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## QUOTES

### WHO SAID THIS?

"Ah! If only Stalin died ten years earlier!"

As everybody knows, Stalin died in 1953; ten years earlier would have been 1943, the very year when the Soviet Union began its counter-offensive in the Great Patriotic War. At that time, who wanted Stalin to die? Hitler!

*KHRUSHCHEV MADE THIS  
STATEMENT TO THE SOVIET-  
HUNGARIAN FRIENDSHIP RALLY,  
JULY 19, 1963.* □

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not necessarily those of the publication.

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disarray; when many communists and socialist thinking people were confused; were in a quandary as to what was happening in the former Soviet Union and other socialist countries. Many well meaning people became victims of the vicious and clever anti-communist propaganda. Others decided to wait and see, still others abandoned the struggle.

Things have changed dramatically since our first issue came out in August of 1992. Issues have become clearer, polarization is taking place in former USSR as to which Communists can really be believed as true Marxists-Leninists and Stalinists. It is harder now to hoodwink people, as was shown by the results of the second round of the presidential elections in Russia. In spite of outright cheating, manipulation, buying of votes, U.S. involvement up to their armpits in the elections, the anti-Yeltsin vote was 67,000,000! This includes the 24 million voters who did not bother to vote plus the 4,000,000 voters who spoiled their ballots by crossing both names off.

## **BY WHAT DEDUCTION CAN YELTSIN STATE THAT HE REPRESENTS ALL OF THE PEOPLE?**

There is a movement in former USSR, gathering momentum to unite ALL communist parties and movements, led by dedicated Marxists-Leninists, who are mapping out strategy to fight Yeltsin's regime both inside and outside the Duma. What is noticeable is the fact that the anti-Stalin virus is beginning to die as shown by more and more Soviets realizing that this anti-Stalinism was and is, in actual fact, anti-socialism and anti-Marxism! This lesson cost the Soviet people dearly.

In this regard, dear reader, we would suggest very strongly that you order the book published by NSC called "Secret Documents" which exposes the lies that were the order of the day since J.V. Stalin died. Khrushchev was responsible for carrying a personal vendetta against Stalin because of the death of his son by a Military Firing Squad for joining hands with German fascism and urging Red Army troops to desert the Soviet armed forces.

Another book that is just off the press is personal reminiscences of a bodyguard to Stalin called "Next To Stalin". After you read this book, the issues clear up, the fog disperses and you finally realize what was going on.

The task of Northstar Compass now is to be the eyes of the anti-Yeltsin-Lebed regime movement which is getting its second wind in this struggle. Unfortunately, there is still confusion in the capitalist countries' progressive movements as to which party in Russia to believe in. That is why in most capitalist countries, there are in existence numerous communist, Marxist-Leninist parties and movements ... this of course does not include the Trotskyites of all hues, Albanian, Mao Tse Tung movements.

What would happen if ALL of these parties-movements who profess Marxism and socialism joined and struggled together? Revolutionary activity would immediately do away with capitalism to be sure.

BUT capitalism is clever, covert and overt, thus many so-called "communist parties and movements" are in many instances supported financially by Imperialism. Remember - "Divide and rule" is the order of the International Monetary Fund and the G-7 countries who like to promote disunity and thus reap

the benefits!

On September 21-22 when Northstar Compass shall celebrate its 4th Anniversary with a Conference of our Editorial Board and Editorial Committee spread in 8 countries, the question of our future policy in this struggle will be discussed.

Therefore, it is necessary for each reader to help us celebrate this important Fourth Anniversary by trying to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Get at least one new subscriber to Northstar Compass before September 21-22, 1996.

2. Sell your book of 10 raffle tickets for grand prizes to be drawn in September 22, 1996.

3. Help Northstar Compass financially to keep going into its fifth year by donating as much as you can towards Dr. A.J. That's Sustaining Fund.

4. Order your books from NSC! "Secret Documents" and "Next to Stalin".

AGAIN, HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
NORTHSTAR COMPASS!

- Editorial Committee

## **EDITORIAL**

# **AN OPEN LETTER TO GENNADY ZYUGANOV**

We, as friends of Soviet people since 1918 when the "Hands Off Russia Committee" was formed, long before any of the present leaders of government, parties, or movements were born, feel that time has come to give our comments openly to you and your leadership in the struggle to bring the country back to Socialism and the

resurrection of the Soviet Union.

For four years, we have been publishing the journal "Northstar Compass" which is now read in 38 countries of the world, including former USSR. We have tried to present to our readers, who agonize over the temporary demise of the Soviet Union, maybe in many instances more than some of the present leadership in Russia. To a very large extent, we have succeeded, judging by the growing circulation, letters, support and being quoted by the press in other countries ... and in former Soviet Republics.

We agonized and lived through the election process (or might we be so bold as to say the election "circus"! ). Now that the results are known, now that everyone has analyzed and digested the "democratically crooked elections" even by Western standards, we were hoping that your CPRF and you

Gennady  
Zyuganov



personally would have started a new page in the turn-around of the past debacle that was produced by Yeltsin and his mafiosi tainted clique.

BUT ... unfortunately, this is not to be!

According to our latest information from Moscow, you were instrumental in putting into motion the formation of the "People's Patriotic Union" at a Congress held on August 7th. You also were quoted on August 11th by AP as having agreed to the candidacy of Chernomyrdin as a Prime Minister!

We felt that this was just too much for our readers to digest without some explanation on the part of the Editorial Committee of Northstar Compass.

May we then, Gennady Andreevich, ask a few pertinent questions that absolutely should be answered if our readers would really understand this turn of events – which we must say was unexpected from you!

### **\* CONGRESS OF THE RUSSIAN NATIONAL- PATRIOTIC UNION:**

According to our information from your own CPRF (Communist Party of Russian Federation) you were elected its new chairman; you included in this new "Front" former leaders of CPSU – Ryshkov, Kobelev, Alexander Rutskoi, Stanislav Govorukhin and other former CPSU members of the leadership.

This "Front" seems to us to be devoid of rectifying the mistakes of the present Yeltsin-Chernomyrdin leadership and their Western backers. It is a "Front" which, to our way of thinking, is to present a more "neutral-centrist position" in the present anti-Yeltsin struggles, now that he is in the driver's seat for another 4 years.

According to sources both Western and patriotic in Russia that we receive by fax, e-mail, telephone, statements that are quoted which are very disturbing if true, as to the

policy to be followed by this new People's Patriotic Union.

We just quote some of these "gems" here:

- "Presence of orthodox and radical communists in our front must be struggled against."

- "CPRF is the dominant partner in this front, outweighing the other three parties within it."

- "The delegates that were at the Congress were under the domination of the organizers of the Congress and exerted every pressure to create an impression that the communists have no intention of controlling or guiding the Russian National People's Union."

- "There were only 82 communist delegates at this Congress out of a total of 359 who represented a communist party."

- One of the platforms of this Congress stated that: "We must implement changes in society on an evolutionary basis without any political upheaval or civilian resistance, creating equal conditions for state and private enterprise."

- You, dear Zyuganov, are quoted as saying at the Congress: "We must adhere only to the constitutional forms of struggle, since the situation in the country is becoming extremely radical, we should ensure that we control and supervise any possible mass protests."

- "We cannot adopt synthetic solutions for our struggles."

- Govorukhin, one of the leaders of RNPU, stated that: "We have an internal enemy, these are orthodox communists." (like Anpilov and others – Editor)

- "Russian National People's Union, according to the overall tenor of the Congress, will move into the 'centre' in its political life, leaving the communist radicalism of Victor Anpilov and other communists and patriotic movements out in the cold."

It is evident to us that this "Front" is nothing but a "smokescreen front" meant to divide the opposition to the present regime even more than it is divided now. It also is meant to make it more "palatable" for the present Yeltsin-Chernomyrdin-Lebed leadership to work with.

There is not one mention of Socialism, not one inkling that in the future, this "Front" will strive to resurrect the Soviet Union.

Just reading these excerpts that we receive about this "Front", we cannot but ask the question as to "what are the 40-50 odd other nationalities living within the borders of Russian Republic, how are they represented or noted? Does this not give grist to the mill to all the Russian "communists" to be called chauvinists?

There is a sneaking suspicion that the Communist Party of Russian Federation-Zyuganov, in order not to lose the majority of its membership if it changed its name to either "Socialist Party" or to "Social Democratic Party" – they, together with the former CPSU leadership (which, by the way, did not take a stand when the CPSU was being banned) thought it more prudent to keep the name of CPRF intact, but have an umbrella organization which would permit the CPRF to proceed in its programme of completely following a social-democratic course, while still maintaining the name "communist", which its majority of members respect and are under an illusion that the CPRF represents.

We hope that our conclusion of the "People's Patriotic Union" is unfounded and that this "union" will strive for socialism and rebirth of Soviet Union!

Dear Gennady Andreevich:

We do have the right to make the above comments – after all, we were friends of Soviet people (not only of Russians, but Ukrainians, Byelorussians, Uzbeks, Tadzikistans) long before you or others even thought

of being communists!

## ANOTHER VICTORY FOR YELTSIN!

According to AP dispatch from Moscow of August 11, the Duma approved the candidacy of Victor Chernomyrdin as the Prime Minister, thus giving Yeltsin another victory. Yeltsin nominated Chernomyrdin. The Duma, parliament's lower House, approved Yeltsin's nomination 314-85 in a secret ballot, with only three abstentions.



Boris Yeltsin

The Communists (it is quoted) harshly criticized Chernomyrdin's performance, but apparently feared that Yeltsin would dissolve the parliament if they voted against it.

The Constitution gives Yeltsin the right to dissolve the Duma if the Duma rejects his nominee three times.

Yeltsin asked for a secret ballot, thus allowing the Duma to save face as to who voted and how.

What can we say?

Victor Chernomyrdin, the outright manipulator and shady dealer in oil and gas, reputed to be the richest man in

Russia, one of the instigators in the war in Chechniya, together with Chechniya's mafiosi structures ... and yet, the CPRF members, "communists in the Duma", were too scared to vote against his candidacy, which then would force a show-down with Yeltsin, became petrified and again buckled to Yeltsin and his gang!

Why were the members of parliament, communists, who profess their dedication to bring Yeltsin down and to justice, why were they afraid of blocking Chernomyrdin's appointment?

Who was pulling the strings behind them? Or, are these members of the Duma, all elected on a "Communist Ticket", are they really Marxists-Leninists? Or, are they there in order to soften the blow to "market economy" and only try and be satisfied to be called "loyal opposition" as the opposition parties in the Capitalist countries like to pretend that they ARE the opposition to the regimes in power?

Oh yes, Mr. Zyuganov: Somehow, throughout all the press that we receive, documents, statements, somehow the names of Marx-Engels or Lenin are nowhere to be seen. Of course, we do not even mention Stalin, which to you and others is "unmentionable".

If you might think that this "Open Letter" is very presumptuous from us, well ... maybe to your way of thinking, it is, but we, as dedicated Internationalists, Marxists-Leninists, understand that without the resurrection of the Soviet Union (not Russia alone) and Socialism, all people of the world will suffer the consequences of the U.S. inspired "New World Order".

In conclusion, Mr. Zyuganov, we must reiterate that We, as friends of Soviet people since 1918, have a moral right to observe, criticize and also be self-critical. The struggle against contemporary Imperialism demands from all of us a dedication to Socialism and the cardinal truth is that the present

conquistador regime of Russia and other former Soviet Republics will never give up its ill-gotten gains by peaceful means or willingly, just because the people voted them out!

You went through Marxist-Leninist school and you know this to be a fact. The trouble is that maybe you played "hooky" while this course was being taught!

We hope that you will reply to some of these very honest and sincere questions. After all, you stated on many occasions that you believe in "democracy"!

We would just like to leave you with this one thought:

**CAPITALISM KNOWS HOW TO DIVIDE AND RULE!  
COMMUNISTS SHOULD KNOW HOW TO UNITE AND RULE!  
"WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON BOY,  
WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?"**

*(from a True Union striking song  
- sung on picket lines)*

## **LETTERS OF PROTEST SENT TO TURKEY TO -**

MINISTER OF JUSTICE,  
MINISTER OF INTERIOR,  
GOVERNOR OF ISTANBUL,  
PRESIDENT,  
GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,  
PRIME MINISTER

On behalf of members of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and the readers of Northstar Compass, read in 38 countries of the world, we vehemently protest the treatment of prisoners in Turkish jails, and we support whole-heartedly the hunger strike of over 1,500 prisoners, strikers and detainees.

The inhuman treatment by Turkish authorities goes against all norms of human behaviour and against the Constitution of United Nations Organization of which Turkey is a member.

Turkish reactionary authorities are in contempt of world public opinion, but let them not underestimate the power of people's anger. Let history be remembered as to what happened to Hitler and Mussolini and their fascist ideology - no matter under what label these authorities may hide!

We demand the release or improvement in the conditions under which these detainees are held.

- On behalf of the Canadian Council  
and Editorial Committee  
Michael Lucas  
President/Editor

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## **TODAY'S HITLER! DIFFERENT ERA - SAME CAPITALIST MONEY!**



**"MILLIONS ARE BEHIND ME"**

German Poster 1932

Reworked by ML. Thanks to "VOICE OF STALINGRAD" Newspaper

# SALT & PEPPER ON WRY

By: Roy Davis, Mexico

## BIG LIE!

• Hitler told big lies too: Mexico's railways will be sold to capitalists to, we are assured, step up their "efficiency". Efficiency in boosting prices? Obviously, my dear Watson.

• Not always easy to give devil his due: Those trying to find something nice to say about dictators Hitler and Mussolini have to fall back in desperation on: "Well, at least they got the trains running on time!" But come to think of it, what's so great about arriving nice and early at your concentration camp? □

## KARL STILL RIGHT ON:

When employment and wages go down, stock prices and stock-broker ecstasy go up. Yet, we're supposed to believe that Karl Marx was nuts for saying the interests of workers and capitalists are 100% opposed.

## DON'T STRAIN YOUR EYES:

USA's Democratic Party is bank-rolling a satellite-beamed program to help voters "better understand the difference between Republicans and Democrats". They'd better provide microscopes, too!

## "BIRDS OF A FEATHER ...":

Presidential candidate Dole has been endorsed by the Chief of the C.I.A. Perfect example of the "kiss of death".

## HEADLINE:

American troops car-bombed in

Arabia: "Can U.S. troops ever be safe?" Sure, YANKEE, GO HOME!

## REPORTERS NOTED:

• Boris Yeltsin as "unsteady on his feet". What drunk isn't? □

# ITEMS FROM ABROAD

## TO READERS OF NSC FROM EDITORIAL BOARD!

*It is not always possible and sometimes, it is very disillusioning to read articles, claims, counter-claims, criticism, plus taking to task each other as is being done now in the Communist movements and other anti-bourgeois organizations that have sprouted like mushrooms after rain in the former Soviet Union.*

*We try to be as objective as possible in this "family squabble" and print statements from all parties concerned, believing that our readers, after 4 years, will be able to tell the difference between the chaff and the wheat!*

*Sometimes, it is very difficult to do this. Reading all the statements, programmes and declaration of the scores of communist-socialist parties, after a while, they all begin to sound alike: everyone is for Marxism-Leninism; for socialism; for Soviet people; for Soviet Union; against the present regime of Yeltsin-Chernomyrdin-Lebed gang of mafiosi-tainted government!*

**THEN WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? WHY NO UNITY? WHY THESE ATTACKS? WHY THE RECRIMINATIONS? WHY THIS - "I'M THE TEACHER, YOU ARE THE PUPIL" SYNDROME?**

*Below, we publish two articles-statements: one by Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of All Union*

*Communist Party of Bolsheviks, and the other by the newspaper "Krasnaya Molodezh" in Vladikavkas in which they take to task the AUCPB. This is part of the group that split away from the AUCPB and formed another AUCPB, headed by Alexander Lapin.*

*After you read these two statements of purpose and analysis, you can make up your own mind as to who is who. They sound plausible, dedicated, believing in the USSR and socialism.*

*From our Northstar Compass perspective, we feel that the AUCPB should NOT have boycotted the last elections, in spite of knowing what the outcome would be, since the majority of the people DID NOT understand this boycott!*

*This is our humble opinion, after 4 years of constantly reading the anti-Yeltsin press. We have the right to our opinion and we're certain that our Soviet comrades will agree.*

*The elections are over. Yeltsin-Chernomyrdin-Lebed are in power for another 4 years! These are facts and no matter what disagreements are now dividing the communist movements, THERE ARE 4 YEARS OF STRUGGLE AHEAD TO DISLODGE THIS GANG OF TRAITORS!*

*Which communist party by itself can accomplish this? Which leader is capable to unite ALL of the anti-capitalist forces now and lead them to victory?*

*Sometimes, we, as friends of Soviet people, looking at this from afar - get upset and wonder whether you, our dear friends, are only playing as revolutionaries!*

*If that be so ... this is a DEADLY GAME and history will not forgive you for this.*

*We hope that UNITY shall prevail before it becomes too late to unite! □*

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NINA A.  
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## ELECTIONS WITHOUT CHOICE ... AND THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA

**Statement by the All Union  
Communist Party of Bolsheviks,  
published July 30, 1996**

At the end of 1980s, the stabilization of the process of restoration of capitalism in Russia became the central point and the most important task not only of the Russian bourgeoisie reformers, but also the strategy of International Imperialism. Imperialism knows very well that the contemporary counter-revolutions that are proceeding around the world depend on the lack of militancy of the communist and workers movement in the national, as well as in the international sphere; leaders of the capitalist world consider their main task to make weaker the revolutionary movement which is the main bastion against the restoration of capitalism, by diffusing and finding renegades inside the communist movement, opportunism and cooperation with capitalism. Around this "neutralization" of the communist movement, it became the first step towards their weakening and eventual liquidation. As soon as the CPSU was immobilized and liquidated through traitors such as Gorbachev-Yeltsin, these agents then started and were successful in dismembering the Soviet Union and striking a heavy blow against

the international revolutionary movement.

The first reforms of the bourgeoisie were accomplished under "red banners" that confused millions of Soviet people, awaiting the strengthening and cleansing of socialism. The second step was to take on a social democratic and bourgeois liberalism. Against this step, a large section of communists took a stand, first of all, they formed platforms inside the yet existing CPSU (Bolshevik, Lenin, Marxist platforms), and then they formed their own parties, such as All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, Russian Communist Workers Party, Russian Party of Communists, and others. Yeltsin's regime tried to curtail their activities among the masses, but decided at that time not to go to the extent of banning them altogether. The farcical High Court which decided on the banning of the CPSU and seizing all of its properties, together with the former party nomenclature – Yeltsin clique agreed to allow the formation of the Communist Party of Russian Federation with the pseudo-communist leadership headed by Zyuganov and Kuptsov. An attempt was made to "choke and strangle in their embrace" all other communist parties of Russia and in this way, centralize the communist movement. Step by step, they left far behind the teachings of Marxism-Leninism, the leadership of the CPRF fooled their party organizations, thus objectively helping Yeltsin to strengthen the power of capitalism in Russia.

Today, it is obvious that CPRF from the very beginning was playing a role of a buffer between the bourgeois reformers and the Russian communist movement ... their role was and is not to allow mass movements to develop against

the robbers and the people that were being robbed. The bourgeois rebirth of Zyuganov, leader of CPRF, was shown vividly in the events of August 1991 – as a member of the CPSU Politbureau, Zyuganov panicked and did not support the attempt by dedicated members of CPSU to take power legally from Gorbachev in their attempt to save the Soviet Union. During those dangerous times, Zyuganov in the meetings of Supreme Soviet tried to sway the deputies to vote for the "sovereignty" of Russia only – and thus, giving his approval to the liquidation of the USSR and of the Byelovezh Agreement which dissolved the Soviet Union.

In 1992, Zyuganov becomes the co-chairman of the Coordinating Council of the Patriotic Movement. It is at this time that his "Russian patriotism" becomes anti-socialist in character. In this regard, attaining a national-chauvinistic character and form.

In 1993, Zyuganov switches seats and becomes the Chairman of the CC CPRF. After his inflammatory speeches in the terrible events of September-October of 1993 when thousands of people-patriots who were defending the Russian Supreme Soviet "White House" perished, this "first communist of Russia" appeals to the patriots guarding the Supreme Soviet building, full of elected deputies and thousands of patriots who flocked to defend the Soviet Union – Zyuganov at that time demanded that the people not go out into the streets to demonstrate, not to go and help defend the elected deputies quartered in the White House, not to protest against the regime.

At that time when ALL of the Russian communist parties and movements were boycotting the elections to the Duma and the



referendum on the Constitution of Russian Federation, Zyuganov's party brought into the election 13% of their members out of 53% that came to vote in this farcical election, which in effect, was enough to give Yeltsin a win and the adoption of the bourgeois constitution.

The fraction of CPRF in the Duma, forgetting their communist name and ideology, started their cooperation with Yeltsin in a bourgeois reformism.

In 1995, Zyuganov and CPRF brought to the ballot box 22% of his membership out of 64% which voted in the December election. The participation of CPRF in the election campaign of 1993-1995 served to legitimize the Yeltsin's regime in Russia.

In order to give to his politics more "legitimacy", Zyuganov rushes to get his Doctorate of Philosophy in one of the most reactionary and American-sponsored University of Moscow.

In March of 1996, the Duma fraction of CPRF adopted a decision that said that they do not recognize the Byelovezh Agreement, but did not state more than that - nothing about the resurrection of Soviet Union or Socialism, just that they do not recognize it - this was just public posturing. This was done in order that the decision to annul this "Byelovezh Agreement" by parliamentary means and not let the people take to the streets in order to show their anger at this traitorous act. As was shown later, Duma, which has a majority of Zyuganov's CPRF, did not plan to appeal to the other political parties, movements, trade unions with a call to support their decision.

The main point that legitimized the "presidency" as a form of government, because in 1991, Yeltsin was being "elected" president

of the Russian Republic and was sworn to uphold the socialist Constitution of the Russian Republic. Zyuganov, who not too long ago stated that a president is not needed in Russia, now has run himself for the post of president. On the basis of CPRF, they formed a people's patriotic front, in which there were assembled about 150 parties, movements from all different political perspectives and political ambitions.

### **CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS**

In the social-economic program of this block, the idea adopted was for a state-monopolistic capitalist regime, in which a president shall govern. In the second round of elections, the programme of Zyuganov and Yeltsin saw a convergence. The top leadership of this block wanted cooperation and close collaboration between the banks and financial institutions, to get in their hands the agricultural sector, for the cooperation of Russian banks with transnational banks and their expansion into foreign money markets. Zyuganov and Yeltsin both forgot the antagonism between capital and working class - they divided the people into "reds" and "whites", threatened the people with civil war, called this "counter-revolution" a "people's revolution".

Both of them (Yeltsin and Zyuganov) tried to woo General Lebed to their side, to be the strong man in these reforms. This is why the resolution of the Zyuganov's block as of July 6 stated that: "The main ideas, the programme and documents of the people's patriotic front became in actual fact a political declaration ... party in power" (meaning, Yeltsin's Government). A question should be asked: WHO IS SERVING WHOM? ZYUGANOV FOR YELTSIN, OR

### **YELTSIN FOR ZYUGANOV?**

These elections gains based on the rules of the mafiosi regime could not have ended with a victory of the pseudo-communists, who it is obvious, retreated in this their final chance in a struggle with presidential power. The changing of horses in the middle of bourgeois reformism did not materialize. In the newspapers of CPRF and other patriotic newspapers, much has been written as to the cause of defeat of Zyuganov. But according to our way of thinking, they missed one cardinal point: the wavering of the petty-bourgeois to which Yeltsin in the last while was able to find the key.

In the outlying regions, this programme was pushed through by all administrators, who are composed of former apparatchiks of the CPSU. The way it was set up, everything depends, meaning the future and help of the workers depend on these people, and influence as to the election results. In 1996, due to these conditions, Yeltsin's ratings jumped 10 times and thus, he won. The civil servants did not want to lose their cushy jobs, all the perks that they do receive. The shenanigans in the last elections, where in the "red belt", Yeltsin's candidates, having money to spend, served free suppers and drinks to all that came ... all at the expense of the population plus the millions that poured into the Yeltsin election coffers from the West. The wavering and boot-licking by local CPRF people who were former CPSU members and now rule the roost locally in the CPRF, made the decision - that it is better to have a bird in hand than in the bush!

The election results left the CPRF without perspectives, since the next election is far away, while revolutionary methods of struggles are not believed in by these

"communists". Zyuganov stated that he is a communist, but again, he lent himself to be part of anti-communist hysteria, while he himself left and became part of the so-called "peoples-patriotic block".

There appears a danger, that Yeltsin and Lebed can afford now to start up a campaign against Marxists-Leninists and other Soviet patriotic forces with the excuse that the people in the last election did not support the communists!

## SPLITS AND PROBLEMS IN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The election campaigns have shown and caused problems in the communist movement of Russia. Many people from Russian Communist Workers Party have left and joined the Communist Party of Russian Federation. A serious split took place in the Moscow organization of RCWP and "Workers Russia" movement. There was an attempt to cause a split in the 2nd Congress of AUCPB. There appeared provocative articles in newspaper "Pravda" (now no longer being published - Editors), stating that the AUCPB voted for Zyuganov. There was born a "national-Bolshevik", Y. Limonov ... there appeared mini-parties whose members were expelled from the AUCPB. These small groupings do not amount to much, and these groupings decided to take part in the presidential elections. The main aim of these groupings is the struggle against the policies of AUCPB. But in this campaign, we see the hand of Zyuganov and Yeltsin.

Shaking his finger at Zyuganov, the Grey Cardinal Alexander Yakovlev (former ambassador to Canada) stated that there is a need for a struggle not against communists now, but with Bolsheviks and Stalinists. Again, the

pathological anti-Stalinism is the main motif behind the propaganda by the present regime.

Today, Zyuganov, demonstrating his willingness to cooperate with Yeltsin, is looking for methods to be in the limelight of public awareness. Together with Seleznev, he states that there is a possibility of him taking part in the government of Chernomydrin, forgetting that not

too long ago, he called him "government of killers". Zyuganov has let it be known that he wants one of the leading posts in Yeltsin-Chernomydrin government in a two party bourgeois system of government that is being formed now in Russia. Towards this end, the Election Peoples Patriotic Block is restructuring itself into the Union of Peoples-Patriotic Movement. The

## WE'LL SUPPORT YELTSIN!

*This cartoon appeared in the newspaper "Molniya" - one of the organs of the Russian Communist Workers Party.*

*It's exactly how the "president" was elected: Mafia, Western billions, Western advertising "gurus", plus, of course, the lowering of the price of Vodka just before the elections.*



organization committee under N. Ryshkov is preparing the Program and Constitution of this Union. CPRF is immediately swimming in this new Union. Today's line of Zyuganov after the Presidential elections does more to show him as a renegade than he would be able to do as President of Russia. This is the logic of retreat and opportunism.

In the last election, there took part RCWP (Tiulkin), Russian Communist Party-CPSU (Prigarin), Russian Party of Communists (Kruichkov), "Workers Russia" (Anpilov), who called on their members to vote for Zyuganov, in spite of making certain proposals and demands, to which Zyuganov did not even pay attention. As opposed to the parties that were members of the Russian Communist Parties Union, these parties defended their taking part in the election process by quoting V.I. Lenin, so as to say that at first, you have to unite with opportunists, in order to defeat the strong bourgeois, then open up a struggle against the opportunists. But Lenin also stated that you should utilize this opportunity to wage a strong campaign of criticism in the midst of the working class. Zyuganov and his allies did not utilize this opportunity of unmasking and criticizing the Yeltsin regime as they should have done. Life again concurred with Lenin's thesis that, utilizing elections as a means of struggles will not be successful since the bourgeois will not give up its gains through parliamentary means. The main character and trump card of Yeltsin is that "presidential elections did take place".

Unsuccessful attempts to try and change Zyuganov's course by Anpilov were rebuffed, thus now, we see the attempt by RCWP to take part in this new "Union", thus

coming up with their programme as to their involvement. The leaders of RCWP are not being listened to. Zyuganov stated that for him, the "left radicals do not interest him because they have no financial backing, while their potential electoral votes is small." Is RCWP going to get into an embrace by the CPRF? This is troubling many people.

One of the tactics at this time in the political situation of Russia is the attempt to force all left parties into one large Communist Party. To our way of thinking, the suggestion by Prigarin of the Russian Communist Party - CPSU, is that this movement is not ripe yet and will not be beneficial to the communist parties or movements.

First of all: the existing ROSSKOMSOYUZ (Russian Communist Parties Union) as an informational-coordinating centre of the communist opposition, has not yet utilized all of its possibilities. This union and its parties have as yet not learned how to coordinate their activities, demonstrations or other mass actions. At the demands of some of its leaders, meetings that take place are one-sided. The meetings of communists should be argumentative, based on facts, in order that all of the factions should be able to voice their opinions.

Secondly, the ROSSKOMSOYUZ has as yet not learned to work together in the women's, youth, trade union and other mass organizations. The competition of parties and leadership clashes sometimes bring to itself discreditation, splits and disorientation among the people.

Thirdly, during its existence, ROSSKOMSOYUZ did not come up with a program and policy or a serious political document, capable of having influence on large masses of the population. If this continues, there is a serious possibility of splits

and losing effectiveness in fighting the present regime.

Fourthly, the planning that ROSSKOMSOJUZ is being prepared as another block to take part in future electoral process. That would mean that through this "parliamentary road", the opportunists would again be able to derail the movement into an impasse.

## OUR POLICY

Finally, All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, functioning as a political entity in all of the former Soviet Republics, cannot allow itself to depart from its Constitution and submerge itself only into the Communist Party of Russia. Therefore, AUCPB will not take part in ROSSKOMSOYUZ, where the question is only of unity. We are going to send to this Congress only our observers.

Analyzing the lessons of the election campaigns in the present situation, it is clear that without the liquidation or the defeat of opportunism, we cannot foresee the victory of rebuilding the USSR or socialism. There must be a concrete uplifting of understanding of ideas and activities of the communist parties.

Today, it is necessary to study V.I. Lenin and J.V. Stalin's works, in order to take actions that are correct and will bring results. This will allow the higher understanding of the road that should be taken, the Bolshevization of the communist parties on the territory of USSR, regardless of how and who would be opposed to this. Only Bolshevization orientation of communists towards the working class is the main force capable of building socialism.

The main task of the AUCPB in the country - as the Resolution of the 2nd Congress stated - is: It is

imperative that work with the working class be the first place on the agenda of workers council, council of workers and other workers collectives. The participation of communists in the strikes, should be looked upon as the main step towards the dictatorship of the proletariat and Soviet state. We must help the working collectives in deciding concrete problems and questions, guarantee of work, inter-cooperation with other collectives, economic goals and other demands. We must concentrate on trade unionism and other mass workers organizations. We must save the workers from reactionary trade unions. We must utilize the revolutionary potential of the countryside, bringing to our side the collective and state farms that still exist in support of the workers strikes and to help the striking workers.

Not parliamentary debates in the Duma, not presidential plans for economic privileges of the minority of these "new Russians", but only revolutionary struggles of workers for their rights can realize the goal of the rebirth of our great Motherland – Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. □

## **WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE COMPLACENT!**

**By: Vilena Serzhiu**

Much is written now about contradictions, dual situation inside the AUCPB (All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks). Talk is about a split, about "provocations in the party", plus other problems and discord. For the Kirov Bolsheviks (City of Kirov – Editor), this takes on a different appearance. At the beginning, by way of a telephone conversation, with one of the leading Leningrad



*Vilena Serzhiu*

comrades of AUCPB, we found out that that Alexander Lapin – factually, the second comrade in leadership – was expelled from the party. To our question as to why Lapin was expelled, they replied in this way: Incompatibility with the behaviour of a Bolshevik. That's all. No other explanation was given to us. There were no further explanations either after. Of course, we had to find out what was happening so we met Alexander Lapin and asked him what had transpired. Since the CC of AUCPB did not give us any explanation, we had to find out ourselves directly. I must admit that to Moscow I did not go myself (and I will tell you why: because this was unpleasant and irregular, and I am not a person in my nature that I do not act or say things at random). Besides that, there were also many events which I will not elaborate upon due to lack of space in this article for this journal, but I will say only one thing: many organizations, in this instance, the biggest organization of the AUCPB, the Kuban organization, understood the main question: YES, LAPIN STOOD UP AGAINST THE POLICY

OF BOYCOTTING THE ELECTIONS BY THE AUCPB, AGAINST ALL BOYCOTTS. HE CALLED THIS DECISION OF A BOYCOTT A POLITICAL MISTAKE, that this decision leads to a split in the Central Committee of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks. YES, LAPIN STRUGGLED AGAINST UNPRINCIPLED SITUATION IN THE PARTY, THAT THERE WERE INTRIGUES, "SHUNTING ASIDE FROM THE POLITICAL ARENA" OR THREATENING THOSE, WHO FOR WHATEVER REASON, VOICED THEIR OBJECTION OR OPINIONS.

All of the above, I was subjected to as well. When I received a telephone call to my home from one member of AUCPB CC, he immediately told me that they expect me to be active as a spy on my own comrades. I absolutely refused to do this and put them under repression just because I am being "commanded" – I will NEVER DO THIS! A very clever Bolshevik long time ago said: "You could give up everything for the sake of the revolution and Party, with money and bravery, with personal luck and prosperity, with health and life – but you should not give up your conscience, as a Bolshevik and a human being." As you might understand or know, these words were spoken by Sergei Lazo, his words and his deeds were not different but the same. It is enough to remind us of the historical fact, as Lazo refused to run away from Japanese prison. He was told and asked to: "Yes, in your place we shall place another man. You are needed by us as a commander, not only as a man. And our comrade is ready to take your place and to die instead of you."

From the point of view of humanity, Sergei showed himself a hero. He did not allow another man

to take his place and be killed.

From the point of view of perverted understanding of party discipline ... this perverted understanding brought in its time the party into liquidation ("You were given a command – what is needed for the party. You are to listen, not to think, but fulfill."). And today, such unprincipled understanding brought the Bolsheviks into sharp contradictions between them? This is not the way it's going to be.

Of course, my reply was accepted as on "a bayonet". My ears were burning from all the accusations that I was bombarded with over the telephone, such vile epitaphs, what dirt was heaped upon me. An article appeared written by the top leadership of AUCPB in one newspaper, when they could not find anything "seditious" in my Bolshevik work (I never hid behind anyone's back). I therefore received more than my comrades. And they put me on trial: ME – I'm a commander in the Bolshevik Guard, I'm not going to place someone else in my place to be tried and punished, I got my baptism by fire, many times, OMON police and their batons beat on my head and body ... I cannot be accused of being afraid or have careerist tendencies. Since they cannot find any "seditious" tendency in my dedication, they picked on the content of my article ... THEY SUBVERTED IT TO THEIR ENDS ... let Northstar Compass itself judge me, let Michael Lucas the Editor be the judge, since he read the articles in "MF #5" and in "Serp i Molot" No. 4 in 1996.

*Yes, I read the two articles and I certainly did not find anything that would deserve the label as "seditious" or anything that is unpatriotic towards the resurrection of the Soviet Union and socialism – Michael Lucas – Editor)*

The author of the article against me threatened me, by these words: "I'm not inviting myself to parents, but I agree that a father would take a strap and would not show any mercy against this young person." Meaning, because I will not be a spy and not produce lies or details about my comrades ... just because I will not carry out formulations that they demanded of me and whose meaning I should not know – for this, I am being threatened? With this news and attempt, many people were disturbed, those that read my reply in the article, and ... as a result, the number of our friends and supporters are growing, in spite of being labelled "deserters" (the healthy young forces are quietly coming over to the side of Lapin).

And as to the question as to WHAT IS LAPIN DOING NOW AND HIS COMRADES? I answer in three words: WE ARE WORKING. The opportunity of pre-election campaign, we shall take advantage of. We go to agitate in all the villages (understand, at our own costs and using public transportation), we also worked in the city meetings. "TACTIC OF A BOYCOTT" is not for us. We must take advantage of every opportunity to work with the masses. And as far as we are concerned, whether we look at Zyuganov as a "Second Gorbachev", or a Trojan horse or any other title, I answer in this way: "In spite of this, he should be elected! Situation is such that the mass media is in the hands of the present rulers, all sorts of innuendoes and voices are raised and provocations are in the air and could be instigated any time ... that bloodshed could result. In a bourgeois society, it is not that important as to who VOTES HOW, but who and how IT IS COUNTED." I will not be surprised if Zyuganov does not win the run-off elections. But we cannot be complacent in this

regard!

In every regard, we must be prepared for the events that in case Zyuganov does not win ... all sort of recriminations and worse will be started against the people. But we are not frightened. Year 1993 has shown this in all aspects. But one thing we can say in all sincerity: Even if the elections produce a defeat for Zyuganov, we did not work for nothing. We quietly formed new contacts, new followers, new people came into our ranks, new forms of work were found and tested. As an example, from the pages of this vicious newspaper "NE DAI BOG – GOD FORBID" – from this, we could compose a very interesting poster. Alexander Lapin has a collection of these articles that will make great posters, from all over the country. Maybe in the future, such posters will be out on exhibit. Why not? As a very popular song now among us states: "We shall live until victory, we do not seek death in our struggles" ...

Forgive, that the article became long, but you gave us so many questions, and to answer them less fully, for people that are looking into our concerns and our problems, was impossible.

With Bolshevik greetings and best of wishes and for future cooperation.

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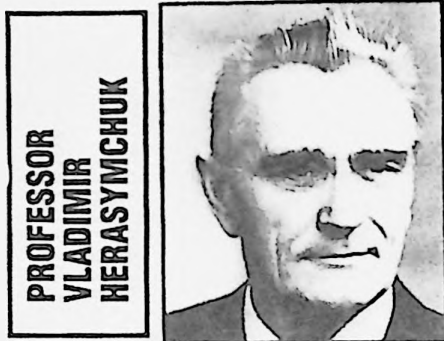
## **GREETINGS FROM: SEVASTAPOL**

Dear Comrade Lucas and  
Members of the Editorial Board of  
Northstar Compass:

From the bottom of my heart, I greet the 4th Anniversary of our journal, which, during the course of these four years, has gained a status of a unifying force in the unity of all communist forces of the world, serving as its voice.

With your Anniversary, my dear comrades, new successes in your very exemplary work.

– Konstantin Kolontaev  
(Member of our  
Editorial Committee in  
Sevastapol, Ukraine) □



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## CHERNOBYL AND PERESTROIKA

Accompanied by anti-communist hysteria, this year (1996) saw the "commemoration" of the 10th Anniversary of Chernobyl tragedy. Accusations and blame are directed at the communists and socialism. This, in effect, made people numb with these accusations and those that have suffered from this tragedy. With the connivance and go-ahead signals from the present government of Ukraine, there is taking place a complete false understanding as to what happened and what caused this tragedy; but of course, the blame is put on the shoulders of socialism. But was it not in 1985 that Gorbachev's perestroika started? Did not Gorbachev start to demonize socialism? Why was it that starting only at that time, right after "perestroika" came on the scene, that the rise in accidents, tragedies in factories, industries, on the railways, in the air and on the seas took place? The culmination of these accidents-tragedies was the tragedy that happened in Chernobyl. In this regard, we should point out that

these accidents to this moment are not fully or properly investigated and no logical or convincing answers given! The people are in the dark and fed on constant diet of anti-communist hysteria and the articles that ARE published, the reader must take with a grain of salt.

### WAS CHERNOBYL IN REALITY A DIVERSION?

Analysis of the events given is suspect – all facts point to the fact that it was a deviation. Why are there no factual researched answers to the tragedy of the ship "Admiral Nakhimov" which collided with another vessel on the Black Sea, with hundreds of passengers that were killed? There are now facts, according to newspaper ("Pravda Ukrainy", November 28, 1992; and newspaper "Spravidlivost" of November 17th and December, 1995). These papers, based on documents that are available or leaked out, say that this collision was due to microwaves from a satellite that played havoc with the ships' guiding instruments.

Anyway, who is to blame for the Chernobyl catastrophe?

"Of course – it's the communists!", as is stated over and over again by the present "democrats". Is this really so? But everyone knows that at that time, the Soviet Union was being governed by people such as Gorbachev, Yakovlev, Yeltsin, Shevernadze. In the Ukraine, the main top position was held by Krawchuk. What has socialism got to do with these grave diggers of socialism? These are the people that destroyed socialism! These are the people, according to International law, are responsible for Chernobyl! This Chernobyl represents the perestroika chaos instituted by these traitors. To this, we should also paint a picture of Rust; that German

flyer who, unopposed, was able to fly his aeroplane across all of USSR, and reach Moscow to land right in Red Square near the Kremlin. This would really be a symbol of Gorbachev's perestroika syndrome. On the exploding Chernobyl reactor, to put the aeroplane that was flown by Rust.

During the times of socialism, the flight of Rust, as the Chernobyl disaster, would have never happened. Let us remember 1941. Fascists, through their binoculars, were already seeing Moscow. But not one German aeroplane ever reached Moscow – German aeroplanes hardly ever reached their destination even on the outskirts of Moscow. Our Soviet aeroplanes-bombers, even in the first months of the war, were bombing Berlin. At the helm of our country stood steadfast communists.

Only the departure from the principles of socialism, Gorbachev's perestroika brought on the catastrophe of Chernobyl.

### TERRIBLE ACCIDENTS ARE ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE HAPPENED OUTSIDE OUR BORDERS

The biggest of these accidents happened in December 1984 in India at the chemical industrial giant "Union Carbide", in the city of Bhopal. More than 2,500 people perished from actual explosion or the consequences of radiation poisoning. More than 30,000 people became incapacitated, never able to work normally. More than 500,000 people were affected by this disaster.

However, this accident in India is long forgotten. But the pot keeps boiling around Chernobyl (instead of finding out exactly what happened); this is being fanned more and more, and culminating in this year's "commemoration" and again, blaming Communists and

Socialism. This is of course meant to discredit socialism. This is also being done in order to cover the underhanded and secret plans, actual events that took place and hidden by USA and other Imperialist countries. As an example, why is it that for 10 years the West blocked information about the nuclear accident that happened in England at Windscale? Or why is it that the world's people hardly know anything about the nuclear accident that happened at Three Mile Island? Here are some more examples. From the period of 1945 to 1985, USA has exploded 789 atomic and nuclear devices – of these, there were 236 in the atmosphere and 5 under the seas. According to the report and analysis by the Pentagon (of course, the numbers are lowered for obvious reasons), in the course of these tests, there were more than 0.5 million Americans affected.

### **WAS "CHERNOBYL" DUE TO FAULT OF OUR ECONOMY?**

This is an absurd comparison, in trying to state that because our economy was not capitalist, thus the lack of proper technology, that this Chernobyl accident took place; and that socialism, being backward, was not capable of such technology. All of the people who really know, understood that during the Great Patriotic War, the USSR was completely devastated. Only in the Ukraine, the fascists destroyed more than 16,000 industrial complexes – industries, destroyed more than 714 cities and towns, and more than 28,000 villages. In less than three years, the Soviet people practically, in very extreme economic situation, managed to rebuild the industries. The overall production of industry in 1950, compared to 1940, grew by 63%.

In the middle of 1980s, Ukraine, as other Soviet Republics, became

an industrial-agricultural leading country. Among such countries as Great Britain, Italy, France, Germany, our republic was in first place in production of coal, iron ore, steel, potatoes, sugar per capita. In the consumption of milk and milk products, eggs, fruits, fish products, Ukraine left behind such countries as USA, Canada, Great Britain, Germany and many others.

But over the USSR, there was foisted an economic "Chernobyl". These modern day "democrats" liquidated the industrial economic complex which was built by the hands of the people. Ukraine became an economic disaster. In 1995, comparing to 1990, the production of tractors fell more than 10 times; coal – practically 2 times, steel – more than 2 times; machine building – more than 5 times; electronic instruments and TVs – more than 17 times; radios – more than 5 times; cloth – 8 times less; footwear – practically by 10 times; butter – twice; meat – 3 times. Unemployment is growing. Factories and industrial enterprises are closing down. The death rate is growing alarmingly. Yes, my Messieurs, the "democrats" and your foreign masters must be satisfied. This "Chernobyl" economic rape presents them with more and more opportunities of raping the natural riches of the country.

### **IS "CHERNOBYL" POLITICAL?**

Meaning, the dismemberment and liquidation of the Soviet Union, in fact, this tragedy is more serious than most people realize. Chernobyl disaster is the result of the traitorous acts of selling off the country and the guiltiness of the upper echelons of the government rulers, symbolizing the so-called Gorbachev perestroika, which not only sabotaged the ecological situation in the country, but this was the signal

for all sorts of anti-state and counter-revolutionary activities, giving birth to mafiosi-structured state apparatus and government.

The process of liquidating the Soviet State is not only continuing, but it is forcibly quickening. In part, in a secret speech (which has been leaked) to the General Staff of USA Army, Bill Clinton stated that: "... since the complete collapse of USSR, Americans and their allies received inside of these 4 years natural resources from former USSR to the value of 15 trillion dollars. Today's main task is to dismember Russia itself into small and insignificant countries; absolute liquidation of the military potential of Russia, giving birth to small ethnic republics inside of Russia that are needed and subverted to the needs of USA."

The tragedy at the atomic station near Kiev is not finished yet. The tentacles of Imperialism are spread all over the world. "Chernobyl", both political and economic, ideological and moral, is being spread and active all over this world of ours. Oh, people, be vigilant! The enemy is insidious. □

**STOP THE PRESS!**

## **THE LATEST FROM RUSSIAN PRESS**

### **ANGRY WIVES GROUND AIR FORCE REGIMENT**

The wives of pilots at the Kursk air force regiment formed a human chain on the runways in order to protest the state's failure to pay their husbands' wages. The men are owned over \$1.2 million. The wives also picketed the landing strip in Murmansk.

## MINERS STRIKE

General meeting of Pavlov region miners agreed to stop the extraction of coal. This action was in support of the hunger strikers (miners) in the Primorie, where over 10,000 struck in order to get their back wages totalling over 25 billion rubles.

## FOOD RIOTS IN TADJIKISTAN

Five people were killed and 11 injured when a hunger riot broke out over food prices in the city of Khorog. Three of those killed were policemen.

## DEMONSTRATIONS IN KAZAKHSTAN

In the city of Zhanatas, over 2,000 people gathered to protest their living conditions. The demonstrators demanded resignation of the city mayor and demanded a special commission to set up Soviets to oversee the terrible plight of the people.

## PRAVDA NEWSPAPER CLOSES

Two Greek brothers (millionaires) who own the newspaper, one of the most prestigious newspapers in the world during Soviet times, closed the newspaper saying that: "We have invested a lot of money, and we expect results!"

The owners wanted to replace the Editor Alexander Ilyin because they termed him "communist". The staff backed up the Editor. No one knows what will happen now.

## MINERS' UNION THREATENS NATION-WIDE STRIKE

On August 6th, the Russian Coal Industry Workers' Union threatened to call a nation-wide strike if debts to miners are not paid. Industry owes the miners over \$326 million plus 250 billion rubles in delayed state subsidies.

## PENSIONERS PROTEST

Angry pensioners blocked streets of Abakan, largest city in the Siberia Republic of Khakasiya to demand their pensions. Pensioners also rallied in Voronezh and other parts of Russia.

### OUR COMMENT:

*For readers who think that "everything is lost" after the results of the presidential elections should take heart at the above news items. Protests, strikes, demonstrations, splits, counter-splits in the anti-regime forces is a sign that people are beginning to mobilize, organize and to be counted now that the elections are over and the hard struggle begins to gain momentum to replace the ruling clique before the situation gets even worse. □*

**From Newspaper:  
"YEDINSTVO-UNITY"  
Orel, Russia**

## LETTER TO YELTSIN IN THE KREMLIN

*This letter was written before May 5th - 51th Anniversary of the ending of the Great Patriotic War - Editors.*

Yeltsin, I received your letter-greetings before the Day of Victory. I am returning this letter back to you, because it is full of lies and inaccuracies. Yes, I am a veteran of the Second World War. Yes, we did win that struggle! We - Soviet people - but you in your letter to me and other veterans did not mention Soviet Union. You really must hate socialism! And you, in this letter, are calling us Communists red-fascists, putting us together with fascism that cost the Soviet people 27,000,000 lives! Socialism won that mighty struggle and it was led by Bolsheviks. In this party, you and I were members - and you sold it; yes, you sold it! And you even state that Hitler devastated us morally

and economically, but you dismantled the whole of Soviet Union which Hitler was not able to do. You, Yeltsin in actual fact, you are worse than Hitler! We knew that Hitler was our enemy and the enemy of the whole of mankind. But you, Yeltsin, are throwing Russia into an abyss and you are the most hated demagogue in the world, wrecking the progressive mankind with your policies.

No matter what you or your Western backers say, we Soviet people lived well. Where is country that had practically free apartments, the best schooling in the world, health care, practically free holidays to any resort in the USSR and much more? We had everything and were working for the future, for communism. How much blood did you spill during your short term in office?

Regarding the Jubilee medals that you were offering veterans - I did not take them. I feel that I would be dirty, wearing these "medals" on my chest ... these medals did not have anything on them that we were fighting and defending the Soviet Union. I was born in the USSR, I swore allegiance to USSR and I will never become a traitor to the Soviet Motherland!

I know that many veterans accepted the medals, people who would wear every medal given to them ... that is unfortunately to be expected. To make this more palatable, you had made a medal dedicated to Marshal Zhukov and erected a monument to him in Moscow now. Why? It was to belittle as much as you could the Commander-in-Chief Stalin. Stalin was the leader of such calibre that history did not know before. He inherited Russia in 1922 and left USSR a mighty country and rebuilt over 1,400 cities and towns inside of 4 years. Prices were lowered each



year and he left behind in reserve 2,050 tonnes of Gold and a MIGHTY RUBLE CURRENCY.

While you, Yeltsin, what did you do? If there will not be a drastic change of leadership, I predict that inside of 10 years, the country will split into scores of small "kingdoms" and if God forbid, your system of capitalist robbery should last 50 years, the Russian nation and its language will be eliminated from the face of the earth.

With a president like you, Yeltsin, the people will have their last word – don't fret.

Just one more thing. My father died also as a veteran of the Soviet Army. My grandfather and my grandmother, mother, wife and other members of my family, and if I would be asked (even if God himself asked) me whom would like to get returned from the dead (please forgive me, my family), I would reply: "RETURN BACK TO ME MY SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALISM!!!"

When in 1990, Yeltsin tore up his communist party card, I at that moment wrote an application to join the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. After this party was liquidated, I became a member of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks.

– Invalid  
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Throughout the world, individuals, personalities, associations, movements are uniting and acting together to confront the threats to peace, the realities of wars, military interventions, and armed conflicts.

In 1995, the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, of the end of World War II and the victory over fascism, and of the foundation of the United Nations Organization marked a new impetus in the struggle for disarmament. This year was also strongly marked by the struggle against nuclear testing and for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Moreover, for members of the public as well as international organizations such as the UN, the year 2000, in less than four years, provides an important mobilizing perspective for nuclear disarmament.

At the same time, the demand for a more just, less violent, and peaceful world conflicts with the reality endured by a huge majority of men, women, of the world's peoples.

War, military interventions, militarization are part of the life of millions.

The desire to live in peace in a safer world is beset by very serious problems: inequality, poverty, unemployment, rise of extremism, racism, threat of ecological disaster,

violations of human rights ...

These problems will not be solved by military means, but by a concerted effort on the part of peoples of all nations for development and social progress.

However, efforts for disarmament and for a genuine security are faced with projects of militarization, intervention strategies of hegemonism, policies of domination, the arms trade.

Despite signed agreements, most of the time under the pressure of public opinions, progress towards nuclear disarmament is at a standstill. Thousands of nuclear weapons still exist and are monopolized by nuclear powers, and threaten human survival.

Science and technology are used to produce weapons of mass destruction, rather than to further human development.

At a time when billions are being spent on developing more sophisticated arms, development aid is decreasing, and in most industrial countries, social budgets are being reduced.

This shows how the struggle for peace remains an essential dimension of the struggle for development and social justice.

Therefore, the World Assembly for peace initiated by the World Peace Council must be an important time to exchange experiences and develop proposals of action.

### **ACTING TOGETHER FOR PEACE In the Face of Globalization Agenda for Action Until 2000**

The following points would be discussed in the Assembly:

1. Disarmament as a condition for peace and genuine security.
2. No peace without justice and development.
3. Peace and sovereignty.
4. Toward a culture of peace.

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## NSC APOLOGY

Tauno Maki, one of many avid readers of Northstar Compass, passed away in February of this year in White Lake, Mi., USA.

In his name, there was sent a donation to NSC since he was one of the most ardent readers and promoter of NSC, a dear friend of socialism and of the USSR.

We apologize for this omission and want to express our deep sorrow to the family of comrade Maki and to Hazzim Yousif, our reader, who took the trouble to point this out to us now.

– Editorial Board, NSC   □

**From:  
Staten Island, N.Y., USA**

Dear Michael:

Enclosed is my check for \$45.00 for the "Secret Documents" book, for which I thank you very much, and also for the NSC raffle tickets.

We're very busy here in the U.S. getting ready for the November right-wing vs. right-wing Presidential elections. We are, however, hoping for a Clinton victory in the hopes that a Clinton lame duck Presidency will throw a few crumbs to the working class and poor; if it's a Dole victory, we can't even expect that much. Also, our friends in Cuba may come out of a Clinton victory with their lives spared. I'm afraid

that with a Dole victory, that may not be the case.

I also feel strongly that in the recent U.S.A.-led elections in Russia, that some (certainly not the majority that is claimed) of our Russian friends voted for Yeltsin because, among other things, the threat to their lives with civil war was certainly on their minds. The results of the corrupt elections were proof to me, as it should be to Communists throughout the world, that the majority of the Russian people want a return to Socialism and had there been legitimate elections, the figures would have shown an overwhelming vote for Socialism. That's why my hopes are still as high as ever with the Russian and Soviet people that Socialism will come back to Russia along with the re-establishment of the Soviet Union. The Russian and Soviet people have very recent memories of much better times, where they had an economic system that offered them stability and security. On the other hand, I don't believe the majority of the American people are even aware that there is an equitable and just alternative to Capitalism. And if the Democratic and Republic parties can't save the country from a failed capitalism, I'm afraid the majority of Americans may see fascism as an alternative.

– Comradely,  
Lois Singer

*Right to the point and on the mark.  
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provoking. Write often!*   □

### DEAR READER:

*We always get words of wisdom, excerpts, articles, financial help and best wishes from our reader, Lydia S. Kyrhu from USA. Below, we publish this little bit of wisdom that all of us should really practise and follow in our struggles.*

## THE LAST SNOWFLAKE

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

"Nothing more than nothing," was the answer.

"In that case, I must tell you a marvellous story," said the Chickadee.

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

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

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

Having said that, the Chickadee flew away.

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

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

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

**From:  
Silver Spring, MD, USA**

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is money order for our subscription renewal plus the book "Secret Documents". We are looking forward to reading this valuable resource.

Our book is just off the press: "In the Fight Against Liquidationism a Leninist Trend Emerges".

We feel that many of the NSC readers will be interested in

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# PAGES FROM OUR PAST

From: POLITICAL AFFAIRS – CPUSA

## “SOCIALIST” PLURALISM?

By: Mark Alberg\*

When Communists more fully assess the various means, tools and pretexts used by the capitalist class to crush the socialist countries and to splinter the Communist movement in recent years, a special place will undoubtedly be reserved for the concept of *pluralism*. Perhaps there is no better example of how an unscientific, anti-Marxist concept can quietly seep into the ranks of the working-class revolutionary movement than in the case of the pluralist idea. The results have been catastrophic.

Unscientific? Anti-Marxist? Pluralism as the cause of catastrophe? How can this be?

Admittedly, at first glance, the pluralist idea seems quite harmless, if not wholly positive. Pluralism in its broadest, “common sense” usage is widely regarded as a synonym for diversity, freedom, mutual toleration and friendly contest. It’s viewed as the antipode of sectarianism, dogmatism, intolerance and dictatorship. This common sense usage carries a positive connotation among democrats of all types.

Yet, pluralism is one of those words that has many meanings to many people. At least one of its philosophical critics has called it a “metaphor”, a concept that is constantly being stretched and “displaced” in a variety of contexts.

Its definition is very elastic having both common sense and more hidden, specialized meanings. It has different connotations in different contexts – in philosophy, politics, economics, and in the theory and practice of the revolutionary working-class Party.

It is precisely these more specialized meanings and connotations that contain the greatest perils to the interests of the working class.

The use of the word pluralism is not as simple as it seems – it is a loaded term that inevitably entails the taking on of some extra, hidden ideological baggage. Very often, the contents of this baggage are carried along unbeknownst to the carrier. The hidden ideological connotations simply come along as part of the bargain, whether the person using the word is conscious of them or not.

Viewed in this way, the word pluralism is very much like the word *freedom*: a fine word that enjoys near-universal approbation, but a word that can easily be abused. This concept can become a snare and a deception, and can be twisted into the opposite of its common sense meaning. Everything hinges on the context in which it is used and, more specifically, on its *class* context. As Lenin once remarked, “‘Freedom’ is a grand word, but under the banner of freedom for industry the most predatory wars were waged, under the banner of freedom of labor, the working people were robbed.”

It is incumbent on any serious working-class fighter to study the various meanings of this popular term. It is no exaggeration to say that pluralism has emerged in the 1980s and 1990s as the pre-eminent ideological Trojan Horse that the ruling, capitalist class has used for

the aggressive penetration and crippling of the working-class revolutionary movement. It has become the main battle cry of those who would destroy socialism and push the revolutionary parties off their working-class course.

## A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES

The prevalence of the pluralist idea in the working-class movement is all the more remarkable given its patently bourgeois origins, its notorious role in previous counter-revolutionary efforts (Czechoslovakia in 1968, for example, or Eurocommunism in the 1970s), and its theoretical barrenness. More than once the pluralist idea has been cogently refuted by Marxist scholars.

Yet, phoenix-like, the previously “defeated” idea of pluralism has risen from the ideological ashes to wreak new havoc on a monstrous scale.

Why? What accounts for its staying power and seemingly universal hegemony?

In this writer’s opinion, close scrutiny will reveal that the success of the pluralist idea can be attributed to: (1) the loss of vigilance – the theoretical lassitude and softening-up – of the Communist parties; (2) the continuing influences of the petty bourgeoisie on the working-class movement; and (3) the incessant propaganda of the capitalist class.

Pluralism’s triumph constitutes a dramatic case study of how a lie repeated long enough becomes “truth”. A brief history of the pluralist idea will help illustrate this point.

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# OPEN FORUM

## MELTDOWN

### THE CRISIS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE

Continued from July #12 ...

With its relatively decaying productive sector, when the USA expanded state spending in the 1980s with military

budgets running up to \$300 billion a year to try and break the Soviet Union, the results were predictable. As Fidel Castro observed of the process, it may have broken the Soviet Union but the effort may break the USA next.

Huge state borrowings and trade deficits appeared. Over the past fifteen years, the cumulative US trade deficit is \$1.68 trillion. By the mid-1980s, the USA needed capital imports of \$120 billion a year – much of it from Japan and Europe. US national debt rose 342 percent in the 1980s. Total US debt grew

faster than income. By 1992, government borrowing took 70 percent of all new credit. At its current growth rate, US government debt will exceed national income in 30 years. Total US indebtedness relative to national income is far higher now than it was in 1929.

Interest payments on US government debt grew from 10 percent of GNP in 1980 to 18 percent in 1992, consuming 62 percent of federal income tax. This is an unsustainable position, hence the wrangling between the US President and Congress over the scale and speed of drastic government spending cuts. US foreign debt is 200 percent higher than exports, like Mexico's in 1982 when the Third World debt crisis broke on the world's financial markets. Continuing trade deficits will exacerbate this situation and further expose the US economy to speculative funding. This is not compatible with the dollar's status as the world's main reserve currency.

At recent rates of growth, US debt repayments on some estimates would consume all the US GNP by 2015. But debt cannot grow faster than output and income forever. There comes a time of reckoning. It is now.

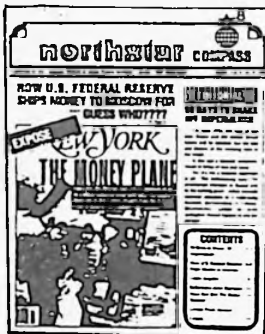
In 1985, the USA became the biggest debtor nation and Japan the biggest creditor. To reduce the US trade deficit, the major capitalist nations signed the 1985 Plaza Agreement. Central banks would manipulate the dollar down and Japan would expand its economy with low interest rates. Germany and Japan agreed to a devalued dollar rather than face a tariff threat from the USA. The dollar fell 25 percent and kept on falling as speculators sold it on. The yen and Deutschmark rose, but the US trade deficit was not solved.

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## SHADOW FROM JAPAN

*"In all our careless dealings with other people there comes a time of accounting."* – from a Japanese novel.

Following the Plaza Agreement, Japanese interest rates were cut. Surplus capital poured into property speculation. During 1986-87 Tokyo real estate prices rose 80 percent. A single prefecture was said to be worth more than all of Canada. By the end of 1987, the unit price of Japanese land was fifty times that of the USA.

Soaring land prices served as collateral to expand credit at home and overseas. Japanese banks became the biggest in the world. Loans raised on land went into the share market. In the early 1970s, the stock market value of the US firm IBM was greater than the entire Japanese stock market. By the end of 1989, the Japanese telephone monopoly NTT was worth more than the entire German stock market.

Debt piled up on Japanese property and stocks grew far beyond what could be serviced from their yields. Neither the prices nor the dividends were sufficient to pay the debts. In 1990, Nikkei Dow share prices fell 49 percent. Over 1991-92, Japanese property prices fell 50 percent. Japanese companies and property owners were left with a massive case of negative equity. Bad debt has mounted; figures vary according to source, but Japanese banks face about \$568 billion in bad loans potentially rising in one forecast to over \$1 trillion, a quarter of the GNP. Official figures show up to 16 percent of banks' loans currently in default. Further falls in property prices increase bad debt, and these prices keep on falling.

Writing in "The Guardian", Edward Balls states that the Japanese *"economy is on the verge of a dangerous deflationary spiral of falling*

*consumer and asset prices, rising debts and falling output unseen in either the US or Europe in the post-war period."* Land and commercial prices continue to fall. In 1995, Sumitomo was the first major Japanese bank to declare a loss since 1945. Seven financial institutions have either collapsed or been rescued by the state this year. Japanese industry is operating 25 percent below capacity; factories are closing. The high yen worsens the problem.

Japan's problems pose a two-fold threat to international capitalism: an international financial collapse and trade war. Eight of the ten biggest banks in the world are Japanese. Japan is the world's biggest creditor nation. Any change in Japanese banks has implications for the whole world. The newly merged Tokyo Mitsubishi bank has assets of \$701.3 billion. Only a handful of countries have national products greater. The UK's GNP is approximately \$900 billion.

Japanese banks accounted for a quarter of the world's credit creation in the past decade. With the rising yen and falling dollar, Japanese companies bought US assets. Japanese investors bought 30 percent of US Treasury long term bonds in the 1980s. They lent to the USA. Considering the scale of US indebtedness, a break in the chain of credits, a withdrawal of Japanese funds, could trigger a row of defaults, credit implosion, melt-down.

If Japan were to retaliate against efforts to force it to cut its trade surplus by withdrawing \$10 billion from the many billions it has invested in US bonds, it would trigger a crash. It is estimated that the Japanese have lost between \$350-500 billion on investments overseas since 1985 due to the fall in the dollar.

It is not just a domestic banking

crisis that might force Japanese investors to sell property overseas to get liquidity that could cause a crash. As the world's biggest debtor, the USA is bound to supply more dollars onto world markets and Japanese investors are likely to sell dollar assets fearing more losses as the dollar falls even further than the 75 percent it has dropped against the yen since 1985.

## PROTECTIONISM

*"Flirting with protectionism is flirting with world catastrophe"*, states Leonard Silk, former economic correspondent of the New York Times.

Imperialism's growing instability and imbalances are producing the customary scapegoats and drive towards protectionism. The 1990 Japanese stock market crash was blamed on a "Jewish conspiracy". The 1993 run on the franc blamed by French politicians on an "Anglo-Saxon conspiracy". "Le Monde" opined "German selfishness is the root of the problem". In 1992, Norman Lamont blamed the President of the Bundesbank for deliberately weakening sterling with reckless remarks. Now, we have several European Union finance ministers accusing Britain, Italy and Spain of gaining unfair trading advantage by devaluing their currencies.

The conspiracy of cohorts sharing out profits gives way to a fight of hostile brothers trying to off-load losses onto each other. Since 1990, there have been the following trade disputes: French soybeans versus USA; Japanese rice versus USA; US sugar versus the world; European airlines versus USA; Asian steel versus USA; European Union public work contracts versus USA; Japanese luxury cars versus USA. Opening skirmishes in a trade war.

Responding to a Japanese government statement that the USA should not use protectionist measures, US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said, "I'm not interested in theology". Asked by "Le Monde" if the European Union should launch a trade war, the then-President Mitterand replied, "If pushed, I hope so".

Since 1970, the yen/dollar exchange rate has gone from 358 yen to the dollar to 100 yen to the dollar (a steady fall apart from a period before 1985). Still, Japan is on target for \$146 billion trade surplus this year and the USA headed for a \$182 billion deficit. Pushing the dollar down and the yen and Deutschemark up has not solved a thing. That is why trade war is imminent. Japan is so dependent on exports that it will deepen the slump in Japan which will speed the coming of the crash.

Alternatively, pushing the yen ever higher and the dollar further down will likely have the same effect as, for example, the Mazda Motor Corporation estimates it loses \$25 million a year for every one yen rise against the dollar. A continuing rise in the yen is likely to have a depressing effect on the Japanese economy leading to more Japanese investment in the Pacific region. A regional confrontation with the USA is foreseeable. However, should the yen fall against the dollar for any length of time, as it has done recently, then the Japanese trade surplus will grow and trade battles with the USA will intensify. A double-bind. Trapped.

This is the context in which the clamour for a Japanese apology for the Second World War is made and in which US President Clinton remembers Hiroshima by saying he would have dropped the bomb too. It is the context in which the Japanese begin to demand the

removal of US military bases.

## A VISION OF THE FUTURE

An investment advice firm offers its potential clients a glimpse of the near future.

*"An unstoppable wedge is about to be driven through the heart of Britain. It is a wedge of technology and culture that will divide this nation into two very different parts: the haves and have-nots ... those who make the leap into the economy of the future and profit, and those who are left behind, trapped in dying areas and a dying economy ...*

*"In one part, crime will spread. Homes will be boarded up. Gangs of fatherless young men and boys will roam the streets. People will live shorter, meaner, poorer lives. Property prices will fall ... entire areas will be abandoned.*

*"Sounds like an inner-city ghetto? Think again. This may be your street 10 years from now. Because the same plague that has destroyed the inner cities is spreading to the suburbs ...*

*"Meanwhile, just a few hours' drive from these living nightmares will be some of the finest environments ever created on the planet. These enclaves of peace and prosperity will be protected by geography and electronic fortifications ...*

*"The Death of Public Services ... Government budgets will soon be slashed - and that means spending on public services will be cut more than they already have been. Streets will become no more than broken pavement and dirt. Buildings will burn down for lack of fire protection ... Private companies will step in to do the work public services used to do. And you'll be able to profit by investing in them, too ...*

*"Soon, there will be more than 100 different wars being fought around the world. But there is a profit opportunity here, too. One company has recently developed a machine to detect plastic*

*explosives used by terrorists ...*

*"Retirement savings evaporate ... As the pound falls, shares and bonds will come crashing down too. The retirement savings of many millions of people will be ruined ...*

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International capital will not resign itself to the catastrophe it senses to be imminent. Its resilience is undeniable. The working class and the poor will pay the price of its struggle to endure.

The international financial crisis compels the US and French governments to launch savage attacks on state spending, resulting in deadlock over the budget in the USA and mass mobilisations on the streets of France.

Finance capital views the post-Second World War welfare expenditures and "paternalist" governments associated with Keynesian economics as a temporary concession, made to help win the Cold War, now no longer necessary. Along with the attack on public expenditure comes the deepening immiseration of growing numbers of the working class in the capitalist heartlands. Whole sectors of the middle class will be deprived of their incomes, security and services they relied on to make their lives comfortable. To avoid a banking collapse, the Japanese government has been running record budget deficits. These are intended to revive the Japanese economy, reverse the collapse in property prices and boost share prices. The gross outstanding debt of Japan's central government rose from 55 percent of national income in 1990 to 75 percent in 1995. The budget deficits are about 8 percent of national income, the UK's is 4.2

percent. Consequently, Japanese government debt service costs will consume one fifth of total government spending in 1996. Should the borrowing continue, the debt repayments will erode the ability of the government to stimulate the economy. Any attempt to reduce the budget deficits by increasing taxes or cutting expenditure will deepen the slump. As it is, property prices continue to fall.

The US Federal Reserve, aware of the dangers, has arranged for billions of dollars to be pumped into Japanese banking operations in the USA in the event of a sudden crash. This is no charitable exercise – it is to try and reduce the exposure of the US financial system to the Japanese crisis. Should these dollars ever be used, it would signal the dimensions of the problem and probably accelerate the stampede to panic.

Above all, it is the exploitation of the Third World and extraction of super-profits that is extending capitalism's lease of life. Here, the globally deployed and longer established US and British multinationals are defending their positions ferociously. A constant process of mergers and take-overs in manufacturing, extractive and banking industries is concentrating phenomenal sums of money and power into a few hands in the attempt to maintain profitability. Fewer and fewer people are benefiting from this decaying capitalism, but for those that do, they benefit as none have ever benefited before.

International financial capital has become a parasitic predator devouring the life of its host – the producers of wealth, labour. It is a condition that cannot continue. We must and we shall resist or we will be extinguished in barbarism. □

# NEXT TO STALIN

**NOTES OF A  
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**A.T. RYBIN**

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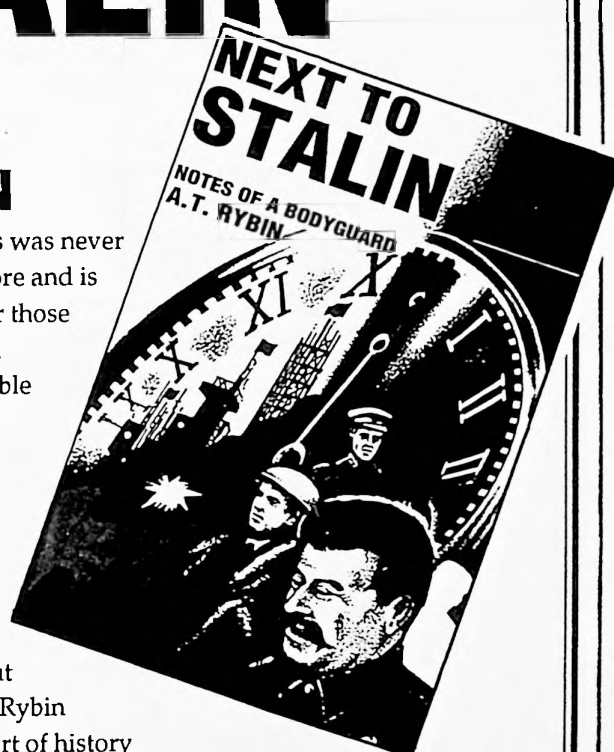
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– Clara Lewis

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**From:  
Cosmopolis, WA, USA**

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is \$100 towards the disabled veterans of Pinsk in Russia to buy much needed medicine. I send you my love and wish I could do more.

Hitler and fascism could not destroy the great Soviet Union, but it took traitors like Gorbachev and company with the help of Imperialism, and leading the pack was Reagan from the belly of the "beast-USA" to succeed. My heart aches for the suffering of the people in that great land of Socialism.

– Lydia S. Karhu

*Your words and feelings cannot be matched by anything that we might add. Again, humble thanks for your ever-helping hand!* □

**From:  
Hudson, WI, USA**

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find a money order for a new sub for a friend, the two books you advertise – Secret Documents and Next To Stalin – plus a donation of \$105 towards NSC.

– Mary K. Kral

*We appreciate your devotion to NSC, your new sub plus the very generous donation. Your name is going up unto our Honour Board at the Friendship House. Again, many thanks.* □

**From:  
Watertown, MA, USA**

Dear Friends:

Ordering the two books that NSC has published, plus a donation towards your work.

The July issue of NSC was especially informative, demonstrating to what length the greedy capitalists will go to insure themselves domination over the peoples of the world. Lenin was certainly on target when he stated: "The capitalists will sell you the rope to hang themselves."

– Keep well!

Dick Keshishian

*None of us at NSC could have said it better, Dick!* □

**From:  
Miami, FL, USA**

Russian/Soviet people, with its traditions, its history and its heritage, has allowed itself to be deceived and intimidated so easily. We are not talking about the people of a Third World country that, after centuries of oppression and imposed ignorance, without never having known a different and better type of society, has a much more difficult task in order to win the struggle for social justice and true national independence. We are talking of the people of the proud and generous and mighty Soviet Union; the one who conquered the right to build a better society; the one who defeated Tzarism and the foreign open intervention by all the big powers of the time; the one which emerged victorious in a difficult and bloody civil war and that finally broke the back of the fascist beast; the one that not only created a superpower

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militarily, economically and morally, but also raised the educational and cultural levels of its citizens to the highest degrees. It was really amazing to see how, after the faked so-called "coup d'etat" of 1991, the big and strong Soviet communist party and the powerful Soviet Union were dissolved, dismantled and disassembled, slandered, robbed and raped without a shot being fired. It is a shame!!!

And what happened to the history, traditions, pride and heritage of the glorious Red Army? Not only have they remained silent and passive when their Motherland has been and continues to be conquered, raped, looted, enslaved and cut to pieces, but also, have sold their soul for some silver coins and a plate of lentils to such an extent that they preferred to bomb, murder and massacre its own people, in Moscow, in Chechnia and many other places. Their oath was to defend the Soviet Motherland and the Soviet people, but what they did was to massacre its own people in order to defend and support its new foreign masters and their native traitors.

It is not my intention to offend anyone in any place but it is my honest opinion that, when I see a small country like Cuba, how – courageously and skillfully – the Cuban people (and despite all adversities) so effectively defend the cause of social justice and national independence, their Motherland and socialism, perhaps many people in the land of the Soviets and in other places, could see them, not as a model to copy, but as a shining example to follow and adapt to its own characteristics and traditions.

Unity among Soviet's communists is paramount if final victory is to be achieved. I don't think Zyuganov and the Communist



Party of the Russian Federation were ill intentioned but their strategy seems to me was wrong and that Russian Communists Workers Party and Anpilov were right. Elections are only a form of struggle, just like parliamentarism, and never ever was correct to try to appease and seduce the class enemy – that thing will never work. The only way to achieve victory is reaching to and depending on its social base (which is the vast majority), workers and peasants, students and artists, scientists and patriotic military men and women.

Capitalists forces, whether native Russian / Soviet or foreign, shall never support the existence of an independent, strong, socialist Soviet homeland. This point was very well proven during the last Russian presidential "elections".

Since apparently at this moment, the most important battlefield in Russia now is in the realm of ideology and communications, truth and political awareness, I would like to persuade to our Russian/Soviet friends that, among other things:

- Create a truthful pro-Soviet, pro-Socialist national television station;
- Create a national radio station;
- Create a national newspaper;
- Create a national publishing house.

That is the only way, within the limits of the ideological struggle, in order to rescue the souls and minds of the Russian/Soviet people from the lies and "quisling" type garbage that has been forced on them during the last ten years. I am optimistic, but if our Russian/Soviet friends want to save from their children and descendents a lot of pain, suffering and dishonor, they must be more resolute, skillful and creative – there is no other way.

It is obvious that Russian communists underestimated the

Yeltsin-Vlasovites, their foreign backers and the image-makers from Madison Avenue. That was a terrible mistake!

– Cordially,  
Joaquin C. Pedroso

*Your letter was not only a letter, but an exercise of explanation of the events and the possible remedy to try and cure this cancer. We know that our readers will concur. Again, many thanks also for your order of our two books plus a donation.* □

## LETTERS

**From:  
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a cheque for \$400.00 and would you send me the books "Secret Documents" and "Next To Stalin"?

I hope that this will help the NSC as did the \$545.00 that I sent last year.

The only constructive criticism that I have of NSC is asking you to publish your financial position so that the readers could start to contribute towards this wonderful publication and organization.

– Sincerely yours,  
Walter Tyshko

*Your generosity is always appreciated, plus your lifetime dedication to progress and our organization to which you belong for so many years.*

*Your advice is being taken into account and we hope that our readers will follow your advice.* □

**From:  
Brampton, Ontario**

Please find a donation plus payment for raffle tickets. I always look forward to receiving Northstar Compass.

– Good luck, brothers,  
R. Salminen

*We hope that you will be able to come to the 4th Anniversary event on September 22nd. Thank you for your constant donations.* □

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

Dear Friends:

Received NSC and as usual, I'm mad at those filthy animals in Russia that got into power. These leaders are destroying a whole culture. These Imperialists of the West that helped Yeltsin to victory, do they not know how their policy that was followed by their previous robbers destroyed whole cultures, whole people? This capitalism is killing the environment, killing off indigenous peoples like our native Indians and other original inhabitants of this world.

People will make short shrift of these traitors soon enough. CIA or the nationalist socialists, they are the same – it's a reactionary-fascist dogma against the people.

These Americans make me very angry ... not the ordinary people, but the top echelons. But, they will get theirs sooner or later.

Keep up the good work, friends. Northstar is invaluable. Enclosed, please find an excerpts that you might use.

– Yours,  
Olga Krimtschenko

*As always Olga, you are full of pep and vigour, and understand the situation sometimes much better than some of the so-called leading "Marxists"!*

*We publish this item sent by Olga, called ...*

## IN THE NAME OF RELIGION!

During World War II, hundreds of thousands of Serbs and Croats were murdered in the name of

religion. "In Croatia," reports 'The New Encyclopaedia Britannica', "the indigenous fascist regime set about a policy of 'racial purification' that went beyond even Nazi practices ... It was declared that one-third of the Serbian population would be deported, one-third converted to Roman Catholicism, and one-third liquidated ... The partial collaboration of the Catholic clergy in these practices compromised church-state relations seriously after the war." Countless numbers of people were forced to convert to Catholicism or die; thousands of others were not even given a choice. Whole villages – men, women, and children – were forced into their Orthodox churches and killed. □

**From:  
Unionville, Ontario**

## TRUTH ABOUT CUBA

Imagine! If Yeltsin would suddenly burst out with a statement like: "It is no secret that had it not been for the aging American (U.S.A.) embargo, Cuba would have had the best performing economy in the Caribbean." People would think that this Tzar Yeltsin had now spoken a truth only because he was cock-eyed drunk then. That in his drunken stupor, he forgot and disobeyed his boss, U.S. President Clinton's instructions to lie. He never said it – so, we give him the iron cross for a 100% of lying.

The honor of telling the truth goes to journalist Ranier Maharaj\* for his article in the Toronto Sun, July 22, 1996. He wrote this truth quoted here above. He goes on: [Cuba], "In spite of the [American] embargo and the inherent hardships, it has managed to become world

famous for the advances in medical research, as well as for innovative developments; for example, Cuban scientists have produced a way to use wasted sugar-cane husks to make newsprint, a procedure which would save tens of thousands of trees. It appears that the Washington posse is determined to lynch Fidel Castro. Now, when they start coming after the rest of us\*\*, this is where we must draw a line ... It follows therefore, had [Cuba] had free [world] market access, Cuba would have been able to offer a good quality of life to its people. So Cuba's economic and social problems are not Castro's creation, but those of successive American governments."

"Now [their] posse want to punish Castro – and the rest of us. [For dealing with Cuba.] Now that they have started naming names of Canadians against whom they will be taking punitive action, it's time to take the gloves off."

"Canada must lead the way and start turning the screws back. Besides, we also have the backing of the international community."

The above is very clearly a voice in defence of Canada's sovereignty.

Tzar Yeltsin! Get away with your drunken, traitorous stupor! GO! Stop stealing and selling the wealth created by the toil of the Soviet people! People of the Soviet Union – you too, take off your gloves!

– F. Franklin U.

\* Rainer Maharaj is the editor of the Caribbean Camera. Appears occasionally in the Toronto Star – mostly right-wing is the Toronto Star.

\*\* Recently, American senators have been threatening the Canadians who are transacting business with Cuba instead of joining the imperialist USA in hurting the people of Cuba.

*Dear Frank: Our readers will sure enjoy your style and wit! Keep on writing.* □

**From:  
Coquitlam, B.C.**

Dear Editor:

I am a new subscriber to the Northstar Compass and I am writing to thank you for giving me a good idea of what is going on in the former Soviet Union.

It is difficult to get information from our so-called "Free Press" here in the West. The few scraps of information are always anti-Communist and pro-Yeltsin. The media here in the West is in the control of too few powerful individuals and have increased a monopoly on information; Somehow, the truth gets blurred and stories get a twist of ideology that becomes predictable after careful study. They have their very own language and use key words and phrases like "Achieving stability", "Encouraging Nations to adopt our policies", "Moving towards a free market system", and of course, there is "Restoring or encouraging Democracy". Of course, anyone who disagrees is a Hardliner. Once a person learns the language and the dialogue, you can begin to read between the lines and separate fact from fantasy – fiction from non-fiction.

Thanks to NSC, I now can get a true look at the situation at home and abroad. Some day, I hope we can begin to hold the media accountable for its actions. In this system, justice is hard to find. Even today in Canada, it was announced that one man, Conrad Black, bought up Southam Information Systems, giving him control over almost all major newspapers across the country. Two weeks later, Black meets in a closed door conference with the Prime Minister and top business leaders in Canada. I can only wonder what they talked about and what their agenda is.

Anyway, keep up the fight and as for the Soviet people, I can only hope for a better future for them. They face a huge battle. A proud and

historic future awaits you, people of great vision – the courageous people of the Soviet Union.

– Darin G.

*Your words add encouragement to us and to all of our readers. Our struggles will be hard, but victory eventually will be ours.* □

**From:  
Stornoway, Saskatchewan**

Please send me the book "Next To Stalin", plus "Secret Documents". I read the Great Conspiracy Against Russia a few times and have it on hand.

Everyone that believes in justice should read it. It will give you an idea how the Western world wanted to destroy the USSR ... after 70 years, they finally did it! Now, the Western criminals are there robbing the Soviet resources people's assets, what Hitler in his time could not do.

– Oscar Gellert

*If you could send that book to us, we would appreciate it and would do a summary on it since we had many requests as to where to get this book. You would do everyone a great service if you would send to NSC this book. Of course, we would return it.*

*Again, many thanks for your purchase.* □

**From:  
Richmond Hill, Ontario**

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a cheque for "Secret Documents".

Wishing you the very best. We admire what you are doing, so keep up the good work.

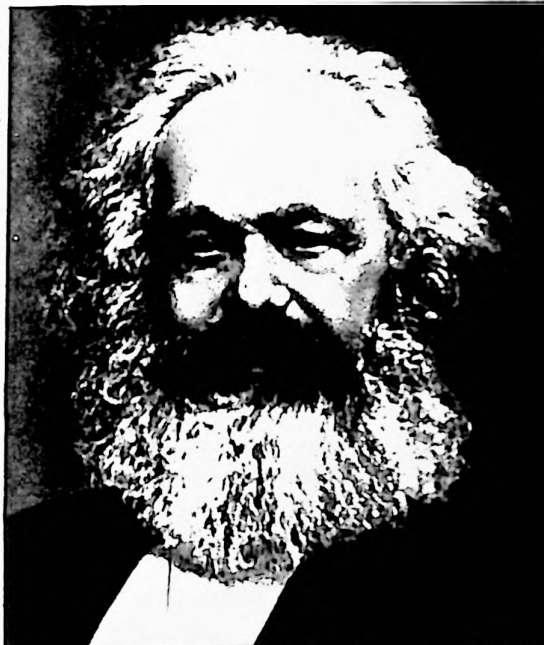
– Sincerely,

Harriet Craig

*Thank you for your kind words and give regards on behalf of the Editorial Board of NSC to Bill. We wish him better health and recovery.* □

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## NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

### OIL, NOT ETHNIC STRIFE IS BEHIND BLOODSHED IN THE CAUCASUS!

*Below, we re-publish this article by Jonathan Power that appeared in the Toronto Star newspaper. This deadly game by the West and Yeltsin's regime bodes no good not only for the Soviet people, but for the rest of the world.*

*We in the West who, in some respects, enjoy the benefits of this deadly game at the expense of the majority of the world population, should realize very quickly that we are going to pay a very heavy price for this rape of the natural resources, because these people are not going to be exploited forever!*

*Again, we must repeat, although some readers will think that enough was said already: Western economic rape of other countries' natural resources can only be accomplished if inside these countries, the West finds traitors of the calibre of Yeltsin, Chernomyrdin, Lebed and others, who are willing to sell their soul for 30 pieces of silver as did Judas – but, Judas at least had the courage to hang himself for his crime!*

*These present traitors in former Soviet Union and other former Socialist countries will not be able to escape retribution, sooner rather than later!*

### MOSCOW SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT 'GREAT GAME' OVER OIL

(LONDON) The Saudi Arabian bomb has truly shaken up the



*Did this Russian soldier fight for Russian or Chechnia capitalists?*

Washington political establishment, even though in all probability the desert kingdom is a lot more stable than the quick shifting sands of American opinion suggest. Nevertheless, the subsequent debate has produced some good points – a telling reminder that if America were more sensible about its gas-guzzling and the ridiculous give-away taxation/pricing policy that encourages it, Washington wouldn't have catch a cold every time someone in Riyadh sneezes.

But looking ahead, the intrigue of the Middle East is as nothing compared with the politics of oil in the Caucasus and Central Asia – and that, in the decades ahead, is where

much of the big action could all too easily be. If you are into geo-strategic rivalries, ethnic feuding and elusive independence, tune into this station.

Straddling Europe, the Near East and Asia, the Caspian region is one of the largest under-developed sources of oil in the world. As the Persian Gulf oil is exploited to the point where its capacity and world demand bang into each other with what could be dangerous consequences, then this Central Asian oil is going to become a crucial alternative supply.

### OIL IS LEVERAGE FOR INDEPENDENCE

The 19th century's "Great Game" was the deadly rivalry between Russia and Britain, in part fuelled even then by the competition for Caspian oil. The Caucasus and Central Asia were not only the point of access to the riches of India but a prize worth fighting for in itself.

Today's Great Game is being replayed with the oil-rich – but very much Third World – countries of the former Soviet Union, again trying to establish their independence, using energy as leverage. Their difficulty is that they're land-locked, so even if they get the oil out of the ground, they need their neighbors on either side if they are to exploit it.

This leads "to a complex series of manoeuvres and kaleidoscopic alliances and counter-alliances, designed to gain access to, and influence over, some of the most valuable resources in the world". So writes Rosemarie Forsythe, who used to be director of Russian affairs in the Clinton administration's National Security Council, in a paper just published by the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Russia has used its muscle again and again, to assert control over the oil policies in the region – coups in Azerbaijan, stifling Georgia's moves

toward autonomy, economic and political pressure in Kazakhstan. As Steve LeVine observed in a Washington Post article, "By blocking and delaying new projects, the Russians have managed to win entry into practically every major energy deal - with little or no cash investment on their own part".

For all that, the indications are that in the new Great Game, Russia, paradoxically, does not yet seem to have a "grand plan". There appear to be in Moscow two vigorously contending schools of thought. The first group, centred on Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, sees oil as a zero sum game rather than as a possible co-operative effort through which everyone can benefit. And it has won many of the early rounds in the in-fighting in Moscow. A second school, centred on Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, is more open to Western oil company participation.

The big and truly divisive political question is not so much oil today, but oil tomorrow - who will control, and over whose territory will they run, the big and long new pipelines, since existing pipelines are inadequate? On this, it looks that, for the time being at least, the Chernomyrdin school has the upper hand - partly because Russia itself increasingly relies on Western partners for oil exploitation and partly because the war in Chechniyahas revealed all too clearly that military muscle can be counter-productive.

## **THE WEST HAS ITS WORK CUT OUT**

All this favors the West, even if one doesn't factor in the allegation that Chernomyrdin has his own financial stake in the oil moving out the fastest way, which means the way the West wants.

Clearly, if the Communists had

won the presidential election, the pendulum would have swung the other way. Still, the West has its work cut out if it's going to make sure Moscow's policy continues to lean in its favor. This may mean Western financial guarantees for financing multiple pipeline routes and more assistance for the region's infrastructure, legal framework and technical expertise.

It also means a more serious effort to fold Russia into the institutions of the West, in particular the G-7, the Western heads of government club, and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. There's only four years before the next Russian presidential election and four years in the Great Game is only the blink of an eye. □

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## **LETTERS FROM ABROAD**

**From:  
Wales, Great Britain**

Dear Editor:

I am very interested in getting my nose into the "Secret Documents". Enclosing US money, the rest to go towards your Sustaining Fund.

Enclosed also is a book we published by the veterans, but after reading it, you will agree that important changes are taking place in England.

- Yours,  
Denis Martin

*Books were sent and your book "CND" will be reviewed in future issue*

*of NSC. We're certain that our war veterans would be interested in reading it.* □

**From:  
Rio De Janeiro, Brazil**

Dear Friends:

Please send us the book "Next To Stalin" as soon as it is out. Enclosed is the payment plus two books "Secret Documents".

We are preparing an article for NSC for your issue.

- Yours very truly,  
Pedro Castilho

*We shall expect the article which we're certain will be on interest to our readers. Many thanks for your order of our books. You will find them very revealing.* □

**From:  
Wales, G.B.**

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you for publishing my letter. I think that you are doing a wonderful job with Northstar Compass. It is so materialistically minded and absolutely true. If the millions of workers would only grasp the REAL meaning of Imperialism and realize where it is leading the working class and all of humanity!

If we want to exist on this earth, then Socialism and Communism is the only way. There is no other way!

- Tom Hopkins

*Tom has sent us very informative materials that we did not possess for which, we thank him. Yes, we certainly would like to receive the volumes 16-17-18th of the Stalin reports!*

*Again, keep on writing, Tom!* □

**From:  
MOLDAVIA**

Dear Comrades:

Moldavian Communists-

Bolsheviks from the city of Bendery are writing this letter to you. Russian communists informed us that in Canada, a communist journal is being published. After discussing this, we have decided to establish closer contacts with you, our dear friends.

Dear comrades, you should know that we are struggling against capitalism here, also. We have an informational and economic blockade, large scale cheating and robbery of the people. Unfortunately, a large section of the population is being kept in a state of deep ignorance of what is happening in former USSR and the world.

But we are not on our knees and haven't lost our spirits. We are continuing to struggle for Soviet power.

For better ideological work, we need the support of journals such as Northstar Compass.

Many successes in our common struggles!

– Moldavian Communists

*We have started to mail our publication to you, dear friends, and we hope that our cooperation will together attain the goal that we are all striving for – the resurrection of socialism and of the Soviet Union.* □

**From:  
MOSCOW**

Dear Friends:

Northstar Compass Journal, I received, read it from cover to cover. To my way of thinking, this is one of the best numbers of NSC that I have read. I'm talking about issue #9. Your articles and your analyses and thoughts plus your cartoon had a tremendous effect on me and my friends. In this regard, I would like to mention your articles: "The Real Face of Capitalism", "Future of Russian Youth", "Gorbachev's Last

Hurrah", and "Whither Yeltsin and Zyuganov?". My friends pass on your journal from hand to hand.

I am very impressed with your statement: "'The hate Stalin virus' is deeply embedded in the psyche of some leading communists and socialists, that it is impossible for them to see the forest for the trees."

We Soviet people paid very dearly for this, that in its time, we did not bring this virus into the open and were not able to fight against it and stop the growth of "anti-communism". Only now are we beginning to awaken to this deadly virus – that is why, in the last demonstrations on May 1 and May 9, the demonstrators carried more and more pictures of Lenin and Stalin than ever before.

I would also like to point out that in this issue, there are many articles and statements and arguments regarding the position and weaknesses of the Communist Party of Russian Federation and Zyuganov. This should act as an example to our Soviet people in how to expose the elements in the communist movement that try to wrest the vanguard role from real and dedicated communists. Unfortunately, not all of our communists in Russia understand this, as you comrades do. There is a move to curtail, if not altogether stop, criticism directed at the CPRF before June 16th election and after that, before the second round.

If Zyuganov should be successful in the presidential race, you can be certain that there will be a move to stop criticism of their opportunism.

The decision of the 5th Congress of the Russian Communist Workers Party is somewhat in disarray among its ranks. (Am sending you the newspaper "Bumbarash" which will present this disarray.) Unfortunately, the Moscow delegation of RCWP

under the leadership of Anpilov has taken a separate position, but this position was not adopted by the Congress. This started a fractional struggle which bodes no good for anti-Yeltsin force which is true to socialism. I mention this fact because, that at the end of 1991 events, we of the same thought as Anpilov, are dismayed that all of us who stood through thick and thin in those very turbulent times now find ourselves split into many sections, each opposed to each other and this will weaken the movement!

Maybe you comrades have a different point of view and, I have sent you two letters-articles which I think that you did not receive them somehow.

I also would like to inform you that each issue of NSC that comes to me is opened regularly. I went to see my local post office and they tell me that they receive the envelope always closed!

May I suggest that you send NSC to me at the following address:

– Yours truly,  
V. Chechentsev

*Your observations are very thought provoking and judging by the latest splits in the Russian Communist Workers Party, it seems that the need for UNITY is a must* □

**From:  
Kiev, UKRAINE**

Dear Comrades:

Mikita Khrushchev – that shabby dwarf of reaction brought the CPSU in the course of 40 years of political lethargy, resulting (for the party) a political ceasing of the flight of communist ideas and a temporary setback.

Khrushchev's-Brezhnev's-Gorbachev's dirt has brought a cruel blow to all of the revolutionary movements in the world.

BUT THE IDEA OF A

## REVOLUTION – IS NOT LOST!

Soviet people are beginning to wake up after 40 years of sleeping and beginning to take position of struggle with the world's counter-revolution.

Brotherly greetings to all revolutionaries, partisans and underground fighters on all continents.

**ROT FRONT – VICTORY WILL BE OURS!**

– S.P. Belyh

Member

Bolshevik Platform in the  
Socialist Party of Ukraine

*Your letter is very uplifting for which we thank the young people that are dedicated to the resurrection of socialism and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Five copies of NSC will always be sent to you from each issue.*

*We agree with your prognosis that:*

*FIRST STEP: All peoples passive sabotage.*

*SECOND STEP: All peoples active sabotage.*

*THIRD STEP: All peoples partisan movement.* □

## OPEN FORUM

## CHECHNIA

Western political leaders plus their news media are not very critical of Boris Yeltsin and his clique or Chechnia, which is part of Russia and former Soviet Union. Now that the elections are over and Yeltsin is in the seat for another 4 years, Yeltsin, who managed for the first time in history to colonize the great Russian Slavic people, exploit their rich national resources and what is worse, temporarily managed to break the spirit of Sovietism. Not

only that, they managed to tear out the heart and soul of the great Russian people.

Russian people, for the first time in history, are subjected to extortion, blackmail and forcing an economic blockade against the brother Slavic Serbian people. Russian people are slowly losing their socialist morals, accepting the laws of capitalism, free enterprise, which means exploitation of man by man, nation by nation, turning back to the past, to the darkness of religion. Religion teaches that man cannot think freely himself.

The present Russian leadership sold socialism, sold Russia as a nation, instigated ethnic and racial confrontations, encompassing nearly all the territory of former Soviet Union. World capitalism means to conquer and rule – its very essence. This is the main reason for the war in Chechnia, Bosnia and any other spots around the globe.

Why should we cry only about the victims in Chechnia, why should my comrades reading Northstar Compass, or the left forces in Russia – but not accuse their political and religious leaders who are committing treason against their own people? People living in former Soviet Union want to build again socialism; their socialist economy together with other nationalities that comprised the former USSR.

Comrades, I would like to express my thoughts as an atheist. Christian religion needed about 100 years to give amnesty to scientist Galileo. In United States, atheists can speak freely on TV and in the press. But does this freedom exist in any Islamic state? I'm speaking as a Marxist and hoping that a Marxist will point out, again and again, that religion is in conflict with socialism and communism.

Islamic faith is a reactionary faith, because it terribly oppresses

those who do not believe as they do. Chechnia's political leaders are Islamic by conviction. This practised discrimination is against the Geneva Convention and international laws on discrimination. These Islamic fundamentalists are keeping thousands of Russians hostages for their own political and religious interests – not to speak of the oil riches that the West has its hands on in Chechnia. It is clear that the way Koran is interpreted, this is leading to darkness and is a counter-revolutionary force. It is a fact that there is not one Islamic country where a Communist party can exist legally.

It seems that Islamic fundamentalism is stronger than Marxism – even stronger than the capitalist armies. The leader of Islam manages through the Koran to control over a billion people, and they are growing numerically.

In many of former Soviet Republics, the Slavic people and other nationalities are discriminated against – their rights are trampled under foot. There is only one difference between Chechnia and Bosnia. On the territory of socialist Yugoslavia which was illegally dismantled as was the Soviet Union, 60,000 Imperialist soldiers are manipulated by their Western bosses in order to serve them and not allow socialism to flourish.

In Russia, in Chechnia, Boris Yeltsin and Chechnia's bosses do as they like.

Yeltsin and his regime persecute the working class – and there is only one answer to these ills: a victory of Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist policies for the resurrection of the Soviet Union!

– Milenko Popovich  
Chairman

Slavic Committee of the Canadian  
Friends of Soviet People □

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