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EDITORIAL

TO UNITE IS A MUST FOR SOVIET COMMUNISTS, BUT HOW?

In the five years that Northstar Compass has been publishing, hundreds of newspapers, journals, letters and articles have come across the desk of the Editorial Board – all of them stating, in one way or another, that the present situation is intolerable. USSR is no more due to traitors from the former CPSU; all of them bemoaning the actual facts of Western imperialism; its World Bank; International Monetary Fund; Transnational Corporations and creeping fascism ... all basically a product of internal and external reactionary forces that actually, in the last 10 years, managed through “perestroika” (destroika) to dismember the Soviet Union and are now on the way towards capitalist exploitation.

All of the above that we stated, you can find in most (if not all) of the present Russian, Ukrainian, Byelorussian and other former Soviet republics anti-present regime press! If a person was not versed in political economy, political science of Marxism-Leninism-Stalinism ... it would be highly impossible to sort out the differences that plague Soviet society today!

If unity is the most urgent issue facing Soviet patriots, if this elusive UNITY seems to be the goal of nearly ALL communist-socialist and peoples' movements; if all of these

movements see and experience that internal reaction, combined with external Western reaction is UNITED in respect of completely obliterating the last vestiges of socialist ideas in the heads of Soviet people, then why on earth is it so DIFFICULT for the anti-Yeltsin and anti-present regimes movements to UNITE?

Judging by the constant information that we receive, that we sort through, that our Editor translates and agonizes over, it seems that there are the following proposals made by these parties as to how to reach unity. Here, we put them in chronological order:

1. Some parties propose to call an Extraordinary Congress of leading representatives of ALL Communist-Socialist, Marxist, Patriotic movements, and at this Congress, to establish ONE COMMUNIST PARTY.

2. Some parties suggest that the unifying process must be started from below, in uniting the local party organizations in each locality, town, city and then proceed to unite into one communist party.

3. The third suggestion is based on the works of V.I. Lenin, who wrote that before there is a movement towards unity, we must, in the first place, struggle with opportunism, that are now cooperating and supporting the present bourgeois regime.

There are other suggestions, but the above are the 3 main ones that seem to be the consensus of most of the 9-11 communist-socialist-Marxist parties that are existing now in Russia, not to mention in other former Soviet republics.

But there is sunshine coming over the horizon. Some parties are uniting, some are very closely cooperating in their actions, others are discussing the unity questions in conferences and meetings. The present political situation is forcing

the left movement to fight for their lives, because reactionary forces headed by the puppet Yeltsin, Kuchma and others cannot solve the growing chaos, even with the billions that Imperialism is pumping into Russia (of course, for their own ends, maximum profit at minimum expense)!

Soviet people (in their majority) who do not have the opportunity to hear or read the opposition press, who are bombarded daily by state controlled media, are beginning to discern between opportunists and dedicated Communists-Bolsheviks. This is shown by millions of workers that are on strike monthly. The pot is boiling, the situation is deteriorating to such an extent that an outburst will come sooner than later. That is why West desperately must grab these former socialist countries into NATO, thus trying to drown in blood any attempt by Soviet people to resurrect the Soviet Union and Socialism!

We, as dedicated Friends of Soviet People, wish them success and the sooner the better for all of mankind. That is why we stress and put forward the slogan (even if some of our left friends dislike this) that we print below ...

ARISE YOU MIGHTY LAND!

– Editorial Board of NSC □

Greetings sent to the Congress which is being held on October 4-5, 1997 in Moscow!

TO THE FOUNDING CONGRESS OF SOVIET COMMUNISTS

Comrade Anpilov and comrade delegates:

On behalf of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and the Editorial Board of “Northstar Compass” journal, we send you our comradely greetings, well wishes. We are asking you to always remember that the working class of

the world is looking to this Congress as an important step towards a UNITED EFFORT to resurrect the Soviet Union and Socialism!

The forerunner of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People was the "Hands Off Russia Committee" which was established in 1918. We are carrying out the work of that organization that began one year after the Great October Revolution and that is why we are going to propose the formation at this very dangerous time for Soviet people and the world, an "International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People" at our forthcoming 5th Conference of Northstar Compass journal which shall take place on February 18-19-20 of 1998.

The question of unity and mass movement of Soviet people is very necessary now, since the polarization that has taken place in Russia and other former Soviet republics is for the benefit of the present regimes that have usurped power. Therefore, Congress of Soviet Communists is so important to be the unifying force that will lead the people in the resurrection of Soviet Union and Socialism.

We wish you comrades strength and wisdom at this important congress. May the results help to solidify and bring to fruition the work started by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin!

We hope that a decision will be made to have Victor Anpilov honour our invitation to be our guest at the upcoming 5th Conference in February of 1998.

OUR CAUSE IS JUST! WE SHALL BE VICTORIOUS!

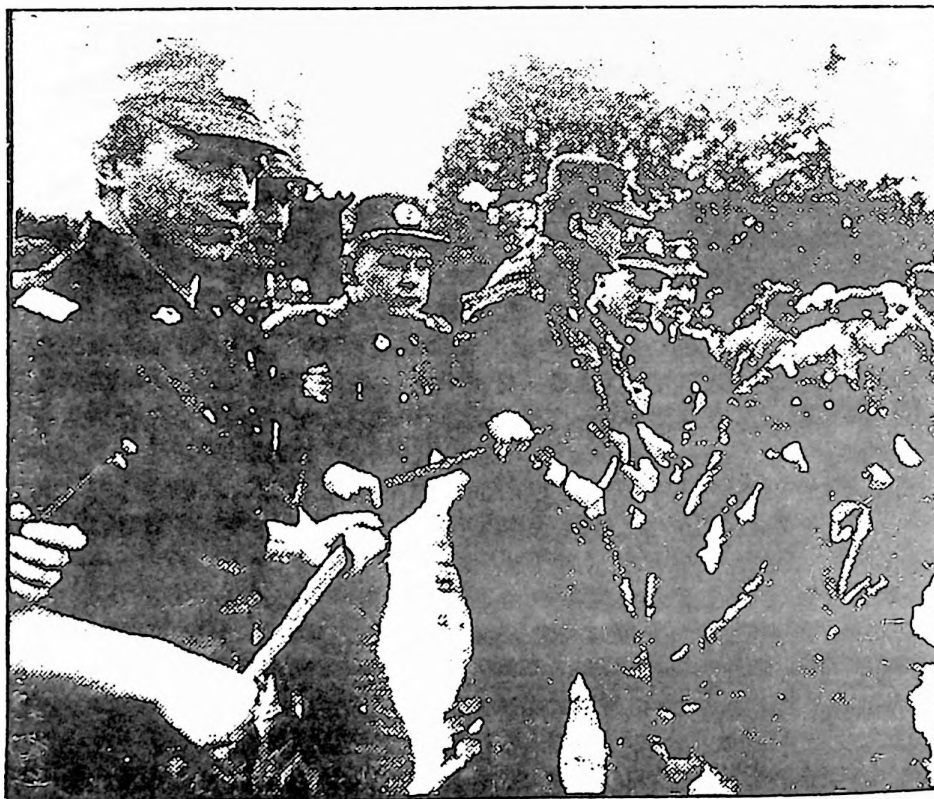
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The photographs printed below from newspaper "Molniya" give the lie to the stories that "March On Moscow" was a failure and that nothing positive was achieved!



Take a look at the faces of these OMON Security Soldiers (Yeltsin's private army), their batons on the ready, just itching to attack the "March On Moscow" participants! But they certainly do not represent the soldiers or all of the officers of the present Russian Army. Again ... just imagine a swastika or an SS insignia on their sleeves ... no difference between them and the fascists! Their time before the peoples' wrath is coming sooner than later!



QUESTIONS ASKED BY OUR READERS!

We invite our readers to reply to these questions which are on the minds of most progressive people. We shall publish all of the answers. Keep them short and to the point!

– Editorial Board

1. Why is it that China, a Permanent Member of United Nations, having a veto power, does not use it against USA's inspired dismemberment of Yugoslavia and constant attacks against Serbia?

2. Why is it that certain organizations, parties, movements, that presented themselves before as progressive, socialist, communist, now that the 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution is coming up on

November 7th, they seemed to have forgotten as to what great significance this event had on the world, and likely will not even give notice to this event that shook the world?

3. Why is it that some leaders of progressive parties in the West decry the lack of unity in the Communist movements in former Soviet Union, while in each country of the West, the preponderance of "communist-Marxist-socialist parties" is evident and they cannot even agree to meet in order to have open discussions about their differences?

As the saying goes: "Will the REAL Communists please stand up and be counted?" □

LANDMINES ... U.S. WON'T BAN THEM!

In spite of all the rhetoric and crocodile tears by U.S. Imperialism about the terrible carnage that is produced by landmines, despite the United Nations Organization proposing that a Ban on Landmines be signed by all countries – U.S. refuses to sign this ban!

WHY?

U.S. corporations fear that this ban could apply to many existing and developing weapon systems that form the core of U.S. current and future ground warfare technology.

Pentagon is developing an 'advanced intelligent minefield' data-linked to computer battlefield management systems that will fire at or detonate under selected targets.

Here are just some "goodies" that U.S. is going to produce:

- A million anti-helicopter mines to counter the increasingly

important battlefield role of combat helicopters.

- Long-range "deep strike" scatter mines will be developed to interdict narrow passages and airfield, or protect flanks of infantry or tanks.

- An entire arsenal of mines to destroy personnel, soft-skinned vehicles, clusters of tiny, air-delivered mines. These deadly systems were already used in the Iraq war.

THAT IS WHY THE COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON LAND MINES THREATENS THESE SYSTEMS!

QUESTION: *If there's no longer the danger of communism-socialism or the Warsaw Pact countries – if U.S. styled "democracy" is being installed all over the world, why then is U.S.A. petrified to sign the U.S. sponsored Ban on Landmines? Against whom are these mass produced terroristic weapons going to be used?* □

NEWS FROM FORMER SOVIET UNION

From Newspaper:
"SERP I MOLOT"
Krasnoyarsk, Russia

COMMUNIST PARTY OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION IS THE GOVERNMENT!?

(Gathered from the materials of
their Congress)

- First Secretary of the Volgograd District Committee of CPRF, A. Aparina, states that CPRF "already controls the State", and its task is to "keep in power and then get the people to believe in us".

"In spite of protests and resolutions of regional party organizations to the Program of the party at the last CPRF Congress, the Resolutions Committee never brought any of these suggestions on the floor of the party congress, and refused even to look at them (as an example, the resolution of the Moscow CPRF to institute again the slogan of the CPRF "Workers of the World Unite!" or to throw out the thesis of Zyuganov, when he stated on many occasions that "Russia has had its fill of revolutions and there's no need for another revolution"). The program was presented with only cosmetic changes."

– From:

Left Information Centre #15.

As the saying goes: "Once the words are spoken, they travel without the opportunity to get them back."

"HE SAW THE LIGHT!"

One leader of the Communist Party of Russian Federation, appearing before the Russian Army, stated in full force: "The political role of the Army should be

taken up now by the Orthodox Church!"

Such proclamation could not be given even by the President of USA, since the Church and the State are supposed to be separate. But in Russia, this is suggested by the leadership of the CPRF which states that it is "Communist"! When this same leader of CC CPRF was in New York and was asked by the newspaper reporter of "New Russian Word" which is not known for its Soviet sympathies, as to "why does the CPRF carry the label 'communist' which is discredited by the world?" This representative of a "communist party" stated: "Our people are used to the name communist as in a 'vyveska' (under the 'mask') as the readers that read the present reactionary newspapers such as "Moscow Komsomolets" or "Komsomolskaya Pravda".

The above newspapers have absolutely nothing in common with the growing Komsomol movement that is growing in former Soviet Union.

Some of the leaders of CPRF, like Kara-Murza, try desperately to convince the membership of CPRF that Russia is NOT a bourgeois country - "we just have elements that are akin to the bourgeoisie. The present capitalist class works day and night for the benefit of the Russian people".

No comment necessary! □

LUGANSK'S KALEIDOSCOPE

We received this article exactly 2 1/2 months late ... the envelope was all torn and it was wrapped in plastic. What happened to this envelope and where is anyone's guess. The article deals with May Day but the content is very analytical so we feel that our readers will be much interested in

reading this article by Felix Gorelik.

- Editors

That what is transpiring in Ukraine could be judged by the examples of one city, because, as a drop of water embodies the chemical composition of an entire ocean, such an industrial city as Lugansk reflects the intensification of the socio-economic and political crisis in all of Ukraine.

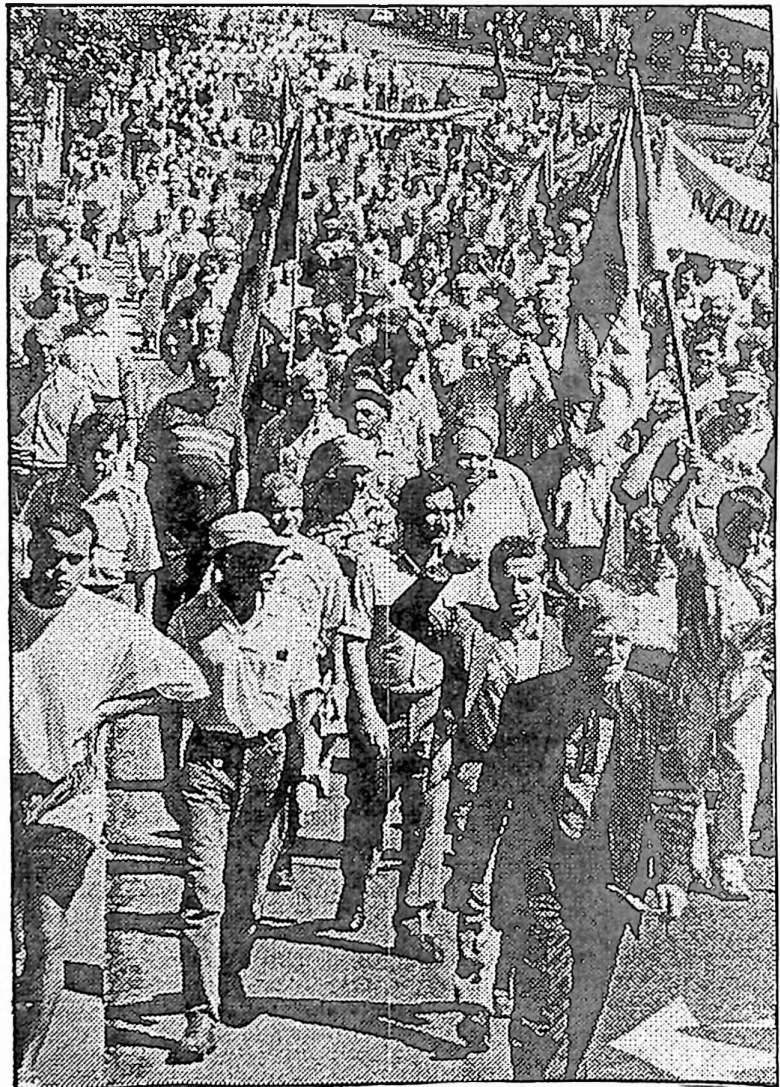
1. "KNOW HOW TO DO IT RIGHT"

These words are written on a banner that is attached to a house in the centre of the city. And under the slogan is the name of the firm: "Imperial Business Ltd.", and below

is a chess board with a fancy chess piece of the Queen. And this is a mysterious signature. V. Dobroslavski, the firm's president evidently wanted to show the whole city that it was he, and no other, who introduced these measures. But today, the boastful banner has taken on ironic slant: the limousine in which the successful capitalist was a passenger was ambushed. The killers used grenades, followed by automatic gun fire. Dobroslavski and three of the bodyguards were killed instantly while the fourth was seriously wounded.

Dobroslavski owned a firm dealing in petroleum products, restaurant, and several stores. He organized concerts of stars from

This photograph should dispel the propaganda that the people are not on the march!



Moscow. Several days before the ambush, he celebrated his 32nd birthday. Where did all this wealth come from – the firm, a luxurious home, a personal menagerie, swimming pool, and security day and night? The whole city knew him as "sweet-talk", as the head of racketeers that controlled the central market. It is precisely here, through extortion, that the original capital was raised which was then laundered in establishments of other enterprises. But this was not a hindrance to him becoming one of the most respected of businessmen. He also decided to take the youth in hand by organizing a youth organization, the "Century XXI". He also published a periodical, "The Century XXI", which advocated lewdness and vulgarity. Almost daily, he appeared on TV, with pictures in the papers. He published a telephone reference with many pictures of his well-heeled, glossy physiognomy. It was only after the death of the "entrepreneur" that the head of the anti-racket squad admitted at a press conference that Dobroslavski headed a band of about 50 members and that it's too bad that he could not be brought to justice.

A late admission. The question being asked is where was the police force during the heydays of the "leader's" activities? Why was he not brought to justice then?

We are not acquainted with the biographies of all those who became rich through the plunder of public property and pillaging of the entire people. They are being exposed only by their three-storied private residences that sprung up in different parts of the city. One of such successful businessmen is A. Danilov, the mayor of Lugansk. Similar to Dobroslav, he emerged from the ranks of criminals and recklessly began playing a game, starting with nothing. During

Gorbachev's perestroika, he formed a co-operative for the production of dog kennel needs. At that time, he was in charge of a zoo in the park. He then acquired a store, the "Donetskiye Zopee". During the election campaign, the radio and television continuously advertised the store and its owner. Danilov luckily was elected mayor by votes of the tricked voters who also invested their certificates in his business, only to discover that they were duped. The new mayor began organizing public market places which, through manipulation, later became his private property. He traded sidewalks at the centre but the sidewalk bricks were from his enterprises. Splendid festivities were held under any pretext: on occasion of the day of the city, on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Lugansk, New Year's eve, or the day of Victory. It was necessary to detract the attention of the citizenry from the gloomy realities and to resemble a feast during a plague. The last of such festivities ended in a Lugansk tragedy. A crash of people occurred on a construction trestle on one of the mayor's projects where several people were almost crushed to death.

And suddenly, as out of the clear blue sky, the chief of the security services steps out and implicates Danilov in serious fraudulent activities such as non-payment of taxes. Such is the fate of the "most progressive mayor", renowned in the West for his devotion to "reforms": through privatization he placed Lugansk in first place in Ukraine.

It is in keeping for the representatives of business to champ at the bit towards politics. It was by no accident that Dobroslavski became the owner of a newspaper: it was rumoured that, with the help of the youth movement, the

"Century XXI" he intended to place his candidacy in the forthcoming elections. Evidently, the governmental immunity and the nearness to the top were the contributing factors for his decisions. Mayor Danilov chose the patronage of the social-democrats, becoming a member of that party. But did they choose the right course? The fate of Dobroslavski and of mayor Danilov testifies that they are sitting on a volcano. Either their fate will be sealed by the rivalling mafiosi or by the interference of "their highness the working people".

2. "STORM. A STORM WILL BE BREAKING OUT SOON."

These words were excerpted from a song by M. Gorky about Burevestnik, prophesying the coming of a storm – the revolution. And it indeed did break out!

On more than one occasion, I had to write that the industrial plants of Lugansk have been almost completely paralyzed. The plant, the "Octoberskaya Revolutsiya" used to employ 30,000 workers. Today, there are only 5,000 and they couldn't find much to do. Formerly, the plant "OR" produced 97% of all diesel engines of the entire USSR. Today, no one can afford to buy them. The plant produces as much in a year as it formerly produced in a week! But the workers are safeguarding the glorious revolutionary traditions of Lugansk because it was precisely here that K. Voroshilov began his revolutionary activities. He later became a marshal of the USSR and the people's minister of defence. On every holiday or any occasion, the workers of the plant gather in solidarity on the square under the red flag. On one May Day eve, a group of people gathered at night at the base of the plant's chimney. The leader glanced at his watch: it was 50 minutes past midnight.

"Let's go", was his command. Two young gentlemen with the skills of Alpine mountain climbers began their climb up the chimney. They affixed the red banner to the lightning rod at the top of the chimney. The whole city became aware of it; the flag was visible from afar. Regardless of how hard the authorities tried to hire a traitor at any price to go up and remove the banner, no one volunteered.

Here is a short chronicle of events of June: On June 17th, the central square became a meeting place of miners representing many collectives from the entire region. The meeting was in support of their comrades who were Kiev bound to picket their president. The sky was cloudless on that day but, listening to the speeches of the miners, it appeared that one was seeing bolts of lightning and hearing rolls of thunder. Miner Sivorog from "Krasny Looch", said "no" to the policies of genocide by the government. We are being deprived of the right to be human, to get paid for our labours. Miner Sirovatski then presented a resolution that was adopted earlier at a meeting at Krasnodom: "Complete distrust of the government and of the president; urgent measures to save the city from hunger and poverty" and warned of the possibility of hunger riots. A miner from the city of Sverdlovsk stated that he could not look his hungry children in the eyes whenever he comes home without a pay envelope. He warned: we do not intend to die alone; we will all die together." Minor Golovin, from the "Lugansk" mine, reminded all of the words of Karl Marx: "The strength of the working class is in its unity. All of us – miners, machinists, teachers, doctors should strike with one fist." In the name of the miners of Stakhanov, a miner stated: "Grief to the administrators who

had destroyed the USSR."

To us, Russia was not our elder brother – Russia was our mother: just remember Russia coming to our assistance when Ukraine lay in ruins after its liberation from the Nazis: V. Vikulov, the regional secretary of the Communist Party of Ukraine, was warmly greeted. He called on all present not to confine their activities only to economic demands, or to the resignation of Kuchma. It is necessary to change the entire social order, to return to socialism where the worker was "His Highness of the working class"! A sharp increase in political demands was one of the results of this miners' meeting. They became convinced that the promises of the government, having left the miners to their own fate, are promises on paper only and that it is inadvisable to confine demands for wages only. And besides, life itself is the best teacher! It was precisely the miners that were used by the "democrats" in the destruction of the CPSU and of the Soviet system. The miners had learned a bitter lesson. Authors of "reform" are of the opinion that the government should not be concerned with economics, that economics should be the concern of each mine separately. It is perhaps difficult for a reader to understand that

some miners had not been paid for a year and more. For example, miners of the "Perevalskaya" mine had not been paid since March of last year! During all this time, a miner received one kilogram of herring, two small tins of tinned fish and immediately prior to a visit by vice-president Durdinets, each miner received 25 hriven! (\$1.50)

In this situation, the union leadership who, until now, did not wish to argue with authorities, today are forced to face a situation calling for political involvement. Gaydukov, vice chairman of the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of the area, stated that the Federation had joined the campaign demanding the resignation of President Kuchma. The proclaimed resolution contained a demand for a basic change to the entire socio-economic course, as well as other demands. The sound of the miners' helmets against the asphalt in support of the resolution was reminiscent of machine gunfire.

Two events took place on June 22, the 56th anniversary of the attack of Hitler Germany against the USSR. While the communists organized a meeting to commemorate the occasion and to protest the involvement of Ukraine in NATO, a column of miners from the

Demonstrators demanding that President Kuchma restore their Soviet pensions.



Pervomaysk mine, having broken through the police cordon, assembled at the regional administrative building. They arrived at Lugansk, having marched for three days. At the Pervomaysk mine, the miners have not been paid since August of last year and plans are afoot to reduce the mining force by over 900 men. But the leadership of the miners was taken over by some determined leaders from the Independent Union of Miners. In Pervomaysk, instead of a negotiating committee, they had organized a revolutionary committee. The miners then occupied the city administrative building. Populous meetings were held everyday. We were told by them that the entire social network of the city was destroyed. Schools were closed, and the teachers have not received any pay. In hospitals, apart from hot water bottles with cold water in them, there is nothing. Everything has to be brought in from home – bedding, medication, syringes, bandages and bread. Children's centres had been closed. The city's cultural home had been closed. Endurance came to an end. The participants at the meeting joined forces with the miners and raised a bit of money for food. A joint resolution had been adopted in which, apart from the demands for full payment of back wages, was also a demand to bring to justice the culprits responsible for the collapse of the USSR and for the plundering of the people.

Such actions are testaments to the political awakenings of the miners. In the past, the NPG was considered a reactionary union, associated with RUKH and AFT. A lot of well tested techniques, sent here from the USA, were used in the destruction of the Soviet power. The leaders of NPG demanded economic independence, an open

market, asserting that they could trade in coal for dollars themselves. We, communists, were not welcomed by the leaders of the KPG, and were not allowed to mingle with the miners, stating that between us there is a parting of the ways. These are the lessons of life that we were forced to learn. Independence resulted in complete failure. The money was squandered, new markets were not found, big business took over the coal, but refused to pay for it. And the government in turn stated that, since you are now an independent enterprise, we are not obliged to pay your wages. Today, the miners from that mine are for the restoration of the USSR, for payment for work performed, and are full of hate towards capitalism!

Of course, we shouldn't exaggerate the success of the labour movement. So far, the majority are prepared to accept slave labour, unemployment, and are not prepared to demonstrate any resistance. And yet, the grapes of wrath and resentment are growing everyday. But a new wrinkle had developed: on June 21, the day before the above was written, a flock of crows had descended on Lugansk: under the leadership of Tchernovol, RUKH held their training sessions. Tchernovol did not conceal anything: he explained that the upcoming elections will be of great significance. RUKH is trying to change its image. Tchernovol admitted that wherever he happened to be, he was always greeted with, "Thank you, RUKH, for the destruction". Beginning to speak, he cranked up the old organ-grinder: the demise of Ukraine was not the responsibility of the "independents" or "reformers", but of the communists who, supposedly, kept destroying the country for 70 consecutive years. The second

reason is that RUKH is not in power yet. The country is governed by the party nomenclatura which does not want any reforms. The only solution is to give the country over to RUKH!

Tchernovol's "logic" was embroidered with decorative threads. In the compositions of the Soviet structures, Ukraine occupied the primary positions in almost all of the important economic indices. But thanks to the "independents" and "reformers", its gross national product had decreased three-fold, while personal income decreased six-fold! Who is the culprit?

In the second place, both Krawchuk and Kuchma fully adopted social-economic program of RUKH, a road leading to the return to capitalism. RUKH is well represented in government by such inspirers of "reform" as Pinzenik, Shpek, landowner Golovaty, who is the minister of justice, and also by vice-premier Kuras. Life has shown that, in practice, the ideals of RUKH have resulted in complete bankruptcy. A social upheaval is inevitable. Not one could abrogate the objective laws of Karl Marx: "A social order is determined by social conscience." But the basis of "social conscience" is the material basis of life. What those conditions are, you will have to see for yourself: The cost of a small basket of essential foods costs 305 hriven (one hriven equals 10 kopeks). 160 hriven is the minimum requirement to sustain livelihood. Maximum pension is 49 hriven. The wages of two-thirds of the populace are between 10 and 60 hriven, with a hold-back of anywhere up to a half year. Such a socio-economic course will inevitably lead to starvation and death.

A storm is inevitable!

Translated from Russian by Alex Sturgeooff □

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**From Newspaper:
"UNITY" (YEDINSTVO)
Orel, Russia**

NOT A LEGEND, BUT A FACT

When I, for the first time, visited the city of Maikop, I heard from elderly people a history which I found hard to believe.

In 1942, when fascists overran the city, for three days these fascists were murdering Soviet Germans living in this district – they brought them behind the outskirts of the city and there, they shot all the families. In place of the residences of the Soviet Germans, there remained only a burial mound without any monument or sign as to what transpired there.

I did not understand – first of all, why would German fascists kill their own people that were tied in to the German fascist ideology? Then if this is not a legend, why did not the Soviet government erect a monument to this tragedy and genocide?

To the first question, I received an answer not too long ago – researching through the archival materials of Himmler when he spoke before high ranking officers of German SS and police near Zhitomir region on September 12, 1942. Part of this speech said: "... We today have won in battle our positions in Asia. We must gather all, that comes from German blood. Here is the first principle that you must implant into your head: if you meet in the East a person of clear, good German blood, then it is necessary to bring them closer to us, OR YOU

MUST LIQUIDATE THEM ALL."

If we look at this principle as stated by the high ruler of the SS, the question becomes clear – that the leaders of German fascism thought that all Germans living outside its borders would help them, that is why they thought that all Soviet Germans would help them. It is hard as yet to find the plans that Hitler had for these "foreign Germans" in the future "Greater Germany". Maybe future digging into all the archives shall give us a concrete answer. It is only clear that these Maikop Soviet Germans were not willing to help the German fascists.

The answer to the second question is answered by life itself.

Until 1953, there was not even a thought about erecting a monument to Germans at Maikop. The bitter experience of the Soviet war veterans, the memories of the remaining survivors could not as yet tolerate the erection of a monument to Germans, who in other districts of USSR were of immense help to German fascism.

After the death of Stalin in 1953, when the feelings were beginning to mellow, there was an attempt by healthy forces in the Party to pay tribute to these Soviet Germans who were murdered by the fascists. The rulers of that time (Khrushchev) hid this atrocity until the eyewitnesses would die or depart from the locality. Why?

Only then did Khrushchev allowed this burial mound to be excavated and the propaganda was spread officially that these were the victims of "Stalin's terror". The same scenario was repeated at the burial mounds at Kuripaty near Minsk.

We must expose these followers of fascism which today are bent on the whole discreditation of everything.

– Vilhelm Grauberger
Ulianovsk

TOWARDS UNITY IN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

**From: Newspaper
BOLSHEVIK STAVROPOLYA
Russia**

On May 2-4, 1997, there took place an international conference in Brussels, Belgium on the initiative of the Party of Labour of Belgium. Gathered were representatives from Marxist-Leninist Communist parties. The Seminar had as its call the "Road of the October Revolution – is a road to the liberation of the working class". There were over 90 parties represented, representing Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America.

On behalf of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, A. Barashev spoke from the International Department of AUCPB.

On behalf of the "Workers Russia" movement, Victor Anpilov spoke and the secretary of the newly formed Party of Soviet Communists, who gave an outline of the new Manifesto of his party. The participants of the Seminar greeted enthusiastically the close collaboration between AUCPB and "Trudovaya Rossiya" and their struggle against revisionism and for the restoration of capitalism and on the resurrection of the USSR.

The delegates unanimously approved the coordination of Marxist-Leninist parties in the struggle against imperialism, for peace and socialism. Concretely, this was manifested in a resolution adopted for solidarity with Cuba and North Korea and against imperialism intrusion into Albania.

Representatives had the opportunity to meet and talk with Belgian striking working class in the

metallurgical giant "KlabeK".

From May 7-9 in Paris, the representatives of AUCPB met other Marxist-Leninist parties in friendly discussions to find common ground for international struggle.

On May 10 in Frankfurt-On-Main, there also took place a meeting of international communist parties on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of Communist Party of Turkey (Marxist-Leninist). In Brussels, Paris and Frankfurt-On-Main, the AUCPB representative met for discussions with delegates from North Korea, Cuba, Viet Nam, Belgium, Holland, Poland, Czech Republic, Greece, Turkey, France, Germany, USA, Canada, India, Philippines, Bangladesh, Japan, Palestine, Morocco, Algeria, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Uganda and Brazil.

Overall, these meetings showed the high esteem and influence that the AUCPB has among the international Communist movement in its struggles against opportunism, revisionism and Trotskyism, for the Bolshevization of the Communist movements based on the principles of Lenin and Stalin, to join it to the struggles of the working class, for a socialist revolution and the resurrection of the Soviet Union. □

**From Newspaper:
"WORKERS-FARMERS
PRAVDA"**

**Mukachevo, Carpathian Region,
Ukraine**

The Editor of this newspaper, A.A. Maevsky, asked us to publish this article, so that readers of NSC will know what kind of "democracy" exists in the present nationalistic bourgeois Ukraine!

**FREEDOM
- UKRAINE STYLE**

Dear Readers!

Editorial staff is asking

forgiveness for our 3-week delay in publishing this number of the newspaper. What's the problem? The story is the same as to what happened to the 2nd number of the newspaper. At that time, the director of our printing firm, I.M. Rohach, after an agreement was signed by printer "Zakarpatyie", refused to publish our newspaper. Now, the third firm we signed a contract with "Flag of the Motherland", I.S.

Iroshkin, director, also refused to honour our agreement and publish this number of our newspaper. They did not give us any reasons, but of course, the top echelon of power made certain that we shall not publish "Workers-Farmers Pravda".

No one cares when we point out that the Constitution of present Ukraine, states that everyone has the right to opinions and publishing of newspapers. Of course, the top

Poster of Union of Ukrainian workers seen in all demonstrations.

From newspaper
"Communist".



governmental officials do not like what we write in our press. Of course, if we would praise the present regime and tell lies and untruths as to how great the present economic, political and cultural situation is, then we would get the go ahead to publish.

We cannot praise the present regime – we should get them into the Guinness Book of Records because even Hitler was not able to bring the country upon its knees as the present leadership has done. To these “record holders” also belongs the Director of Mukachevo Post Office, A.V. Khainas. He makes certain that his post office is not contaminated by our publication, even though we asked that the post office send our 30 newspapers to the 90,000 population of Mukachevo!

It's obvious that the present unconstitutional Constitution is not for them to follow or obey. Let the citizens of Ukraine be satisfied with reading “Speed-Info”, look at videos and films from USA, American thrillers, sadistic, immoral porno films, let them only chew chewing gum, and of course, the cheap vodka is available for them. What else do these citizens of our “free Ukraine” want? They want to get their back pay yet, work, and health care? What else do they want? All these ideas were put into their heads by these “Damn Komyuniaks”!

We utilize the Constitution, Article 34 where it “guarantees” the freedom of the press and expression. We wrote a letter to the Attorney General's office and he beat around the bush, circumventing the Constitutional guarantees by accusing our newspaper of trying to overthrow the present government.

This present Constitution was rammed through the parliament (as was reported previously by Northstar Compass – Editor) and signed by Kuchma, plus to his

everlasting shame, by the leader of the Socialist Party of Ukraine, thus overriding the legal Constitution of Ukraine that was adopted by the people in 1978! Then on June 28, 1996, this Constitution was rammed through and also concurred to by the fraction in parliament who were members of the Communist Party of Ukraine and its secretary, P.N. Simonenko.

Our struggle goes on. We shall keep on publishing!

– A. Maevsky

Editor

**From Newspaper:
“VERNOST” (Loyalty)
Moscow**

Dear Friends!

Dear Comrade Lucas!

Your journal, I read with great enthusiasm, enormous thanks for this, that you send Northstar Compass regularly. But I feel that you are a bit too one sided in writing about the communist movement in



our country. On your pages, there are mostly articles about left wing fringe movements, when in our country, the influential movements are peoples' patriotic forces, and in the centre of these forces, there stands the CPRF (Communist Party of Russian Federation). Today, I'm trying to rectify this situation by sending you some numbers of our newspaper “Vernost to Lenin”.

I wish your journal growth, blossoming out and getting even more readers. You are doing an

excellent job!

– All the best to all of you,
Natalia Morozova
Chief Editor



Natalia Morozova – Editor

We thank you for your candid letter plus the copies of your newspaper. For the information of our readers, we're reproducing the masthead of this publication, plus a photograph of Natalia Morozova. The masthead states that it is “Independent political newspaper”!

We feel that in this horrible crisis for Soviet people, any newspaper that claims to be “loyal to V.I. Lenin” cannot be “independent” and cannot promote itself as above the life and death struggle that is the unfortunate lot of Soviet people struggling against the present regime of Yeltsin and company!

The articles in the newspaper are very informative, patriotic, striving for socialism ... BUT ... we found in your statement, Natalia Pavlovna, this gem ... “No, I do not think that Russia needs another revolution. I do not see any Russian class of bourgeois, I do not see capitalism, but I see only an unlucky socialist Motherland, robbed, exploited, but still socialist!” (Statement was made in newspaper No. 4 (25), 1997!)

As for the role of CPRF in this chaotic situation ... Northstar Compass

has tried to be very objective, basing ourselves on the scores of newspapers that we receive.

Maybe our readers would like to hear your side of the "story"! Therefore, please send us an article (no more than 600 words), telling us what you see as the way out of this extremely dangerous situation, not only for Russia (after all, V.I. Lenin established the Soviet Union) but for the Soviet Union? Please tell us why Gennady Zyuganov and his Deputies voted to install Chernomyrdin? Why Zyuganov is for multi-party system, mixed economy and whether CPRF really believes that socialism will be re-established by parliamentary means!

This is the only way that our readers in 61 countries of the world will be able to judge for themselves!

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

BOOK REVIEWS

ANOTHER VIEW OF STALIN

Ludo Martens's book "Another View of Stalin" sets the first brick in place so that we may restore the deeds of Stalin back to reality. Both pseudo friends and foes have attacked the character of Stalin. This means that they attacked the initial steps from Capitalism to Socialism and Communism. Stalin was serving, strengthening and defending his country from capitalist spies and revisionists, by making sure that his fellow comrades were ready and able to protect the Soviet Union. Traitors of their country were either expelled from their positions, relocated, imprisoned or executed if



they hurt the Soviet Union or its people. Some may have been innocent, but that lies in the hands of witnesses and the people that fabricated the testimony, like Beria and his cohorts. How can Stalin be blamed? He did not interfere in the court cases, so how can he be held responsible for the court's decision?

Ludo Martens writes a thorough and well documented book. He takes great pains to uncover the truth that was buried long ago with Stalin. He talks about his life and the so-called 12 million victims of the Gulag, the purges, the Ukrainian famine, etc.

This is must reading for the young people and elder readers of Northstar Compass that want to escape from the spider's web of lies the capitalist countries have spun. If people are shocked that capitalist nations lie, they should also read "In Search of Enemies" by John Stockwell, a member of the CIA for 12 years where he talks about the lies that he fabricated about Cuba and Cubans.

For readers that would like to purchase this book by Ludo Martens, write to NSC and we shall take the steps to order the book for you.

- By Jesse Light

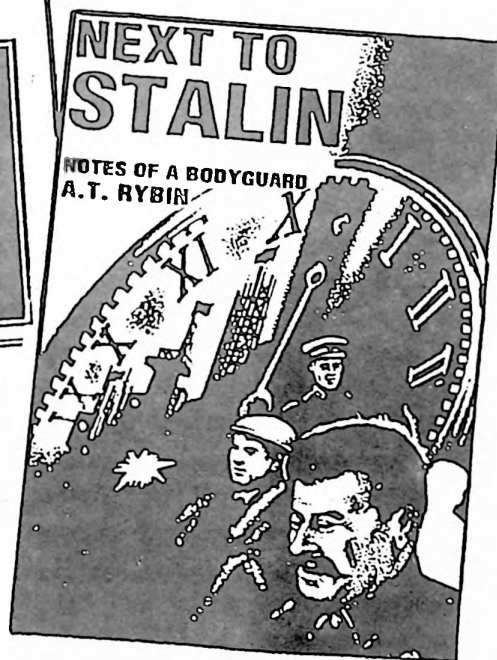
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**From Newspaper:
"MOLNIYA"**

Organ of "Workers Russia"

WE SHALL BECOME MORALLY STRONGER IN THE STRUGGLE ...

WE DO NOT NEED PRESIDENTS

Question: Yeltsin is dying and the Chairman of Internal Security of Duma, Deputy Illiushin proposed that Yeltsin be retired for health reasons. What is the position of "Workers Russia" on this question?

Answer: Central Executive Committee of "Workers Russia" sent a telegram to the chairman of Duma, G.N. Seleznev, where we agreed to support the essence of that Duma should discuss the question of Yeltsin, Chernomyrdin, Chubais and other governmental leaders and bring them to account for the disastrous break up of the Soviet Union, economic chaos, war in Chechniya, banditry, robbery and foreign control. After discussion of these questions, Duma has the right under Section 3 of the present constitution, to start the process of a referendum to decide the following questions:

1. Bring to justice persons who were responsible for the terrible conditions that are now existing in Russia and bring these persons to court for these crimes against the Soviet people.

2. Eliminate the institution of president in Russia.

3. Replace the state apparatus from top to bottom in the form of Soviets.

You cannot just mask the "ill health" of the president - this, in actual fact, would give Yeltsin amnesty from his evil deeds. Duma is

also to take responsibility for adopting the disastrous budget, annul the decision to give foreign ownership to the raw resources of the country. This cannot be controlled by the Duma or any other governmental agency. Foreign multinational corporations will never allow Duma to control their profits. You have to be an idiot in order to believe this fairy tale.

FOR WHOM IS "WORKERS RUSSIA"?

Question: With everything that is tied in with Yeltsin's health, and in the wings, there are already pretenders to the throne like



Luzhkov and Lebed. For whom will "Workers Russia" cast its vote?

Answer: "Trudovaya Rossia" is only for the Soviet State which the workers shall control. As regards Luzhkov and Lebed, this is just a pair compared to Gorbachev-Yeltsin. Have your choice! Both are for capitalism and for proceeding on the path that we are proceeding on now. Lebed has the ear of the West, behind Luzhkov are all the main financial banks. Both camps are in the midst of selling and buying ... BAM railroad, Sevastapol, ZIL auto works, etc.

Question: Newspaper "Sadovoye Kolco" has suggested in its pages that "Workers Russia" will give its votes to Lebed. What is your answer to this?

Answer: This is just a provocation on the part of this newspaper's editor, Soloviov. He is a member of the Russian Party of Communists.

He knows our position very well, our attitude and criticism of Lebed. As a journalist, Soloviov should know where to get the facts, thousands of people know my telephone number, and so does the editor. But this editor, instead of getting the actual information, he'd rather "suck it out of his thumb".

WILL YOU SUPPORT ZYUGANOV?

Question: Will "Workers Russia" in case an election is called, will it support Zyuganov of the Communist Party of Russian Federation?

Answer: All will depend on the position that Zyuganov and CPRF take on questions such as, nationalization of the banks, stopping privatization of all economic facets of Russia, stopping the robbery and rape of our national resources, eliminate the office of the president and bring the power and rule of the workers, the Soviet Union.

We all know that in the last elections, there was absolute cheating in the votes counted in Tataria, Dagestan, Kabardino-Balkaria, Rostov province and others. "Workers Russia" will demand that observers be elected of unquestionable character to oversee the counting of ballots. Zyuganov knew very well that there was tremendous falsification in the vote counting - this was told to him by his own CPRF scrutineers ... but what did he do? The very next day, he sent a congratulatory telegram to Yeltsin, congratulating him on his victory! He and his fraction in the Duma agreed and voted for Yeltsin as president and gave him extraordinary powers to rule. This was done instead of calling people out into the streets in protest about the falsification of the election results.

Now, Zyuganov and his CPRF fraction in the Duma voted for the disastrous budget. Duma is

preparing to vote on the profits from Russia for the transnational corporations. Zyuganov also invited Lebed and Luzhkov to join his fraction in the Duma!

Maybe the CPRF will pick another presidential candidate who will not be playing tootsie-footsie with international bankers and multinational corporations.

"Workers Russia" is of the opinion that in the first round of the election (if it is called) there should be two candidates from the left wing movement.

WHAT AND HOW TO PROCEED?

Question: Do you yourself believe that there is a possibility of changing the political course in Russia through elections?

Answer: We are for all forms of struggle, including parliamentary means. But the idea is to bring up the demands of the resurrection of the Soviet Union and socialism. This can only be accomplished through an All-Russia Political-Economic Strike. We're criticized both from the right and the left, as people that only believe in holding "meetings".

After this March On Moscow, we are in a process of organizing a new Communist Party.

Question: There was a lot of apprehension about this. Was that a March On Moscow, or was that a provocation? We shall go to Moscow, while they (government) will shoot us down ...

Answer: This is the way of people who are half-dead or provocateurs. March On Moscow was not a provocation. It is legal according to the present laws, constitutional. A march of this kind in 1996 on November 5 was held when trade unionists brought to Moscow thousands of workers from across Russia in protest.

Our activists have already started

to agitate all over Russia and committees were being formed all over and co-sponsors are being talked with to make this an all-inclusive demand of Soviet people.

ANOTHER PARTY?

Question: In your estimation is the fact that Communists must lead the March on Moscow and a country-wide Political Strike, then why are you forming a new party? There are more communist parties than are needed!

Answer: There is no need for "new" communist parties. Our aim is to form only one Lenin's Party on the territory of USSR. This aim is spelled out in the "Manifesto of Soviet Communists", adopted unanimously by the congress of "Workers Russia". This party with its Central Committee in Moscow and regional, local committees in all regions of USSR, is capable of stopping the pseudo-democratic wave of opportunism and anarchy in the Communist movement. Time has come to solve problems and have answers.

Of course, the formation of a united Communist Party and the holding of a Unity Congress might take time, but we are communists and we can and must solve all problems. All sorts of congresses are being held in Moscow of different organizations where we shall be present and will present our program and our call for a March on Moscow!

We are for a united youth delegation to go to Havana, Cuba, to the World Federation of Youth Festival, and we shall march under the flag of the Soviet Union. We are certain the communists in all of the former Soviet Republics have their structures there – they will support this manifestation of the March on Moscow. We shall also be able to put into operation our own TV Station

and Radio Station connected to all regions of former USSR.

Question: It seems that you, Victor Ivanovich, have resigned yourself to the fact that you were expelled from the ranks of RCWP and you do not want to fight for justice?

Answer: Nothing of the sort. I cannot be resigned to that fact, because the great majority of members of RCWP in Moscow have remained with us. I am absolutely against starting a personal conflict with Tiulkin and Anpilov. Majority of Communists of "Trudovaya Rossiya" will sign a petition against this expulsion, plus non-party comrades, and this will be presented at the forthcoming RCWP Congress. A Congress of our party belongs to the membership, not only to their leaders ... It is needed for the rank and file members to force the unity in our party, and in this way, we shall be much stronger to struggle, and thus, form a union of Soviet Communists. Together – we shall win! □

WHEREVER YOU THROW, THERE'S ALWAYS A WEDGE

**Situation in
Predniester Republic and Moldova
By: Nikolai Dnestrin**

Life in non-recognized Predniester Moldavian Republic goes on. The past elections to parliament and the referendum of December 26, 1995 showed the feelings of the people: to be part of Russia. There took place the basis for a two party system for the present bourgeoisie, where "democrats" will be replacing other "democrats". Now, the biggest fraction in parliament is the party of Agrarians.

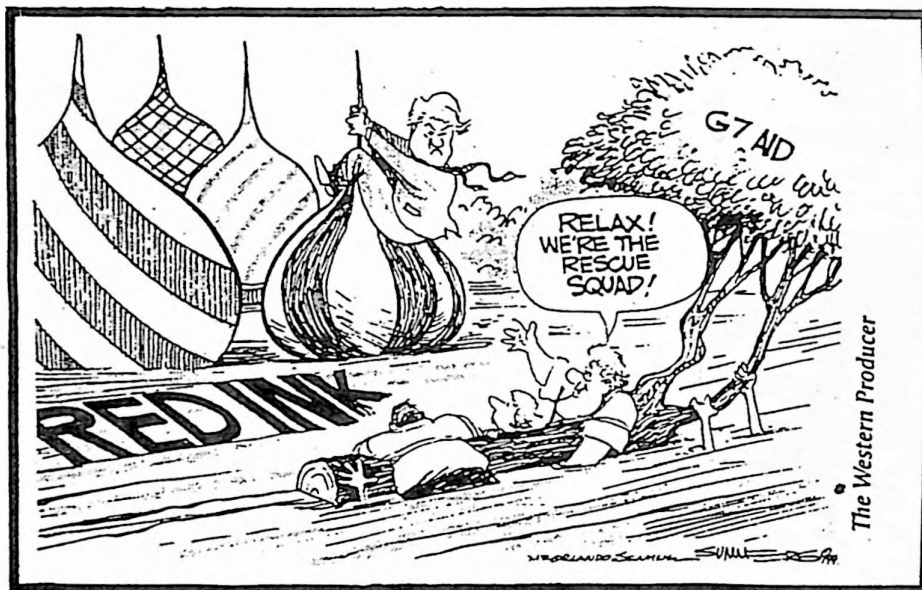
Bourgeois democrats, having sold the working class and its class brothers, bit by bit, are liquidating the last remnants of Socialism and of the Soviet state, basing all of their

ideals on capitalist Russia. In spite of all these moves by the new capitalist class, the opposition to this is growing, especially in the capital city of Bendery and other cities, looking at the results of privatization and the havoc that transpired in Russia and other so-called "independent states", the working class is holding on to their workers' collectives and trying to save the republic from certain collapse. Extreme hardships are felt in the farming-agricultural sector which are on the verge of complete bankruptcy, thanks to the policies of the ruling class which itself is being dictated by the capitalist foreign advisors. But the collective farmers as well as workers are sticking

blooming and developing republic into a concentration camp. They have dissolved the collectives which were formed over scores of years, composed of multi-national forms. There are mass bankruptcies of enterprises, selling off these hard-earned industries to foreign investors and dismembering all of the productive collective farms. Farm fields are overgrown with weeds. The crops that are planted are either rotting in the fields or completely overgrown with weeds. Because of the lack of fuel, the beautiful and ecologically necessary forests are being cut down indiscriminately for fuel. People's anger is boiling! Repressions are taking place, the bourgeoisie trying to keep the lid on

completely disoriented and utilized for Western culture. The war industries, instead of being slowed down, are growing bigger and bigger. We are now the supplier of raw materials, not manufacturing, but importing goods. Cheap and shoddy foreign goods are imported while quality products that were manufactured in the country are curtailed; cheap labour while our military spending is growing and production of war implements is on the rise. Looking at the location of Moldova and Predniester Republic and its strategic location in the Balkans, it is easy to see who is interested in having this region under its jurisdiction and therefore, fermenting and instigating the wars in this region.

In this situation of crisis, a Bolshevik Party was born as part of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks. As in other former republics of USSR, the AUCPB is different from other parties in that the former party bureaucrats of former CPSU are doing everything possible that the people would be confused as to the role of AUCPB and thus try and lead the people into the muddy quagmire of opportunism and away from the principles of Marxism-Leninism. Therefore, Bolsheviks have to be on guard always as to the purity of its ranks, knowing full well that the class enemy is not sleeping but trying all the time to find the weakest point and bring in its agents and derail the work of AUCPB from within. One example, into the party of PMR agents infiltrated into the leadership of the Communist Party of Workers (KPTP) and split it into three parts: one faction cooperating with the Union of Communist Parties (CPSU), petty-bourgeois party (CPTP-1 - I. Koshevoi); opportunistic-revisionistic representing monopoly capital (CPTP-2 - N. Chepko);



together and cooperating, stopping the disintegration of the collective farms and also stopping the process of the privatization of the land.

It is a different situation in the bourgeois Moldova (former Moldavian Socialist Republic), where capitalists are trying and succeeding to dismantle every last vestige of socialist industry and agriculture, under pressure from Rumania. Moldova parliament and government have succeeded, with their fairy tales about "stabilization", in turning a former

this ferment, faithfully following the directives of Imperialism. The authorities are sending officers, cadres to USA and other NATO countries to learn the methods of crowd suppression.

Both Predniester Republic as well as Moldova are trying to curry favour from both the West and East. Prices are rising while wages are going down. Unemployment is rising dramatically. Instead of education, there are even more and more churches being built of all denominations. Youth is being

infiltrated with anarcho-liberalist (CPTP-3 – N. Struzhevich). In Moldova, there exists an opportunistic bourgeois party of communists of Moldova (PKRM), headed by former high party apparatchik of former CPSU, V. Voronin. Socialists and social-democrats in Moldova are headed by G. Volovoy, A. Safonov, O. Khantoy and others, all from the leadership of former CPSU. These people will always be enemies of the working class and will be opportunists, taking advantage of the working class and peasants.

Until the Second Congress of AUCPB, the interference of Zyuganov's party membership (CPRF) was so great that even some candidate members into the AUCPB, middle aged or older, were not able to understand the slogans of our party, stating that: – look, in the AUCPB, there are so few people as opposed to CPRF where there were hundreds of thousands overall. We were forced to explain this absurd understanding, the truth of Marx-Engels-Lenin to these half-believers ... a small but well organized communist party can, at a given moment, grow immediately into a mass party, capable of bringing behind itself a majority of people. As an example, the Bolsheviks were much smaller in numbers than the Mensheviks or others, but the masses went with the Bolsheviks and the result was the October Revolution in 1917.

Many times in discussion with comrades, those who were in the CPSU before, as with non-party people, we had to answer typical questions such as:

1: If I join the AUCPB, will there take place repressions against AUCPB from the present government?

2: Communists should join together now with all other communist parties, then undertake to solve the differences, who is an

actual communist, and who is not!

3: Why was not the AUCPB included in the Ministry of Information before, so that they would have been known as was done by the other parties such as CPRF, UCP-CPSU?

4: What can we people do, if the state is in the hands of the mafia? You must understand that I have a family and if the director of the place where I work finds out my political leanings – you know what might happen to me!

Since these kinds of questions are always asked, we do not go away without answering these concerns. In the work of explanation to the workers in Moldova and in the Predniester Republic, our newspaper, "Hammer and Sickle" is of great help. It is like a breath of fresh air. This newspaper has become a source of information for all communist parties and movements. All of us read this newspaper, and we must always find money to make certain that it is published regularly. □

“UTILIZE EVERY ADVANTAGE FOR AGITATION ...”

With these words, V.I. Lenin succinctly spelled out the organizational policies of All Union Communist Party[B]. In this regard, this is the policy that we followed in our Kirov district when there were elections held for the Duma; after that, in the race for the president, in the local elections also that were held in all the districts. The work in the elections has shown how very mistaken was the policy of the "boycott" by the forces headed by Nina Andreeva. Even at the time of Lenin, the facts were known that if the masses of people are still under the illusion of "peaceful",

or "parliamentary" methods of accomplishing the overthrow of the regime, the party must realize this situation and adopt a policy that it must utilize the election process as a form of struggle and agitation, and the fact that these illusions the majority of the population still has in its mind, is shown by the large numbers of voters who took part in the election process.



V. Serju – author of this article.

No matter what our opponents state, agitation during the election process has its place and effectiveness. As an example, not one factory or enterprise during non-election time will allow an agitator to go and talk to the workers – but during election process, this fact is overcome and the opportunity exists for us to do our propaganda agitational work ... even giving you an opportunity to take advantage of taking them to court. It might not get the desired results but the publicity among the workers will have its advantages. Issuing leaflets during "peaceful times" is not only hard financially, but in distribution in the factories is barred; but in pre-election time, you can mask your agitational leaflets as if you are having discussions with "the electorate". As you know, to field a candidate, you must gather a

quota of names for your candidate, thus giving you an opportunity to visit apartments, work places with your agitational materials for your candidate, that otherwise you would not have this opportunity.

Our newspaper "Bolshevik Pravda" has grown in the number of readership since the elections. Sharp articles, uncompromising criticism of the regime was accepted very favourably by the people. Our newspaper with its different sections aimed at all levels of the readership is playing a big role in its popularity. Going into towns and villages is a costly venture, but during the election process, the candidates get allowances and passes for their workers to utilize on public transport. Since all workers for all candidates are supposedly in the same milieu, this gives our party secretaries and Young Guards the opportunity to be amongst everyone and thus give out our leaflets, sell newspapers without being able to be targeted for police beatings, since all the agitational workers of all parties are in the same place. We also utilize satire, anecdotes, puppet theatre to bring our message across to the voters, since every method of agitation is beneficial – especially if it is satire based on fairy tales with a modern contemporary twist. People sometimes get the message loud and clear much more than with a leaflet that is sometimes heavy reading. In other words, we utilize every method to get the message across.

It is a fact that those that laugh at the enemy are not afraid of that enemy. This was proven during the Civil War and the Great Patriotic War when anecdotes, satire and satirical verses "chastushki" were potent weapons.

There are many different methods of bringing the truth to the people, if your head is screwed

properly on your shoulders. I was passing a former Children's Nursery building, where all the toys and playthings of the children were thrown out and now, this pioneer building is the privately owned "night club" – which, in actual fact, is nothing more but a bordello.



Comrade Maxim – the best newspaper seller of Bolshevik press.

Gathering all the broken dolls and puppets, I and my comrades fixed them up, dressed them in contemporary clothing to suit the dialogue and staged in our agitational work during elections a puppet theatre where the puppets acted as the present leaders and the dialogue was to the point, thus giving us another agitational tool to get our message across against the present regime, and for socialism and the Soviet Union.

Using known fairy tales that all of us were brought up with during

Soviet times, we changed the clothing, staged the satire that people immediately got the intended message. People laughed, got the message and our agitational work did produce the desired results.

Of course we did suffer even though this was legal during election time ... the OMON police were particularly vicious against us. That means that we were a success! We felt that most workers where we performed voted the right way. We sold our newspapers readily after each performance.

Thus, with different methods, we must promote the truth! With new, old and "serious" and "farcical" and "all party dialogue", plus "people's anecdotes". There is no other way!

– V. Serju

OUR MOTHERLAND – USSR

The facts stated below are from the "Military-Historical Journal".

- From the first day of the Great Patriotic War, Hitler's plans for utilizing the smaller nationalities against Russia was already set in motion. Even before the Second World War (according to open archives now) fascism and their international backers had people placed in many official governmental organs of power, not only in USSR but in other former people's democracies.

- German Abwehr, during the first months of its attack against USSR, had already formed Turkmenian SS formations, then a Muslim SS Division "Khansher".

- From Poland (where they were quartered and trained) Hitler sent to the Eastern Front 6 Turkish, 2 Azerbaijan, 2 North Caucasus, 2 Armenian and 2 Georgian battalions to fight the Red Army.

- Ukraine was also invaded by the Turkmenian, Azerbaijan,

Georgian, North Caucasian divisions.

- In 1942, German SS started to organize the Crimean Tatars. These Tatars were called "the new armament of the Third Reich". All these battalions and divisions were used not only to fight the Red Army, but to murder and rob civilians and terrorize them when the front moved onwards.

- The struggle against these battalions and divisions was carried out by the troops of NKVD who had to hunt these bandits out, try them and liquidate or jail the guilty ones.

- In Tadjikistan, these bandits, with the help of Afghanistan and other Muslim countries, were nearly successful in establishing "Musulmanabad Republic". The idea of fascism was to set up a Muslim Republic which would encompass Central Asia. They also wanted to join together Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan together as a "Reich Protectorate". They even elected the head of this "union" – Shikendantz. They also left their hidden agents to work behind in case Germany would have to evacuate the USSR.

- In accordance with the laws passed by the Supreme Soviet, some of these small nationalities that helped Hitler, such as Crimean Tatars, Ingushi, Chechens were deported to other parts of Soviet Union for the war time crimes, and also to save them as a people from the

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and butchered by these elements.

- These documents are coming to light only now, since they were marked "top secret". Now, we can see these events in a different light than the propaganda that was heaped upon Stalin all these years.

– V. Ilion,
correspondent of Molniya

It is also necessary to remember that

Canada and the USA had displaced hundreds of thousands of Japanese and other nationalities from their place of residence. The difference was that Canada and USA did not have the enemy fighting on its soil! □

**From Newspaper:
"BUREVESTNIK"
Sevastapol**

LETTER FROM GEORGIA

We are absolutely torn away from Russian and Ukrainian communists. But, Georgian communists are working and will work and struggle for unity and socialism. Not too long ago, we held our 4th Congress of the Only Communist Party of Georgia. There were guests from Russia, Ukraine.

In Tbilisi, we publish a newspaper called "Communist" and in time for the 2nd Congress, another newspaper appeared called "Star of the East". This newspaper was published before, during Soviet times but under the regime of Gamsakhurdi was changed into "Free Georgia". I am a member of the AUCPB (All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks) since 1992, and as others, it is imperative that we as communists must know what our comrades are doing in their parts of Soviet Union.

My sister lives in Crimea. I wonder if I will ever see her again, because of the restrictions and the amount of my pay is enough only to ride the metro (subway).

When will our Communists resurrect the Soviet Union?

– Olia Dzhava Khishviki
Tbilisi □

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

**PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK**



UNDER PRESSURE OF PSEUDODEMOCRATS!

One of the main aims of the political manouvering of today's pseudodemocrats' "independent" Ukraine – is the complete information blockade and disinformation for the people. On the pages of the present pro-governmental press, there is no truthful reporting about the terrible economic problems in the country, about the on-going struggles and strikes of the workers for their rights. But truth somehow always manages to come to the fore. In Ukraine, there are numerous newspapers and publications, in dire straits to keep going, but nevertheless they try to defend the interests of the workers.

As an example, the vigorous and ongoing struggle against the policy of robbery by the mafiosi structured government is the editorial collective of the newspaper "Village News" (Kiev), headed by I.V. Spodarenko. The newspaper functions under the most difficult of conditions. The powers try through all means to silence the newspaper economically, perpetuating around the newspaper a moral and psychological atmosphere. In November of 1996, there was an attempt to assassinate the Editor Spodarenko. He managed to stay alive due to his resourcefulness, managing to protect himself with his attache case from the deadly blows.

"Silski Visti" (Village News) does not belong to any political party or movement. From its political stance of not following up its sources,

many of its articles have a doubtful direction. But nevertheless, this newspaper is fighting against the present regime, for the defense of the farmers, village intelligentsia and all workers. Thanks to their devotion and energy, they managed to uncover many scandals reaching right to the top echelons of power. In December of 1996, due to their exposé, the Head of Kuchma's Administration, D. Tabachnik, was forced to resign.

"Village News" is one of a small number of newspapers which gives truthful representative information and its readership is large and its authority is influential. This is confirmed by the fact that it is in first place in Ukraine as to number of subscribers to this newspaper.



Ukraine's capitalist farmer!
From newspaper "Tovarish".

Here, we suggest to our foreign readers some samples of their stories chosen at random – which shows how this newspaper defends the interests of Ukrainian farmers. These materials show the effects of the

social-economic and political processes in our country.

For those that are interested in receiving or writing to this newspaper, here's the address of the Editorial Board:

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"Village News"

The following is from clippings supplied to us by Professor Herasymchuk from the newspaper "Village News" in Ukraine, December 19, 1996.

DURING PEACE TIME, WITHOUT WAR ...

Dear editors!

I want you to understand the pain in a mother's heart and publish this letter, advise me where I can turn to, where I should go and where I should scream!

May 28, 1996, we said good-bye to my son Andrew, who was inducted to the army, when his call up came. He went to Simferopol where they told us that to join the National Guard was the most prestigious honour. At first, Andrew wrote that all was well, that he can take it and persevere. In a month's time, we went to see him take his oath of allegiance and everything seemed normal.

Soon after that, the letters stopped. I decided to go and see him, but maybe he was on manouvers and who would let a mother in at that time?

During the night of October , 1996, we received a telegram to come quickly that our son was having a serious operation on ulcers.

We were there at midnight and the Major in charge stated that our son was dying from an ulcer! We could not believe that a 20 year old healthy man could die from an ulcer!

They held us in hospital for 40

hours before we could see our son. When I saw him, I began to cry hysterically. I dropped on him and I felt that his heart was still beating. Only then did I see that he was badly bruised, beaten so that his face looked like pulp. After they saw that his heart was beating, they attached all sorts of apparatus onto him, that he needs immediate blood transfusion and that his company of soldiers should immediately start donating blood.

Next day, his temperature went up, he was able to breath on his own for 5 minutes. But right on our 50th wedding anniversary, our son died. They then told us that maybe the blood transfusion did not work and it could have been contaminated!

Doctors themselves, after our prodding, stated that he was badly beaten up into unconsciousness. He was also malnourished to a dangerous degree. When he was inducted, he weighed 76 kilograms, but just a couple of months later, we found him at 43 kilograms.

We decided to go into the training field where his fellow recruits were gathered. It was raining heavily. The recruits had on torn uniforms, torn shoes, torn tents where water was leaking in. They came in wet, slept in wet beds and blankets. From a barrel of water, they washed themselves and drank the same water. We saw the rice that these boys had to eat – that was all that they had! In order to supplement their diet, since all of them were hungry, they gathered wild mushrooms and baked them over a fire. We heard from one of the recruits that our son Andrew complained and went to the officers to ask for bread for the soldiers. Instead of bread, he was badly beaten up as an agitator!

Theft of goods, clothing, boots and other effects is so rampant that soldiers are forced to wrap cloth around their feet in order to keep

warm. I did not imagine that this is happening now in the army! Why do the present Ukrainian authorities take these young people into the army if they cannot cloth or feed them? For whom and why did I bring up my son – that he should die for asking for bread and decent clothing? This, in peace time, not Chechniya or Afghanistan!

The army authorities promised that they will bring the body of our son to our village one day – but a couple of days later, in the middle of the night, they dumped the body into the yard of the apartment, while they left for the commandant's centre. I, as a mother, was left to cry over the body. They came back the next morning, bringing with them the "certificate" that my son died from "inflammation of the lungs"!

What did my son die of? Will someone tell me why? Why was he so badly beaten? Why did the doctors give other reasons to us, while the official "army certificate" stated another?

We lodged a complaint with the Colonel and demanded an answer. He advised us to start proceedings in court in Simferopol.

This became a dead end in itself.

This is the way I lost my son – with no war, during peace time, in this independent Ukrainian army!

Now, the recruiting again is on for new soldiers. Which mother will give up her son to the conditions that exist, that took the life of my son? Do we need such an army – which cannot supply clothing, food, shelter and that is rag-tag army of the present state authorities? How can such an army defend us, mothers or the state of Ukraine?

Who will give an answer to us, mothers, to all of these painful wounds – who will answer?

– Oksana Kushnir
Village of Ukrainka

HOW CAN WE LIVE ON LIKE THIS?

We workers, pensioners ask the newspaper to help us.

We rebuilt our country after the Second World War without help from "across-the-ocean uncles". We defeated fascism, we rebuilt, we had enough to live on, life was improving, economy was growing, our children were schooled, health care was free ... we had enough to be thankful for.

Some of us are not getting our pay or pensions for over 6 months. We have not enough flour to bake bread with, or money to buy bread. We are a forgotten generation. There is no work, there is no help, there is no one to turn to.

We are left to slowly die off, no one cares about us – those that built the country or those that fought to defend our Motherland from fascism.

– Signed by
60 signatures from
village of Zeleni Koshari

FASCISTS COULD NOT KILL US OFF – BUT "OURS" ARE DOING THE JOB!

I'm an old veteran of the Great Patriotic War, served 6 years. Fought against Finland, in Mongolia, in Byelorussia, was wounded many times and became an invalid. I'm 79 years of age, with my 73 year old wife who is extremely ill. We are all alone.

We have to pay for all – gas, water, electricity, food and some clothing that we must have. Just think, how can we live when our pension was not paid to us for over 5 months? I never thought that I would have to do this, but I went into the town of Kanjanca-Podolsk, putting on my many medals and stood on the street to beg for alms! My wife forbade me, not because we did not need any help, but I don't have enough stamina to stand

on the street and beg.

What must we do?

I realize now that what fascists were not able to accomplish, our present "democrats" will do.

Please publish my letter, so that our president and premier can read it.

– Volodomir S. Yatsishin
Orini village, Khmel'nitski District

From Newspaper:
"VPERED" (FORWARD)
Byelorussia

UNITED STATES – EVIL EMPIRE OF VIOLENCE AND ROBBERY OF NATIONS

1945 – Allen Dules, CIA

Our readers can refresh their minds by referring to our NSC of November, December Supplement "MASONS" which stated exactly as the newspaper "VPERED" states in this article. We shall continue on quoting the rest of this revealing exposé. These facts are gathered from U.S., British and German sources, who are privy to facts that somehow do not make it to the wide daily media.

1960s – President John Kennedy

"We cannot defeat the Soviet Union by regular wars. This is an unapproachable bastion. We can only defeat the USSR by other methods: ideological, psychological, propaganda and economy."

1992 – Baker appearing before U.S. Congress

"We lost trillions of dollars in the last 40 years in order to defeat USSR in the 'Cold War'."

October 24, 1995 – PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON DURING SECRET MEETING OF DEFENSE STAFF

"... The last ten years of our

politics regarding the USSR and its allies, showed the correct path that we followed, by dismembering one of the strongest countries in the world and in defeating its military block – Warsaw Pact. Utilizing the diplomatic change instituted by Gorbachev and his advisors, including those who openly took a pro-American stance, we accomplished that which former President Truman tried to do with an atomic bomb. There was one difference – we got a viable naturally rich country and not a ruined country if Truman would have prevailed with his bomb. In four years, we and our allies already received strategic natural resources such as 50,000 tons of aluminium, 2,000 tons of caesium, strontium, etc. We also received hundreds of tons of gold, very rich rock minerals and other resources.

During the years of the so-called “perestroika”, most of our businessmen or military chiefs did not believe that we would be successful. Their worries were needless. By breaking up the ideological base of USSR, we were able without bloodshed to throw out of the position of power the biggest country in the world and our only competitor. Our task now and in the future is to give help to all those who see in America a mirror of freedom and democracy.

When at the beginning of 1991 the CIA gave to the East over 50 million dollars in order to realize our plans, most of our leaders, both in military and business circles also did not believe in success. Now, only four years later, our plans are being realized better than we expected.

But this does not mean that we have nothing to think about further or have plans in reserve. In Russia, where America still has not enough influence, we must immediately

solve some of the following problems:

- At all costs, we must make certain that communists do not get to power again.

- Full support and help in the presidential race in Russia. The present government meets all of our criteria. Therefore, we must not be skimpy in our help. They will bring us immense dividends. If Yeltsin will again become president for the second term, we then would have established a training ground, from which we shall never leave.

If the two questions are to be solved by us for our benefit, then in the next ten years, we must solve the following problems:

- We must break up Russia into tiny, inconsequential states by utilizing internal national strife, to follow the pattern as is transpiring in Yugoslavia;

- We must completely dismember the military potential of Russia and its army;

- Support and give aid to those regimes that break away from Russia and that we need in our strategic plans.

Yes, we allowed Russia to be a state, but we will not allow them to be an Empire, only one country shall be an Empire – that is the USA.” □

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From:
SEVASTAPOL
Moscow

I greet the idea of organizing the "International Council for Friendship & Solidarity with Soviet People". I feel that this decision should have already been taken long time ago. And this proposal coming from your organization, your journal and the growth of the countries where Northstar Compass is read, only confirms that this project shall be successful.

I feel that Yeltsin, if he needs to, can institute a referendum on the Lenin Mausoleum, and it will be held and the needed results shall be achieved by Yeltsin. But the question is this: the situation in the Russian Republic is growing sharper each day and the question now is coming to a decisive stage – since in July already, the question for Yeltsin is not of the Mausoleum, but more pressing problems that he has to deal with ... not about a referendum on V.I. Lenin Mausoleum. This is hard for foreign readers of Northstar Compass to comprehend, since all mass media here in the hands of the present regime have already got their instructions from their foreign masters, telling them to show that in Russia, everything is peaceful and quiet, and nothing of any importance is taking place or might take place.

It is evident that the Western rulers need a clear head, but instead, they seem to have their heads in the sand. But it will be a shock when they awake. People's proverb states: "Until lightning strikes, a muzhik shall not cross himself", but when the Russian thunder strikes, for the "Western muzhik", it will be too late to cross himself.

So, it's like an old White Russian song: "Do not give up hope, Lieutenant Golishyn".

– With respect,
Konstantin Kolontaev

May your assessment prove correct, Konstantin! □

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A NEW COMMUNIST MANIFESTO – THE BIG LIE

By: Bernard Livingston
Novelist-author of
"Their Turf and Zoo-Natural",
Science Book Club
Main Selection

This indepth article by our U.S. reader, we decided to print the two parts together. Excellent analyses.

PART I

All history is a history of class struggle between rich and poor, between those who have and those who have not. At first, the struggle was between master class and slave class, then between feudal lord and serf, and finally, between capitalist and worker. In future socialist society – and I know there will be a future socialist society, just as the slave, Spartacus, knew there would be a future slaveless society – there will be no antagonistic classes and thus, no class struggle. Humanity's basic struggle will be devoted to making a better world for all.

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This is essentially what Karl Marx wrote in his *Communist Manifesto*. And I fully agree. And, just as businessmen, i.e., capitalists, wear Rotary Club and other capitalist-oriented buttons in their lapels to show their affiliation, I wear a Marx and Lenin, and yes, even a Stalin button to reflect what I believe in and which side I'm on.

"A button of Stalin!", some exclaim. "Are you not embarrassed? Stalin murdered twenty-million of his own people. Communism's dead. Stalin's philosophy is no longer taught in Russian schools. They've pulled down his statues. Communism just doesn't work. The man's an outlaw in his own country."

"Indeed yes," I usually respond, especially to Christians who wear crosses and Jews who wear *yarmolkes* that reflect their views. "So was Jesus an outlaw in his own country. And when the Romans pulled his body down from the cross, they said: 'That's the end of Christianity. It just doesn't work!'"

But, if I remember correctly, Christianity worked pretty damned well. And, in its beginning, was a rather progressive movement. It worked so well – in fact, that it has gone on for a couple of thousand

years, while the Roman Empire, which nailed Jesus to the cross, in a few hundred years, became totally defunct.

And so will communism come back. Like Jesus who said "A rich man can as soon enter the Kingdom of Heaven as a camel pass through the eye of a needle," (Matthew 19: 24) Lenin and Stalin fought the class struggle on the side of the poor



and the working class. All one has to do is look around and see the rich getting richer and poor getting poorer (345 billionaires now own as much of the world's wealth as 45% of its population) to know that capitalism will go down and communism return. Both Lenin and Stalin, and Jesus, spoke truth to power.

As did Martin Luther King, Jr. And he too was made an outlaw in his own country. And those responsible for having James Earl Ray bring him down on that balcony in Memphis, Tenn., after he had led a protest of working class people, said "That's the end of Martin Luther Kingism."

But what do you think? Martin Luther King, like Jesus, also came back. His birthday is now a national holiday and African-Americans now have a few more civil rights. And J. Edgar Hoover, his nemesis, is now only a bleak memory.

The capitalist class can go implementing Winston Churchill's injunction – on the eve of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution – to "strangle the communist infant in its cradle," but communism will still go on.

Brotherhood – real brotherhood and sisterhood – of human beings, is an idea that humanity has dreamed for thousands of years. Like a cat, the idea has nine, maybe more lives. You crush it in blood as did the German aristocracy in 1848, the first communist revolution, it comes back in 1871 with the Paris Commune. You crush that with the massacre of thousands, it revives again in Russia with the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. The capitalists of fourteen nations band together with armies to crush that, but the Russian people and the working class of the world force them to withdraw. And it comes on strong again in China with Mao in 1949; in 1950 in Eastern Europe; in Cuba with Castro in 1959; and in Korea in 1945; and Viet Nam in 1973, after Kennedy, Johnson, MacNamara and other U.S. butchers were driven out.

But what Hitler, with the world's greatest military machine, couldn't do with bullets and tanks, world capitalism has succeeded (temporarily) in doing with traitors and banks. That is, with Benedict Arnolds and Quislings, such as Gorbachev and Yeltsin in alliance with the CIA.

And the most powerful weapon in the arsenal, both of the internal traitors as well as international capitalism, was anti-Stalinism.

U.S. capitalism learned well about the power of the "Big Lie" from its up-to-1940-friends, Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini. It didn't lift a finger to protect Democratic Spain from these criminals, who, after all, were fellow capitalists in fascist uniform, although it has always helped others crush socialism.

And it learned that the Big Lie is more powerful than the Big Gun. Demonize Joseph Stalin, who was the symbol of socialism/communism, and you befoul the idea of socialism/communism. Spread the lie that

Stalin murdered twenty-million of his people – a fable that was injected into his readers by yellow-journalist-ling, William Randolph Hearst, and then blown up by legions of paid disinformation specialists, disgruntled "dissidents" and traitors with a beef against socialism, and you can destabilize a country. The U.S. admittedly spent trillions doing just that to the USSR. In U.S. Ambassador Robert Straus's testimony to Congress, he complained about its foot-dragging on an \$8-billion loan to Boris Yeltsin. "Gentlemen," he said, (see *New York Times*), "We spent trillions on rolling back communism, and you drag your feet on an \$8-billion loan?" (to the man who is bringing capitalism back to the Soviet Union) [my parenthetical emphasis – B.L.].

And there were plenty of secret traitors hiding within the Party apparatus. You can be sure of that simply by looking at the multitude of ex-"Communists" who are now born-again capitalists – otherwise known as Mafia – in today's Russia. Certainly, they were there in the 1930's in Stalin's days, when the Bolshevik Revolution had not yet completely consolidated itself.

But Hearstian anti-Stalinism has it that the "bloody tyrant", in his mad quest for power, executed the best of his generals and comrades in the so-called "Show Trials" of 1937-1938.

They were show trials, all right. They showed that "communists" of the highest rank – Trotsky, Bukharin, Tukhachevsky, Zinoviev – like the Gorbachevs and Yeltins of today, were plotting the overthrow of the Soviet regime.

This, of course, to most Americans of today, would be balderdash. Sadly, the American public is still brainwashed with the Big Lie of "Stalin killed twenty-million people" – a figure that has

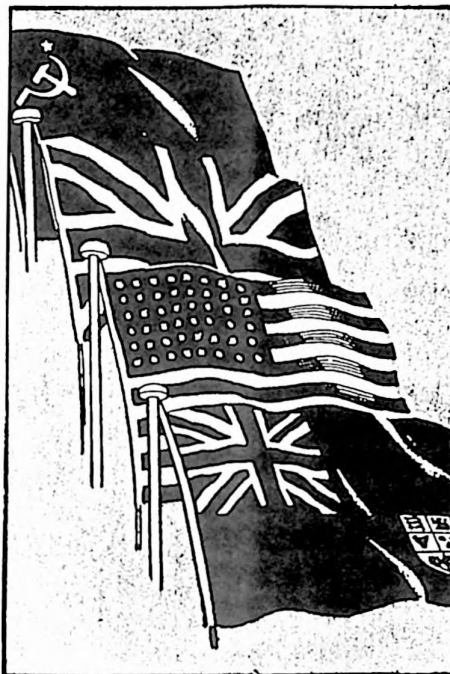
grown from one-million over the years, with a little help from "reporters" like Dan Rather, Ted Koppel, Robert Conquest of the notorious Hoover Institute, and yes, the *New York Times*. And this, in spite of statements by Mikhail Gorbachev – who is as anti-Stalinist as you can make them – that the correct figure of people jailed (and not all executed) runs closer to thousands. Which is not bad when compared with the number of dissident Americans rounded up and imprisoned in the "Red Scares" of the 1920s; to say nothing of the Communist Party leaders imprisoned in our own "Show Trials" of the McCarthy period.

But let's hear from other reporters. Let's hear from Dr. Kenneth Neill Cameron, former Professor of History, New York University, political writer, and one of the world's leading Shelley scholars. In his book, *STALIN, Man Of Contradictions*, Dr. Cameron quotes the observations of Joseph E. Davies, Ambassador to the USSR at the time of the Show Trials. Davies was one of the richest men in the U.S., an experienced trial lawyer, certainly no communist, and actually attended the trials, unlike Dan Rather, et al. Professor Cameron writes:

"In order to balance the current denunciations of these trials as frame-ups, we might note the reaction at the time of the U.S. ambassador to the U.S.S.R., Joseph E. Davies, who attended the 1937 and 1938 trials and had himself been a trial lawyer. Davies first attended the trials of the Trotskyite Centre in January 1937. He reported in a 'Strictly Confidential' memo to Cordell Hull, then Secretary of State, that in his opinion, the defendants were guilty as charged. 'To have assumed that this proceeding was invented and staged as a project of

dramatic political fiction would be to presuppose the creative genius of a Shakespeare and the genius of a Belasco in a staged production.'

In 1937, after witnessing the first series of trials, Davies visited Winston Churchill:



Over the coffee, Churchill was interested 'in these purge trials'. He plied me with questions, I told him the truth as I saw it. It obviously was a great surprise to the diplomatic guests. That sort of talk is not fashionable here, so violent is the prejudice. Churchill has no love for the Communists. He has had some bitter experiences with them. He is, however, fair and judicial minded and wants to know the facts. He is definitely not a 'wishful thinker'. I gave the facts as interpreted from the Soviet viewpoint and briefly outlined the argument of the government in these cases. Churchill said that I had given him a completely new concept of the situation.

Four other ambassadors confided in Davies that they, too, believed the trials to be genuine and the defendants guilty. But what the ambassadors reported back to their governments and what these

governments propagated were different things:

'Another diplomat, Minister —, made a most illuminating statement to me yesterday. In discussing the trial, he said that the defendants were undoubtedly guilty; that all of us who attended the trial had practically agreed on that; that the outside world, from the press reports, however, seemed to think that the trial was a put-up job (facade, as he called it); that while we knew it was not, it was probably just as well that the outside world should think so.

On the Bukharinite trial, Davies wrote at the time in a letter to his daughter:

'All the fundamental weaknesses and vices of human nature – personal ambitions at their worst – are shown up in the proceedings. They disclose the outlines of a plot which came very near to being successful in bringing about the overthrow of this government.'

And he wrote in a confidential memo to Cordell Hull:

'Notwithstanding a prejudice arising from the confession evidence and a prejudice against a judicial system which affords practically no protection for the accused, after daily observation of the witnesses, their manner of testifying, the unconscious corroborations which developed, and other facts in the course of the trial, together with others of which a judicial notice could be taken, it is my opinion so far as the political defendants are concerned [that] sufficient crimes under Soviet law, among those charged in the indictment, were established by the proof and beyond a reasonable doubt to justify the verdict of guilty of treason.'

In the summer of 1941, after the German imperialist attack on the U.S.S.R., Davies commented:

'On the train that day, that thought lingered in my mind. It was

rather extraordinary, when one stopped to think of it, that in this last Nazi invasion, not a word had appeared of "inside work" back of the Russian lines. There was no so-called "internal aggression" in Russia co-operating with the German High Command. Hitler's march into Prague in 1939 was accompanied by the active military support of Henlein's organizations in Czechoslovakia. The same was true of his invasion of Norway. There were no Sudeten Henleins, no Slovakian Tisos, no Belgian De Grelles, no Norwegian Quislings in the Soviet picture ... There were no Fifth Columnists in Russia in 1941 – they had shot them. The purge had cleansed the country and rid it of treason."

In other words, Stalin was right. He had ferreted out his traitorous Gorbachevs and Yeltsins and tried, convicted and eliminated them. And saved the USSR and socialism.

PART II

The Dan Rathers, the New York Times, the CIA, and the other 99% of the press and establishment which had brainwashed the American people, are still at it, for fear that communism might come back. (Just last night, I saw on TV another of the current eruption of "exposés" of Stalin's "massacres".)

So, I give thanks to Joseph Stalin



daily – one of the most maligned persons in history. And, wouldn't you, if you owned the press, the government and the corporations, wouldn't you malign a man whose communist ideas were a threat to that ownership and profit? The point is that Stalin destroyed Hitler. The Red Army, under Stalin, decimated 80% of the Nazi Wehrmacht, while the U.S. Army sat on its ass in Britain, waiting, as Harry Truman said, for "the Germans and Russians to bleed each other white so we can take over". And, had not Stalin destroyed Hitler, I, as a Jew, might well have wound up in a Nazi oven.

Moreover, apart from the fact that the so-called Show Trials totally rebutted the lie that "Stalin, the bloody tyrant, capriciously liquidated his closest comrades" (some "comrades"!), the myth that he murdered twenty-million Soviet citizens is ridiculous on its face, if you give it some thought.

How would he have won the war against the mighty Nazi military machine and then gone on to be revered by his people if that was true? Killing twenty-million people would have meant one murdered person in every – or at least, every other – family. Is it possible that such a population would have supported a war led by him?

Of course not! They would have laid down arms and fled from the Germans. They would have mutinied and deserted, as they did the hated Czar's army in World War I battles with Germany.

And this brings us once again to the traitors in the Party in 1937 and those in the Party in 1990. Traitors are nothing new in history. Judas was a traitor-member of inner clique of Jesus's "Party". And the Roman Empire was dead set on ridding itself of the feared "Communist" Jesus, just as world capitalism was with despised Communist Stalin.

And Judas got his "30 pieces of silver", as did Gorbachev his millions from U.S. capitalism for his "foundation", and Yeltsin his billions in "aid" that Ambassador Straus so tearfully pleaded for.

And the Soviet working class lost its pensions, wages, free health care, education, cheap rent, secure jobs and all the other emoluments of socialism, just as the U.S. working class is losing them here. (The U.S. stock market booms for the wealthy, while jobs are downsized – which was the purpose of the Stalin Big Lie in the first place.)

So, if the New York Times, Dan Rather, et al., want to run stories – to tell the truth about massacres and gulags – perhaps they should publicize the U.S. record. Perhaps they should feature the words of Marine Corps General and three-time winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Smedley Butler – a lone voice in his day, as maybe this voice is today. Butler said, "As a Marine Corps officer, I was a high-class gangster for capitalism. I made Mexico safe for Standard Oil, the Caribbean friendly for Brown Brothers & Harriman and other U.S. bankers. The Corps could have taught Al Capone a few lessons."

And what else is the U.S. record? First off, the U.S. had a slave-labor camp of bigger size and longer duration than any of which it accuses Stalin. I speak of the millions of blacks who, for hundreds of years, slaved to make rich Americans richer, many of whom are now not much better off in the acclaimed "free" America, where hundreds of thousands languish in prison because poverty breeds crime.

And when you speak of Stalin's gulags, to say nothing of his massacres, just consider all the Native-American Wounded Knee massacres of the U.S., and the vast gulags-called-reservations in which

Native Americans have been sequestered.

But those massacres are as nothing compared to the slaughter and robbery the U.S. has committed around the world. Even as George Bush was fulminating on the aggression by Iraq, where, as a result of sanctions to protect the "great democracy" of Kuwait, 300,000 children have died, he failed to say a word about the aggression of the U.S. and its surrogate forces in foreign countries. These are, any school child *doesn't* know:

1. All the land seized from gulaged Native Americans.
2. California, New Mexico and Arizona seized from Mexico.
3. Philippines, Cuba and Puerto Rico seized from Spain.
4. 3,000,000 slaughtered in Viet Nam.
5. 1,000,000 slaughtered in Cambodia, 1,000,000 in Mozambique.
6. 600,000 in Angola, 300,000 in Laos.
7. 250,000 in E. Timor, 300,000 in Iraq.
8. 200,000 in Afghanistan, 150,000 in Guatemala.
9. 500,000 to 1,000,000 in Indonesia.
10. 100,000 Nicaragua, 90,000 El Salvador.
11. Hundreds of thousands in Chile, Argentina, Zaire, Iran (under the Shah), Columbia, Bolivia, Brazil, Panama, Somalia, South Yemen, Western Sahara and other countries.

• And many of its surrogate killer-forces are trained at the Nazi-like U.S. School Of The Americas at Fort Bragg, N. Carolina, where they are furnished Assassination Manuals and taught torture Green Beret style.

Thus, compared with this record, Stalin, even if the accusations against him are true (and I do not concede that they are), is something of a piker. And it would do well for Norman Schwarzkopf and Colin

Powell to button up their lips about how they deterred Saddam's aggression in the "great democracy" of Kuwait. Their "Victory" Parade up Broadway was something of an obscenity. Had they been parading after a victory over Suharto of Indonesia, who aggressed in East Timor with a slaughter of 250,000 (and with U.S. support), that would have been worthy of applause.

So, to sum up, if the Show Trial defendants were guilty - as reported by someone of the stature of Ambassador Davies who was on the scene, as contrast to yellow journalist William Randolph Hearst who sat in his royal castle at San Simeon and pontificated - then that is all one really needs to know to get the truth. Any impartial jury would know what verdict to bring in.

Or even better confirmation: Capitalism needed to brainwash the American people with the Big Lie so that its errand boy, Ronald Reagan, whose anti-communist brigades vanquished the "mighty armies" of Grenada to pin the Evil Empire label on the Soviet Union and win his Cold War. It's as simple as that.

And how does someone like myself, as far away from the actual scene as West End Avenue, New York City, know that? Not because I am brighter than the majority of the American people. I am not.

No, it's because I read and listen to media other than the CIA and its appendages. You don't think that the CIA, with its thousands of staff and billions of budget, exists just to gather intelligence on enemies of the "System", do you? Absurd! CIAs are, as Karl Marx pointed out long ago, the "front office management" of the ruling class. And they are there not just to gather intelligence but to set up operations to destroy enemies of capitalism: Socialism, and, by extension, symbols of socialism, to wit, Joseph Stalin.

("The communist infant must be strangled in its cradle." - Churchill. Remember?)

So yes, the CIA *is* media, whose major components it manipulates with all of the tricks of the trade and money. The "ruling class" is the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*. It is, or its lackeys are, missionaries like the incorruptible Dan Rather, who, by his own subsequent admission, faked "battlefield" shots of the war in Afghanistan to provide "news" of Soviet "atrocities". It is Ted Koppel, *Time Magazine*, *Newsweek* and all the other appendages of the "System". Wouldn't you, if your multi-million dollar lifestyle was threatened by the socialist working class ideas of someone like Joseph Stalin, enlist your services to the Big Lie?

I know I would. But I don't have such a lifestyle, although I once did slave in the Big Bucks mainstream. But that I finally gave up for something more rewarding: Throwing my lot in (by writing) with the have-nots and the socialist ideas of the secular Jesus (remember Matthew 19: 24) of Marx, of Lenin and Stalin and the other great socialist thinkers and leaders.

But most of all, Stalin. Stalin saved the Soviet Union, the world's first socialist state, the first country where the working class and peasantry - the vast majority of the people - came to political power, the first place where the rich didn't manufacture needles with eyes big enough to permit them to pass through to their billion-dollar "Heaven" on bejewelled camels.

One good look at the grinding misery that the Big Lie made possible for reborn capitalism to impose on the Soviet people should make any honest person want to run out and find a Stalin button to wear.

* Thanks to Michael Parenti for this excerpt from his book, DIRTY TRUTHS. □

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

CROCODILE TEARS BY BORIS!

Take a look at this chameleon, supposedly wiping his eyes while his public relations team (headed by his West-oriented daughter) had the photographers ready for this moment. Sitting next to Yeltsin are the two "Godfathers of 'perestroika'," who, using "God" as a shield, are taking Russia back to slavery, servitude to the biggest landowners of property now in Russia!

The unity between Yeltsin's regime and the Orthodox Church is complete to such an extent that we feel that the policies are formed also by these two so-called "Men of God", with the help of World Bank, International Monetary Fund, NATO, and of course, the multi-billionaire Zionist Soros, who now owns practically all the mass media of TV, Radio and Press in Russia!

Of course, this does not concern the two bearded "Batiushaks" as to who owns the means of information in Russia ... as long as Soros guarantees that the Church hierarchy will control the "souls" of the Soviet people!

This Unholy Troika will face the peoples' wrath on their Judgement Day eventually.

Just one question: "Do Yeltsin Patriarch Alexiy or Metropolitan Yuvenaliy concern themselves that hundreds of Soviet children are being sold into adoption in foreign countries? The price per child is \$25,000 American ... this is according to the Canadian newspapers' news item carried by the Toronto Sun and Toronto Star!

GUEST EDITORIAL

On this 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution

LET US REKINDLE THE FLAME OF RED OCTOBER ON THE SOIL OF ITS BIRTH!!

The 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution is fast approaching. And there is reason for optimism as we celebrate this giant step forward for humanity.

Yes, Boris ... you have to learn to cry more seriously! When people will judge you, your crocodile tears shall not help you or your two "Batiushkas"! Or did these two "men of God" forgive you your sins already for bombarding the Russian Parliament buildings in 1993; thousands of deaths; people dying from hunger; children being sold to foreign countries; mass starvation; elder people dying from want of health care? Or did you confess to them that you, Boris Yeltsin, were a

Proletarian revolutionaries and freedom loving people around the world are heartened by the emergence of a strong, mass movement of pro-Soviet working people and intellectuals throughout much of the former USSR. This mass movement is no doubt composed of people with many different levels of understanding and with many different motives for wanting to go "back to the future"! While the process of revisionist degeneration of Soviet society took several decades to unfold, millions of the former Soviet peoples can still remember what a treasure they have

devout "Communist"; Marxist ideological chief; an avowed Atheist? Or did you mention to them in the confessional booth about your drunkenness?

Oh, well - these "Batiushkas" to whom you confessed, forgave you, because the old saying that "Birds of a feather flock and drink together" is very apropos!

Again, we ask our reader to take a look at this photo! Doesn't your heart cry at this demagoguery? □



lost. They remember what moved millions of Soviet youth, workers, and collective farmers to give their lives in the world-epic victory over German Fascism and world fascism in World War II. Many millions more working people now understand first hand what capitalist slavery is and why Lenin and the Bolsheviks led the workers and toiling peasants of Tsarist Russia to "storm the heavens" on November 7, 1917. There is also widespread popular recognition that Russia, the Ukraine, Georgia and the other nations of the former Soviet Union are now once again nationally oppressed by the major imperialist powers and will suffer under the iron heel of imperialist oppression far into the future if their nations remain within the orbit of the global capitalist economy.

In addition to these positive, patriotic anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist sentiments, there are also negative bourgeois nationalist sentiments that must be struggled against in the process of building the revolutionary unity and strength necessary to restore Soviet society in the former Soviet lands. Not surprisingly, given the long history of oppression of the non-Russian peoples by Tsarist Russia, chauvinist tendencies of both of the Great Russian and narrow nationalist varieties are present within the pro-Soviet movement. Even the remarkable achievements of the Soviet peoples under the leadership of Lenin, Stalin, and the CPSU Bolsheviks, as filtered through the years of bourgeois nationalist revisionist leadership of the Soviet Union under Khrushchev, Brezhnev, etc., have led many pro-Soviet people to take a Russo-centric or Soviet-centric approach to the historic task of restoring socialism in the lands of the Soviets. Such bourgeois nationalist views are accentuated by

the historically unprecedented, epic tragedy that has transpired through peaceful transition from socialism backwards to capitalism. The fact is, however, that the struggle for the restoration of socialism in the former USSR is only one component part, albeit an extremely important part, of the international proletariat's global struggle for socialism.

Under these circumstances, it is extremely important that the current Bolsheviks in the former Soviet countries, as they struggle to develop proletarian vanguard organization and leadership, remember and revive the teachings of Lenin and Stalin and the Bolshevik Party experience that led to the initial victory of the Russian Revolution 80 years ago and laid the basis for its consolidation on a scale not yet approached in any other society on earth. PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM was one such vital element in the USSR's world historic achievements-triumphant in the civil war and imperialist intervention at its very birth; forming and leading the Communist International; overcoming the economic, political and social backwardness of Tsarist Russia and building a mighty and modern Soviet Union; and then overcoming the most powerful and brutal military invasion in human history at the hands of Nazi Germany, paving the way for successful revolutions throughout the world in the post World War II period.

The October Revolution itself was accomplished with great inspiration coming from the successful fraternization of the Tsarist army's working class and peasant soldiers with their brothers in the other imperialist armies, based on principled, proletarian internationalist, Leninist-Bolshevik appeals. The imperialist intervention

of fourteen imperialist countries on the side of the Tsarist White Russian armies in the civil war following the victory of Red October was vanquished using similar Bolshevik appeals that helped neutralize these imperialist armies. In the very midst of this bloody civil war and intervention, Lenin led in the founding of the Communist (Third) International. On the basis of proletarian internationalism not only the foreign policy of the USSR but its domestic policies were developed and implemented. Following Lenin's death, Stalin continued to lead the CPSU[B] and the USSR on the basis of proletarian internationalism. Regarding the tasks of building and consolidating socialism in one country, he wrote: "moreover, all these tasks are not an end in themselves, but a means of standing up against the rest of the world, the capitalist world, and helping the proletarians of all countries in their struggle against capitalism". (Stalin, "Works", Vol. 9, p. 120.)

Elsewhere, Stalin wrote: "... the danger of nationalism must be regarded as springing from the growth of bourgeois influence on the Party in the sphere of foreign policy, in the sphere of the struggle that the capitalist states are waging against the state of the proletarian dictatorship ... the pressure of the capitalist states on our state is enormous ... the path of least resistance and of nationalism in foreign policy is the path of the isolation and decay of the first country to be victorious". ("Works", Vol. 7, pp. 170-171.) While this struggle of the capitalist states, from Nazi Germany's military invasion to US imperialism's Cold War and arms race, along with the unceasing Great Conspiracy against the USSR from the time of its birth, ultimately laid the basis for revisionist betrayal

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Some people have the idea that the "Cold War" was started by the Soviet Union and that since the collapse of socialism in that country the "Cold War" has come to an end. Nothing could be further from the truth. Those of you who have read my "War of Liberation" will know that the "Cold War" was started covertly by Churchill and his friends well before the end of the Second World War and that it can be dated back at least to the accession to power of Harry S. Truman as President of the USA after the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt on the 12th April, 1945.

Nor has the "Cold War" ended yet. While the vultures of Anglo-American imperialism are picking over the bones of the collapsed socialist countries and savaging the suffering bodies of their peoples, the aggressors are now targeting the remaining socialist countries, as well as any other anti-imperialist states that dare to take an independent line in this troubled world.

It has to be realised that the propaganda levelled against the Soviet Union and the rest of the socialist countries has been directed, not so much

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against any particular country or group of countries as against the working class of the whole world.

What we are now witnessing, in fact, is not so much the collapse of socialism as the collapse of capitalism. The reversion of the Soviet Union and of the other former socialist countries in Europe to a market economy is proving every day that capitalism no longer works. It has outlived its usefulness and needs to be replaced by a more equitable system of society wherein working people are able to secure the full fruits of their labour and control their own destinies.

The collapse of the Soviet Union and the erstwhile socialist countries of central and eastern Europe can be traced not to the socialist content of their government but to the concessions to capitalism that

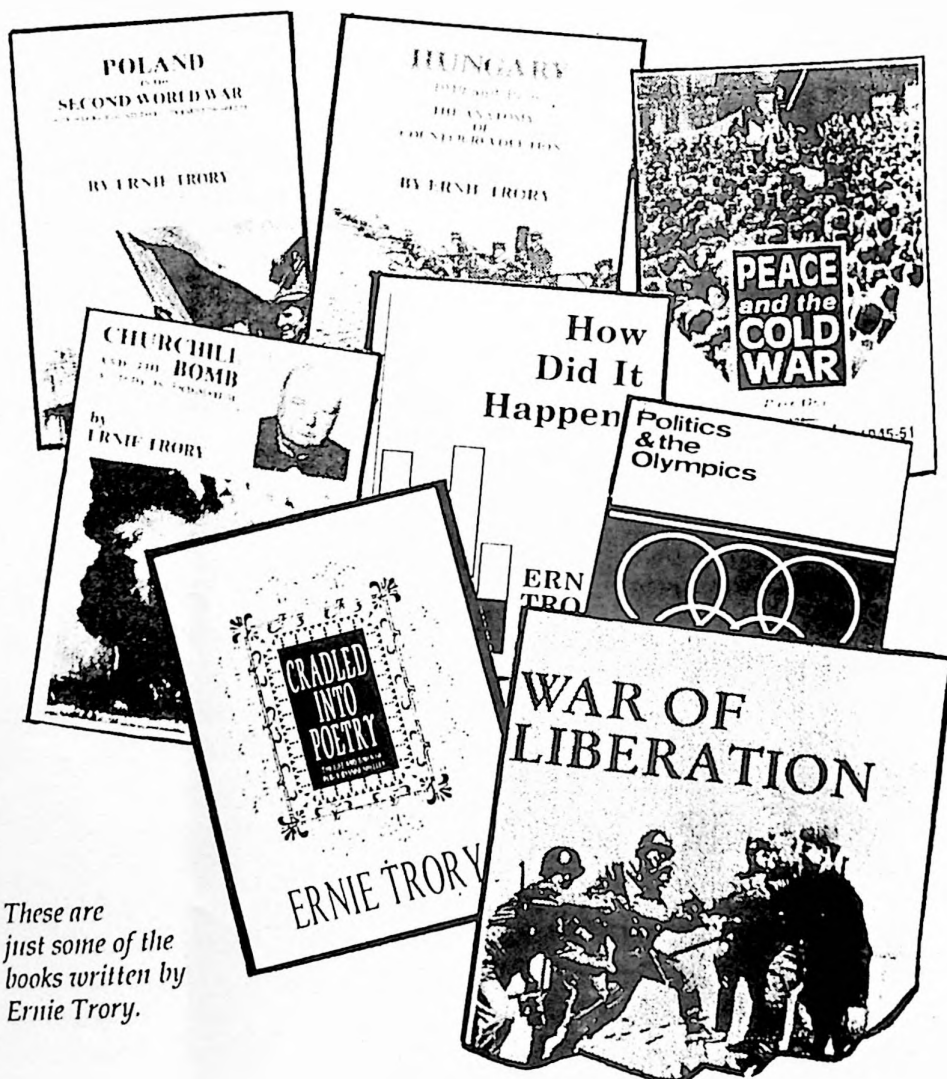
were made in increasing measure, both internally and externally, after the death of Stalin.

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Many readers will already have seen "The Social Wage", which Ernie Trory



These are just some of the books written by Ernie Trory.

wrote in 1992. His latest work takes off where the other one ends, and pulls no punches in its conclusions. Written in the author's easy style, it takes the debate a notch further on – and deserves to be read. (*Andy Brooks in the New Worker*)

"The people of the Soviet Union and the former socialist countries of Europe will soon find out, if they have not already done so, that capitalism will not work the second time round," writes Ernie Trory ... He is quite certain that socialism will come again, even if it is difficult to know how soon.

Ernie Trory is an erudite writer, extremely well versed in Marxist and Leninist doctrine. His explanation of historical materialism and dialectics is clear and valuable to the ordinary reader. We may not accept all his current applications of it but this provocative booklet will certainly merit our attention. (*Frank Allain in the Morning Star*)

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Indefatigable activist Ernie Trory contributes another well-researched booklet on recent history. He studies the two counter-revolutions in Hungary, using Hungarian sources and, in the case of 1956, eye-witness accounts from Charlie Coutts, reporting for the "Daily Worker" at the time, wrote: "I couldn't help feeling that the old politicians were coming out to reap the benefit of the struggle of the youth and students."

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This book is an indicator that it was János Kádár's government, and those of the fraternal socialist countries, that really stood for freedom in Hungary. (*New Worker*)

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This book from Ernie Trory sheds welcome light on the past few years' events in Poland. It seeks to trace back to their roots some of the poison berries that have emerged recently in Polish society. The book is written with Ernie's usual attention to detail – at times you feel almost overwhelmed with facts and references. (*New Worker*)

Ernie Trory's work is not well known to many Canadians, but should be. His writing is mainly historical and "Poland in the Second World War" is a valuable,

though brief, introduction to the early background of Poland's recent problems. He treats of such key topics as British-Soviet relations during the war, the role of the London-based government-in-exile, the Katyn murders, the Warsaw uprising, the formation of the Polish Provisional Government, and the settlement of Poland's post-war borders. Trory does a good job in raising the reader's awareness of the imperialist nature of British policies towards Poland and of the treacherous activities of the Polish government-in-exile. (*DL in the Canadian Tribune*)

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Later, Trory quotes striking examples of how Churchill, by January 1942, was already speculating on the Soviet Union's probably emerging exhausted after the war, and the advantage this would give to Britain and the US.

The author accompanies his narrative with a modest account of his own war work as an engineer and his political activities throughout. (*Andrew Rothstein in the Morning Star*)

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This is another valuable book from the pen of the indefatigable Ernie Trory to whose meticulous research in the cause of peace the entire progressive movement is indebted.

Churchill's attitude to the Soviet Union changed many times. When he thought it was weak – above all, when the USA had the monopoly of atomic weapons – he was prepared to resort to pressure and political blackmail. When he realized the military strength of the Soviet Union, he was prepared to come to terms.

In the short time that America had a monopoly of the atomic bomb, he never ceased to call for its use in a "preventive war" against the Soviet Union. (*Harry Cousins in British Soviet Friendship*)

Hypocrite or pragmatist? About Churchill, the author leaves it to us to decide. But in providing us with such a detailed and informative study of this complex and forceful character, he has given us a handbook that can be of great help to all engaged in today's greatest activity, the struggle for peace. (*Ian Gunn in Education For Tomorrow*)

WAR OF LIBERATION

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The most traumatic experience of my life to date was my expulsion from the Communist Party of Great Britain in May 1942. I have avoided writing about this until now, partly because it hurts me to revive the memory of this painful occasion and partly because I find it difficult to remember the exact sequence of events.

In researching this experience in the context of national and international events, as they were unfolding at the time, I have come to see my expulsion, not as a thing in itself but as a consequence of the trend in the development of the Communist Party of Great Britain that has led to its present plight. I have tried to explain this in the chapters that lie ahead but I beg the reader not to look for iron-clad theories. By its very nature, a trend must inevitably be vague.

My autobiographical recollections, however, do not play a very big part in this book because, by comparison with the great historical events covered in the period under review, their importance is infinitesimal. Nevertheless, as the sum total of all social experience is made up of myriads of individual subjective reactions to objective historical conditions, I do not apologize for including them. History will remember the great happenings of those times as a matter of course. It may not remember the human experiences unless people like myself, who were caught up in them, record the way in which they were activated by them.

The main object of this book is to record, for generations far too young to have witnessed or to have understood them, the many events of the anti-fascist war that have since been distorted by the media and by unscrupulous historians who have sold themselves to the establishment.

and liquidation of socialism in the USSR, the growing pro-Soviet movement in the former Soviet lands provides plenty of reason for optimism with regard to the socialist future. For, indeed, we are still living in the era of Leninism, the era of imperialism and the proletarian revolution. The contradictions of capitalism in its last dying stage have not disappeared. There is the increasing immiseration of the world's peoples. And the lessons of the tragic experience of the Soviet led Socialist Camp will be learned in the process of winning that socialist future which is the people's most urgent need, not only in the former and future USSR, but all over the world.

In celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution, let us take the long (i.e., the historical) and global view of its role and significance. Looking at the long and difficult path that capitalism had to take in order to become the dominant socio-economic system in the world, we can appreciate and celebrate the immortal contribution made by the USSR beginning 80 years ago in speeding toiling humanity's march to socialism and communism. For economic and social forces compel the establishment of a world free of the exploitation of man by man. And, from India and the Philippines to Palestine and Turkey to the Congo and South Africa to Cuba and Mexico as well as back to the lands of the former USSR, the October Revolution has shown us the way.

- Ray O. Light
U.S.A.

EDITORIAL COMMENT OF NSC: We feel that Ray O. Light has very objectively written this article and our readers will get a better insight into the complex times that the Soviet

people are going through. Our opinion is that by utilizing "Great Russian chauvinism", the reader might be led to believe that all communist and mass movements in former USSR (Russia) are nationalist oriented, instead of pointing out the known policies of CPRF (Zyuganov) and some others who promote this aspect of only Russia as a big nation. Therefore, we should be careful in pointing this cardinal fact out, since we certainly do not want the readers of NSC to be misled! There are enough "pseudo-communists" and other "patriots" to confuse even the most ardent reader! □



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