few weeks during the worst of the winter. This grant is being financed by an unexpected rebate of £400 million from Britain’s contributions to the European Union. Presumably, if the government had not received this unexpected windfall, there would have been no such grant.

At the same time, Gordon Brown also announced that a further £300 million is to be spent on opening 30,000 out-of-school clubs with places for a million school-age children to be cared for out of school hours while their parents are working. This will be especially welcomed by single parents. “It will enable them”, wrote Daphne

Liddle in the *New Worker*, “to seek full-time jobs – but with no guarantee that the jobs will be there”.

A new 10 pence starting rate for income tax for the low paid will be introduced “when it is prudent to do so”, and American-style tax credits, payable through wage packets for working families on low incomes, will also be introduced – but not until the year 2000. This package, in effect a subsidy to employers, will give them a strong argument against the need to increase the wages of lower paid employees.

In case they should still feel left out, however, the Chancellor also gave notice of a one percent cut in Corporation Tax to take effect in 1999. But what was really music to the ears of employers was his resurrection of that hoary old phantom – wage restraint. Pledging a fundamental overhaul of the tax and benefits system in order to create jobs and heal social division, he warned that his strategy could easily be blown off course by “unjustified wage demands”. In warning workers not to press for wage rises, he also made it clear that he expected to see more “flexibility” in working class practices.

As we used to say in the days when cinemas gave continuous performances: “This is where we came in”. Wage restraint has always been the main fall-back position of Labour governments in Britain. It was the downfall of both pre-war minority Labour governments; it was the downfall of the first majority Labour government of 1945–51 (see my *Peace and the Cold War*); and it has been the mainstay of the economic policies of Labour governments ever since. Such governments see their role as sponsors of a partnership between workers and capitalists but they soon find out that they cannot reconcile the two classes whose

interests are mutually exclusive.

Capitalism depends on wage restraint for its profits. The full value of a worker's labour power can only be paid in full in a socialist society where there are no profits. All social democratic parties, including the British Labour Party, are cursed with bourgeois or petty-bourgeois leaderships and so draw back from inflicting serious injury on the capitalist system of society, which the present government in Westminster now sees as "a fact of life".

The degree of severity of cuts in the social services, which are all part of the social wage, are largely determined by the cost of a foreign policy that finds it necessary to spend enormous sums of money on both nuclear and conventional armaments in order to maintain its aggressive position abroad.

There were embryo signs of opposition to this policy in the Annual Conference of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), held last November, though as Betty Tebbs indicated in her report in the *New Worker*, the tendency to lean towards multilateral disarmament rather than unilateral disarmament "smacked of a New Labour approach". CND has a long way to go before it realizes that to be successful, the fight for nuclear disarmament has to be seen as part of the mounting struggle against imperialism.

An emergency resolution on Iraq condemned the Prime Minister for his willingness, I would say eagerness, to follow the US flag by deploying an aircraft carrier and Harrier planes with nuclear capabilities in the Gulf region. But the main call was for diplomacy through the United Nations, now firmly in the grip of the United States, a country that is not even a fully paid-up member of that organization.

On November 19, 200 protesters angrily besieged the United States Embassy to demand an immediate end to military threats by the US and Britain against Iraq. Some 15 or more organizations were represented in the protest, which included the Labour Party, CND, the New Communist Party and several ethnic and religious groups. That works out at an average of only a dozen or so from each. In saluting the bravery of the 200 who turned up to protest, one has to ask: "Where were the hundreds of thousands of CND supporters who used to rally in support of peace and nuclear

disarmament in the not so dim and distant past?"

The working class of Britain will soon learn that it cannot rely on the present Labour government to solve its problems for them. It will only act under extreme pressure from rank and file members of the Labour Party, the trade unions, unemployment movements, pensioners' organizations and peace campaigners. If we do not act soon, the situation in Britain could just as easily collapse into a situation that does not bear thinking about.

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## FEATURE ANALYSIS

### IS THERE A WAY OUT FOR SOVIETS?

By: Del Berg

For all the present misfortune of Russia, the Ukraine, etc., one thing they are blessed with is a vast assortment of self-styled "true Bolshevik Marxist Leninist" parties and groups, each having their own special solution to the march back to socialism. Within that diversity, one of the few things they have in common is a definition of a true revolutionary – those who accept their own particular brand of orthodoxy. The air is full of charges and counter-charges of revisionist, reformist, social democrat, revolutionary extremist, etc. It is mindful of a frantic shouting match, with much sound and fury, but producing little clarity or program around which the working class can rally. Within all that, there are indications the presidential election results induced a toning down of immediate revolution rhetoric. Still lacking is an all round realistic and objective assessment of the existing balance of class forces – their strengths and weaknesses.

It is self defeating to ignore or underestimate the strength of the capitalist adversary, nor does it allow for proper conclusions, to overestimate or misjudge the preparedness of the working class to take decisive action.

At present, most of the far out nominal communist groups in Russia tend to ignore the voting patterns in the recent presidential elections and their significance.

Vyatcheslav Letchin, writing in the third quarter 1996 issue of the "African Communist", makes what

it no doubt considers to be an objective and non-partisan analysis of them. Not many will agree with his fuzzy Utopian views regarding the ultimate reorganization of Russian society, but he does provide information worth considering.

To quote him in part: "Despite the brainwashing campaign, practically all the major industrial and regional areas of European Russia strongly supported Zyuganov. Yeltsin was supported in those regions and among social groups which are involved in profitable export/import operations – the cosmopolitan areas such as St. Petersburg and Moscow, port cities and raw material producing areas profiting from the reforms at the expense of other sections of the country. Millions of people are directly or indirectly involved in plundering the national wealth." Speaking of their side of the political alignment, he says, "The ruling group is not united. It is held together by the personality and authority of Yeltsin. There is infighting over who will be his successor. They have not been able to form a major political party, partly because of their inability to advance a social idea that will attract the masses." It would serve no purpose to spend much time detailing all the evils and weaknesses of Yeltsin's "new order". They are well known. However, needing special mention is the financial and budget problem. It poses a special danger to them.

How long can Yeltsin do his balancing act between one pay crisis and the next? At what point will the workers decide they have had enough, and take decisive action to solve the problem once and for all, by getting rid of Yeltsin and his "reforms"?

We might wonder why steps are not taken to eliminate that

danger. From persistent reports, we could conclude Yeltsin is rum dumb most of the time and is not capable of clearly understanding what is going on. But those around him have to be aware there is such a danger.

The answer is not simple. Its complexities have to do with I.M.F. loans to keep afloat, an unwillingness or inability to collect taxes from the rich and corporations, squandering of resources, and other things.

On the other side of the coin, there is what the Yeltsinites must see as a mitigation of that danger, the absence of unity among the workers and their political formations.

Giving credence to their presumptions, some sections of the working class have been bought off, or neutralized by tolerable wages and working conditions. Regardless of that, uniting the main trade union forces in conjunction with a communist movement united in purpose and direction would present a formidable force. It would be a magnet around which all the other disadvantaged sectors of the population, pensioners, farmers, scientists, professionals, cultural workers, etc., could be drawn to create a winning combination.

Uniting the trade unions might not be that difficult, but bringing together all the disparate communist parties and groups presents some real problems. There is no Lenin among them to forge organizational and political cohesion.

It should be encouraging to see everyone flying the unity banner, but with each one having their own trade mark on it, little is achieved in that direction. Except for the CPRF, most of their differences are over minor questions, the personal leadership ambitions may be a factor in some cases.

The main controversy has been over immediate goals, and the

strategy and tactics by which to reach them. That is where the CPRF has often found itself standing almost alone – at least in Russia. In the Ukraine, Belarus, and other former Soviet Republics, the lines are not always so clearly and consistently drawn. Serving to complicate matters, during the elections and since, the question of whether the CPRF is committed to a socialist solution has entered the picture, especially on the part of Zyuganov and its other top leaders. To sort out the wrongs and rights of who is, or is not, a “true revolutionary Bolshevik”, it would be practical to start out with a look at the history, program, and membership of the CPRF.

It is generally considered to be the successor to the old CPSU. Its 500,000 or so founding members came mainly from that organization’s many millions – to large extent, its lower leadership and full-time functionaries, but with a significant proportion of dedicated activists.

Writing in the “Peoples’ Weekly World” about the CPRF’s founding convention in February 1993, Mike Davidow said of it, “There were 807 delegates representing 500,000 members from hundreds of primary organizations from all regions of the Russian federation. There was an insistence on retaining the name Communist. It declared the party to be based on Marxism/Leninism, with democratic centralism as the base of the party’s rules, and primary organizations as the key element in party structure, having full independent right to consider and act on all matters that do not infringe on the scope of higher bodies. The delegates’ age group was largely 30 to 45. There was stress on the need to concentrate on workers in the large enterprises, as well as women and youth.”

In April 1994, he wrote, “The

CPRF Central Committee in March 1994 drafted a program which was adopted at its February 1995 Third Congress. It spelled out the steps back to renovate socialist development. Recognizing it would be difficult because of the destruction of the Russian socialist structure, it projected three stages:

1. The establishment of a government of national confidence to overcome the catastrophic aspects of Yeltsin’s reforms, and halt the decline in production. At this stage, multiform ownership of property will be maintained.

2. Provide for the countries’ security and independence. Start the reintegration of the former Soviet Republics. Increase the participation of working people in directing public affairs by forming Soviets, strike committees, and other peoples’ organizations. Begin the process of dismantling private property.

3. Renovating socialism with working peoples’ self rule. Restore social rights such as the right to work at livable wages, rest, free education, housing, state support to families and children, provide for the elderly, and the restoration of all social benefits provided by socialism. Draw up a new Constitution for public discussion and adoption.”

If the program had a limitation, it was in the lack of a clear call for the eventual restoration of social ownership of the means of production. The door is left open to private ownership by the vague statement, “There would be support of the national economy and all forms of agricultural organization and property”. It does make the qualification that priority would be given to worker and farm collectives.

Speaking of the Third CPRF Congress in February 1995 at which he was a representative of the CPUSA, Sam Webb reported, “It was militant and forward looking. The

level of unity was high. It reaffirmed the party's adherence to Marxism/Leninism, and began to restore the party's ideologic moorings. Even though there representatives of other Russian communist parties in attendance, there was no stress on unity, which was a mistake. The major flaw it had was a lack of a strong focus on the class struggle, the working class, and their unions."

Tom Harris, writing from the perspective of a lifelong familiarity with Soviet affairs, says of the Congress program, "1. It called for a stabilization of the currency; 2. Outlawing the criminal mafia, illegal marketing and bribery; 3. Rewriting the constitution to become a Soviet democracy, and; 4. Reuniting the former Soviet Union on a voluntary basis."

We have to keep those program points in mind when judging the actions and strategy of Zyuganov and the CPRF during the elections and subsequently. While calling for unity around Zyuganov's candidacy, they would allow no programmatic input from other members of the election alliance. It is to the credit of Anpilov and the "Workers Russia" movement and others in the alliance, that they stood firmly behind their commitment to work for the defeat of Yeltsin, in spite of that. To the dismay of many, not long into the final campaign, there began to appear signs of a shift in Zyuganov's position, and a gradual abandonment of many of the agreed-on policies of the CPRF. He began to make concessions to both foreign and domestic capital, that were totally inconsistent with those policies. He even went so far as to suggest a sharing of power with the Yeltsin forces. In view of that, it is a tribute to the Russian workers and other sections of the Russian people that they understood the urgency of removing Yeltsin and rallied in their

great number to defeat him, despite all the misinformation and dirty tricks used to cause confusion and disorientation among them.

To identify Zyuganov's change in direction with the vast majority of the CPRF membership, as some are inclined to do, would be wrong. Of necessity, if for no other reason, they had to continue fighting from the positions established by the congress. To do otherwise would have isolated them from the people, in their struggles against the deterioration of their conditions of life.



*Boris Yeltsin*

With the tendency of the top echelons of the CPRF to accommodate themselves to the Yeltsin agenda, the gulf between them and the membership can do nothing but widen. That has to be the main reason they are unwilling to call a congress to review and evaluate the work of the party, both in the elections and post election period. Their domination of the party would be in jeopardy. Removing them from control quite likely would lead to a split, but it would

allow for a regrouping of those who are committed to a return to socialism. Such a regrouping could help open the way to uniting most of the communist parties and groups. It would sideline the main obstacle to that unity, the present reformist leadership of the CPRF.

Nina Andreeva presents a view of that leadership in "Voice of a Communist", organ of the "Russian Communist Party, CPSU", which was reprinted in "Northstar Compass". We may be inclined to discount her statement as mud slinging, due to her determination to cast the CPRF in the worst possible light. No one has challenged or refuted it, even though the first two sentences are open to question. To quote her: "The CPRF is mostly comprised of former CPSU aparatchiks. Its leadership is not known to the membership. Its city, town and district leaders are heads of banks and state agencies, directors of investment companies, presidents of stock exchanges, and other capitalist enterprises. A leading member of the Central Committee and member of the Russian Duma, Semago, owns all the gambling casinos in Moscow."

Another commentary in the same journal lists the CPRF fraction in the Duma as being composed of 64 businessmen, 76 leaders of enterprises, and 27 industrial workers.

We can agree with Andreeva when she says the CPRF is not using its position in the Duma as a platform to lead the fight against the Yeltsin "reforms". At least there is no evidence of it. Even though the Duma has little or no power, Lenin would have insisted on using it for that.

Looking at the balance of forces, and the perspective for the re-establishment of socialism any time in the near future, we see a very complex and unpredictable

picture. On the one hand, we should have no illusions about the present CPRF leadership leading that move. If the bulk of its membership were to support such a move, it would be independent of, and most likely in opposition to, them. Eventually, that may be the case, if there is no change in leadership.

Being as all the other communist organizations have socialism as an objective, the path to united action in restoring socialism should be a smooth one. But there are a couple things standing in the way. For one, as is well known, most of them are prone to perpetuate internal disagreements and splits over program and other things. The many and diverse attempts to bring them together on a common program, have in the main, been hopelessly disappointing. Adding to that difficulty and militating against immediate revolutionary action, is that with the exception of the Anpilov led "Workers Russia" movement. Tyulkin's "Russian Communist Workers Party", and possibly, the "Union of Communist Party's CPSU", they are poorly rooted among the people and their organizations, and have limited support and influence.

In the trade union movement, which should be their main base, that weakness is compounded by a leadership, that in general, is quite comfortable with their positions under the "new order". They are not disposed to "rock the boat", other than to take action on economic issues when conditions such as pay arrears become intolerable, and the workers demand it. If it were possible, those problems would disappear, once Yeltsin's "new order" became stabilized, they would have smooth sailing.

It is becoming clear – the future holds little hope for that. There can be no stabilization as long as

the economy is dominated and controlled by foreign corporations and their domestic partners, and the criminal mafia is allowed to continue running wild.

That developing realization is becoming the driving force behind the increasingly strong and broad strikes and mass demonstrations, that threaten to put an end to the Yeltsin regime.

Not to hazard a time prediction, but at some point, there is bound to be an eruption that sweeps the whole Yeltsin project into the dust bin of history.

– Del Berg  
Columbia, CA, USA  
Subscriber to NSC

## FRIENDSHIP NEWS

### OBITUARY



### LUTZ WILLIAM (BILL)

One of the first members of the Friendship Society was Bill who died on August 31, 1997 at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon,

Sask. William Lutz was an active member of the Federation of Russian Canadians, Canadian Slav Committee, Canada-USSR Association, Canadian Peace Congress and working on the Editorial Staff of Russian newspaper "Vestnik" for many years. Bill was born April 22, 1922.

He was an active participant in the National Federation of Labour Youth, took part in the World Federation of Democratic Youth "Youth Festival" in 1947, Prague, Czechoslovakia and together with 100 Canadians (including Michael Lucas, Editor of NSC) went to work, building the Youth Railway in Smach-Sarajevo in Yugoslavia.

Bill was always an activist in the progressive movement in Canada, never ever taking a back seat in this struggle for better working conditions of the working class and for peace and understanding between nations and its people.

There were people in the progressive movement who later abandoned their belief in socialism – but William Lutz was not one of them!

He leaves his wife Dorothy and a very large family that loved Bill for his humaneness and dedication to the cause of progress.

He was a great Canadian patriot but at the same time, he was also an Internationalist and defended the Soviet Union against world reaction and understood what the role of the USSR was and how it helped workers in all countries.

You shall be missed, Bill, and we hope that your spirit will live on in all of us, who dedicate their lives towards a world in peace and understanding and strive for socialism, which is the hope of humanity.

– Editorial Board of NSC

# NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

**From:  
REUTERS NEWS AGENCY  
New York, USA**

## **U.S. PURCHASES 21 MIGs**

"The U.S. has purchased 21 nuclear-capable MIG-29C jets from Moldova (formerly Moldavian SSR) and brought them to U.S. to keep them out of the hands of hostile countries like Iran, U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen said yesterday. Iran had tried to obtain the advanced Russia-built jets, capable of launching nuclear arms."

### COMMENT:

*What a farce! What skulduggery and outright demagogy!*

*These MIGs are not going to stay in U.S. hands at all, since US has these jets in their possession long ago, through the connivance and treachery of the present Yeltsin regime of renegades and traitors.*

*These jets are going to Israel in order to bolster their war potential and expansion aims against Arab countries. Why mask this deal that they're going to Iran? Whom does Mr. Cohen think he's fooling?*

*At the same time, this also does not say much for the present traitorous regime of Moldova who has forgotten how Rumanian capitalist-Monarchist regime treated the people and how the Soviet Union helped to build and develop this once-backward agricultural country!*

*History will not forget or forgive traitors, no matter how much they now enjoy their ill-gotten millions. Time is surely coming, sooner than later, when these crimes will have to be paid for!* □

## **YELTSIN'S HOUSE OF CARDS**

**By: Matthew Fisher**

(Moscow) – No matter how much evidence to the contrary piles up, many in the West continue to insist that Russia is about to turn the corner and enter the Promised Land.

Bill Clinton says so. So does Jean Chretien. Jacques Chirac and Helmut Kohl parrot this line religiously.

Even the latest debacle involving corruption in Boris Yeltsin's inner circle couldn't quite shake the faith of the reform-happy *Economist*. The usually sensible British magazine, which inexplicably prefers to style itself a newspaper, recently pondered the question of whether Russia was hopelessly screwed up.

After a lot of ziggling and zagging and fretting over the fate of Deputy Prime Minister Anatoli Chubais, who recently was caught (and not for the first time) helping himself to some loot, the weekly, like many other prestigious western publications, decided that Russia is still going forward.

This is wishful nonsense. Russia has turned a corner, alright. It's entered a muddy dead end.

Privatization has been wonderful for the government's chosen cronies and a cruel joke on the masses. Relatively little foreign money ever came here, but the money that did is running away this winter.

Russia is paralyzed by gangsterism. Nukes aside, it is militarily feeble. It is colossally corrupt. It is bankrupt. It barely functions. In many spheres it only functions at all because of western handouts or because of a complicated shell game, with bailout money being moved between government accounts to create the illusion that taxes are being collected.

With even International Monetary Fund gifts now in peril, the nascent stock market in free-fall, extortion and contract killings commonplace, interest rates racing upwards and millions of workers waiting for billions of dollars of unpaid wages, the economy is producing negative growth for the umpteenth year in a row.

Without IMF emergency cash, the Yeltsin administration is incapable of meeting its most basic budget requirements.

Whenever Yeltsin is in grave political trouble, television cameras are allowed into the Kremlin to record the president ritualistically humiliating a few of his appointees for incompetence before firing them. Things must be especially bad now because Yeltsin staged this time-worn bit of theatre once last week and had scheduled another public tantrum for this week before postponing this performance because he had to play the role of statesman for a couple of days in Stockholm.

In once again denouncing those aides he had chosen to help him guide Russia, Yeltsin is trying to buy his presidency a little time. But the day surely approaches when there must be a reckoning which involves the president taking some of the blame himself.

It is never said often enough that Russia still has many decent, hard-working people. But in today's environment, they don't stand a chance. Yeltsin's country gives the appearance of being a nation of bandits because so many of those in positions of power – in the police, the army, politics, government, banking and industry – are exactly that.

The West's biggest mistake isn't that it has thrown so much money at Russia. It is its habit of fixating upon a few Russians as the only potential saviours of the nation.

For the longest time, the object of its affection was Mikhail Gorbachev. With great initial reluctance that affection was transferred to Yeltsin. Now Chubais is the darling. No matter how much trouble he gets into or how meagre his actual results are, the illogical consensus is that he is indispensable.

Operating in a legal vacuum, those in and near power have plundered as they pleased under Yeltsin, arranged sweet-heart deals such as low-interest loans and impossibly generous book contracts for themselves with those they are charged with regulating.

Blinded by the new neon lights in Moscow, Russia's new friends in the West continue to shout "Bravo". But without more western handouts, the lights are about to go out.

#### OUR COMMENT:

*It isn't often that NSC gives credit and accolades to the newspaper Toronto Sun, which is extremely right-wing, labour-bashing, anti-Soviet publication. But, credit must be given when it's deserved. This time, Matthew Fisher did a darn good job of stating it as it is ... one would think that he was a member of Canadian Friends of Soviet People and a member of the Northstar Compass Editorial Board!*

*Congratulations Matthew! Don't slacken off now!* □

## **WEAKNESS OF OUR LABOUR MOVEMENT!**

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, a public owned and operated radio and television network, recently reported that a Hungarian record company was marketing and selling songs of the communist era. The nostalgia and stable warmth of meeting life's necessities has made this album popular and of stark contrast to today. The CBC report was surprisingly objective. This album

will apparently be available in record stores before the end of year here in Canada and USA.

People interviewed hearkened back to a more settled and fulfilling time and the music of those times – so soothing, comparatively, than under capitalist restoration and plunder.

This current reconsideration and desirable memory in the former Socialist bloc identifies similarities here in Canada. The labour movement is still hopeful that provisions of the welfare state can be maintained hearken back to the post World War Two era. The principle argument still escapes many leaders in our labour movement. These modest concessions granted by capital, i.e., health care, public education, seniors' pensions, rent control all can be traced to the balance of world forces between socialism and capitalism.

Our labour leaders attempt to 'shame' the employers and their spokesmen in government; a naive lack of strategy. Recently in one of Canada's provinces, Ontario, the right wing government had to back off some parts of legislation taking away the right to strike and hand picked government arbitrators to "make settlements". This was rescinded and then seen as a victory for labour. The working class leadership is still bent down to the corporate class. This error is hemorrhaging class consciousness and the building of left wing perceptions in people.

The labour movement's long held subscription to the economic system here is the question and debate that must come. Leadership from local unions and community labour councils must cause questions of labours political orientation. The requirements of housing, food, and a dignified life are out of reach for more people.

10,000 children in Toronto are homeless – this is Canada's largest city in Ontario.

Why then does the corporate dictatorship continue? The forces of socialism world-wide must humanize via direct message to the masses today. Identifying One on One. The crude stupidity of anti-communism and anti-Stalinism are expected absolute arrogance among the capitalist media. Public broadcasting can have a positive effect, but capitalist barons here are trying to privatize it and are undermining its budget year to year.

Democracy can only come to the masses when the acknowledgement of the fight for socialism is seen within it. This is the role that we will carry out in the face of austerity and naked aggression. This is the way forward, the way to inspire still more songs of revolution, solidarity, and the overthrow of a rotting deception of human kind.

– Will Lambert

C.A.W. Local 1256 Chairperson  
Oakville & District Labour  
Council President □

## **RUSSIA CAN ONLY BE SAVED BY A SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!**

In the newspaper "Bolshevik Stavropolya", there is published an interview with Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of the AUCPB. She spoke at the anniversary of the blood bath of August 19, 1991 in Moscow, when Yeltsin gave the command to bombard the Parliament Building with its defenders inside. We shall quote just one paragraph. We hope that some of our readers who still feel that "parliamentary debates will bring on socialism" should rethink their outlook!

"What must we do? There is only one path to save us – it's the return to socialism. But the present

regime will not allow us to just take back power from their hands, even though the majority of the people demand it. We have to struggle and fight for our Motherland and Socialism. This can only be done by an organizational method, by organizing the working class, together with the peasants (farmers).

**NINA A.  
ANDREEVA**



The working class must be in the vanguard. All parliamentary demarche – word falsification and undercover cooperation with the regime by those who very well have found warm and well-paid seats in the structures of the present regime and, on the taxpayers' monies, they live well ... that will not work or fight for the benefit of the people."

**COMMENT:**

We could add to this the following: What kind of "communists" that are now in the Russian Duma (Parliament), urged on by their leader Zyuganov of the CPRF, would back off voting for "No confidence in the present regime" after Prime Minister Chernomyrdin threatened to resign?

What did Zyuganov and the CPRF leadership get in return for this "tail between the legs" scenario? Is the party (CPRF) that has the largest block in the Duma really serious in taking power from the regime? V.I. Lenin (a Bolshevik) was not afraid to stand up in his time and state: "There is such a Party!"

Anyone that REALLY thinks soberly that the present regime in Russia will just give in to the demands of the people, must be not only dreaming, but we suggest, very seriously uninformed and irrational!

*It has been in the news lately that "democrat-philanthropist" Soros is giving over \$500 million to Yeltsin to help him in his need. This is over and above the billions that he and other Imperialists-monopolists have poured into Russia. Are we to think that Soros is so generous, so in love with the Russian working class, that he just HAD TO GIVE THIS MONEY? And, no strings attached? Whom does he think he's kidding?*

*If the existing "communist parties" do not quickly realize that the question of UNITY is paramount for the Soviet people to regain their Motherland, then these so-called "communist parties" will be condemned by the people to oblivion, and genuine, dedicated Communists-Bolsheviks will find the means to unite and eventually overthrow this hated regime and its foreign backers!*

*That is why, at the 5th NSC Conference in February of 1998, there will be put forward a proposal to set up the "International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People" to continue the work that was started by the "Hands Off Russia Committee" in 1918. In this way, the people of the world that believe in socialism will be able to help our Soviet brothers and sisters in their need to overthrow the regime by showing solidarity and defending the right of the Soviet people to get back their country, and be masters in their own home! This will also help the working class of the world, whose living standards are being smashed and exploitation of the working class is rising dangerously, because capitalism is finding itself in a crisis! □*

**CREDO OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS**

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

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

**INTERNATIONAL  
NEWS**

**From:  
NEW ZEALAND**

*We have received from the Communist Party of New Zealand Reconstruction Collective their newsletter called "People's Voice" and we reprint an item from it that we would like to dedicate to those "born again capitalists" in former Soviet Union who are now exploiting the people in the name of "privatization", "restructuring" and other exploitative methods of capitalism!*

**HOW SCHUBERT COULD HAVE FINISHED THAT SYMPHONY**

A company chairman was given a ticket to a special performance of Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony". Since he was unable to go, he passed the invitation to the company's Quality Assurance Manager.

The next morning, the chairman asked him how he enjoyed it, and instead of being given a few plausible observations, he was handed a memorandum which read:

1. For a considerable period the oboe players had nothing to do. Their number should be reduced, and their work spread over the whole orchestra, thus avoiding peaks of inactivity.

2. All twelve violins were playing identical notes. This seems unnecessary duplication, and the staff of this section should be cut drastically. If a large volume of sound is really require this could be obtained through the use of an amplifier.

3. Much effort was involved in playing the demi-semiquavers. This seems an excessive refinement and it is recommended that all notes should be rounded up to the nearest semiquaver. If this were done it would be possible to use trainees

instead of craftsmen.

4. No useful purpose is served by repeating with chorus the passage that has already been handled by the strings. If all such redundant passages were eliminated, the concert could be reduced from two hours to twenty minutes.

In light of the above, one can only conclude that had Schubert given attention to these matters, he probably would have had time to finish his symphony. □

**From:**  
**ROTER MORGEN, Organ of the Communist Party of Germany**

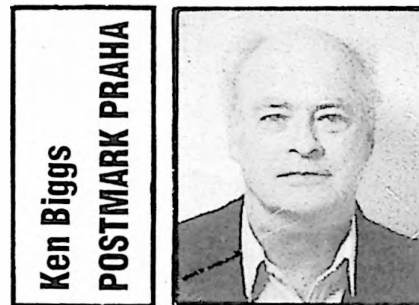
## **FORMER PLANNING CHIEF OF THE GDR PRAISES THE "BUILDING UP OF THE EAST"**

The former "planning chief" of the GDR (German Democratic Republic – former East Germany), Gerhard Schürer, sees in the "building up of the East" a great achievement. The transfer-achievements in the new states [of the former GDR] are a "positive thing, that should never be forgotten and deserves recognition," said Schürer at the Summer Academy of the Circle of Christian-Democratic Students in Wendgräben near Zerbst. Schürer, who was the chair of the State Planning Commission of the GDR for 24 years, praised the Treuhandel Institution [agency for privatizing the former GDR economy] to the highest degree. It is no "slight achievement" to privatize a whole economy during a time of economic recession.

*It is certainly macabre: a planning chief of an allegedly socialist economy praises the capitalist economy and its alleged successes to the skies. For decades, this revisionist babbled about a planned economy in the GDR, which was supposedly superior to the*

*murderous profit society, helped direct it and was partly responsible for its bankruptcy, and today, this character praises the flattening of the GDR-economy as a success. The bourgeois media is overjoyed to present this "economic expert," who talks nonsense about the "grandiose achievements". Schürer is no unique case from the ranks of the SED [Socialist Unity Party] revisionists to praise fulsomely the capitalist system. Mr. Gysi still today longs for the FRG [German Federal Republic] the way it was until 1989. Moreover, Mr. Egon Krenz at that time called upon the GDR citizens to go proudly into unity – that is, he also welcomed the annexation.*

*Translated by George Gruenthal* □



## **CZECHS OPPOSE NATO MEMBERSHIP**

Support for NATO membership in the Czech Republic has fallen to between 28% and 45% of the population, reports Postmark Praha in its August press release. Four of the six parties that are represented in the Czech parliament support NATO membership and only two oppose it – that being the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (KSCM), and the Republican Party, reports Postmark Praha. The basis of the opposition is the fact that most Czechs do not see an external threat, and oppose the stationing of foreign troops and nuclear weapons on their soil as well as the high cost of NATO membership. The US foreign secretary Madeleine Albright is

demanding that the Czech Republic pay 2% of its domestic national product annually as NATO membership. This in spite of the fact that the country is having ever increasing budgetary problems having to close rail lines, lay off thousands of rail workers, increase rail fares by 17%, not to mention the \$1.8 billion bill the government faces due to the recent floods. The situation has reached the point where the state-owned railways had to use candles in their offices since they were unable to pay their utility bills. The Czech post-communist economic miracle is collapsing like a house of cards, remarks Postmark Praha.

While the government extols NATO as the guarantor of the country's security, its own national defence strategy is in shambles. The army's combat readiness is at an all time low due to purges of its officer corps, incompetently carried out changes, and defence ministry bungling. As an example, the country's ten remaining modern MIG 29 fighters were bartered away for some Polish Sokol helicopters well below their real value.

Of the three countries that have been asked to join NATO – Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic – only Hungary has indicated that it will hold a referendum on the subject. For its part, the Czech government is hell-bent on joining NATO regardless of what the Czech people want. To this end, the mostly privately owned mass media are suppressing any criticism and extolling NATO as democratic and peace loving. The fact that military spending will have to double in the next ten years is given short shrift. The true necessity of NATO was revealed recently by presidential advisor Pavel Tigrid when he said that it provides internal security. What he really meant was that it



provided the ruling elites protection against their own people. Vaclav Klause and his government have repeatedly refused to honour the constitution and hold a referendum on NATO. President Havel describes as nonsense any reference to a referendum on this subject. In fact, he claims that decision making is the business of politicians as ordinary people cannot be trusted to make decisions. The Social Democrats for their part want the referendum to be non-binding. It looks like the Czechs have only more brain washing and continued censorship of inappropriate views to look forward to in their foreseeable democratic future.

- By: George Hess

**From Newspaper:  
"FOR USSR"  
Moscow**

## SOMETIMES IT IS HARDER FOR THOSE THAT ARE ALIVE

**By: Larisa Babienko**

*This extremely touching article is written to commemorate those terrible days in October-November 1993 when Yeltsin and his command gave the fascist directive to bombard the Russian Parliament with thousands of victims. The blood of these victims shall forever be on the hands of Yeltsin and his regime! They shall pay the supreme price for this terror perpetrated on Soviet People - Editors.*

I cannot remember, why and for what on March 17, 1993 I wrote in a notebook on my desk the following

: "Rutskoi has many plusses - he's Russian, good looking, Afghanistan war veteran, looks very effective on stage. He has only one drawback - brains! That is why he lost that great opportunity that



Russia (Soviets) demanded to save it, and that Russia put upon his shoulders the role of a leader, (the multi-national, dying from the blows of the democrats) his role to be the historical figure as Minin. Practically all of the media was working to present this image of him as a future saviour of Soviet Union - to save the Motherland, while he, bewildered, put up the white flag.

And thank God that he gave up. All people then saw him as he really is - weak, with no backbone at the moment of danger for the Motherland. Today, he was a communist; tomorrow, he's a democrat; after that, he could be a crocodile or whatever the situation demands.

Stalin was Stalin and he remained Stalin in the eyes and hearts of the people!

There is a desperate need for a strong-willed leader - this is what is lacking in Russia now. Zyuganov is only a thinker - he develops situations, but he cannot carry them

out.

It is remarkable that these lines were written in 1993 and were so profound and to the point! At the same time, they are sad. If I, a modest journalist, never in my life held an important state post, but with my situation, was able to see through Rutskoi, then why did not the military leaders of the October events, such as late Barranikov, Achalov, many years being together with Rutskoi and others, how could they not see these weaknesses? Did it never enter their minds that Alexander Rutskoi will again give up, and that means that he will give up all those who came to defend the House of Soviets, who came to defend the Motherland, socialism and the Soviet Union?

How wonderful it was that last evening! By the metro station "Barrikadnaya", there was not one OMON special service with machine-gun in hand, aimed at the people, and you could not hear the military or militia screaming sirens.

It is clear and clean here, reminding one of the life and times of USSR. People are agitated a bit since they broke through the militia barricades on the Kremlin bridge, they surrounded the building of the mayor, they dismantled the barbed wire around the House of Soviets! And how many strong and happy songs and satirical verses were sung and stated, how many slogans and poems painted on the walls around us!

"Russia for the people and not for the Mafia!", "Yeltsin, you have no right to cut off the people from the Motherland's riches!", "Here is the United Front of Workers!"

Awake, deceived people,  
It is long past to recover your sight,  
What Yeltsin is bringing us  
Ruin and death is awaiting us.

On this square, there assembled the dedicated, like-minded patriots!

They did not hide or stand in the kiosks, they did not grab the riches of the people, they were not the ones that were organizing criminal banking structures. They were those who could not peacefully look at the dismemberment of the Motherland from the high plateau that our country had achieved. These patriots decided that they shall save the Motherland or die in the attempt.

For many, this bloody conflict was their first. For the young girl, Patimat, very petite, with dark and deep eyes, a student of the 5th course, Russian Academy of Transportation. For the 19 year old Natasha Petukhova, a student of Stankina. Her flowing hair will always be on mind. Sergei Parniugin, a Muscovite, finishing his Teachers College, went through many attacks, serving in the Northern Fleet, nevertheless he did not desert his post in trying to save the House of Soviets, elected by the people.

On this Red Presnaya came many different nationalities. Ukrainians from Kiev stated that: "When there were communists in power, we had lots to eat; when the democrats came, there is nothing to eat."

Zinaida Polsyanova from Baku, Azerbaijan, was serving hot tea to the defenders of the "White House". Smirnov Alexander was from Yoshkar-Oly, 40 years old. Leonid Kliuchnikov came from Minsk, Byelorussia, Colonel, retired of the army.

They gathered together, shoulder to shoulder, in brotherhood, they warmed themselves by the fires, talked about the present dangerous situation, about life, about themselves, about our Motherland.

- We did not grow agricultural products this year, but we nurtured and grew much more chauvinism. All different colours and sizes.

- We are living in a lumpen capitalism. Democrats smell of wild

hatred. I went through the last war, I marched with the red flag through the streets, then a young mother with a baby carriage yells at me: "I would shoot each one of you". Why are these people so in a hurry to become SS killers?

- Socialism was very close to Christianity principles. You could, even without money, be a person of honour.

- If these present democrats do not want to care about the Russian people living in other Republics, they will not care either about those that are living inside Russia.

- I came from Northern Polar Circle and was approached by TV producer to talk about our people, but he asked me: "What's in it for me? My colleagues came from Canada doing a TV show with a Mercedes. What will you give me?"

- I cannot understand how it was possible for the present regime to split the contacts and good neighbourly feelings between Armenians and Azerbaijanis. I was born in Yerevan, Armenia, and saw the thousands of young Armenians buried in the cemeteries because of the bloodletting in the Karabakh region.

- In Azerbaijan, they speak about what Gorbachev told the Armenians. He told them: "Are Azerbaijanis forcing you out? Arise against them, and Moscow will support you!" How many of our young men left the Republic so that they would not have to fight the Armenians! How much tragedy this civil strife brought all the people? There were instances when a child was going to school along the street, he was grabbed, sent off to Karabakh and in the evening, they bring the youngster to his mother dead!

Around the campfire where I was, the city of Saratov was also represented. Olga Petrovna was

taking her son to his wife in Moscow. She saw her son on TV in columns marching to the defense of the House of Soviets. She then came to Moscow, joined her son and daughter-in-law and said that no matter what happens, the family will be together. They were warming themselves also around the fire.

- Mother, said Sergei - if the tanks come against us, run to the 20th underground pass! You will not make it, he cried, rather, try and hide under the Gorbat Bridge.

I also had to flee, to save myself, thinking, of all things, that I will spoil my dress that I made with my own hands. I somehow managed to elude the OMON goons, I will sit under the bridge. Oh, woman's naivete!

With a stick in his hands, Sergei went on patrol duty on the barricades. Following him was his wife.

At 4 a.m. in the morning, when it is so nice to sleep, I saw an older person dashing by and through his teeth, said:

- Idiots, you are sitting here, while all around you and us, OMON and militia have surrounded us with tanks and cannon!

We did not believe him. After all, where was the noise, the commands and OMON goons? We did not feel apprehension, we did not fear danger - it seemed normal to us all under the bridge. We did not see on the balconies of the House of Soviets not even one speaker. That was why none of us believed that the tanks were rolling towards us and lining up to bombard the "White House"! We could not believe that Yeltsin's tanks would run over the people, crushing them under their tracks. It did not come to anyone's mind that these Soviet patriots defending the Motherland, sitting now around the fires, that these few hours would be their last on this earth.

These comrades were not just thinking about themselves – they had higher ideals! There, where I sat with them, after the carnage, I counted 23 mangled bodies.

Patimat Saugidova received numerous bullets into her body. This beautiful girl in her last breath tried to get to the gates of the American Embassy, but collapsed by the gate, in front of the eyes of the American Embassy staff. But not one Embassy person ventured out to help this dying girl. Why? They had their commands. Their instructions through Yeltsin were being carried out, so that all that is Soviet should be eradicated from this earth.

Patimat was buried on October 17 in Dagestan, in her native village of Gomokh. I want to go and see her grave, but I have no chance now, since the grave restrictions are in place. For all of us, the roads are closed. Even if you are dead, that road is closed.

Natasha Petukhova, that songster, that talented poet, when we were sitting around the fire, was killed. She was killed around Ostantkino TV tower. People whom we at that time still looked upon as Soviet, they behaved to this young patriot as SS. They made fun of her, they laughed at her dying moments – may their hands wither away for their crimes! She was shot in the chest, arms, legs. Her parents saw her in the morgue – all grey. But I will always see her as a romantic, patriotic, charming, dedicated, with her beautiful flying hair in the wind.

The woman who gave me some warm tea as we were hiding from the OMON goons, Zanaida Polstianova from Baku ... we met each other after a year. She looked at me from her portrait all framed in black. She too was killed!

During the funeral march, with hundreds of portraits of those killed, all framed in black, I saw the face of

Sergei Parniugin – 21 years old, this navy hero, who was not frightened himself, but stayed in the middle of the carnage, defending the Soviet Union and socialism. He did not want that from the face of this earth there should disappear our Motherland which so worried and looked after its citizens.

During the blood bath at the House of Soviets on October 4, 1993, a young man was beaten up terribly. Elements who were on the side of the Yeltsin's regime were so vicious, that they cut his legs off at the knee while he was still alive. These are the kind of sadists that the regime recruited to do havoc against Soviet patriots. Doctors tried to save the terribly wounded, but not always successfully. There was a youngster that was severely wounded as he tried to hide, he was finished off by a shot to the head, at close range.

Russia ... Oh, how many times our people had to defend it, so many young men had to go to struggle against the numerous enemies ... look into the rivers and there you will also see stains of blood from the defenders of our Soviet Motherland and defenders of Supreme Soviet!

Liubov Afanasieva, working in the Supreme Soviet as one of the Editors, was worried as the OMON militia and goons stormed the Supreme Soviet building where the patriots were, including Deputies to the Supreme Soviet who were the defenders, whether her Editorial work has been burned or completely torn apart by the shells that were being shot from tanks and cannons right into the offices of the "White House". The office where she worked, was in a mess as she closed the door – everything was upside down because of the exploding shells. She gathered what she could find of her editorial work and carried it out into the hallway and tried to get from the third floor to the

first, in order to save her important work for the Deputies that she worked for. The walls of the hallways, the steps, the floor, were splattered with blood and human brains that were blown there from the bodies by the bombardment.

These "democrats" had taken upon themselves to be the executioners. She was grabbed by the OMON security, made to face the wall, they frisked her, looked at her writings and roughed her up. As she was forced to write a confession, the OMON goons stood over her with machine-guns ... these were the times of unbridled ferocity on the part of the regime against peaceful citizens that were defending their rights.

Many thousands of homes in former USSR are now empty of young men and women, each family that has lost one of their loved ones at this carnage in October of 1993 grieves. They cannot admire the falling leaves, the birds singing, laughter. There are hardly any women that are pregnant, the population is dwindling for reasons that are tied to the present regime.

Russia is being Americanized, and even though the people are not paid, but the "owner" walks freely all over our land.

What about Rutskoï? Now, he is very angry that he argued with Yeltsin – instead of marching with Yeltsin side by side, he finds himself as a Governor of Kursk land, owner of a night club, and other small enterprises.

This historical figure who was and is naive, did not know what historical fate had given him! He was surrounded by thousands of honest, dedicated, patriotic Soviet people, ready to help him lead the people back into socialism, resurrection of the USSR and to get rid of the present quislings, traitors who at that time could have been

defeated, because the Soviet people were ready to follow a leader of the kind that Lenin and Stalin were. What really would have happened if instead of us living under Yeltsin's regime of tyranny, we would have lived under Rutsnkoi?

That is why sometimes it is harder for the living than for those who have departed from amongst us, since they cannot feel the tragedy and shame that has befallen our people. □

## LETTERS FROM ABROAD

### From Newspaper: "WORD OF A COMMUNIST" Odessa, Ukraine

Dear Comrade Lucas:

We were very pleased when we found out that your (I would say – OUR) journal "Northstar Compass" is five years on the world scene. Although is not a long period in historical terms, but when we see how much NSC has done in those 5 years, it is significant! You do not overlook even one significant item that is happening in the world. We are especially amazed that complete issues of Northstar Compass are devoted to today's situation that is transpiring in our Communist movements – in Russia – including former republics of the Soviet Union.

We assure you, we know our situation well, in which we are finding ourselves against our will. We know that our country is under American Imperialist occupation and we are preparing to liberate ourselves in the coming conflict. The social-political situation in our society is becoming worse and worse due to the economic policies of the present regime. We also know that

soon, the storm will come thundering down! We, journalists-communists, are bringing this day closer with our ideological work. And here, your help in explaining to your readers our problems in the realm of international scheme of things is great and priceless. We thank you for this.

I cannot but point out that you, unlike some other "communists" or their publications, always show interest and it reflects in the position of Northstar Compass to the great leadership of Soviet people of J.V. Stalin. To me, as a dedicated and convinced "Stalinist", and also as a historian of the life and works of Stalin, this to me is much appreciated. Tremendous thanks to you for this!



I shall not be modest, but do not take this as flattery, even though on this 5th Anniversary, I can allow myself some flattery: "Northstar Compass" became my favourite publication! I always await each issue with anticipation. This is my personal attitude and feeling towards NSC, but aside from that, your journal and our newspaper "Word of a Communist" are both young. We, next year, shall celebrate the birth of V.I. Lenin (April 24), we shall also be celebrating the 5th Anniversary of our newspaper.

Comrade Editor! Dear Michael!

On behalf of our newspaper "Word of a Communist", please give our regards to your Editorial Board, publishing NSC as it is and as it should be, our sincere best wishes and the best in life! Successes, dear friends!

– Sincerely Yours,  
Vladimir Kurkin  
Editor

Note: This newspaper is the organ of Odintsovo district organization of the Communist Party of Russian Federation. □

### From: "SEVASTOPOL COMMUNIST PARTY" Ukraine

Dear Comrades:

We receive your Northstar Compass journal regularly and are very glad that your extremely interesting journal arrives on our desk.

Your invitation to be your guest at the upcoming 5th Conference was received and we are discussing this possibility, although finances at this time are extremely rare. Our Communist Party is the organizer of the movement "Sevastopol's Bastion Against NATO". This peoples' movement participated in the Day of Victory on May 9th, where over 5,000 people took part. On June 22 of this year, over 4,000 people participated while on August 25th, over 10,000 people demonstrated against NATO.

President Kuchma of Ukraine was lying when he told the people that most Ukrainians want to be part of NATO. The people of Crimea and Ukraine are against the possibility of NATO soldiers' boots stamping over our Motherland. We protested against the NATO armies and fleet to be stationed in Crimea. This forced President Kuchma to postpone the joint manouvers called "Sea Breeze – 97" in Crimea, after our protest action against NATO.

France, Norway, Greece and other countries that were going to take part in these NATO exercises decided not to participate – after they saw the popular demonstrations.

We much appreciate that NSC has come out against these exercises in your publication.

Of course, we would like to take part in your 5th Conference, but financial problems and the problem of obtaining external visa is holding us back. Please forward all of your 5th Conference documents to us.

- Yours As Ever,  
Vladimir Ivanov

Sevastopol Communist Party,  
Secretary

**From:  
Hove, ENGLAND**

Dear Friends:

Enclosing information as to the ongoing campaign to erect a Memorial to Soviet War Dead in the park in Southwark and how the Society for Co-operation in Russian and Soviet Studies has gone about to make this important event happen.

I look forward to read each issue of NSC, although it saddens me as to what is transpiring in former Soviet Union. Naturally, this kind of information is not available in the

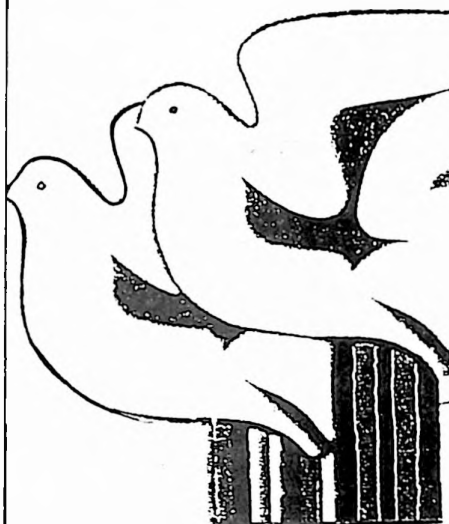


daily media or even in the progressive newspapers here like the "New Worker" or the "Morning Star".

Can you get me in English the speeches by Nina Andreeva or, if the finances of NSC will allow, to translate into English the 3 cassettes (audio) that were issued by AUCPB.

- Yours Comradely,  
Albert G. Williams

*Below, we publish the drawing that is used to solicit funds for this Memorial to Soviet War Dead plus photographs of*



*the British War Veterans who are active in the movement to honour Soviet War Dead, and a picture of the author Albert G. Williams who is an avid reader of NSC and whom we hope to see at the 5th Anniversary Conference in February 1998 in Toronto.*

**PROPOSAL BY THE  
ALL UKRAINIAN COMMITTEE OF  
ALL UNION COMMUNIST PARTY [B]  
AND MEMBERS OF THE  
"MOVEMENT FOR USSR" IN  
UKRAINE REGARDING THE  
"INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY  
WITH THE SOVIET PEOPLE"**

We consider the preparation for the formation of the "International Council" an important step on the international scene to support the Soviet people who find themselves

at the present time a neo-colony of the fifth columns of the financial Zionist oligarchy, first of all, American Imperialism.

The proposed Society, besides other tasks before it, can struggle against the following:

FIRSTLY - unmasking the neo-fascist and economic war against the Soviet people, against new, neo-fascist methods of putting down the people, utilization and raping of our territories, the campaign of genocide;

SECONDLY - unmasking the expansion of USA into Eastern Europe, to the borders of Russia, utilizing European countries as cannon fodder, the politics of subverting and utilizing the informational and economic struggles while preparing for a third world war;

THIRDLY - organizing contacts and co-operation with international organizations, which are struggling against the International Monetary Fund, which is utilizing such institutions as the "Schiller Institute";

FOURTHLY - unmasking the plans of global reaction to colonize the former Soviet Union, break up the people into fragments, and thus, throw the people back into the Middle Ages;

In discussing and formulating the ideas and plans of this "International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People", we had the participation and advice of the author A.N. Donenko of the book "Class Struggle in the USSR in 1970-80 and the Restoration of Capitalism". We feel that our suggestions will be taken into account when the program of this new International Council is adopted.

- Galina Savchenko  
Member of CC AUCP [B] and  
Chairperson of "Movement for  
USSR" in Ukraine

**From Newspaper:  
"WORKERS-FARMERS  
PRAVDA"  
Mukachevo, Ukraine**

Dear Comrade Lucas:

Newspaper "Workers-Farmers Pravda" sincerely thanks you personally and the Editorial Board of NSC for coming to the defense of our newspaper which is threatened by the present Ukrainian regime with an attempt to ban it. It is international solidarity such as yours that is one of the most effective forms to defeat imperialism and gain the victory of the working class and eventually, victory of socialism in the world.

Am sending you an article for NSC, called "Communists and the Working Class in the Ukraine". This article will also appear in another newspaper in Russia, and maybe it shall be of interest to you, comrades.

We thank you for the invitation to come to your important 5th Anniversary Conference to celebrate your fighting Marxist-Leninist journal. Unfortunately, due to the cost of airfare, it is impossible for me or others to be present.

- A. Maevsky  
Member of CC AUCPB  
Chairman of Bureau of CC AUCPB  
for Ukraine, Moldavia and  
Predniester Republic and  
Editor of "Workers-Farmers  
Pravda" □

**From Newspaper:  
"BUREVESTNIK"  
Odintsovo, Russia**

Dear Friends!

We have received your publication "Northstar Compass" for which we are sincerely grateful. I feel that the exchange of opinions and ideas, plus continuing dialogue will allow us to come up with common solutions to our problems.

I hope that our continuing co-operation and exchanges of information will benefit the common struggle.

I'm enclosing three issues of our paper.

I embrace you warmly as a brother.

- Guram Tsushbaya  
Editor □

**From Publication:  
"COMMUNIST HERALD"  
Moscow**

Dear Comrades:

Thank you very much for invitation to attend as a delegate the 5th Anniversary Conference of NSC and the Canadian Friends of Soviet People. I feel that this upcoming event will be able to exert a big influence not only for your journal, but for us in the Soviet Union ... that is why it is necessary that the proceedings and the decisions from this Conference should be known to all the Soviet people.

Unfortunately, at this time, I cannot afford to pay for my trip to Canada.

Regarding my view of the March On Moscow, I feel that such actions will not bring on a revolution and the restoration of the Soviet Union. You cannot try to overthrow the present regime and then notify the regime 6 months before the attempt is made!

- Yours As Ever,  
S.G. Savelyev  
Editor

*P.S. We thank the Editor for recopying in 2 1/2 full pages the article which appeared in NSC, giving the whole history of the Canada-USSR Association since the Hands Off Russia Committee was established in 1918.*

We would just like to publish here the comment of this excellent journal, following the 2 1/2 page article about our friendship society.

"History of the Society of Canadian Friends of Soviet People" is unique in its dedication and work for friendship with Soviet people, socialism and proletarian internationalism. In the present situation of disarray among the communist parties and movements, when there are now on the territory of USSR national parties calling themselves communist, who have left out from their program the words "Soviet People" and do not put before their members the question of resurrection of the Soviet Union, who have shamelessly abandoned this word 'Soviet' with "Union of brother peoples" - we have a shining example from our Canadian friends who demonstrate dedication, courage, combined together in the decisive battle to resurrect the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

"Communist Herald" greets our dedicated and loyal Canadian friends with the 5th Anniversary of "Northstar Compass". We wish the Editorial Board, all members of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People to further remain as staunch defenders and struggle for the resurrection of the USSR - the great socialist state, to garner all your strength to achieve this goal.

*We invite the readers of our "Communist Herald", Soviet citizens to fulfill the request of Northstar Compass to help in whatever way you can financially. The address of NSC is thus given at the end of the article.* □

**From:  
MARXIST PLATFORM  
Moscow**

Dear Comrades!

The co-ordinating Council of the Marxist Platform greets the publication "Northstar Compass" and its readers with our joint celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution!

We wish all communists and workers in Canada success in the struggle for socialism. We are certain that the working class of Russia, Canada and other countries, with the support of the workers of the whole world, headed by the communist parties, armed with Marxist theory, will again repeat the revolutionary



uprising of its predecessors and not only will make certain its success for themselves and their children for normal human living conditions, but will free mankind from the terrible danger of dying capitalism.

– V.F. Isaichikov  
Chairman

**From:**  
**ALL UNION COMMUNIST**  
**PARTY OF BOLSHEVIKS,**  
**ODESSA INFORMATIONAL-**  
**ANALYTICAL CENTRE**  
**Odessa, Ukraine**

Dear Friends!

Odessa Region organization of the AUCPB, the Editorial Board of newspaper "Bolshevik" plus the Informational-Analytical Centre greet you, comrades, from our hearts on your 5th Anniversary of NSC. Best wishes, health and successes for many years to come.

We greet your idea of establishing an International Council for Friendship with Soviet People and

we shall, in turn, give you all the help that we can – as an example, we shall organize branches in Ukraine (Odessa, Kharkov, Nikolaev, Kherson, etc.) plus Moldavia and Predniester Republic.

We thank you for inviting us to your important 5th Conference, but as always, due to financial problems, we cannot attend. But we would like to help you in our meagre way with some financial help. Let us know how this can be done. Maybe we can help Professor Herasymchuk from Lutsk with our donations so that he could attend, since he is a member of your Editorial NSC Board.

In our turn, we would like to thank you for coming to the defense of our sister publication "Workers-Farmers Pravda" that is published in Mukachevo, plus we thank you for our mutual co-operation.

– V. Lukovtsev

**From:**  
**BOLSHEVIK PLATFORM**  
**OF UKRAINE**  
**Lvov, Ukraine**

We send you our comradely greetings on the 5th Anniversary of Northstar Compass.

Five years of your struggles did not go unnoticed! You have in many respects helped us awaken our Soviet people!

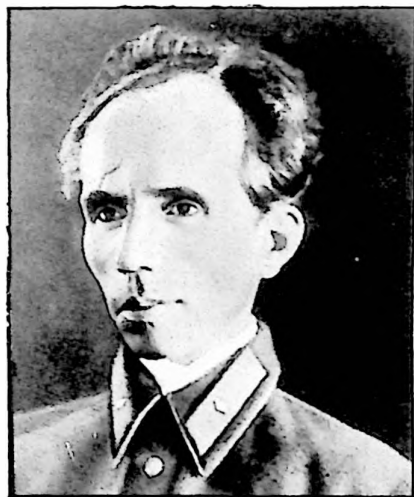
Revolution and civil war is not far away. We shall overcome!

We greet all friends of Soviet People on this 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution. We greet revolutionaries, partisans and underground fighters wherever they may be.

Dear Comrades! We thank you for inviting us to your 5th Conference. Being financially inadequate, we cannot attend, but send you our best comradely greetings. Wishing you success and as much dedication and stamina as was held by ...



GENERAL LUKAC (MATIE ZALKA)



• NIKOLAI A. OSTROVSKY

He was a Revolutionary, Internationalist, Writer, standing on the front line with such great legendary figures as: Dmitry Furmanov (1891–1926), and; Mate Zalka (General Lukac) (1896–1937). Their fate took them when still young in energy and full of potential. They gave their lives for humanity and for a world revolution.

Eyes Front!

– S. Belykh

Bolshevik Platform of Ukraine

**From:  
Donetsk, UKRAINE**

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for Northstar Compass which we read with great pleasure, especially articles, letters from foreign countries.

With the help of Professor Herasymchuk, we have created a branch of the "Workers Ukraine-Canada Society". Enclosed is an article by one of our members.

Regarding your question about the unity of Communist parties – most leaders will not unite while the membership (communists) are working together.

– With Respect,  
R.V. Yakubovskaya

**From:  
Union of Communist of Poland  
"PROLETARIAT"**

Dear Comrades:

Unfortunately, I shall not be able to come to the 5th Conference due to the cost of airfare. But in spite of my physical absence, my heart is with you, comrades.

I wish you success in your deliberations for the co-operation and internationalism in our common struggle.

– Jaroslaw S. Dabrowski  
Organizational Committee

**From Newspaper:  
"BOLSHEVIK STAVROPOLYA"**

Dear Comrades!

Editorial Board of "Bolshevik Stavropolya" greets you, comrade Lucas, and the Editorial Board of NSC, with the 5th Anniversary of your journal, and we wish all of you much health and successes in this very important undertaking for understanding and solidarity with the Soviet people.

In every number, we find articles that are very important and timely for us here.

We understand your problems, since we find ourselves in the same position. We appeal to you to keep on struggling, do not stop to publish Northstar Compass!

We were very much amazed and very happy that you undertook the initiative to set up the "International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People" as was done in 1918 when the "Hands Off Russia Committee" was formed.

We thank you for the invitation to attend your 5th Conference in February of 1998. We shall look at this question very seriously.

Enclosed, please find a copy of our newspaper #27.

– V.I. Shkarupa  
Editor

**From:  
Cheshire, ENGLAND**

Dear Friends:

Thank you sincerely for the invitation to attend the 5th Conference. I am privileged and honoured to be invited to such an important event and I shall do everything possible to attend in Toronto and meet socialists from many countries.

I could not but agree more with your writing about the ever-tightening grip of U.S. Imperialism under the guise of NATO into the former socialist countries. The threat to peace, not to mention the impoverishment to the planet's working classes, is too dreadful to contemplate.

Once again, I must congratulate you on an excellent publication "Northstar Compass". Long may it reign!

Many thanks for the beautiful coloured print of the recent picture of your NSC cover – I appreciate it very much.

– Clifford F. Roe

**NEWS FROM  
U.S. FRIENDS OF  
NORTHSTAR COMPASS**

**From:  
Cosmopolis, WA, USA**

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed, please find \$200 donation in order that NSC should keep on being published and the 5th Anniversary to be held as planned.

This donation is in honour of the great John Gilman "working class hero" and a highly decorated World War II combat veteran, having received the distinguished Service Cross at the age of 24. He met the Soviet Red Army at the Elbe River on April 25, 1945.

In Moscow on April 25, 1985, he joined the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the defeat of fascism. It is with sadness that Gilman viewed all the millions of graves that contain the best sons and daughters of Soviet people.

He had followed in the footsteps of his noble cousin Joseph North, who wrote several books. They were great books about the "First Land of Socialism".

Many thanks for publishing the item by the Indian Foundation of USA.

I APPEAL TO ALL READERS TO DONATE GENEROUSLY TO NSC!

– Warmest Regards,  
Lydia S. Karhu

*More good news from Lydia S. Karhu and Dr. A.J. Thut in February Northstar Compass!*

**From:  
Burbank, CA, USA**

Dear Comrades:

Thank you for informing me that my subscription has expired.



Enclosed is a check for \$100.00 to cover the renewal, and a copy of "Next To Stalin". Please apply the remainder to the Sustaining Fund.

In reference to those who deplore argumentation and revolutionary positions, and recommend supporting Zyuganov and his ilk, these are the same people who call for "Unity, Unity". Many theoretically unstudied, progressive people fall for this line and become servitors of the bourgeoisie and, in effect, counter-revolutionary. Revisionism and opportunism are tactics that the capitalist class uses to side-track the inexorable movement toward social change by foisting on us such wreckers as Trotsky, Bukharin, Khrushchev, Deng, Gorbachev and Yeltsin.

Northstar Compass is, at the present time, the most valuable publication of which I am aware. If its influence for positive, revolutionary, social change is to continue to grow, NSC will, of necessity, have to become international in form and content. "Canadian Friends of Soviet People" is now 5 years old. It's about time to change to: "International Friends of Socialism & Communism" - "Guided by the profound writings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin & Mao".

Those esteemed men were/are the most learned, the most effective teachers and leaders of the titanic struggle against the Capitalist System (with its obscene wealth and despicable poverty) the world has yet produced.

All honour to our heroes - the world's heroes.

-- Comradely Yours,  
Greg McClure

Yes, your suggestion for our future International Council will be on the Agenda for delegates to decide. Try and come yourself and personally propose this idea!

## LETTERS

**From:  
West Bank, B.C.**

*Our avid reader Olga Krimtschenko sends us important materials that we utilize from time to time. Her letter contains very down-to-earth sayings such as: "modern man has certainly not taken good care of the earth and now we are in danger from sun's rays"; "Yes, Christ must have been the first Communist"; "Most modern day churches use Christ's name in order to accumulate money". We sincerely thank Olga for supplying us with such materials, even though we cannot (for lack of space) always utilize them! Keep them coming, Olga!*

## WORLD'S WEALTH GAP WIDENS

Capitalist class in its Imperialist stage is amassing super profits due to the momentum of "downsizing" and "restructuring" - the profits of these giants have soared to 25% over the previous year.

*Fortune Magazine reported that "the Global 500 world's largest industrial and service companies had a profit of over \$11.4 trillion (U.S.) in revenue during 1996".*

It's a fact that not since the Industrial Revolution in the early 19th century had capital been so triumphant, so comprehensively and effortlessly, over labour. Or to put it another way, not since feudal times have money and power been concentrated among so few.

The net wealth of the world's 358 BILLIONAIRES is equal to the income of over 45% of the world's population - this is according to the United Nations Human Development

Report - and the world's population is now over 2.3 billion people.

- Political Secretariat of the

*Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin were certainly correct in their analyses of capitalism-imperialism!*

From: Times Colonist, B.C., Canada

## AIDS AND EBOLA VIRUSES MAN-MADE!

Dr. Len Horowitz of USA, on a lecture tour, presents proof and documentation that these deadly viruses sweeping the world were man-made. All the documentation points the finger to USA government which experimented with vaccines in its struggle against revolutionary movements of the world - experimenting first on monkeys, then on humans. Dr. Horowitz in his book links politics to the AIDS virus, links the many trusted vaccines and cancer, chronic fatigue, Gulf War Syndrome, and many others to the experiments in laboratories, some of them tied to the Pentagon. The book is called: EMERGING VIRUSES: AIDS AND EBOLA, by Dr. Len Horowitz.

**From:  
Edmonton, ALBERTA**

Enclosed cheque for NSC sub. renewal and a donation. I feel badly by the demise of the Soviet Union, and I wish I could share the same optimism as do some of the Northstar Compass readers, who feel that the break up of the Soviet Union is only a temporary setback. Now that the multi-national corporations have their foot stuck in the door, it will be very difficult to reverse the situation. United States undermined the Soviet Union and suckered them into an expensive arms race. U.S. could have deficit from the arms race financed indefinitely by printing more treasury bills and

selling them to the world's wealthy, thus creating a 5 trillion dollar debt, that they probably will never repay. The Soviets had to finance the arms race at the expense of their G.N.P.

Furthermore, the majority of the human race may never be ready for a Marxist ideology because of selfishness and greed. Organized religion is a major factor in supporting the status quo, and I am perturbed with most professed Christians who espouse individualism and a capitalistic dog-eat-dog system. The Muslim fundamentalists strap bombs and blow themselves up because the Koran states that it is a blessing to die for Islam. There are many forces on this planet that spend millions of dollars to undermine the meek and the weak.

– Nick Feschuk

*Yes, sometimes it seems that the obstacles are insurmountable in struggling against super-Imperialism and the apathy of the people. We feel that the Soviet people shall arise and if you'll read the letter from a 20 year old student from Kharkov, Ukraine, the optimism is there and it is the young people that will overthrow the mighty corporate power sooner than we realize!* □

### **From: Oakville, ONT.**

Here is a donation to NSC, and I shall donate on a regular basis.

NSC is easily the most valuable tool in understanding the struggle for socialism, more obviously a better life for all, in particular, the part of our world where it has been known.

Keep up the firm belief and product of commitment – the Northstar Compass. Let us remember that capitalism is exposing its true nature vividly to us all.

– Will Lambert □

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

### **“TRUTH – THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUTH” – WE SWEAR!**

*The book of 140-pages by writers-editors V.I. Nedashkovsky and Edward D. Oyaperv was sent to us by comrade Oyaperv. After reading the whole book, I was amazed at the facts, historical data, research, uncovering hidden facts that these two writers went through. Having read many books on events that started with “Perestroika” (Destroika – Editor), I can truthfully state that this book shows very succinctly, starting from 1987, as to what really was transpiring in the Central Committee of CPSU!*

*These authors, especially Edward Oyaperv, saw what was happening in 1980 to the Soviet Union, to the CPSU and foresaw the terrible danger that awaited the USSR. They, as good patriots, wrote letters to the Central Committee of CPSU, Presidium of CPSU, Politbureau of CPSU, to newspapers such as “Pravda”, “Izvestia”, “Literaturnaya Gazeta”, “Komsomolskaya Pravda”, “Socialist Industry”; to journals “Communist”, “Ogoniok”, “Znamya”, “Our Contemporaries”, “Oktiaber”, “Young Guard”, “Moskva”, “Neva” and “Man and Law”.*

*They also wrote directly to Gorbachev!*

*Of course, all their analyses, detailed research, appeals and criticism were ignored without even the decency of a reply that they were received. Most of the reasons given were that “it's up to the CC CPSU whether these articles shall be published”!*

Let us just quote a part of the Foreword by the authors:

“... The disinformation over a period of 30 odd years that was very carefully and psychologically

promoted to Soviet people worked on the principle of rumours which work as a pebble that is tossed into still water – the circles spread out geometrically – thus putting it into the context of a family where these rumours are planted, it involves first the wife, children, parents of the wife or husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, uncles, aunts, god-fathers, god-mothers, plus distant relatives become involved in this disinformation against the “deeds of Stalin”, “terror of repressions”. Besides all this, after Khrushchev came to power and started his campaign against Stalin, he did all possible to rehabilitate the “victims of Stalinism” – these so-called “victims of Stalinism” started to grow like mushrooms after a rain – and of course, when Khrushchev started (without any government laws being instituted) to pay money to all those who “suffered under Stalin” – the elements that were enemies of socialism and other opportunistic elements started an avalanche to demand payment, since they too “suffered under Stalin's terror”!

In this book, we utilized the letters and articles that we sent to all different party and state organs, including the Ministry of Justice – but all we received was “deathly silence”!

*Also, interesting archival facts are given ... here's just one item that will interest the reader.*

“According to people like Solzhenytsin, Volkogonov or Yakovlev and other anti-Sovieters, the Red Army lost close to 50 million soldiers in the Great Patriotic War and this is due to Stalin, who supposedly did not care about human life. These so-called ‘historians’ very sympathetically look at the losses of the German fascists. How could the Soviet Red Army lose close to 50,000,000 soldiers directly at the

front fighting if, according to the archives from the General Headquarters of the Red Army, only 29,000,000 men and women were called up for service? If this falsified logic is to be believed, then at the end of the Second World War, we would not have had one Red Army soldier that could have liberated Berlin and other countries of Europe!"



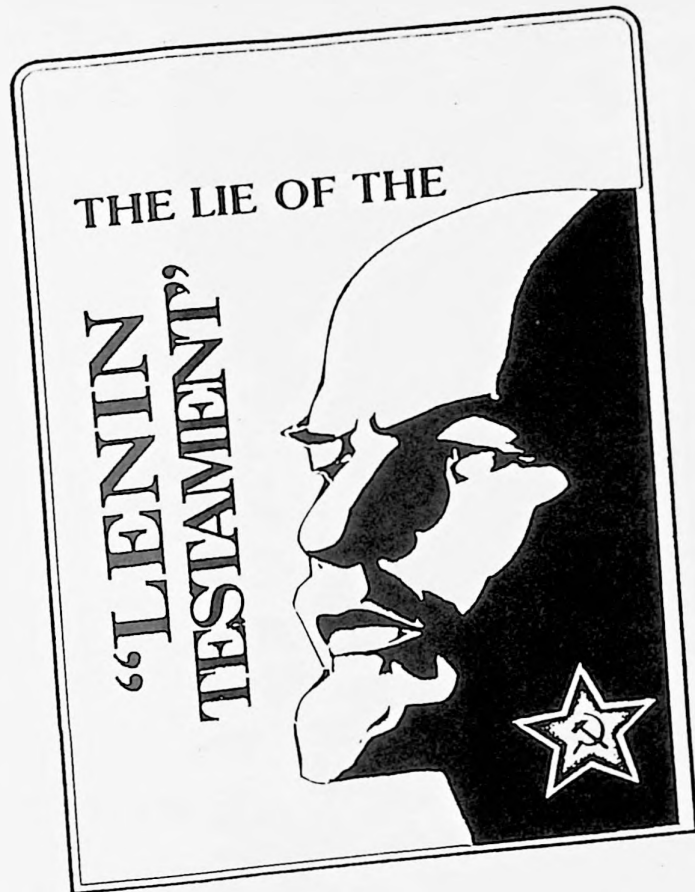
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КЛЯНЕМСЯ!

The book also contains a graphic chart of the growth of Soviet population from 1870 to 1995, from figures from Soviet and now Russian population statistics, showing where the loss of population took place.

The book is clear, with indisputable facts and figures, showing the leadership of J.V. Stalin as the great personality of this epoch, who managed to save the Soviet Union from Hitler's plans (these are also documented from the archives) when Hitler planned to liquidate in 25-30 years (if he won the war) over 120,000,000 Soviet people, thus making room for German expansion into the territory of USSR for German settlers and his Nordic allies.

We hope that finances shall be found to translate into English and publish this extremely important book.

Editors



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

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

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### **DZERZINSKI** (60 min. \$20.00)

Lenin appointed Dzerzinski to head the CHEKA (Internal Security) in order to fight the spies, counter-revolutionaries and internal enemies who, together with foreign agents, sabotaged, murdered and played havoc with daily life of people, building a new society.

### **MANCHURIA 1945** (30 min. \$15.00)

Film shows actual footage of the fight against militarist Japan and their defeat by the Red Army, plus the liberation of Manchuria.

### **CHRONICLE OF OCTOBER 1917** (30 min. \$15.00)

Showing events leading to 1917 October Revolution, with much archival material, documents and a look at historical places then and now.

### **APRIL REVOLUTION** (50 min. \$15.00)

The 1979 events in Afghanistan are shown and explained in detail. See the truth of what really happened!

### **VOICES FROM RUSSIA** (48 min. \$20.00)

An excellent video showing now the massive workers' marches of protest against the present regime of Russia on May Day and November 7th, plus interviews with Victor Anpilov of "Workers Russia".

### **SECRET LIVES OF TRAITOR KING** (120 min. \$22.00)

King Edward VIII of England is shown before the Second World War, and during, as the actual traitor in British monarchy, fully in contact and cooperating with Hitler. Actual BBC documentary footage. Historical gem, and BBC called the King a spy!

### **CUBA AGAINST THE ODDS** (30 min. \$15.00)

An anti-blockade film shows the world rallying to help Cuba, plus historical footage of Fidel Castro coming to power. Film shows present day life & the life of mafiosi during Batista reign, interview with Castro. Inspiring!

### **STRATEGY OF ACCELERATION** (80 min. \$20.00)

XXVII 1986 Congress of the CPSU and the new policy of perestroika and glasnost. Made by 39 cameramen and technicians.

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The siege of Leningrad will go down into history as the greatest struggle for survival of humanity; the courage, the tragedy and heroism of Soviet people.

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His life through photos, actual locations, documents and original film footage.

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Life of Maxim Gorky, his stay in Capri, his youth and return to USSR. Lots of original film footage.

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### **YOUTH FESTIVAL OF WFDY 1968 BULGARIA** (30 min. \$15.00)

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### **CONQUERORS OF THE UNIVERSE** (50 min. \$20.00)

The history of the development of the Soviet space program and technology.

### **V.I. LENIN** (30 min. \$15.00)

Historical footage of V.I. Lenin during pre-revolutionary and post-revolutionary days in Russia. This film is a classic.

### **ALEXANDER PUSHKIN** (30 min. \$15.00)

The great Russian poet and literary figure is shown and his influence on the Russian literature and culture.

### **BABI YAR** (40 min. \$15.00)

The Babi Yar massacre near Kiev – actual site, living witnesses and footage of captured documentary film taken by the fascists.

### **FIDEL RETURNS TO HARLEM** (30 min. \$15.00)

Fidel Castro on his visit to United Nations Organization, stops to give a talk in Harlem, New York to an overflow audience who gathered at the Abyssinian Baptist Church. This is an in-depth insight into the heroic and diplomatic Fidel Castro.

### **RUSSIA SECRETS** (160 min. \$25.00)

This award-winning video is based on actual footage done by cameramen, plus secret cameras that filmed the carnage of cannon and tank fire against the Supreme Soviet building (White House) and thousands of deaths in 1993. Film is in Russian only, but the graphics and story is so compelling that language is not a barrier. It is chilling, gruesome and this film will be used when the present traitors are brought to justice.