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## CREDO OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

Northstar Compass is the origin of the Organizing Committee to establish an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People in their struggles to restore the multinational Soviet Union as a Socialist State. Northstar Compass carries on the traditions of the "Hands Off Russia Committees" which was internationally established in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention. The aim of all Friends of Soviet People is international co-operation in building socialism and solidarity with the Anti-Imperialist forces of the world who are struggling and fighting against U.S. Imperialism - the main enemy of mankind. Northstar Compass is the voice of all the Friends of Soviet People.

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# RUSSIAN DUMA PRE-ELECTION NEWS

**W**ith elections to the Russian Duma coming in December, the newspapers that NSC receives are full of articles that present the situation that unfortunately is not very conducive to a fair or even legal procedures that the present regime is now putting into a full pre-election avalanche of attacks and promises. Below are just some items that readers will be interested in...and even perplexed!

## HOW MANY ELECTION BLOCKS ARE THERE?

- \*Stalin Block: Workers Russia-  
Officers for USSR  
*Leader - Victor Anpilov*
- \*Communists, Workers for  
Soviet Union  
*Leader - Victor Tiulkin*
- \*Party of Peace and  
Consent  
*Leader - S.Y.Umalatova*
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big business interests*
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*Leader - Zhirinovskiy*

By the above listing there are altogether Five "left" and also five "right" election blocks.

There were proposals by the Russian Communist Workers Party (Tiulkin) and Workers Russia (Anpilov) to unite into **Communists of Russia**" which was also supported by the "Union of Communist Parties-CPSU, which is headed by Oleg Shenin.

Not having achieved any united front - a real united Left Election Block - mostly due to the arrogance and the agenda of the leadership of CPRF (Zyuganov), the results are such that it will serve the present bourgeoisie plans of divide and rule.

With the law in force that stipulates that any election block must top the 5% barrier, it is evident that these 4 parties of the left, outside of the CPRF (*cushion which is one on which Yeltsin depends to sit in power*) are not going to get their members into the Duma, and, and even if some individuals get there, there's not much chance of them making any difference.

The strategy of the present regime, (which is backed by the West) is to let even the CPRF gain a majority in the DUMA, then in the months ahead, before the Presidential election in July of year 2000, let all the blame fall on these "communists" for the policies that are going to be pushed through by Yeltsin and company...thus pointing the finger at the "communists" for all the ills and thus presenting Yeltsin, Putin, Lebed a golden opportunity to easily swing into power, stronger than ever!

The shenanigans of billions of dollars that these five right-

wing parties are spending on TV and all media propaganda, cannot in the wildest dreams be matched or even come close by the left blocks. It costs \$40,000 US in order to have your message on TV for one minute. The right parties have money and do appear each week. Where are all of these finances coming from? Of course from the newly rich, from Western "friends" and from not paying for months the back wages to the workers, but using them for all of their pre-election promotion!

The Russian Communist Workers Party has fielded 270 candidates in Russia, while the CPRF has all districts covered with their own candidates. The Stalin Block candidates as of this date is not known.

It's going to be a bitter lesson for the Russian working class - not having had the absolute necessity to have one **SOLID LEFT BLOCK** to fight the might of the IMF, World Bank and NATO. But this lesson will solidify the real patriots - communists after, who do know that the Soviet Union and Socialism cannot be resurrected by parliamentary means.



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
LYDIA S.  
KARHU**

On your 90th Birthday, we wish you health and many more years of dedication to the resurrection of Soviet Union and Socialism.

May November 29th find you full of energy and always in a fighting spirit for peace and socialism.

Editorial board of NSC and Organizing Committee for an International Council

# NSC AND EDITOR AWARDED THE STALIN MEDAL

Dear comrade Lucas!

Please accept our comradely greetings on behalf of the Ukrainian Bolsheviks for further successes in the struggle for the resurrection of the USSR and of the Communist movement.



Committee of the "Party Award named after J.V.Stalin" has unanimously agreed to award you and the journal "Northstar Compass" this Stalin Medal in recognition of your dedicated work. We send you our sincere best wishes on this important award.



We would like to send our representative to you in Canada to personally award you

this Stalin Medal, but, unfortunately our finances will not permit this to happen, or, if it is possible for you to come to us in order to receive this medal at an official ceremony.

On this important occasion, let us again congratulate you and Northstar Compass on being awarded this Stalin Medal.

On behalf of the  
Central Committee of the  
Party of Communists  
(Bolsheviks) of Ukraine  
Y.Oyaperv  
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A.Kasiruk  
First Secretary

## LILY WHITE KLA?

*In a dispatch by Reuters, carried in the daily bourgeois newspapers (not on the front page of course) there was this item that should have had more publicity.*

### KOSOVO COMMANDER IS PROBED

Agim Ceku, the commander of the Kosovo Protection Corps (this is the fancy name NATO gave these KLA Albanian army cutthroats-Editor) set up just last month by NATO to help police, could be indicted for war crimes during the ethnic cleansing of Serbs by Croatian soldiers more than four years ago. It is now confirmed that this Croatian Army Brigadier who was the actual commander of the (NATO) Kosovo Liberation Army, is under investigation by the international war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. This is related to atrocities in Krajina between 1993 and 1995.

*It's interesting to ask as how did this Croatian General become the leader of the KLA? How many Croatians were in the KLA? Who was the mastermind? And why only now he is offered as a scapegoat in order to hide the real power behind the KLA and the break-up of Yugoslavia?* □

## Canadian waterboy for U.S. Imperialism



**AXWORTHY**  
Rapid response

According to the AP-CP News Services at the United Nations Organization, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy called for "a quick rapid response intervention in humanitarian crisis even if national sovereignty of that country is violated. There must be a doing-away with the UN Security Council veto powers, since that proved a stumbling block at the UN when NATO carried out aggression of Yugoslavia without UN approval?"

Also...another subservient servant of US Imperialism, the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan called for more active intervention by UN.

### COMMENT:

*There is NO longer a United Nations Organization as such as was perceived. It is dominated and dictated to by the United States and it has its lackeys to carry out their wishes.*



*US has now become the "democratic" armed bully and aggressor, which is fulfilling what Hitler tried but could not accomplish...domination of the world.* □

## **What's behind the demonstrations in Byelorussia?**

According to Associate Press, there were over 20,000 protesters marching in Minsk, protesting the proposed union between Russia and Byelorussia. Also, over the period of last year and growing bolder in intensity, these demonstrations have all the earmarks of other demonstrations that were organized in Yugoslavia, Romania, Bulgaria and other former socialist countries.

Who is behind these well organized and well financed demonstrations? Maybe it's the workers or farmers who toil in Byelorussia, trying desperately not to be ensnared by NATO expansion? No...it is the youth who seem to be well supplied with Western sneakers, jeans and other "democratic" attire. Why are they against the unity of brother Slavic peoples? If they would be against the present Yeltsin regime, we certainly would support this attempt to get rid of the traitorous clique that's in power in Russia now. But these students are egged on by promises from the West that when full-blown capitalism arrives in Byelorussia, they shall have "heaven on earth"!

Although Byelorussia is not a socialist republic as it was before, nevertheless it stirs a course which has to be sup-

ported because it is very anti-imperialist and anti NATO. No one is fooled that these demonstrations are genuine and represent the will of the Byelorussian people, who suffered such agony and showed such heroism fighting Nazi Germany during the Great Patriotic War.

Over 300,000 people signed a petition against President Lukashenko's economic policies and to support the campaign of demands instigated by the trade unions.

President Lukashenko spoke about the grievances with some disdain, sounding like so many others who were former Communists and now are heads of the former Soviet Republics. "If there are some workers who are unhappy, they only have themselves to blame," he was quoted as having said this."



## COMMENT

Besides the youth protesting in their Western sneakers, plus these workers, it is now unfortunate that the present government is not more attuned to the growing problems...in spite of the fact that Byelorussia is amongst the better economically run of former Soviet republics. Let us not forget that Imperialism shall utilize these disturbances for their very own ends and organize trouble and thus try to ensnare Byelorussia into their IMF orbit and eventually as a spearhead for a NATO membership pointing, right into the heart of Russia! □

## OBITUARY

In loving memory of the noble and unforgettable  
**CHARLOTTE CARTER**

founder and Editor of the former

**"NORTHERN NEIGHBORS"**

magazine in Canada.

It was a great publication about the Soviet Union and Socialism.

Lydia S. Karhu  
Cosmopolis, WA. USA

## WHO SAID THIS?

Capitalism...transforms land into real estate, folk culture into mass culture, and citizens into debt-ridden workers and consumers.

Soviet Jews who emigrated to Israel during the cold war era experienced a...disillusionment with the difficulties of the life and lack of idealism.

Michael Parenti

## NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

# Terrorist attacks against Vyborg workers!

By Helena

On October 14th at 2 am a group of gunmen assaulted the administration building of Vyborg Pulp and Paper Mill. This mill is well known as the first peoples enterprise in Russia. Three years ago it was sold to a British firm "Nimonor", but the Russian workers not being paid their wages by this British firm for months, took over the mill and have been running it since then.

On October 14th the terrorists used tear gas and truncheons against the defending workers who were on the night shift and offered resistance. The attackers opened gun fire against the unarmed workers. Eleven workers were seriously wounded while these terrorists, hired by the owners of the mill took eight people hostage, including women and a wounded worker. They are held on the second floor of the building. It is now known that these police are part of a Special Assault Police Force. No medical help is allowed to come to the injured workers and no journalists are allowed to visit the mill.

The regional administration spokesmen said that the special police were under orders of a local court and acted on behalf of the British owners of the mill. They were given the task to "cleanse the territory of the mill of those who illegally took over the mill and prevented the true owners from running it."

These special police detachment, failing to seize the mill, seized the hostages and barricaded themselves inside the administration building.

The Vyborg workers are not going to give up and will keep on fighting for their mill and pay. International solidarity is needed to help these striking workers.

*The Editorial Board of NSC and the Organizing Committee for an International Council of Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People have sent protests to the Governor of Leningrad Region as well as a letter of support to the Workers Committee, plus to the Russian Duma Deputy, V. Grigoriev.*

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM VYBORG...

It was reported by our comrades that the Vyborg workers won this battle at a cost of many workers being dead and others wounded. The special police had been forced to release the hostages and abandon the building.

Readers of NSC are asked to protest this action to their governments and demand that the authorities who have ordered these killings should be put on trial. Labour solidarity is needed now more than ever! □

**YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT NSC? WRITE!**

FROM  
**BRYANSK KOMSOMOL**  
BRYANSK, RUSSIA

## **YOUNG BOLSHEVIKS ARE MARCHING!**

At the end of 1980's when the old Komsomol organization was in its last stages, due to the policies of Krushchev and the coming of Gorbachev's "perestroika", in the country there were already started to be organized young Bolsheviks-Leninists and Stalinists during 1988-1989. All of these groupings were affiliated around the United Front of Workers, Movement of the Communist Initiative, and the All Union Society "Unity", for Leninism and Communist Ideal - plus the Bolshevik Platform inside the CPSU.

After the CPSU was banned and disbanded and the appearance of new Communist parties, such as the AUCPB and the RCWP and others, there took place a rebirth of young communist organizations. One of the first to be organized was in spring of 1992 in Leningrad - the All Union Young Guard of Bolsheviks.

AYGB is now existing on all of the territory of the former Soviet Union. We struggle for the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

The first Branch in Bryansk was in 1994 and it was fully formed in April of 1995. We, as members are very active in all demonstrations, pickets and giving out leaflets and selling party literature and newspapers. From 1996 we started to publish our newspaper "Soviet Youth" which is now the central organ of the All Union Young Guard of Bolsheviks.

The young Bolsheviks of Bryansk will always defend

socialism and struggle for the resurrection of the Soviet Union. We appeal to all youth to join us, to students, to working youth...join us and together we will struggle against the pres-

ent anti-people's regime!

**G.Mauzer**  
Member of the All Union  
Young Guard of Bolsheviks

## **Slippery road of Compromising...**

FROM NEWSPAPER  
**SADOVOE KOLCO**  
MOSCOW

With anxiety and hope the Soviet people awaited the presidential election in 1996, patriots, deluded communists and ordinary workers, put all their hopes after the dismemberment of the USSR on the candidate from the CPRF G.Zyuganov. Besides all this, people were under the impression that the successes for the Russian Duma in 1995 set the stage to go from this period into an organized Communist takeover over the country. Not to take advantage of this euphoria and success at the elections would be very foolish and stupidity. The opportunity was such that it was enough to proceed at this momentum and not make even simple mistakes.

As reality and history showed us, the victory of 1996 also showed very vividly that the patriotic forces who won did not have the wish or political will to continue the struggle. By sinking into the euphoria that a win is possible through parliamentary means, we have put ourselves into a corner.

The leadership of the Communist Party of Russian Federation is promoting an illusion that through parliamentary means you can change the society. In imitation of this

parliamentary illusion the people were hoodwinked into a belief that this path shall bring back socialism. This was also shown that even the organization by the CPRF of Peoples Patriotic Union, which events in 1998 showed that it achieved unity only formally.

The representatives of this Patriotic Union and CPRF that are in the Russian Duma have already shown that its cooperating fully with the present criminal regime and thus gave it legitimacy.



*Gennady  
Zyuganov*

It came to such an impasse that comrade T. Avalian was suspended and there was a split in this Patriotic Union. The defection into the ranks of

the present regime by their deeds of supporting certain policies of Yeltsin's regime was and is evident by the manner in which these "communist deputies" vote. Knowing how some of these CPRF leaders acted when they were in the CC CPSU, many Communists do not want anything to do with them. Inside the leadership of the CPRF there is a growth of not only petty-bourgeois elements, but bourgeoisie orientated leadership. The marriage of these new bourgeoisie and the old clique of the CPSU shows in their adoption of the program of privatization of the means of production.

The appointment or "election" of Governors across Russia is one of the means of befuddling the people into believing that they are "Red Governors" members of the CPRF. The Zyuganovites cover themselves with communist phraseology, and utilizing the feelings of their members as Communists for socialism, they are proceeding to their own program of compromising their positions in line with the present bourgeois regime.

Such policies, on behalf of Communists shall bring the death knell to the communist movement and physical annihilation of those who are really dedicated communists.

The Russian Duma (including majority of communists) adopted the 1999 budget, which in fact means the destitution of the majority of Soviet people. This Russian Duma, in spite of the majority of members of the CPRF as deputies, agreed to accept Chernomidryn, Kirienko, Ste-pashin and Primakov.

The correspondent from newspaper "Pravda 5" who was at the session of the Russian

Duma which was discussing for months the impeachment of Yeltsin wrote that: "The Duma is the last refuge of scoundrels!"

Leaders in the CPRF became not the dedicated, devoted and energetic patriots, but slippery souls who just want to have a warm seat, good pay, privileges and not rock the regime. Gennady Zyuganov in 1993 became a leader of the CPRF by a fluke, since he never built up the party, did not involve himself in this work, since his old habits in the CC CPSU prevailed. In these last five years he has shown very clearly that the CPRF has become a surrogate of religion and all ills of the former CPSU after 1953. He led the CPRF to this last stand where they sold the great Motherland to the bourgeois. The leading members are afraid of the ferment that is starting to bubble up in the masses, they're still living in the dying inactive days of the former CPSU.

There is only one alternative for Communists - no to be an active participant in the tasks of these present capitalist pseudo-communist activity. We must be together with the working class, shoulder to shoulder and not take part in the bourgeois parliamentary illusions since the ruling class shall not go aside without a struggle.

He is not a Marxist or a Communist, who upon encountering a problem towards the resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism, then tries a road that is slippery and eventually leads to defeat.

I must quote the words of Andrew Rublev "all stupidity and meanness humanity had already went through, now it takes only to repeat them."

In front of each person this truth appears: "To be or avoid being, be a Communist or patiently listen to the intrigues of the leader and agree with him. There is no other choice!" □

FROM NEWSPAPER  
"GLASNOST"  
MOSCOW



*Below we publish the official Statement by the UCP-CPSU to call for a unified front for the December DUMA elections.*

Comrades!

The Secretariat of the Council of the UCP-CPSU has outlined its position on this question already in January of 1999 to the Plenum of the CC CPRF about the questions of tactics with the forthcoming elections to the Duma. Looking at this very important question, and, also taking into account the differences that appear to disunite the Communist parties, we feel that we must again appeal to you on this question.

As is known, we already in 1998 at the XXXL Congress of UCP-CPSU appealed to all the former Soviet republics and their communist parties to join into one United Communist Block for the December 1999 Duma elections. This question was unanimously adopted by all of the delegates at this Congress, including all of the delegates of CPRF and RCWP

In this regard we had many meeting of the leadership of the parties that are part of our UCP-CPSU. As everyone ones, inside our Union of Communist Parties-CPSU there are united 20 parties, movements and organizations.



At these meetings we felt that our positions came closer together on many questions of content and tactics. There were only two points that were not resolved...the name of the election block and the quantitative representation in the United election block. There was a suggestion that the name of the block could have been "Communists, Patriots of Russia" The quantity of representation from all the communist parties in elections of candidates, could have been left to ALL the local party organization across Russia.

We feel that if this unity could take place than the dreams of the people and the possibility of having a majority in the Duma is real. If we do not agree on this, then the end result can be catastrophic.

#### Council of the UCP-CPSU

#### COMMENT

*As is known to our readers now, this heartfelt Appeal by Oleg Shenin, Head of the UCP-CPSU went unheeded and now there are five left blocks in the elections for the Duma next month. That is unfortunate and it obviously shows that there are more differences than meets the eye and more opportunists than is needed. We feel that if the biggest communist party, the Communist Party of Russian Federation (CPRF) had put its dedication to this UNITY, all other parties would come in. The RCWP as well as the Stalin Block (Victor Anpilov) also asked for a united block, but the aim was ignored.*

*Soviet people shall now draw the proper conclusions before the presidential elections in July of year 2000!* □

**ARISE, YOU MIGHTY LAND!**



## "DEMOCRACY" "ALA KUCHMA"

Maybe, when this news item shall be published in NSC, the results of the first tour of elections in Ukraine shall be known. But, in order for our readers to draw the proper conclusion, it is necessary to know in what atmosphere the election campaign was held.

The radio station "Freedom" likes very much to use the words "democracy". This station is sponsored by the West, tells us that "democracy" came after we had "communist totalitarianism". In the Ukrainian language, this radio station "Svoboda-Freedom" which always uses such titles as: "Democratic steps in Ukraine", "State and our democracy", "Presidential election -freedom of opportunity and choice".

How is it "democratic" or "equal opportunities" for the different candidates now in Ukraine to choose the president of Ukraine? The fact is

that the opportunities are only in the hands of one candidate, in the hands of Kuchma. The "opportunities" for others are not there - they're not allowed time on the radio or in the governmental very controlled press. The opposition newspapers are hampered even in getting newsprint to publish their newspapers. Here I would like to give the readers just one example in one of the biggest industrial centers in Ukraine - Lugansk.

When the First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Ukraine, P. Simonenko came to Lugansk to meet the electorate, he was refused the before agreed to premises -Palace of Culture named after Lenin. This presidential candidate had to meet the electorate on the steps, outside the Palace of Culture! Where did this take place? Somewhere down in a "banana republic"? No, it was in the "independent" Ukraine!

The same scenario also happened to all other "left" candidates for president.

In his last term, Kuchma appointed as a "Governor" in the main region of Ukraine, G. Fomenko. Kuchma before was very happy with the work of this Governor - as a matter of fact he awarded him a medal-

*There are demonstrations across former USSR.*



Yaroslav Mudry. Just lately this friend of Kuchma was relieved of his post; because he was not able to guarantee the absolute parliamentary victory for Kuchma and company of a "party in power", which in this important region of Ukraine suffered a major defeat. Fomenko now is heading the election campaign for Alexander Moroz. Because of that this former friend of Kuchma on August 27th was severely beaten up by "unknown assailants".

Was this in Colombia or in Salvador? No, it was in our "Independent:" Ukraine.

Three Communist Deputies of the Ukrainian Government shared a common office where they met the electorate. Just before the election this meeting room for the 3 Communist Deputies was taken over, all documents seized. The attempt by these duly elected Communist Deputies to find out as to what happened and who is to blame. It was useless! The Kuchma administration did not even want to meet them and they were told that this meeting room was "already rented".

Ukrainian militia arrests and holds anyone who tries to put up their election posters in the city, of all "left" candidates. They are told that they can only put all leaflets up in "designated places". But, there are NO designated places in the city at all. The Mayor of Lugansk then stated to the press that "there's no money to put up these stands".

To help Kuchma in his election campaign for President, there was a special organization formed, called "Zlagoda-Accord", where the government forced teachers, doctors, students, and civil servants to join. Those directors of departments that refused to be part of this "Zlagoda"- these people are now under suspicion, their deductions from pays is raised, they are in-

spected for no reason at all...they're even threatened to be fired from their work.

Does this not tell us and shows all of us concretely that Ukraine now has embarked into an era of "democracy", that all candidates have the "same opportunities"? Let us be correct, Lugansk is not just an example of one city, it's a typical city and also a clear "window" on the "Democracy ala Kuchma"! □

FROM  
"PERSPECTIVE"  
SEVASTOPOL, UKRAINE

## TEACHERS ARE STARTING... BUT LOSING!

Many times in previous years the teachers started to strike and protest in order to get their back pay. No amount of protests and/or demands by teachers themselves produced results. The economic situation is getting worse, and the teachers more and more write letters of protests to the government, starting even hunger strikes. But to no avail...what is missing?

The successes of teacher strikes are just episodes that the present Ukrainian bourgeois government cares nothing about and not worth the spit from high above. The present bourgeois government pays attention to the teachers only when it serves their purpose. They do not listen to the "inteligencia" because, unlike the working class, they are not apt to bang with their fists and take a tough forthright workers stand. The present regime only listens and then tries to put out the fire with promises when the fires of discontent are burning and the working

class in on the march. The present regime only listens to demands when their positions are threatened by a really united working class.

The workers produce the tangible goods and the state has to deal with the discontent when it arises. The products of the teachers is of another variety. The end product of the teachers are the students who might reach the working force, two or three years hence. Then the actual worth of these workers shall bring in results for the bourgeois regime...thus the teachers have no actual clout over the capitalist regime since their products are not as tangible as that of the present working class.

Thus the strikes and demands of the teachers are often ignored by the state, since they do not bring in profit to the capitalist class at this time. The teachers unions, unfortunately are doing their demands in exclusion from the rest of the working class in other industries, thus, the end results are foreseen - failure.

The only present effective demands are by the working class who produce the profits for the state and capitalists. The upsurge of workers demands, work stoppages, loss of productivity and thus profits for the bourgeoisie, and thus the actual results are seen and felt on the economy and profits for the capitalists and their foreign investors and masters.

The only success that the teachers can have is in unison and cooperation with the industrial working class. But at this time, unfortunately this is not happening very quickly.

For the teachers the present situation demands cooperation, unity and joint actions by the working class against the exploiters. The teachers alone



cannot stand very aloof as "intelligencia", above the aims of the working class. Only in this way can they have reasonable success in getting their back pay, standard of living and jobs. Alone they shall be dispersed. Together they shall gain a victory.

The teachers should start the process of solidifying and expanding their efforts in collective cooperation with the working class. This guarantees success. The cooperation and synchronization of all strikes, demands and other actions of the army of workers is needed now, not later!

Konstantin Kolontaev

## Is it necessary for our Soviet people to have a President?

By B.M. Dzehohov

Editor of

"Bolshevik of the Caucasus"

Let us remind ourselves as to what the present presidents did for the people during the past years of raw capitalism. Let us look at and know who are these presidents? As in the Russian Republic and in the Republic of Adygeya (near Chechniya where the problems are now - Editor) these presidential republics are in essence anti-peoples and illegal.

Why? Because, they trampled down the Soviet State - that means that they usurped power and rode over the will of the people! They robbed the natural resources, they also siphoned out the finances of the people, factories are either sold or are standing empty, unemployment now is such that people are starving to death and many suicides. This means that these new presi-

dents have transformed the leading working class of the world, plus all the collective workers into a devastated milieu of unemployed masses. It is now practically impossible for the majority of people to lead a normal safe and healthy life. Our country is the richest in the world in raw materials and enough materials and production capacity to have a plentiful life, besides exporting the surpluses across the borders as we were doing during Soviet rule. But, these resources are now exported to foreign countries at absolutely cheap prices, which in turn brings huge profits to impe-



Boris Yeltsin



rialism - these present politics are anti-peoples and robbery.

Even president Clinton of USA, talking to foreign Western leaders said, "under no circumstances shall we allow the Communists to come to power in Russia or other former republics! If we do this, we shall lose Russia - as the richest raw material base in the world and they could supply those riches not only to Europe, USA, Canada, Israel, but other countries as well." This was written up in the newspaper- "Our Truth" on June 11, 1996.

In the Republic of Adygeya the tractor building complex, car building complex and agricultural collective farms are all idle and ruined, like the collective farm "Caucus" in the Krasnoguardejsk region.

Besides all this, the fruit farms and vegetable farms are all ruined, orchards are also ruined, and all the meat-packing plants are closed...all these former abundant products are not available for the people. All of these products are now imported and only the rich people are able to buy all they want. The young people and the elderly are in a terrible position-they are not able to be speculators. This in turn sees the epidemic of sicknesses that before were all eradicated and the health care is in ruins...only those that can afford can have the treatments.

Besides all this, the birth rate has fallen drastically, while the death rate is soaring. Today our people are at the mercy of the West and are depended upon them for subsistence. All of the above is robbery, illegal actions and traitorous policies of all of these "presidents".

The whole economy is under the control of the officially sanctioned state speculators. The terrible conditions that the pensioners find themselves in is that after going to the market to buy little subsistence needs, they go home without a penny in their pockets...they have to wait until their miserly pensions arrive - and it does not always arrive.

It is a fact, that more and more people are beginning to understand... that US Imperialism has no need for Russian people, they're looked upon as a burden to world imperialism. US and world Imperialism is interested only in the riches found in Russia - all of its natural resources, nothing else matters!



*In a very interesting analyses from which we just quote some snippets, our readers will get to know the thinking of RCWP regarding the present Russian Duma and its left "loyal opposition"*

\*How many times did the present regime of Yeltsin, Primakov, Putin, Chernomydrin threaten to dissolve the Duma, to make all the Communists in (CPRF) illegal...using all the the courts, military, executive powers? Countless times, and yet, the Duma with its majority of CPRF "communists" keeps on flowing along peacefully and merrily!

\*Unfortunately most dedicated people still believe that this party (CPRF) is the most bitter enemy of the present regime. If this is really the case, with all of those threats since 1993 et al, why is it that the CPRF deputies are still enjoying all the cushy jobs, the perks and everything else that goes with it? We feel that the author V.Kumsachev in an excellent article called "Elections '99" in the paper "Russian Journal" wrote: "The present Left Duma in these Kremlin's Chimes - is a very important and necessary driving gear"!

The CPRF Duma members are the gears through which nearly all the bourgeois privatization, and of the selling of the natural resources etc. are helped by this "gear" to become law.

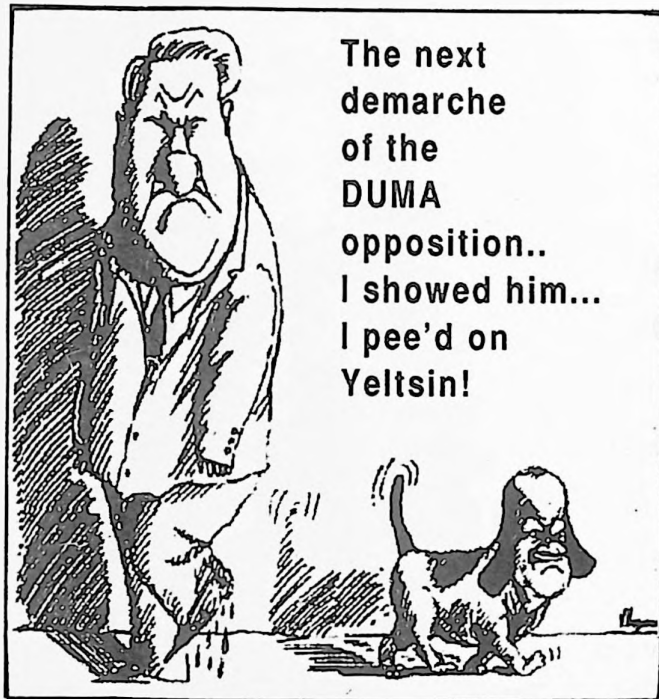
The thinking of the bour-

geoisie is very clever...let the Duma's "left opposition" yell and scream, let all of them make gains in the eyes of the people, this shall. help us to win the *Presidential election*-which is the only supreme law-making *Executive Power!*

The statement by the RCWP says it very well: "Communists well know and do understand, that through speeches in the Duma, or any other proposal coming from the "left" Duma, shall not overturn capitalism in Russia, but only a Socialist

Revolution can eliminate the present regime and resurrect the Soviet Union and Socialism.

*The cartoon printed below illustrates even more than words as to how even the present capitalist class looks at the "left loyal opposition" in the Russian Duma. The communists in the CPRF (Zyuganov) are nothing but a nuisance, capable only to pee on the legs of Yeltsin! Good gesture, but certainly not very revolutionary!*



## RETRIBUTION FOR THE CRUCIFIXION OF RUSSIA

BY FELIX GORELIK

*Translated by Alex Sturgeoff*

Boris, you never will escape  
 The peoples' fullest fury:  
 The peoples' court will surely  
 have its say.

For Soviets that you have  
 missshaped  
 People will be the jury:  
 For tears, for blood --  
 for all you'll have to pay.

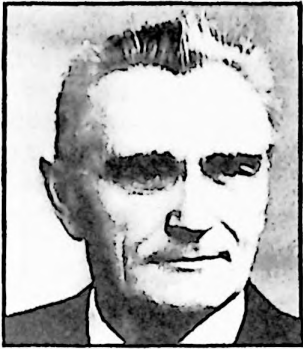
Ostankino executions,  
 Torching of House of Soviets,

Chechnya's now in ruins,  
 thanks OMON.  
 You had crucified our nation,  
 You will pay for all lost assets,  
 Also for each and every  
 painful groan.

Mausoleum--peoples' treasure.  
 Lenin's an eye sore to you;  
 You crave to ax his labours  
 and his soul.  
 To you no greater pleasure  
 Than to have a wrecking crew  
 Lenin's remains dump in  
 some wretched hole.



PROFESSOR  
VLADIMIR  
HERASYMCHUK



We publish this article in full by our reader and Chairman of the new Workers-Ukraine-Canada Society.

## Nationalism and Religion

Nationalism and religion! Can we say that there is something common in these two terms? If we follow the bible it says that there is only one god. While all the people - they're children of Adam. But it seems that in present "independent" Ukraine this is now the history that is being taught or promoted. Here in this regard, the Kiev newspaper "Express" wrote and interviewed Professor Yuri Kanigin who came upon this "revelation". According to this Professor, who is backed by the Educational Ministry of Ukraine, Jesus Christ was not a Jew at all. Besides, all the apostles were not Jews either, except for Judas. So they were all Ukrainians, more to the point, they were Galicians (*from that part of Western Ukraine called, Galicia - Editor*).

To carry it to its logical conclusion, this means that you could prove (according to this professors' study) that Jesus was the first soldier of the SS Galichina that served Hitler?!

Further, Kanigin states that we, as Ukrainians have unbelievable talents, above every other race, the talents we Ukrainians have are more than

2 times those of Japanese, Germans or Chinese. Why, if this is the case, that Ukraine, peopled by such extremely super-race talented people have to depend more and more for help and subsistence from the West...and from those Germans? Those nations that are mentioned above, have a lower intellect level than we Ukrainians, then where is this Ukrainian super-intellect that Professor Kanigin expounds upon?

It looks that the question is not about Jesus or the generations that followed. This is a plot by the present regime through this professor to bring about an underhanded interpretation of history to serve future plans. Let him expound this "super race theory" since he overlooks on purpose that the present "new Ukrainians" are systematically robbing the people, the majority which are Orthodox Ukrainians. To him the present situation is in second place, because all the Ukrainian nationalists and Catholics state that heaven awaits us after!

He also proclaimed that after the great flood, the world started its rebirth from the Ukrainian lands. The human basis for people was laid in Ukraine and by Ukrainians! All the necessary needs of the people, language, culture and believes - all this comes from us - Ukrainians. Yes of course it is! But, also hidden in this "nonsense" is another current. In it is the kernel of a seed (*to be nurtured*) of a social order for the future. He states that the basic people on this planet are Ukrainians. While Russians, Byelorussians - are only their branches.

His statement is that **there shall always be such hatred between all Ukrainians and Russians(?!)** I'm certain that the readers of NSC shall see through all this, as to what future plans are being hatched by this Ukrainian nationalist!

Oh yes, now there are being propounded all sort of theories and supported by powers that be, in order to prove that Ukrainians are not even Slavs but some other race. Another example is being publicized by a historian Zheleznyj, who for months on end is being published in the Kiev newspaper "Tovarish" (*to us it is strange that this, so-called progressive publication should now publish such terrible lying trash - Editor*) that Ukrainians are not Slavic but come from Turkey! This is meant to "prove" that since all Ukrainians are not Slavic, they have nothing in common with Russians, or Byelorussians.

Although these "experts" argue endlessly about our past, this is done in order to try and take the minds of people off their daily problems which are getting so acute that people are committing suicides, emigrating and other ills caused by the rape of Ukraine by foreign monopolies.

It might be a paradox, but the freedom and possibilities to believe and practice your beliefs were guaranteed by the Soviet Union. The Church was separated from the State and they co-existed in peace. It is true that during the Great Patriotic War, the State and the Church united as one in order to fight against a common enemy.

What happened to the church during "perestroika" euphoria? Facts now show that amongst the religious sects there was found many unbelievers, anti-Christians, never believing in god, or in the devil. Because these elements were themselves devils! Their 'Religiousness' now has also a hidden meaning and plan. The church now has taken upon itself a very clever political-reactionary role, sometimes supporting violence, hooliganism and even terror. The most active supporters of these "born again Christians" are

the present Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists.

The internal struggle in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church started with the work of Metropolitan Filaret. He had tremendous financial support from the West and his ambitions knew no bounds. He preached an anti-Russian doctrine in order to split the Russian Orthodox Church. He did this (*with the connivance and help from the Vatican-Editor*) in order to split the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and to place it under Ukrainian nationalistic slogans and influence.

This struggle, before the Second World War and during the World War II was such that as an example in the city of Lutsk, the nationalists organized hooliganism and demolished also many Orthodox churches, and the sermons in these churches were no different than the speeches by Ukrainians nationalists who were in cooperation with German Fascism. The message was to separate the Russian Orthodox believers from all of the Ukrainian Orthodox believers. Is this what religion should do, split the believers of one and the same belief? It was only correct that this Filaret was expelled from the Russian Orthodox Church. This is the plan and dictate of Western Imperialism. While god, understandably, in this scenario does not count!

The aims of the former nationalists, as of the present ones, is to split the unity of the Russian and Ukrainian people and steer them towards the West and Rome. All propaganda and all of the media at this time is working overtime.

Yes, the push by the West to Catholicize Ukraine now is gaining momentum. We cannot make mistakes this time as was done by the Kiev Metropolis and let the Uniates oversee this break up of one people and one belief.

These elements are one thing, the people have another mind of their own as was shown in our history. At every difficult moment in our history, when the enemy was near our gates, the Slavic people united together as one and this saved us. And now, while over Russia, Ukraine and Byelorus-

sia there is a threat, and when danger threatens to engulf all of the Slavs, we must unite together. It is necessary for all of believers and non-believers, to come together within one united front and stand up for the defense of our Motherland.

**In unity there is strength! □**

PROFESSOR  
VLADIMIR  
HERASYMCHUK

## Nationalism and the Army!

Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists ever loudly demand the so-called "building-up" of the "Independent Ukraine". In this respect they try to present themselves as the ONLY ones that want a strong national army, that will defend Ukraine against an enemy. Is this so?

Of course every country tries to defend its sovereignty. When the October Revolution was successful, the Soviets appealed to the workers and peasants to help defend the country against foreign intervention. This was done as was the case during the Great Patriotic War, we defended Soviet Union against foreign and internal enemies of all ilk.

How did the so-called "Ukrainska Rada" behave after the end of the First World War and defeat of Germany and after the establishment of Soviet power in USSR? This nationalist puppet of the West, even at the time of 1918-24 started to sabotage the defense of the USSR and cooperated with the foreign invaders that tried to throttle the young Soviet State. It tried and in many cases succeeded to get the Ukrainian troops from the front and pit them against the Bolsheviks during the civil war. It cooperated and let through its territory all the counter-revolutionary armies, such as that of Kaledin.

But these Ukrainian nationalists as all of the other enemies of the revolution suffered a tremendous defeat.

*Officers in Lutsk during Day of Victory. Holding the red flag is Red Army Major Kuzminsky, a Soviet Veteran.*





They were beaten thoroughly by the Internationalist Soviet Army and it showed that nationalism does not serve the interests of the people, which includes the Ukrainian people.

But this nationalistic vampire did not give up. In 1929 in Vienna, Austria there was organized the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists. It was headed by a certain Colonel Konovalets. During the year there appeared in this OUN a son of a priest Stepan Bandera. Together the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists and the Ukrainian Underground Army (OUN-UPA) was in the pay of the forming German Gestapo. How could these elements call themselves patriots, when their Motherland was Austria and Germany?

When during the Second World War, Hitler with all the might and help from the West at his disposal attacked the Soviet Union, these Ukrainian nationalistic bands joined the Fascists and attacked their own country and murdered fiercely their own people. How can anyone call this an "army" when these bandits hid in caves, in forests and other places and attacked only at night the unarmed population and raped, terrorized their own brothers and sisters?

The German Fascists, after pleas from these nationalists, and knowing what these elements are capable of, formed these divisions and groupings - "Nachtingal", "Roland Div." -

"Volyn Legion", "Bukovionian Kuren", "SS Galichina" and the "Schutzmannschaftbatallion-202" - and other groups in order to fight the Red Army and terrorize their own people and other nationalities.

These "Yellow-blue Nazis" wrote the writer Yaroslav Galan - they became the fifth column, taking part in killing Poles, Jews, Ukrainians and other people who took arms against German fascists. Arms

mines, rifles, dynamite, cannons and all other killing machines needed to kill people were supplied by the Germans.

The present Ukrainian nationalists, at the dictate of Uncle Sam have dismantled the defense umbrella of the Soviet Union now and even of the "Independent Ukraine" whom these "leaders" say that they're defending against "foreigners". Uncle Sam was laughing in glee when the arms manufacturing conglomerate "Yuzhmash" in the Ukraine did not agree to produce the rockets "SS-18"! To whom (if not to NATO) did the present Ukrainian government promise to discharge and dismantle the only airplane that the USA was afraid of, the bomber "TU-160" and "TU-95Mc" which was the best aircraft the world has seen.

brothers. Madam Albright said that Ukraine is in the strategic zone for USA and is the strategic partner in future plans for NATO. What are these "strategic aims" that US has? It is no secret...it's the further dismemberment of Russia and even of Ukraine itself. So, these "independent Ukrainian nationalists" are extremely in a great hurry to give Ukraine up to NATO and Uncle Sam, before its too late! With the help of our nationalists at the helm of Ukraine, they're helping the USA to be the world policeman, which includes Ukraine, Russia and Europe.

But, no one can divide our Slavic people like they did the Black Sea Fleet. Well, we Ukrainians, Russians, Byelorussians and other Slavs have a common bond and history

*These are the trainees of the Ukrainian National Guard, the future Nationalists! Will their Mothers be proud of them?*



Yes, disarmament is noble and must be put eventually into practice. But, now Ukraine is disarming and pushing hard to get into NATO, the USA has beefed up its Atomic Energy Planning Defense Committee! Besides all this, NATO boots are already trampling over the Ukrainian soil. Army training exercises, directed by NATO Generals are in full swing, US tanks, cannons and rockets are on Ukrainian soil - all aimed at our own people.

Against all logic, the present Ukrainian nationalist government has divided our best defense, Black Sea Fleet...thus selling out their own Slavic

and future. As the contemporary Ukrainian writer Ivan Drozd wrote: "The people of Ukraine-Russia always wanted to be together and united. Centuries has shown us that Russia, Ukraine and others shall either live together, or together shall be thrown out of the world's economy and politics".

Ukrainian people, its working class are struggling for the unity of the Slavs and all Soviet people, to the rebirth of our mighty Army, which for the past 70 years stood on guard for the people of the world and of the Soviet State - which also included Ukraine.



ALL ARE FORGOTTEN  
 EVERYTHING IS  
 FORGOTTEN  
 ALL IS DRUNK  
 AND ALL IS SOLD,  
 EVERYTHING SACRED  
 IS DEMOLISHED.

From newspaper  
 "Tovarish", Ukraine

## OBITUARY

### JOSEPH NORTH

In loving memory of the noble and unforgettable Joseph North. North was a great working-class journalist, writer and a courageous reporter in Spain during the Civil War. He was also an author of the extraordinary book "No Men are Strangers" and of several books on Socialism and the Soviet Union. Above all, Joseph North was an outstanding leader of the Communist Party of the USA and a Working-class Hero!

Lydia S. Karhu

## NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

# The plundering of Russia is proceeding at a fantastic pace!

*Was the above headline written by any of the numerous communist newspapers in Russia, or, uttered by the leading leaders of some Communist Parties?*

*Absolutely not! It was anti-Soviet newspaper in Toronto, Canada, called The Sun and also by its writer who certainly has no love, understanding or admiration for anything that even looks "left"!*

*If this Matthew Fisher, who is on a temporary assignment in Russia is able to dig up this terrible indictment of life under Capitalism in Russia, sometimes we at NSC wonder as to why the patriotic movements there cannot unite their ranks and even on this issue alone organize the population in order to get rid of these tyrants, that even Western capitalists apologists have a hard time making excuses for?*

*Below we publish this article in full, with thanks to Matthew Fisher, the globetrotting correspondent of the Toronto Sun newspaper.*

It's a wonder and a disgrace that anyone in Washington-based IMF or in the Clinton White House is surprised by the allegations that senior officials in Moscow stole between US\$10 billion and US\$15 billion and stashed it in the West.

As Bill Clinton, John Major, Helmut Kohl and Jean Chretien were slapping Boris Yeltsin on his back in the lavish, renovated state rooms of the Kremlin a couple of years ago,

congratulating the Russian president for having transformed his country into a market economy, and doing everything they could to encourage Yeltsin's countrymen to reelect him, the plundering of Russia was already proceeding at a fantastic pace.

Even VIPs traveling to Moscow for just one or two days in a cocoon of bodyguards and advisors could have got a sense of what was going wrong there if they wanted to. Sweeping into the capital in high speed motorcades, they would have to be blind not to notice that although Russia has always a begging bowl out, there are far more top-of-the-line Mercedes-Benz and BMW sedans on the road than in any western city except, perhaps Beverly Hills, Ca., USA.

It is not uncommon to see \$100,000 black Mercedes-Benz 4x4s bearing presidential administration plates parked until the wee hours of the morning outside casinos where weapons scanners and sky betting limits are de regeur. It is the same obscene story near outrageously expensive hotels such as the Metropol and the National or even Russia's State Bank.

While swarms of babushka's (women) beg for kopecks in the Metro tunnels nearest the Kremlin, fleets of chauffeur-driven German luxury sedans wait for thousands of faceless politicians and bureaucrats.

Western investigators would do well to talk to foreign businessmen and financiers, about



what tricks they employ in Russia where corruption is as commonplace as vodka. They should also closely examine the books of every western company doing significant business in Russia.

In big, small and often imaginative ways, Westerners have gleefully abetted those who have looted Russia.

The former manager of a Finnish company with extensive operations in Moscow which cater to Russia's obscenely well-heeled elite told me how she kept everything running smoothly for years. She sent platters piled high with smoked salmon and other delicacies to leading municipal administrators every morning.

A British agent who works for a well known multinational corporation, explained to me recently what it took for him to build a big factory in Moscow. Scores of municipal officials whose approval was required were handed British visas and tickets to London. The trips were ostensibly to familiarize officials with the company's operations. In fact the bureaucrats were given rooms at swank hotels by Hyde Park and several thousand dollars for any "expenses". The factory manager chortled as he explained that the travelers invariably spent their days shopping and their nights at grand restaurants and clubs.

### Dinner manager

A respected American investment bank spent a small fortune to hire a well connected former Soviet oil executive as the boss of its Moscow office. The man's principal duty was to arrange luncheons and dinners with very senior government officials so the bank could discuss the placement of Western loans.

This same bank often arranged British, German and

Swiss visas for meetings with government officials which could have been held much more easily in Moscow. The officials whose expenses were all paid for by the bank, insisted that they wouldn't discuss anything about the money that Russia was being given unless they could travel to the West.

At a chance meeting in a restaurant in London last summer, a senior investment banker from the same company volunteered that his company's Moscow operation attracted snakes willing to close their eyes to almost anything because it was possible to make very, very big bucks there.

Investigators tracing what has happened to the billions given to Russia and the billions which have disappeared

from privatized former state enterprises, should cast a wide net.

A good place to start might be with real estate agents who work London's toniest neighborhoods. Several of these agents gleefully acknowledged that an endless parade of Russians with bottomless pockets, including diplomats and government officials, have replaced Saudis and Iranians as their best customers. □

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



"Sovietskaya Molodyozh" newspaper

**"WE ARE BRINGING IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER!"**

## SENTENCE NATO CRIMINALS!

The Czech representative on the World Slavic Committee, Pavel Nohavice was part of a Czech delegation to a fact finding commission in Yugoslavia, helping to establish the basis for a European Tribunal for the purpose of which will be the indictment of the NATO war against Yugoslavia. The tribunal is tentatively scheduled to take place on October 31, 1999 in the Humboldt University in Berlin. Peace groups from the German Republic under the leadership of Professor Wolfgang Richter, as well as citizens and peace groups from other European countries initiated the tribunal. The tribunal will be conducted in a similar fashion as the one held under the U.S. chairmanship of former USA secretary of state Ramsay Clark that indicted both Bill Clinton and General Wesley Clark of war crimes. The commission was composed of delegations from the United German Republic, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic. For its part, Yugoslavia was represented by an organization of war veterans and anti-fascist fighters known as SYBNOR. All the delegation toured many destroyed buildings and talked to many people from town and cities such as bombed out Belgrade, Kragujevac, Cupriji, Pancevu, Novi Sad and many others. They therefore can fully document the atrocities carried out by NATO armies with the full complicity of the USA and other member countries of NATO.

The Czech delegation met informally with the author Vladimir Jankovic from Belgrade. He was a past participant in the Pan-Slavic Congress

held in Prague in 1998, who is known as an excellent propagator of thoughts dealing with Slav Mutuality and an untiring organizer of many Slav organizations and associations. He emphasized that the real victors of the war that was forced on Yugoslavia were the all Serb teachers, farmers and doctors. He then presented the delegation with various press reports, according to which NATO lost during the entire period of aggression over 130 aircraft, and 5 of which were stealth bombers which were supposedly invisible to radar as well as 100 rockets. These were the heaviest losses suffered by the United States since the Second World War in all the armed conflicts that the U.S. has been involved to date, beginning with the Korean conflict and ending with the genocide war in Iraq. The losses amounted to some 15% to 20% compared to the projected risk of some 5%.

The Czech Slav Committee will support the sending of qualified representatives of the Czech Republic to the European Tribunal.

The above was in the newspaper "Slovanska Vzajemnost", a monthly publication of the Slav Committee.

### COMMENT

*Where are these reports of USA losses in the capitalist media...especially in the USA? Where are photos of the body bags of U.S. servicemen being shown on national TV? Where is this news being reported in the progressive press in the capitalist countries? Why are the Mothers of these young Americans not speaking out that yes... my son did NOT come back?*

*Isn't capitalist media very truthful, as we are made to believe? If some readers do not believe this report, we'll send them the address of the person from which you can obtain the complete report!* □

FROM  
QUEBEC  
CANADA

## RIOTING YOUTH

With the arrest on September 26th in Montreal of 275 young people, the quality of demonstrations changed in earnest. The youth and University students formed a common front and blocked the entrance to the Montreal Stock Exchange, the true cause of the mounting youth suicides here in the Nation of Quebec.

Youth that graduate they graduate into unemployment, they cannot get their first job even if they are brilliant students and perfect academic record.

The United Nations Organization claims that Canada is the greatest nation in the world in which to live in. Then how come that the Canadian State has the third highest youth suicide rates, and the other two founding nations, Quebecois and Native have the world's second and first youth suicide rates in the entire world?

The interest rates here are kept artificially high to satisfy the International Monetary Fund and the Bank of Montreal who sucks the juices out of here and delivers them to the United States.. No wonder that Vermont, USA prospers! So did Spain after Cortez butchered up the native Aztecs and put their gold on all those ships back to originally dirt-poor Spain.

The television here featured the 18 smart ones arrested at the Montreal Stock Exchange, realizing that this was serious change in protests in Canada. What if the parents of these endlessly unemployed youth take up the children's cause? Endless youth unemployment equals youth suicide!

Dr. William Bunge □



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

*FROM THE BELLY OF THE BEAST!*

### Mumia Abu-Jamal and the US Presidential Election

By RAY O LIGHT

In stark contrast with the Universal health care enjoyed by the people of even the poorest countries under Socialism, today, about 45 million people in the USA have no health care coverage at all. And this number has been continuously climbing every year for more than a decade, with no end in sight.

At its October Convention the AFL-CIO voted to endorse current US Vice-President Al Gore for President in year 2000 election. A day or so later, the Gore's rival for the Democratic Party nomination, former Senator Bill Bradley, launched his first "big idea" - health care coverage for all "Americans" as an "American birthright".

Of course, NSC's Canadian readers are well aware that Canadians already have health care as their "American birthright". They should also be aware that as long as their powerful neighbor, the USA, has a more backward health care system, the Canadian system will be in real jeopardy. In this context, it is noteworthy that none of the presidential candidates proposals comes close to the Canadian health care system.

The Canadian "single payer" system is far more simple, more just, and more advanced than the complicated Bradley proposal which would include parents' requirement to insure their children, tax subsidies to replace Medicaid for the poor, and the center-piece, the opportunity for all "Americans" to buy into the existing federal employees' health care system,

with its motley crew of insurance company scams and hustles.

The motive for Bradley's complexity can only be to make sure that the filthy rich and extremely powerful insurance companies will continue to reap their obscene profits from the flesh and blood of the people. Bradley, the "left" Democratic Party candidate, is making it clear that he is no threat to these profits. However, the one simple and positive characteristic of the Bradley proposal is that it includes health care coverage for all

Gore, the center Democrat, called Bradley's plan "wildly expensive and very unrealistic". Gore's even moderate approach would extend coverage to uninsured adults by increments. Thus, the timing of the Gore endorsement by the AFL-CIO places the organization seen as the main representative of the working class in the USA *in opposition to universal health care coverage* instead of utilizing this Presidential campaign in order to mobilize the working class for universal health care. In this context, the AFL-CIO leadership has refused, in the main, to support the US Labor Party with its very positive anti-monopoly program that includes universal single payer health care.

The timing of the AFL-CIO endorsement with the Bradley health care pronouncement serves to deepen the political confusion and division among the working class and the oppressed within the USA. Four years ago, the only real differ-

ence between Bill Clinton and Bob Dole was their age difference. The prospect now is for another election "choice" between twin candidates of US monopoly capital and imperialism, with the Gore-Bradley victor meeting "compassionate conservative" runner Republican George Bush, Jr. *Twiddle Dum / Twiddle Dee!!*

### Mumia's Death Warrant Issued for December 2nd

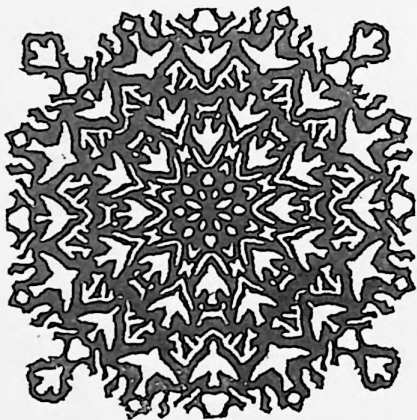
Almost simultaneously with the Gore AFL-CIO endorsement and the Bradley health care pronouncement, the US Supreme Court declined to review Mumia Abu-Jamal's state murder case and the Pennsylvania Governor Ridge set Mumia's execution date by lethal injection for December 2nd. Mumia Abu-Jamal is very widely known as the "Voice of the Voiceless" for his staunch stand in opposition to police brutality and in defense of the Afro-American people and the working class in the USA and around the world. He is an award winning radio journalist and an author of several anti-imperialist books. The September '99 issue of NSC reprinted Mumia's outstanding statement in opposition to the US-NATO war against the people of Yugoslavia. The fact that Mumia was and is facing imminent execution at the hands of this same US machine demonstrates Mumias's exemplary political integrity and courage.

Mumia Abu-Jamal is an anti-imperialist revolutionary living in the belly of the beast behind prison bars. These bars help him to see US imperialist society without the democratic demagoguery that blinds/bribes so many erstwhile revolutionary politicians in the USA. Thus, Mumia has helped expose the nature of US imperialism to the oppressed and

exploited of the world at a time when the world's media is largely controlled by US monopoly capital. In contrast to the Presidential candidates, Gore, Bradley, Bush et al, who front for the all bombings of Yugoslavia and Iraq, for the super-exploitation of all the working people of the Afro-American youth, for the obscene health care system in the USA, Mumia tells the truth from the standpoint of the working class and the oppressed. For this crime, the US imperialist state plans to legally lynch him.

On April 24th, from Philadelphia to Johannesburg to Calcutta, thousands of working people around all of the world marched in defense of Mumia. Once again, before December 2nd, we must organize, write letters to editors and articles, take to the streets, use any means of protest at our disposal to save Mumia's life in his defense and in our own. When people of the calibre of Mumia Abu-Jamal can become President of the USA, it will be a much better world. □

## THE LAST SNOWFLAKE



"Tell me what is the weight of a snowflakes?" a Chickadee asked the Dove.

"Nothing more than nothing," was the answer.

"In that case I must tell you a

## TRIAL OF MUMIA ABU JAMAL

By BERNARD LIVINGSTON

Black journalist Mumia Abu Jamal,  
relentless exposé of the capitalist cabal--  
A cop is shot, not certain by whom...

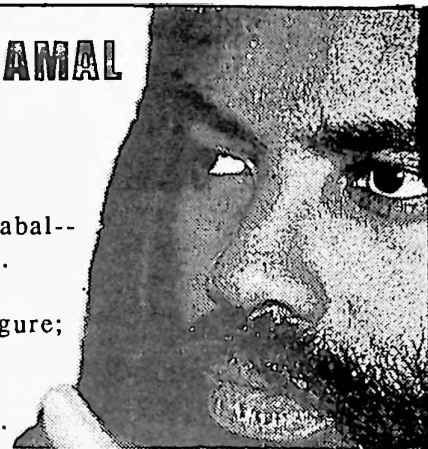
Why not just pin it on Mum?

Who shot the cop is not hard to figure;  
got to have been the Nigger.

Police intent on execution,  
a sentiment shared by Prosecution.

Coerced witnesses on the stand,  
much judicial sleight-of-hand.

Racism was having a ball  
in the trial of Mumia Abu Jamal.



Immigrants Sacco and Vanzetti, both on the left:  
Italian fighters against U.S. capitalist theft--

Big robbery, murder: culprits elude the cops...

Why not just pin it on those filthy Dago Wops?

Got to be those filthy Wops.

Witnesses saw them licking their chops.

1920's Red Scare at its height,

Ruling Class of Bolshevik fright.

Capitalism sends armies to destroy Soviet Reds;

J.E.Hoover takes over here for the Feds.

Anti-immigrantism was having a ball,  
Just as Racism did with Abu Jamal.

Julius & Ethel Rosenberg: Communists and Jews;

U.S. needs pretext for anti-Communist views--

Could Soviets, though putting Man in space, have know-how  
for Nukes? Never! Rosenbergs provided the show-how.

Got to have been those Commie Jews:

Commie Jews are unpatriotic down to their shoes.

It's Patriots like Albright whom we like.

even though it's now out that she's a Kike.

Defense Chief Cohen--Cohen? Beyond belief!

Soon we'll be having a Cohen for Nation's Chief.

Anti-Semitism was having a ball,  
just as Racism did with Abu Jamal.

But all these myths were punctured by time,  
same as the myth of Oswald committed the crime.

Fifty years after being eliminated,

Sacco & Vanzetti were officially vindicated.

Fifty years after the chair, Ethel and Julie,

who were framed by a Government stoolie,

were found guiltless in a mock trial by U.S. Bar.

And when the world picked up the news from Reuter's,

Everyone smiled, except the capitalist exploiters.

And the same will apply to Abu,

even though he was not Italian, Communist or Jew.





marvelous story," said the Chickadee.

"One day I was sitting on a branch of a fir tree, close to its trunk, when snow began to fall. Not heavily, not a blizzard at all. No, it just snowed quietly, like in a dream.

"Since I didn't have anything better to do, I counted the snowflakes as they settled on the twigs and needles of my branch.

"Finally, their number reached exactly, 3,741,952. But when the very next snowflake dropped on to the branch - nothing more than nothing, as you say - the branch broke off.

Having said that, the Chickadee flew away.

The Dove, who since Noah time has been an authority on this question, thought about the story for some time.

Then she said to herself: "Perhaps we need only one more person's voice, for Peace to come about in our world."

Speak to someone today for Peace! Alone, we may be 'nothing', but together we can save our world!

Submitted by  
Lydia S. Karhu  
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## FINAL AIM OF THE 'VELVET REVOLUTION'

The Czech government of President Havel plans to legalize prostitution in an attempt to reclaim some of the estimated \$320-million (U.S.) revenue it loses each year to prostitution. The new law that is coming into effect in year 2000 recognizes prostitution as a legitimate and taxable enterprise.

### COMMENT

*Is it not nice that we have such "democrats and earnest Christians" as Havel and his Deputy Interior Minister Jaroslav Kopriva to look after the law and so-called ethics of capitalism? Imperialism as well as IMF and World Bank certainly will give Havel high marks in his endeavor to even make money off the misery of women who go into prostitution because there is no jobs available for them*

*We are wondering whether the Communist deputies in the Czech Government will vote for this law...or will they mount a peoples united front to defeat this law?* □

## Afghanistan Today!

By Redmond Guerrero

The government of Afghanistan is waging war on women. The situation is getting so bad that one writer on the Editorial team of TIMES compared the treatment of women there to the treatment of progressives and Jews in Poland before the Second World War.

Since the Talibans took over in 1996, overthrowing the legally elected government there, women have had to wear burqua and have been beaten and stoned to death in public for not having the proper attire, even if this means simply not having the mesh covering in front of their eyes.

One woman was beaten to death by an angry mob of fundamentalists for accidentally exposing her arm while she was driving a car. Another was stoned to death for trying to leave the country with a man that was not a relative.

Women are not allowed to work or even go out in public without a male relative; pro-

fessional women such as professors, translators, doctors, lawyers, artists and writers have been forced from their jobs and stuffed into their homes, so that depression is becoming so widespread that it has reached emergency levels.

There is absolutely no way in this extreme Islamic society to know the suicide rate with certainty, but relief workers are estimating that the suicide rate among women, who cannot find proper medication and treatment for severe depression and would rather take their lives than live in such conditions, has increased significantly. Homes where women are present must have their windows painted so that she can never be seen by outsiders. They must wear silent shoes so that they are never heard. Women live in fear of their lives for the slightest misbehavior.

Because they cannot work, those without male relatives or husbands are either starving to death or begging on the street, even if they hold a Professorship or a Doctorate.

There are almost no medical facilities available to these women. The relief workers in protest have left the country. In one of the extremely rare hospitals that a reporter found, he saw sights that are indescribable. He saw lifeless bodies, all wrapped up in burguas, unwilling to speak, eat, or do anything, but slowly wasting away. Others have gone mad and were seen crouched in corners, perpetually rocking and crying, most of them in fear.

It is at the point where the term "human rights violations" has become an understatement. Husbands have the power of life and death over their women relatives, especially their wives, but an angry mob

has just as much right to stone or beat a woman to death, for even exposing an inch of her flesh or offending them in a slightest way.

The above was written by our member of NSC Editorial Board, based on documentation available through the High Commissioner of UNHCHR.

#### COMMENT

*The above is sickening, unreal and abominable at the ending 20th Century! The heart cries for these women as to why does the humanity allow this? These "champions of human rights" that are all over the capitalist world, mushrooming as if after the rain...where is their outcry? Where is the outcry of the "bastion of democracy, the USA? Where is the General Secretary of the United Nations Organization? Where are all the Women's organizations and human rights activists that only see some "violations" in socialist countries? Or is stoning to death of women in a capitalist country permissible?*

*Can you imagine all the organizations (as if on a signal) getting on a hysterical band wagon if something of this caliber was happening in the former Soviet Union! Pentagon, NATO and "US Nations" would have already sent their troops there.*

*Oh yes, where is that Zbigniew Brezhinski of USA who, when he planned the overthrow of the legitimate elected government in the Republic of Afghanistan, pointed a rifle into Afghanistan before 1996.*

*Or does he also wishes that his wife was treated like that? Or is the lover boy Bill Clinton...unfortunately he would have a hard time in Afghanistan today...it would be hard for a women dressed from head*

*to toe and eyes covered to have a quick romantic fling with the President!*

*Oh yes...I'm just wondering why Madam Albright is keeping quite on this question? □*

## 30,000 In Warsaw anti-reform demonstration

From Agency France Press  
Sent to NSC by C.J. Atkins  
Arkansas, USA

Some 30,000 protestors took to the streets of Warsaw on September 24th to demonstrate against economic reforms, shouting "no to selling Poland to foreigners" and calling for Premier Jerzy Buzek to resign.

Several thousand police and riot police were deployed for the protest, which organizers had said could attract up to 100,000 people, but it wound-up in mid-afternoon without incident.

The rally included farmers, miners, nurses, workers from the railroads and arms industries, and others who have suffered from reforms destined to prepare Poland for entry into the European Union.

Demonstrators marched peacefully throughout the afternoon in front of the finance ministry, parliament and the main government headquarters, shouting "Reforms equal sabotage" and "Don't sell Poland to foreigners".

Government building had been cordoned off and buses which brought protesters from across Poland were searched for weapons or bottles.

The government popularity has slumped because of mismanagement of reforms in four sections: health, pensions, the civil service and education

Truck drivers protested in

early August over an increase in fuel prices, while farmers, who are facing overproduction and falling revenues, have also called for cheaper fuel, higher prices for their corn, and tax hikes on imported cereals.

Two hundred nurses staged a hunger strike last month in southern Poland to protest low salaries and poor conditions.

Finance Minister Leszek Balcerowicz, who ten years ago started Poland on the road to economic reform, bore the brunt of the protesters' anger, with many calling for his immediate dismissal.

Several trade unions, including two ex-Communist groups, organized protests, but the union called "Solidarnosz - (Solidarity)" was very conspicuous by its absence from any demonstrations, since its political arm is now part of the Polish government.

*It's very interesting that this news item did not get the coverage it deserved in the capitalist press. After all, we're led to believe that Poland is safe from any demonstrations, as if the people of Poland do not realize what they had and what today's reality is! People are awakening! □*

## WARDS OF DEATH

For those of us who cannot travel to Iraq and see for ourselves what is happening there after the genocide that was perpetrated against the Iraqi people by US imperialism and their lackeys - plus the results of the sanctions, our thoughts are maybe abstract, and hard to grasp.

It is easier to put the horror out of our minds, or just ac-

cept simple rationalization, find excuses and simply just believe the propaganda offered by the aggressive states that caused this genocide...this also does not excuse the United Nations Organization ( maybe we should just say U.S. Nations?!)

The "Wards of Death" in Iraqi hospitals are like scenes from a horror movie, a hellish symbol of the deliberate extermination of a people. The West, mainly the USA, has devastated and poisoned a nation, reducing millions of helpless babies, children, men and women to starvation, disease and penury. Sanctions deny this civilian population food, drinkable water and medical relief in any adequate supply.

The soaring cancer rate amongst children, caused by uranium ordnance used against Iraq in 1991 Gulf War is only one of the graphic tortures inflicted on innocent civilians.

#### Here are just some examples:

\*Ten year old Faisal Abbas, treated in Dr. Ali Ismail's pediatric cancer ward - a way-station for dying children - bled to death from leukemia that could have been treated by medicines if the embargo was not there.

\*Unborn children, too, are ravaged. Plastic surgeon Ala Bashir notes "an astonishing rise in congenital abnormalities." This doctor has photographed for posterity and future Crime Against Humanity Trials...babies born with no genitalia, no eyes, no noses, tongues, hands, toes or even esophagus; twisted legs were joined in many babies by a thick web of flesh from the knees. The radiation levels in new born babies is alarming, according to Dr. Ali.

O'Kane, reporting in the *London Guardian* newspaper, quoted Dr. Zenad Mohammed of the Saddam Hussein Teaching Hospital in Basra: "In August of 1998 we had babies born with no heads. Others had abnormally very large heads. In September we had 6 babies born with no heads, plus other ills such as deformed limbs, arms and facial features."

By 1999 the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) reported that more than a million Iraqi children under 5 years of age were suffering from chronic malnutrition, resulting in stunted physical and mental growth.

Radioactivity and other results of the bombing by Imperialists, continue to seep into the water table and to affect the food chain. The millions of children and adults, who lack adequate nutrition are poorly equipped to fight the resulting diseases.

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*From "Iraq: Who's to Blame" by Geoff Simons.*

*With thanks to our reader in USA, J. Corlett*

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#### COMMENT

*Multiply this by other countries that are on the "hit list of NATO" plus the Third World countries, and you have a worldwide genocide at the instigation of US Imperialism. This is a crime against humanity!*

*The answer is very simple... capitalism and its highest stage of "Imperialism" must be overthrown and replaced by Socialism!*

*It's sometimes hard to read in the media and in the Soviet press the squabbling, personal ambitions, constant debates as who is more Marxist and Leninist! The enemy is extremely pleased at this unnecessary squabbling...as a*

*matter of fact, they are the ones behind this process that prevents unity of the anti-imperialist forces!* □

FROM

**GRANMA  
INTERNATIONAL  
CUBA**

## Unilateral fight against drugs

Articles about the "fight against drugs" in all of South America do appear regularly. There are many regulations, laws and conferences that were held in order to deal with this problem.

It became known that USA has granted Colombia \$15 million to "strengthen the actions of the National Alternative Development Plan" whose philosophy, according to its director, is to increase investment in rural development and eliminate the causes of the illegal cultivation among indigenous campesinos.

There are three international agreements concerning drugs, all referring to the trafficking and selling, while the key problem, the demand, has been left only to national politics.

The UNO drug control agency says that 190 million people in the world consume drugs, and of them 13 million are cocaine addicts.

The largest consumer country is the United States, with more than 12,000,000 users, and the tragic problem of unusual increase (166% in 1994-95) in the 12-17 age group.

According to UN 1998 report, those 190 million consumers have spent \$400 billion USA each year, "which is ranked in second place worldwide, and second only to the arms sales."

So it's not crazy to conclude that the real problem is the



gigantic world market of consumption, and with the United States in the lead, as we can see, are directed towards the eradication of crops.

In 1996 Washington approved a law directed at eliminating drugs beyond its borders, in countries where they are produced. This certification determines for example, whether or not the country receives US economic aid and whether Washington votes to grant them credits from international financial agencies.

Let's look at the case of Bolivia, a country that since '80s is being forced to eradicate its crops of coca leaf, a local bush that's been consumed for thousands of years by the Quechua and Aymara Indians.

These Indians are not drug addicts. They all use it traditionally for medicinal purposes and nourishment. As scientists from the Andean University have confirmed, the leaf is an energy tonic, efficient against hunger, cold and altitude sickness - nausea and vertigo.

Various methods have been used to eradicate this traditional crop. Some methods included compensation by hectare in order to use substitute crops. All the use of defoliants being implemented now, are dangerous and harmful to the environment.

By 1991, some 12,000 coca farmers who have agreed to replace all their crops, found themselves in a grave crisis, because their new crops had no market, while another project of replacing this crop with coffee and financed by the UN anti drug agency - it also failed.

By March of 1995 this policy did not stop or eliminate trafficking or the consumption of drugs in the United States. Dan Burton, then chairman of the US Subcommittee on Hemispheric Matters, proposed that they place aircraft off the coast of Bolivia and use them

as bases to bomb centers of coca cultivation with chemical products.

Only one detail escaped Congressman Burton understanding: Bolivia hasn't had a coast line since the Pacific War in the 19th century, and it hasn't stopped demanding this right internationally. (*So much for this US expert on geography and history - Editor.*)

The campesino is not the one responsible for drug trafficking, but rather the uncontrolled consumption that prevails in numerous countries, the United States of America above all. The eradication of consumption and of a real fight against drug trafficking is the key, given that currently only 10% of drugs trafficked in the world are confiscated.

*We would like to comment that as long as the CIA uses drugs for its full support of killer squads as was reported all over the world of the White House scandals, such as was the Iran Contra Affair... and with the big cartels making huge profits on human suffering, nothing substantial shall ever be accomplished without a revolution to eliminate the powers of those that are behind this!* □

## US TRIED TO SECURE CENTRAL ASIAN OIL

It has become known that US plans to assert its control over Central Asia's hydrocarbon wealth - oil and gas - are running into problems with governments in the region and also with the big oil companies. Washington wants to route the region's oil and gas through countries it regards as "friendly countries" (Turkey and the former Soviet republics of Azerbaijan and Georgia) and, away from Russia and Iran. Its preferred option

is to build a pipeline from Azerbaijan to the Turkish port of Ceyhan on the Mediterranean.

This route is preferable since it is far away from Russian power in the region, and because it also integrates Turkey even more solidly into the US's regional strategy. But, it is however, the longest and most expensive of the possible options.

Azerbaijan's oil and gas fields are being developed by the Azerbaijan International Operating Company, a consortium headed by Western oil giants BP and Amoco.

These companies favour the cheaper and shorter option expanding the existing Baku-Supsa pipeline across to a Georgian Black Sea port. Turkey also wants to get its financial cut, demanding US \$21 per ton as a transit fee for everything carried by the proposed pipeline.

The oil companies and Azerbaijan Government refuse to pay more than US \$18 per ton.

There is big money at stake here. Also, this consortium is planning a billion expansion of Azery operations, confident of getting that back and a lot more besides.

The Kosovo conflict, the NATO problems have somewhat expanded the realm of tensions between Russia & NATO. This has made US accelerate plans in the region. It is now in a race to solidify its strategic arrangements with the governments of this Caspian region.

In February of this year, the US has successfully ensnared another former Soviet republic, Turkmenia, into having its gas piped across the Caspian Sea instead of through Russia.

At the same time the USA is fomenting internal strife in Chechniya and Dagestan, that just happen to straddle the strategic Russian oil pipeline routes.

As far as oil and gas is con-

cerned, US wants to turn the Caspian region into an American-dominated lake, simultaneously guaranteeing the resources to the Anglo-USA oil companies and denying them to Russia.

*With thanks to J. Corlett, USA* □

## YEAR 2000!

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## FEATURE ANALYSES

*"Man does not live by bread alone." (The Holy Bible)*

# The Capitalist Paradise of Canada

By Dr. William Bunge

When Lenin led Russia into Socialism - the bourgeoisie taunted, "a workers paradise" in sarcasm, a phrase they use till this day. So what kind of paradise do we have in Imperialist Canada? The United Nations year after year insists the Canadian state is the best in the world in which to live...so how come that it has the third highest suicide rate in the world? Finland, trembling on the brink of NATO membership, has a high capitalist standing, yet its suicide rates are a world record. How can it be that the material standards by which capitalists celebrate themselves, leads to such collective sadness? The young Marx called it "alienation" but he used the term meaning that the worker was alienated from the product of his labor. In the more general sense alienation means just that, that people are alienated from each other. The bourgeoisie divide / rule pitting groups of people against each other, as in Yugoslavia, but also individuals. It is "dog-eat-dog", whom can you trust? In the end, no one. If our species were solitaires such as

Orangutans it would do no harm, but we are group loving great apes, Chimpanzees, and both species go "stir crazy" if confined to isolation cells. If Lenin did establish a "workers paradise", he surely produced a much more happy society than today's Russian hell. The suicides are often disguised as alcoholism, men drinking themselves to death to the point where male life expectancy has plunged. Youth do drugs in school hallways. It sounds like here.

In more detail, the Canadian state is not a real country. It is a federation of three founding peoples; Native, French and English in that order of appearance here, a Switzerland without their constitution, with the English lording it over the other two nations. Taking all three together, Canada has the third highest suicide rate in the world. Breaking it down nationally, the French nation of Quebec has the world's highest youth suicide rates, while Native Nations have astronomical rates, true world records. Using the criteria that the United Nations uses for its Canadian flattery, it turns out that Native First Nations here rank 69th, well into the Third

World poverty. This poverty is gauling because of its proximity to so much wealth. For example, the Chippeva First Nations Reserve at Muncey, Ontario is almost within sight of London, Ontario, one of the wealthiest cities in the world, full of horses jumping over bars and polo teams waiting patiently for the Prince to show up. The Chippewa, the English naming of my great grandfather's Ojibways, have no sewers or running water. The housing stock is a shock, a rural slum with shacks on one or two acres of land. Worst is the unemployment. If there is no work for youth, there is no place for them in the society. Even in poor societies where the youth all have a place, their suicide rates are low.

In Soviet Union, people were civil to each other, helpful in majority of cases. So when we increase the rate of exploitation, civilization falls, sometimes to just chaos, an endless seemingly senseless violence. This is what the Nation of Quebec is fighting. It is strongly anti-Imperialist in history and culture. Dying for NATO expansion till it conquers the world, now its clear goal, smacks of all the other wars the French here have been dragged into by the English here who were founded as "United Empire Loyalists" and till this day gladly go off to wars when the Queen (the one and only, of course) wiggles

here pinkie at them. It is here in the French Nation of Québec that universal health care started with Dr. Norman Bethune, who was working at the Hospital Sacre-Coeur in Montreal, when he converted to Communism. In 1935, he visited the then new Soviet Union and was awe struck by its "socialized medicine" and thunderstruck by its efficiency and humanity, both. While the English credit themselves with starting this great beneficial socialism, all of us here in Quebec know better, especially those in the medical profession.

The end of the process of NATO conquest is to literally swallow up all other nations, following a flawed version of Rome, so that the whole world speaks no only English, but English only. Chewing up China might take a little longer. The assimilation pressures on all cultures is excruciating. Aided by local traitors, all of them seem to play golf in Quebec, the hospital system is on the verge of complete collapse. The Grande bourgeoisie insist that they must cut payment to hospitals in order to bring in a zero deficit governmental budget and thus please the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and an especially vicious local financial house, The Bank of Montreal, which has moved its headquarters to Toronto, evidently for reasons of personal safety. Now "users fees" are being introduced to privatize the system so we have a "two tier" system as in the United States, the most inefficient and expensive health care system in the world. Where the rich get excellent care and the poor horrible. Why is this so depressing here in Quebec? Because a shared care system means we all care about each other, take care of each other, so the deaths from premature discharge which have been

soaring or people dying in overcrowded emergency rooms, waiting for many hours is only half the problem. In the United States people do not care about each other. There is just a huge prison population for the poor and no one rich goes to jail for any reason. The racial divisions are hideous, all white people being taught, and many believe, that only Black people commit crimes. All this is totally understood here and now we have a crisis strike, a political strike by the nurses began here July 1, Canada Day.

The 43,000 nurses in Québec have gone on strike to save the system. They are simply overworked and underpaid as the traitor class claims, and it is also not "all about money", they are trying to save the hospital system itself. The strike is "illegal" and in the Free World are they not all *de facto*? They are under the gun as "criminals" and threats of jailing and massive fines have not made them blink. People honk their horns in support as they drive by the striking nurses. Doctors have joined in their picketing in the hundreds. The leading United Stateser (Premier of Quebec), a man with but one leg whom this hospital system saved in a close call for him, is warning that this "illegal" strike can be "contagious". True enough. What if the youth, Quebec and Native, join forces against suicides, demanding massive reductions in interest rates for that purpose. What if Native Peoples demand an end to the flagrant racism taught to all the school children with the historic and ongoing help of the most reactionary Catholic Church north of Peru. What if the English nurses take heart from the French, which they are starting to do. Do the nurses understand that if they fail, we will have a United Statesian health care system and essentially have become

them? Never underestimate the intelligence of the working class, there's no working class yachtsmen. They know full well what is at stake politically. Already the traitors are talking about using United Statesian currency.

If all this degeneration is going on, why do people migrate here and even more strangely to the United States? There are two reasons. Those that grow food for the United States, such as bananas, can not afford to eat them in their home nations and must come here to do so, mad as that sounds. The second reason is that those who have always known love, take it for granted and give it up for the shopping malls here, for bright and shining objects. When they realize what they have lost, all humane human relations, many go back home, but many other are trapped, have burned their bridges as the alienation turns to despair and eventual suicide.

#### WHAT ABOUT "DEMOCRACY"?

How can I write this and still be alive? There are many countries, most of them, where this would not be permitted. Lenin called it "bourgeois democracy" and took full advantage of it in London, England, in a series of important Congresses there. Why would the British permit this? They made a mistake. They did not imagine that a "Slavic man" as Lenin mocked himself, could be a serious intellectual, a true scientific socialist. Surely backward Russia would not make a revolution and even all the leading Marxists of the day said so, Germany being the odds as a favorite place. They get valuable information by permitting this level of "democracy", since if we organize publicly we recruit people to their secret police lists and we can do the job and



they cannot. They also imagine that their police reports are true. For a frequent example they hire prostitutes to destabilize revolutionaries. The prostitutes, to earn their police spy wages, they all insist that they had the most lurid sex possible, each and everyone of them. The grand bourgeoisie actually believes this garbage and mis-assesses good people. They insist that we are all violent terrorists. We are "extremists" and therefore need special laws to "nip us in the bud". As more people become Communists or Communist sympathizers, more people are denied their citizenship. Sometimes the vast majority" and a tiny violent hard core the "normal" people. How many people play golf? Golf is all over the television. Golf courses are all over. Mini-golf and driving ranges fester across the landscape. You would think everyone in the world is playing golf or wants to on the planet. This means that five billion nine hundred million do not play. Who is "normal"? Only forty million are "on line" with the Internet, so, how many are not? English is projected as inevitable. Yet more people speak Chinese than English and Chinese is growing faster.

In this "democracy" they also kill people. People have "unexpected deaths of an apparent -----". Where I live, here in Quebec, in this small town, a youth who had been in Cuba and the Youth Festival in 1995 was killed by the local hospital when prematurely released. He was only seventeen, suspicious death-they continue.

How can we survive this terrible depression in NATO societies as whole? For the Finns, who had their own separate revolution in 1918, crushed by the Fascists of Mannerheim, and aided by German troops and once again during the Second World War

Mannerheim was again aided by German troops. Now, the Communist Party in Finland is reduced practically to one percent. When the means of production are finally in the workers hands in Finland, will they all be happy? Hardly. Such a depressing history takes time to overcome. This is why we need socialism as a hospital to our badly damaged souls. When will we be in our natural happy state again? As long as it takes, but it is human nature

## COMMUNISTS SEE THEIR FUTURE ONLY THROUGH THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT

By V.N. CHECHENSEV



In this situation we again turn to the rich heritage of the Marxist-Leninist theory, and to classify with it the direction of the social development, the strategy and tactics of the party in the critical stage of the country. On the threshold of the XXI Congress of the UCP-CPSU its leadership assuredly stated that the communists of many parties com-

to be happy, so we will all get there even in Finland. Exploitation destroys both body and soul. Capitalism, especially in its final Imperialist-Fascist phase, is a dying disease. We need our doctors: Dr. Norman Bethune, Dr. Che Guevera and most of all, Dr. Vladimir Lenin to come to power everywhere and quickly!

To update, the strike by the nurses to mid-September, the nurses held out for twenty three days, taking massive fines and wage losses. Currently they are working and awaiting the end of a cooling off period this fall so they can then strike legally. All other public service unions have formed a common front and are planning a general strike which then could include the nurses. There has been one political brief jailing for the youth, petitions signed and more planned. □

prise an artificial character, but the basic aims of the communists are only : the removal of the bourgeois regime and the rebirth of the power of the Soviets.

Its worth asking: what could be the essence of this power of the workers that would replace the present regime, when it is apparent right from the start that there are differences in principle in this power. Our party, the Russian Communist Workers Party, openly states that the working class could achieve re-education in the country only by capturing political power, the essence of which is the "Dictatorship of the Proletariat". Another concept of this power is included in the program of the CPRF (Communist Party of the Russian Federation) in which the aims of the so-called peoples power means the "constitutional powers of the

working majority, united by Soviets as well as by other forms of self-government of people." The class substance of the new state power could thus be voluntarily achieved. And besides, any attempts to depart from the essential characteristics of this power will attest to the extreme underestimation of those grandiose problems that would have to be resolved by the working class in a socialist revolution, and what's more, it demonstrates the fear by these "theoreticians" of the possibility to have to lead the masses in the storming of capitalism.

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

Taking into consideration the defeat of the communist movements in the Eastern European countries and in the USSR, the defeat of the attractive powers of the slogans for freedom and democracy, the presence of the usual bourgeois freedoms in these countries, including the Russian Federation, it is natural to pose a question: in the present day development, are the teachings about the dictatorship of the proletariat, the transitory power from capitalism to socialism, redundant? Have they outlived themselves somewhere during the 1950's 1960's (for instance, before the XX Congress of the CPSU)?

Social sciences occupy those regions of science where the contradictions of class interests are most acute. There isn't nor could there be a universal classless social science, just as there isn't nor could there be a genuine science which unites science with religion.

In the light of the above we should not be astonished by the fate of the teachings about the dictatorship of the proletariat which knocks the most fundamental basis of the capi-

talist structures. As in the past hundred years the bourgeois propaganda and the bourgeois lackeys within the labour movement try to present the dictatorship of the proletariat in a distorted light. The usual approach by the revisionists of Marxism-Leninism is to reduce the significance of the dictatorship of the proletariat and to present theories in such a way so as to discredit the revolutionary essence of the Marxist-Leninist theory.

The profoundness of the teachings of the dictatorship of the proletariat is the inevitability of a complete victory of the socialist revolution and the construction of a classless society with political superiority of the working class. The proletariat could overthrow the bourgeoisie without dictatorship, but it's impossible to realize the aims without political superiority. The dictatorship is not only some rank and file appendage to the revolutionary theory of scientific communism or a verbal about turn as K. Kautsky, the theoretician of the II International tried to do. In reality it is the central distinguishing symbol of viewpoints of Karl Mark, F. Engels, V.I.Lenin and J.V.Stalin. We should declare most emphatically that without the dictatorship of the proletariat there could not be any revolutionary Marxist theory.

Assessing this input into the development of social sciences, in his letter to the Veydemere (5/3/1852) Karl Marx stated, categorically:

1. *the existence of class is bound to definite historical phases of industrial development;*
2. *class struggles inevitably lead to the dictatorship of the proletariat;*
3. *this dictatorship itself structures are transition to a destruction of classes and to*

*the establishment of a classless society. (Marx and Engels, 2nd printing, Vol.28, p.427.)*

In his book, "State and Revolution", written on the eve of the October Socialist Revolution, Lenin stated "...A Marxist is he who spreads the acknowledgment of the dictatorship of the proletariat. In this lies the profound difference of a Marxist and of an ordinary (and even extraordinary bourgeois)." (V.I.Lenin, 4th Edition, Vol.. 25, p.384, PSS, Vol. 33, p. 34)

Returning to the evaluation of the significance of the concept of the dictatorship of the proletariat in a system of opinions on revolutionary Marxism, V.I.Lenin in the "Proletarian Revolution and Renegade Kautsky" (1918), wrote: "the question of the dictatorship of the proletariat...is a question that is fundamental to safeguarding the proletarian revolution...it is a question that has the greatest significance for all nations, especially the important leading ones...We could safely say that that it is the most important question of the entire proletarian class struggles." (V.Lenin, Ed. 4, Vol. 28, p.211).

In his work, the "Foundations of Leninism". this is how J.V.Stalin, evaluated the significance of the dictatorship of the proletariat within the Marxist-Leninist theory: "...Leninism is the theory and tactics of the proletarian revolution in general, the theory and tactics of the dictatorship of the proletariat in particular." (Ed.11 of polit-printers p. 2). The basic problem in Leninism, it's starting point, is the dictatorship of the proletariat, its achievements, it's development. In the light of historical experiences of the XX century, there is no basis for communists to place Marxism-Leninism, their most

powerful weapon, into the archives. Hence, any attempts to **diminish the teachings** about the dictatorship of the proletariat could be **equivalent to renouncing the revolutionary theory.**

### **EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES ARE REQUIRED**

The RCWP (Russian Communist Workers Party) is attempting to gain political power by the working class to a victorious achievement of socialism in our society. It is absolutely obvious that by its activities, after having taken power, the working class will encounter exceptional difficulties, conditioned for the last ten years, by rapacious native bourgeoisie. The country is on the threshold of a gigantic catastrophe when poverty and degeneration of the vast majority of the populace have assumed tangible consequences. It is precisely because of this that the situation in the nation has assumed a menacing character and extraordinary measures will be required after emergence from this crisis. Let's ask a question: "Is it really possible for the working people to return to a society without oppressors, a society created by labours of many generations? Now, a genuine bourgeois class has emerged in the nation which will defend its self-interests to **the end.** Just how it intends to do this is apparent from a letter of one L.Nikolayev, a Kulak from the Kulajovsk region, as it appeared in the issue of Izvestia newspaper as off 22/5/96 issue, under the heading, "I will defend my property to the end!". It read in part, "...we Kulaks will not surrender ours, and you will never force us to plough the kolkhoz fields for the office. I have here a rifle which I bought. Should they come to

expropriate, I will drive the livestock to the forest, burn the buildings and then begin to fire the rifle on the communist riffraff. That is what we Kulaks all decided to do. And I think the same thing will be happening in other Russian villages. By comparison Chechnia will appear as child's sing-song..." I must add that according to information supplied by A.Nikolaev himself, there are 50 Kulaks of a total of 191 households.

Under these conditions the words about adherence of the future administrations of the working class to common laws could sound hypocritical. The revolutionary working class could not, beforehand, renounce any (precisely, any!) measures of force with regards to its class adversaries.

Of course the populace not only plays an important role in the class struggles. It is necessary and indispensable in rendering harmless all of the counter-revolutionary activities, and in the installing of fear for actions against measures of the proletarian powers. It is obvious that the victorious working class, correlating its forces, will have to deal with the question of restricting the participation of the bourgeois elements in the political life, of depriving them of possibilities of uncontrolled disposition of profits of independent owners of industry, right to the confiscation of properties (there is no mention by me of the immediate transfer into the hands of the proletariat state of the basic industry, such as heavy industry, transport and communications), including the administration of power plants, the immediate abolition of laws that are designed to infringe upon the interests of the working class, etc.

It is not impossible that, having taken over the driving wheel, the working class will

have to, unilaterally, annul some irregular or humiliating for Russia palaces, confiscate properties of foreign ownership. I will particularly stress the importance of crushing the "fifth column", malicious foes of the working people, the likes of A.Yakovlev, I. Gaydar, O.Latsis, and others who, in the interim, have gained access into the higher echelons of power in order to disorganize and wreck the Socialist Society. To achieve these measures decisively the proletarian power has to rely on the clearly pronounced verdicts of the broad masses of toilers, to be able to express their will for emancipation from the chains of exploitation.

Fellow travelers in the working class are frequently found propounding theories contrary to the dictatorship of the proletariat and the workers' democracy. It is necessary to make reminders of the obvious: the workers' democracy is somewhat different, less capacious and as a result scientifically prejudiced, a designation of that political power which implies the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The first concept singles out "democracy", while the second deals with dictatorship. The bourgeois in Russia, posing as "democrats", have distorted the understanding of democracy to such an extent that its application in any situation misinterprets the obvious.

In reality, it is only under the power of the working class that the broad masses of the workers, and not just the exploiting minority and those bribed by the state, receive the genuine possibilities to manage the affairs of the state, receive the genuine possibilities to manage the affairs of the state. I will bring out just one example of how today's order isolates the workers from political activities. "The Union



of Moscow Workers", a legally registered organization, applied to the mayor for permission to use a building for a meeting, as allowed by the present constitution. It took six weeks to receive an official denial. The press, television, municipalities, palaces of labour all serve the interests of a small group of the wealthy. Access to them by the worker is practically unavailable.

Today, as was the case 80 years ago, the actual words of V.I.Lenin explain the essence of class struggle: "Dictatorship of the proletariat is a force that is achieved and supported by the oppressive measures of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie and is not restricted by any laws." (V.I.Lenin,PSU, Vo. 37,p.245)

Of course, depending on the speed of the transitional movement towards socialism, the role of repressive measures will recede more and more to the secondary plan if necessary but in any case the proletarian powers must remain merciless towards foes of the people, must be prepared to give a crushing blow to Imperialist powers should the latter become a threat to the achievements of the working class.

### NO PLACE FOR ILLUSIONS

By its nature the working class is called on to create a new socialist world. Therefore the constructive role of the dictatorship of the proletariat has no equal role in history. To this end contemporary creates new more favorable conditions because, by this time, a new educational level have emerged. The levels of the working class had immeasurably increased.

For example, in the class of 1997-98, of the MK RCWP, consisting of 31 people, one was a doctor of sciences, seven were candidates of sciences, 14 of higher education, one-

student (total 77%) from educational standards minimum, including 55 students of higher education (32%), with minimum-39% and with 60% in the lower standard. By comparison, of the 171 delegates interviewed at the VI Congress of the RSDRP (1930's) there were 55 delegates, 32% including students, with a higher education, 79 delegates (23% with middle standings, and 60 with lower education. It is difficult to re-evaluate also the great experiences of Socialist construction in the last 70 years.

It, seemingly, follows from here that the widely distributed simplistic observation suggesting that the placement of power, accompanied by the legal proclamation of primary government measures is sufficient to a new society to emerge out of the crisis as a transitional movement towards socialism.

It is imperative to expose such an illusion as being disastrous. I will begin from a premise that by the presence of petty-bourgeois concepts restoration of capitalism in the country had a demoralizing effect on the working class, especially true in larger centers which serve as flagships for regional reforms. Activities of workers' movements are below the minimum standards of Moscow as well as in Leningrad, Sverdlovsk, Kaliningrad, Murmansk and other areas. The raising of class consciousness in the broad strata of the working class should be the primary concerns of the workers' communist party. The trade union leaderships' statistical averages should not be pursued; instead, the class consciousness should be raised to the level of readiness to participate in revolutionary activities; this should be the guiding light in all the daily work of our party organizations.

Development of socialist revolutionary activities will without doubt hasten the process of raising the consciousness of the more backward ranks of the working class. And even then the exclusive role of its revolutionary vanguard should not be placed in doubt. It could be rightly stated that without selfless devotion to the cause of the fine points of the activities of the leadership of the working class, many questions could not be resolved, questions such as achieving greater increases in the productivity of labour and in struggles with sabotage, of productivity of labour in struggles with sabotage crime and corruption - struggle to overcome the alienation of the basic masses from participation in state affairs. This stratum of the working class should be prepared to literally live under the slogan, "Socialism or Death!"

### THE ROLE OF THE PARTY

The party of the working class, armed with an advanced theory, is the power that is capable of providing a serious, and in many cases the deciding, influence on the progress of events. The vanguard of the working class which will assume the responsibility for the fate of the nation must be welded together by the single-mindedness and by a determined conscientious discipline, to be a party of Lenin - Stalin. In all cases when we look back on the history of victories and defeats of the working class in our country, it is necessary to, firstly, consider the role of the party, its ability to solve the problems, educate the working class in the spirit of Communism and to forge an undefeatable army of the proletariat. "No one can defeat us but our own mistakes." (V.I.Lenin, Vol. 42, p.249).

It is necessary to state that verbal acknowledgment of inevitability of the dictatorship is insufficient guarantee of one's recognition of its ability to promote class struggles in qualitatively different circumstances and, consequently, in different forms. This lack of understanding, the lowering of levels of our propagandistic activities, factually equates the Soviet power with a parliamentary republic, contrasts the workers' self-government of the working class, underestimates the qualitative roles of the trade unions, as well as other social organizations, under conditions of the dictatorship of the proletariat, lowers the role of the communist party within the bounds of state power.

#### SOCIAL UPHEAVAL COMING

Our immediate aims are the achievement of power by the working class for the establishment of a socialist structure. In this regard we must have a singular comprehension of the political structure of society in the transitional period, the nucleus of which is the dictatorship of the proletariat. Such an understanding gives birth to an assurance of our actions and convinces those whom we are calling upon to follow us.

The possibility of a social upheaval is great and it would be criminal carelessness not to be prepared for such a drastic turn of events. In politics, as in any other complex issues, chances for success are minimal if the basis is only education. Defeat can be suffered even by a side with favorable distribution of chances, if measures are not taken for the assurance of their realization.

As at the beginning of the XX century, history has placed an historical task before the Russian working class - to be

the advance guard of the workers' revolutionary movement. This difficult problem could be solved only by the forces of the revolutionary working class.

*Translated from Russian by Alex Sturgeoff* □

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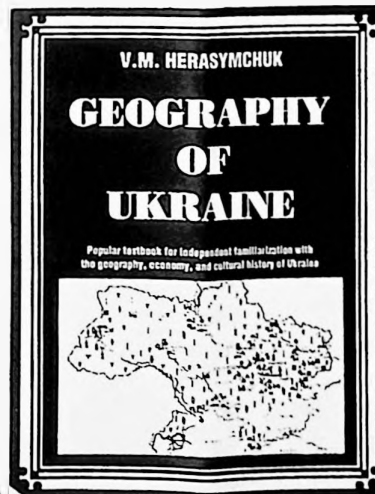
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## BOOK REVIEWS

### 'The Lie of the "Lenin Testament"

By Pedro Castilho  
Member of Organizing Com-  
mittee, Brazil

I certainly would recommend very strongly that everyone should read the above book, published by Northstar Compass.

Trotskyites, in order to discredit Stalin, have made many 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 original Lenin Testament. It is accompanied by claims that Stalin subverted Lenin's plans for the party, and acted with gross megalomania.

Reading the above mentioned book, published by NSC should force the unbiased reader to reject the Trotskyite claim. That is why Northstar Compass feels that it is necessary to present the real facts regarding all documents. The documents now have circulated for over 70 years, and have been falsified and used as one of the main weapons against the USSR, Stalin and Socialism.

It is necessary to know that this 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 way or another. This dissemination of the lie was part of a conscious attempt to defame Stalin and the development of Socialism In One Country.

*I urge readers to order this book from NSC since the price is only \$10.00.* □

## SALT & PEPPER ON WRY

By: Frank Ray Davis

### WHEN RIGHTS ARE RITES -

The USA is keenly interested in protecting human rights all over the world. The trouble is, fans of capitalism are more human than other people.

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### FAREWELL TO ARMS -

President Clinton wants a law to keep weapons out of the hands of kids. Why not keep them out of everyone's reach? Except he'd slip in the popularity polls if he couldn't occasionally drop bombs and human-rights slobber of some little country.

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### FREE MARKET VS. FREE PEOPLE -

Expecting the "free market" to develop a social conscience is like expecting a tiger to become a vegetarian, says activist Aziz Choudry:

That ain't no lyin',  
that ain't no bull.  
Of rich getting richer  
and poor getting poorer  
we're plumb chock-full.

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### BIGGER IS BETTER? -

Studies by Mexico's Neurotics Anonymous Movement shows

that 1 Mexican in 5 is neurotic. Pin another gold star on Capitalism!

World Health Organization says that 11/2 billion Earthlings are neurotic and pose a greater health problem than cancer or aids. Now you're talking Globalization.

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### CALENDAR PROGRESS -

According to the Chinese Zodiac, this is the year of the Rabbit. But in capitalist countries it's the Year of the Hog. The Chinese change the zodiac symbol every year. But under Capitalism it's always the same. Except, with Imperialism sharpening its teeth, we may have to upgrade it to Year of the Shark.

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### POOR PEOPLE -

Peru has developed a new way to deal with its poor people. It has simply set up a new category into which to drop the poorest of its poor. Since the new statistical grouping is only Category E, many glorious poverty-solving possibilities lie ahead.

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### PUZZLE EXPLAINED -

Cardinal Juan Sandoval of Mexico has it all figured out why Catholics are leaving the church in droves: They're ignorant and/or mal-informed. And I always thought that's why they landed there in the first place.

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### HIGH MARKS FOR MARX -

The State Poll of Values of the Center of Strategic Studies for Development researched and sifted and cogitated and finally revealed: Job-seekers are more interested in a good salary than anything else.

Karl Marx could've told them a century or 2 ago, without costly research. □



## BRITISH WORKERS IN CONFERENCE

In an article in the *New Worker* on the 17th of September, Daphne Liddle wrote: The Trade Union Congress in Brighton this week produced none of the big clashes expected. And behind the scenes compromises beforehand produced a mostly bland public front. But there were divisions and differences there for those ready to read between the lines."

One inter-union dispute that had been defused just in time to prevent a showdown during the Congress involved a single-union deal with a no-strike clause signed by the Amalgamated Engineering and Electricians' Union and the Western Mail newspaper in Cardiff.

Some time ago, the Western Mail had derecognized the National Union of Journalists and the print union GPMU, though many members of both unions were still working there. So not suprisingly, the NUJ and the GPMU were outraged at the action of the AEU and, as Daphe Liddle reported, "the row looked set to spill out in to the conference floor."

Called in to adjudicate, TUC General Secretary John Monks persuaded the AEEU to back down and a tripartite agreement was eventually signed, in which each of the three unions agreed only to represent "employees traditional to it". This left the AEEU with the task of informing the Western Mail group that it would not

be able to represent the journalists and print workers after all, and probably that it would not be able to guarantee the no-strike part of this agreement.

Sir Ken Jackson, General Secretary of the AEEU, does not believe in strikes. Commenting on the 24-hour strike of electricians working on the Millennium Dome and also the Jubilee Line extension of the London underground Railway being built to serve it, he said: "There must be a more civilized way of doing things." He went on to criticize his union members for hitting such high-profile works as the Millennium Dome and the Jubilee Line extension. But to be successful, strike action has to hit hard where it hurts most. Sir Ken seems to have forgotten that he is paid by his members to fight for them and not for the contractors they work for.

But all in all, the TUC was a tame affair, with most of the highly-salaried leaders of the major unions making excuses for "not rocking the boat" and for giving Tony Blair a free hand to pursue his policy of partnership in industry, described by the *New Worker* as a "treacherous partnership". Said Geoff Martin, London convenor of Unison, in his address to the Congress said: "When Blair uses the word "partnership" it is a code for "subservience". If the historic Tolpuddle Martyrs had forged a partnership with the Dorset landowners back in 1798, there would be no TUC today."

On September 27th, Tony Blair addressed the Labour Party Conference in Bournemouth. He promised to liberate the British people from all

"forms of conservatism". By this he meant not only the old Conservatives of William Hague but also the conservatism of Old Labour. "The class war is over," he announced, "but the struggle for true equality has just begun." How he intended to raise the standard of living of the workers on a minimum wage of 3.60 per hour to equality with the standard of living enjoyed by the directors of the privatized public utility companies, for instance, he did not say. The London *Guardian* described his speech as "strong on emotion" but "notably unspecific on any policy." Castigating the Tories, he went so far as to describe their party as: "the party of fox-hunting, Pinochet and heredity peers - the uneatable, the unspeakable and the unelectable," a description he was soon to regret as the members of those fraternities opted out of the "partnership" and rounded on him.

But it was not only the fox-hunting fraternity that was demonstrating against the New Labour outside the conference hall at Bournemouth. There were also thousands of state pensioners in attendance, all demanding restoration of the link between their pensions and average earnings. Inside the conference hall, Barbara Castle was pointing out that a single pensioner had lost the equivalent of 30,000 since the link was scrapped 20 years ago; that works out at 28.84 per week, whereas the only concession that Blair could claim to have made to pensioners without a means test was the granting of 100 a year per pensioner household to help with the fuel bills. That works out at 1.92 per week per household.

Another item that raised the

anger of delegates was the attempt to push through support for Private Finance Initiative (PFI) as part of a general report. When the delegates attempted to separate it from the general report so that they could all vote against it, the chairman then refused to cooperate; so the delegates voted against the whole report and it had to be brought back on the following day for clarification. The delegates were not taken in by the specious arguments in favor of the PFI as a means of financing the building of new hospitals for the National Health Service, but the platform manipulated the procedure so that the report as a whole passed without the delegates really knowing they were voting for what they had voted against on the previous day. The majority had in any case already been bemused by the rhetoric of Tony Blair who will certainly go down in history as one of the greatest demagogues of all time - if nothing else.

On the day when Tony Blair addressed the Labour Party conference, it was announced in the *London Guardian* that his big speech was expected to raise a million pounds for the Labour Party. "From breakfast until dinner," explained the *London Guardian*, "the party is planning to exploit Mr. Blair's appeal to raise cash for the next election. How was this to be achieved? "The day will begin, said the *London Guardian*, "with discreet hotel breakfasts with all government ministers and end with a 350 a head gala dinner in Bournemouth's Pavilion Ballroom, hosted by Jack Cunningham, for up to 1,000 guests...Donors who had given much more than 24,000 to Labour were to enjoy a free private lunch with

cabinet ministers."

Commented the *London Guardian* towards the end of the article: "Labour has invested considerable time and energy into raining cash from businesses to loosen the grip of the unions on the party purse."

Meanwhile the New Communist Party was going ahead with preparations for what might prove to be one of the most important of all the twelve congresses it will have held in the 22 years of its existence. Now, all over the world working people are turning away from the reformist social-democratic parties. Why is it that the ruling classes in all of the capitalist countries are still castigating the communist parties of the world; why is it that they are still intent on trying to convince the masses that the Soviet Union under Stalin was no different from Germany under Hitler? It is because, although the communist parties in most of the key countries of the world appear to be out of favor and Stalin has been dead for more than 46 years, they still fear that the communist parties will come back to overthrow them; it is because they still feel the influence of Stalin's writings, thoughts and sayings on working people worldwide. They are at last beginning to realize that Communism is the ideology of the future. As the *New Worker* explained in its editorial of the 1st of October:

"It is the class collaborationists who are really out of date - it is this bunch...who represent the outdated, the old notion of haves and have-nots and the creaking system of capitalism under which most of this world goes to bed hungry." October 12, 1999 □

## DECEMBER ISSUE

Readers of NSC shall be intrigued by a 20 page Supplement which was written by Mario Sousa, member of the Communist Party Marxists-Leninists Revolutionaries of Sweden. It is an expose and it's called **LIES CONCERNING THE HISTORY OF THE SOVIET UNION.**

Much has been written about these lies before, but this well-written and using simple language is great!



## JANUARY ISSUE

**Northstar Compass will have new columnists from other countries; shorter and punchier articles plus new features that will bring the reader an insight into the struggles going on in the labour movements inside the Soviet Union.**

**There shall be analyses of the problems inside the progressive movements and the communist parties, based on Marxism-Leninism and pointing out the long history of infiltration into these movements of opportunism and revisionism.**

**The authors shall be from many countries, all struggling towards a unified movement against the danger of Imperialist Fascism!**



## LETTERS

FROM  
PHOENIX, AZ.  
USA

Dear Comrade Trory:

**W**hen I read your recent article "What Price New Labour Now?" in the recent (October 1999, Volume 8 -#3) edition of Northstar Compass, I was very glad to learn that in your country the Trades Union Congress still has some left militancy left and is willing to resist reaction. Regrettably our own AFL-CIO is supine in the face of reaction. There is also in your article, some cause for concern as it seems your New Communist Party (NCP) now is about to make a very grave error which our own CPUSA and several other left organizations have already made...the error of endorsing one bourgeois party over another, when neither party offers anything to workers but reaction.

While there are some differences in the form bourgeois democracy takes in our respective countries, at this time and throughout the 20th century the two party system has held sway in both the USA and the United Kingdom. In our country the Democratic Party pretends to be less reactionary than the Republican Party; in yours the Labour Party pretends to be less reactionary than the Conservative Party. *All four of these parties represent the interests of the grand bourgeoisie, not the workers. We must never forget that.*

Do not think for one moment that you will get a better line or action out of Labour by endorsing it. Our own experience with the Democratic Party is that the consistent support by the far left and the trade unions only emboldens the party leadership to embrace reaction and steal more votes from the Republicans. In the 1992 elec-

tions we were promised national health care, asylum for Haitian refugees, the end to the ban on gays in the military. We received none of these things, and now the only solution the Democrats propose is more repression. They are destroying welfare, something that 15 years ago the most reactionary Republicans didn't dare even to propose. They starve Iraq and bomb Yugoslavia, and they call it concern for human rights. They speak of diversity and treat Puerto Rico and Hawaii as colonies. They propose to add more police to our cities and steal our guns and call this very "progressive", while nearly all the trade union fools go right along with them.

The old Labour took you down this road, and the New Labour is now doing it faster. Telling your voters to vote for these people is nothing less than class treason. It doesn't matter if the Conservatives win, for in the long run they are no worse. It is working people's struggles that decide how far the bourgeoisie dares to go, not working people's votes.

The Draft Resolution is absolutely right that: "Only a revolutionary party can lead the working class to overthrow the bourgeoisie. It cannot be done through elections because when the ruling class is threatened, it certainly abandons the trappings of democracy." To say, however, "We have to find a way of persuading electors to vote Labour in order to keep the Conservatives out until working people are ready to put their trust in a Marxist-Leninist party," gives the lie to that statement. NCP must put forth that leadership now, not wait for the masses to be ready. The masses are not always ready to act spontaneously...they have to be led to be ready. The NCP should tell them, "Don't vote, organize for a revolution."

In continuing to endorse Labour, you share the guilt of the suffering of all the people of Yugoslavia, Iraq, and many other nations that have been and will be the victims of imperialism. You also share the guilt of all those suffering in Britain. I beg of you not to follow this road to ruin. Learn from the many mistakes of the American left.

Comradely yours  
Kevin Walsh

## The Dictatorship of Debt

**W**hen the leaders of the world's seven most wealthiest countries met in Cologne, Germany last June for their annual summit, they were greeted by a human chain 35,000 strong, a symbol of an extraordinary effective grassroots campaign to lift the burden of debt from the world's poorest countries. This was once an obscure issue, but this debt question has been forced onto the political agenda of the international community. Led by Jubilee 200, a coalition of non-governmental organizations, churches plus many aid agencies that support complete cancellation of Third World debt, "Drop the Debt" is being described as the most successful international campaign since the anti-apartheid movement.

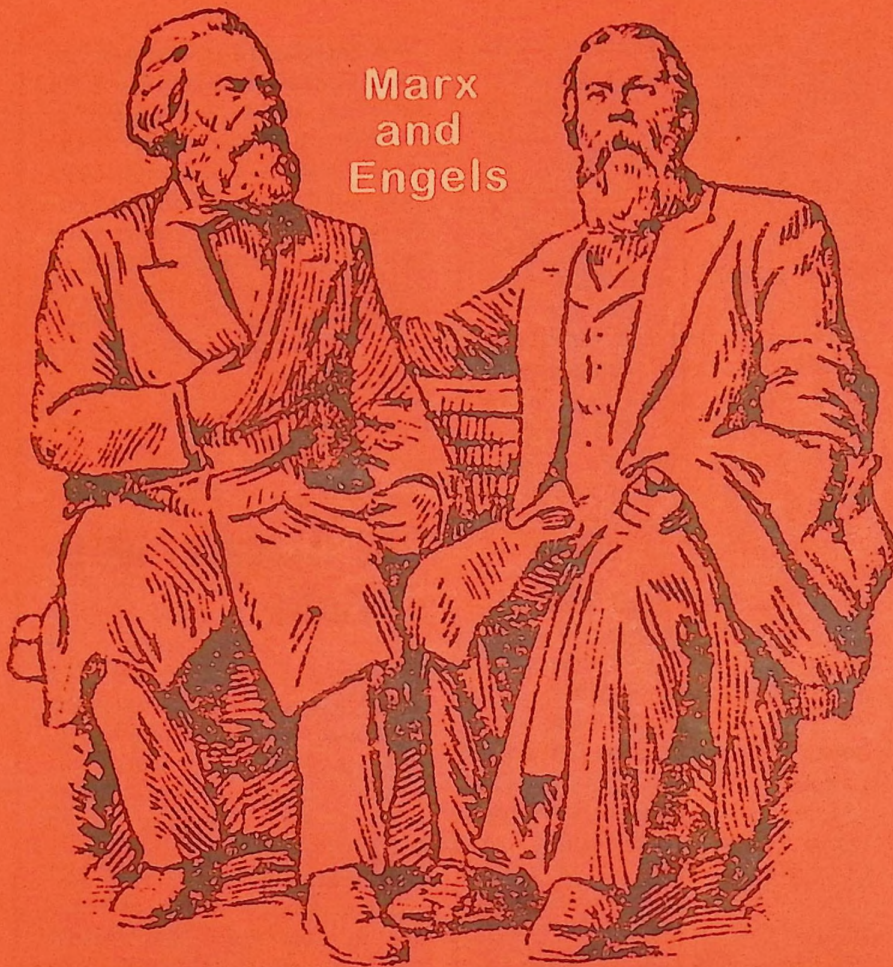
At present, 41 of the world's poorest countries owe collectively more than \$200 billions to governmental and multi-debted countries. The annual debt-service spending absorbs 40% of governmental budgets. This is the biggest obstacle to reducing poverty in the Third World.

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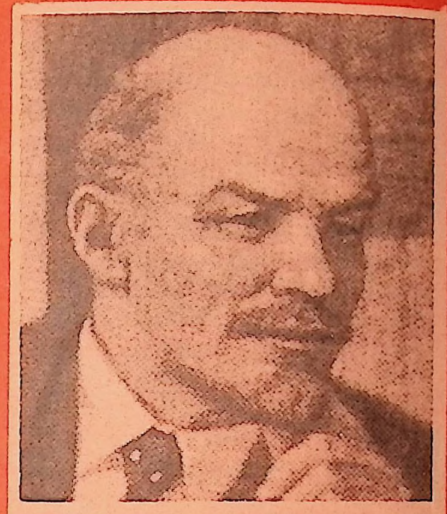
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