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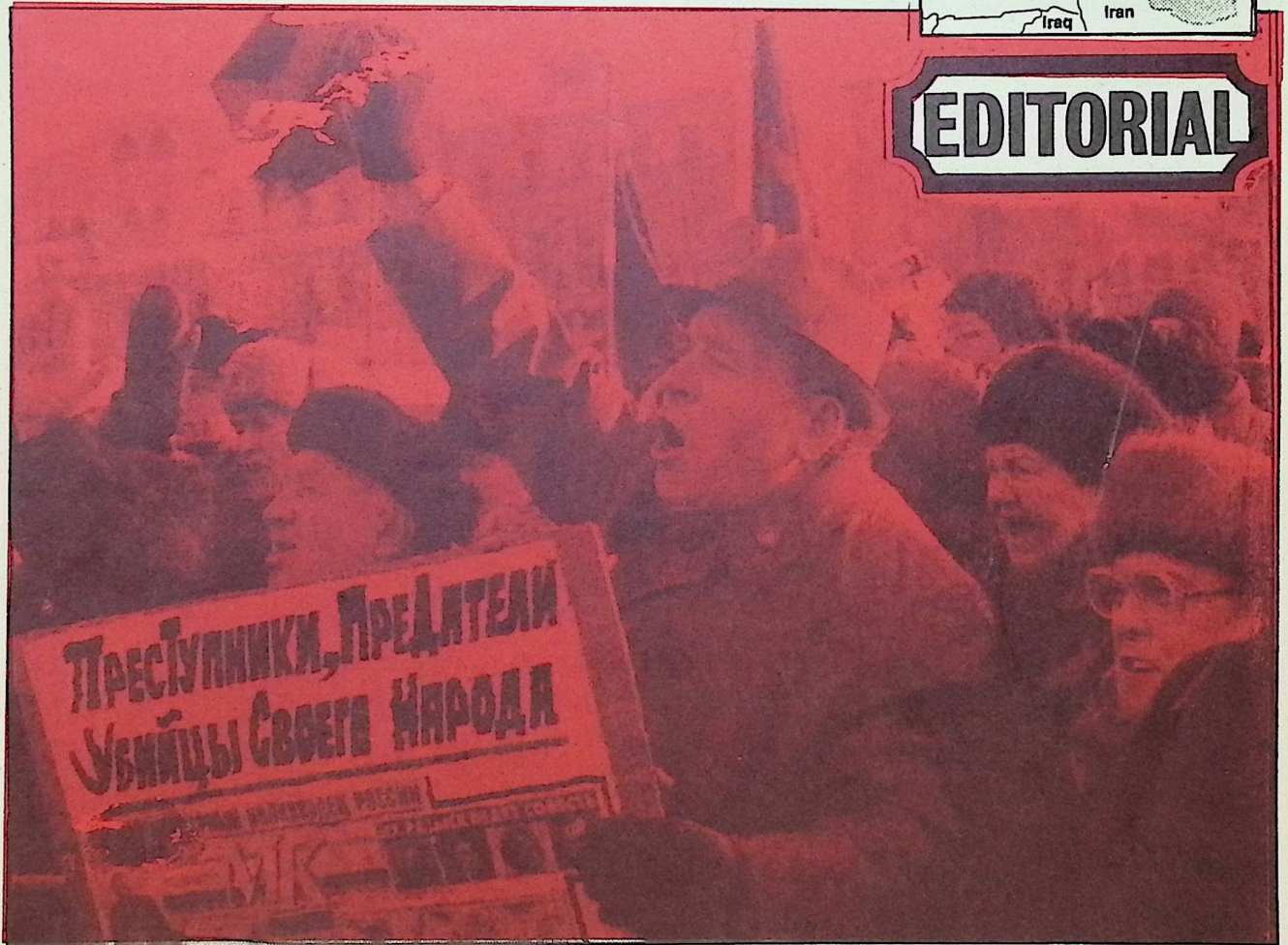
GENOCIDE IN THE CAUCASUS ... STOP YELTSIN'S WAR ON SOVIET PEOPLE

The grisly picture carried on page 2, of a dead and incinerated Russian tankman in Grozny is a grotesque symbol of the criminal futility, mindlessness and horror integral to Russian foreign policy today. Dictated by Yeltsin, his degraded top level military command and those in the West



WAR PROTEST: Placard-waving demonstrators opposed to the war in Chechnya rally in Moscow as well as other Soviet cities.

EDITORIAL



who joined them, and continue to, prop them up. This war is genocidal! It is reminiscent of the ghastly carnage against Muscovites when the same bloody cabal destroyed the Supreme Soviet and murdered a reported 2,000 Muscovites in October, 1993. It as well raises the central question in our headline as to genocide, carried on by war criminals masquerading under a Western media camouflage of so-called "democracy".

Undits galore and political leaders posing as "statesmen" outside of Russia, would have us believe this is "an internal Russian affair" beyond and apart from any foreign or world restraint whether through the United Nations or otherwise. The flood of media hype for the most part seeks to appease their sickening endeavors and to hide the real agenda of those with their hands on the levers of power, pulling the strings to safeguard their "vital interests". Meantime, (as this is written) innocent Chechnians and Russians alike die under the withering fire of unlimited war. What is it all about?

Consider: Volume 1, #1 of Northstar Compass, dated August 1992, published the facts of the take-over of the vast Tengiz oil fields at the north end of the Caspian Sea BY CALIFORNIA CHEVRON STANDARD (ROCKEFELLER). The deal and projected "take" was reported in the hundreds of millions and in billions. First reported (to our knowledge) in the New York Times of August 16th, 1991, it was also revealed that a "protocol of intentions" was signed as early as JUNE, 1990. Then, at the Soviet Government helm, as well as General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, was none other than Ronald Reagan's friend,

Mikhail Gorbachev. From the Soviet side, the chief negotiator was Gorbachev's Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Edouard Scheverdnadze, now President of Georgia AND Abkazia, (having later accepted the firepower of Yeltsin-Grachev to subdue the attempts of Chechnia's neighboring enclave, forcing the Abkazians to remain within Scheverdnadze's Georgia). Georgia was a Republic of the USSR in 1990-91 and remained at the time as a part of Federated Russia.

Apart from various Rockefeller officials (unnamed of course) the head U.S.A. spokesman consummating the Tengiz oil deal was Texas oilman James Baker, carrying the authority of U.S. Secretary of State, in Texas oilman and U.S. President George Bush's Republican cabinet. Also revealed during that timeframe was a

week or more long seclusion of Scheverdnadze with Baker on the latter's luxurious Wyoming ranch. Presumably, there was more on their minds than how many new calves would be born on the ranch spread.

Within a few days and weeks of the appearance of the New York Times story of August 15th, 1991, Gorbachev, Yeltsin & Co., had carried through the dismemberment of the Soviet Union, disbanded the CPSU, and the Soviet people were left "slowly twisting in the wind" as the "Wild West" scenarios say. Gone was their Tengiz oil field and with it, (along with who knows what else but including the transfer of billions into private Swiss, or other Western bank accounts by many top level alleged "Communists" of the now "former Soviet Union" and the CPSU.) The "dealing" must

The charred body of a Russian soldier hung grotesquely from the hatch of a tank in Grozny in Yeltsin's War.



rank at the top of the list of all heists and bare faced thefts in world history.

It has been stated that the oil resource potential of the Caucasus (including Chechnia, Ingusitia, North and South Ossetia, Armenia, etc., etc.) may well exceed the reserves of the entire Middle East. That, as far as we know, is not verified, but in any event, the Caucasus oil reserves, together with Baku, Uzbekistan, etc., are immense. As such, the lustful gleams for control in the eyes of Standard (Rockefeller) Aramco, Exxon, etc., etc., (and including Baker-Bush and their Soviet counterparts) would surely dim the rays of the mid-day sun. After all, John D. Rockefeller, sire and grandsire of the Chase Manhattan crowd, and developer first of Pennsylvania's oil fields in the U.S.A. didn't find themselves in that position by accident. A main component of their "success" story was some of the most primitive greed and avarice the world has ever had the misfortune to experience. That is why current head of the clan, David, can dream of "world control" by himself and some few fellow tycoons through the Tri-Lateral Commission, control of finance capital and ownership, coupled with control of the world's oil resources. To "buy" a Gorbachev, Yeltsin, or whoever, would be both cheap and expedient in the terms of wealth and power these faceless hidden monopolists dream about!!!

Which brings us back to our dead charred soldier symbol of Yeltsin's war on Chechnia, and the genocidal war run by Grachev et al. As an accident of geography, Chechnia, Ingusitia, Georgia, Abkazia, etc., lie between the Tengiz field oil riches of Uzbekistan

(now controlled by California Chevron Standard) and the Black Sea. Access via a Caucasian oil pipeline to the world markets must pass through their territory. Other routes of shipment would be immeasurably (almost prohibitively) more expensive. Whether or not Gorbachev, Scheverdnadze, Baker-Bush and Rockefeller of Chevron Standard of California, foresaw all that when the Tengiz oil deal was struck in 1991, we of course do not know, but we suspect they did. But now, we can all know with certainty that UNLESS THE TINY ENCLAVES OF THE CAUCASUS' REMAIN PART OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, BUILDING THAT PROFIT SAVING PIPELINE, COULD WELL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE. The real possibility of "king's ransom's" being demanded, of course makes it highly desirable in the oil tycoon's eyes that their puppet Yeltsin & Co. prosecute the war NOW, instead of facing other means of control or buy-offs to be effected with "independent" new countries. We believe that is why puppets Yeltsin, Kozyrov, Chernomyrdin, Lobov, Grachev, Yegorov et al., carry out this

genocidal war now and in the process, confront the wrath of their already rebellious, and fractious Russian population.

In the blind, stupid trust of all histories' dictators, they believe their very survival depends on the traditional despotic control measures of tyranny ... guns, whips, jails and dungeons and destruction of the free will of the people to defend themselves. But increasingly, the people will rally against and ultimately will destroy the genocide, death and iron-fisted control exercised by Yeltsin and his puppet masters of oil, finance capital or any other bloody tyrants. In today's world, despite monopoly control of media and channels of public information and debate, the smokescreens and diversions created by the sickening lackeys becomes less and less effective.

The action of the Russian Army Division Commander who refused to shoot down his fellow citizens in the first days of the assault on Grozny, we believe, illustrates in a small way the deep-seated respect of Soviet, Russian, and other soldiers for the rule of law and for the preservation, not destruction, of human life. That was the hard-earned tradition, won in the ghastly

Three young Russian conscripted infantrymen captured by Chechens, joined those do do not want to kill their own Soviet people. Yeltsin used these youngsters as cannon fodder.



blood letting of WW II when, together, they drove Nazi and Fascist forces from their homes and hearths all the way back to Berlin. The young dispirited faces of Russian conscripts, appearing in the press and who are held as war prisoners under threat of being executed as hostages, adds yet another dimension of horror to the oil kings war of genocide in Chechnia. Chalk up another "victory" for "Bloody Boris", Dudayev and their backers!

If there can be a glimmer of hope and renewal in this entire monstrous mess, it could lie only in a growing unity and resolve of former Soviet citizens to, once and for all, throw the leeches and bloodsuckers from their collective backs. We hope and believe they will, in a desperate effort to rid themselves of their immense historic tragedy, and embark on a new road to re-claim their country, their future and their lives under their own democratic control. History tells us that given an opportunity for people to resurrect their future and dignity, they will find ways and means to act together for that promise. In fact, that is precisely what happened more than three quarters of a century ago in Russia, giving rise to the new land of Socialism. These are our fervent hopes. We know they are shared by countless millions the world over. □

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

**We Do Produce Totally By
Volunteer Labour.**

PREPARING THE 8TH CONFERENCE OF THE CANADA-USSR ASSOCIATION (now the Concerned Friends of the Soviet People)

By: President Michael Lucas

There will be numerous readers of Northstar Compass and members of the CFSP who may not be fully aware of the history and background of our Organization. We therefore append to this official Call to our Conference a short resume of what has been our past, and propose that it be a part of the official document.

Since 1991, the name "Concerned Friends of the Soviet People" has temporarily replaced the older name simply because the USSR-Canada Association with whom the Canadian organization had maintained a long and positive relationship had disappeared and it was not possible for us to reach the former officers and membership in the USSR. In 1992, without particularly brilliant prospects of re-establishing relations in Moscow and elsewhere in the USSR, we took the decision to begin the publication of Northstar Compass. We had received from there, the process of reaching out to people and elements that would be interested in hearing from us, and might possibly return to us insights and information as to the situation there that would be of interest and assistance to our readers and supporters. If so, we wanted to share these with our membership, and all who might be interested.

In fact, we have experienced success that went far beyond our expectations and hopes. In February 1993, after publishing on a monthly basis from August 1992, we were

able (with generous assistance financially from a few members) to bring from Moscow a former friend and associate who was a member of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, then, as now, under the leadership of Gennady Zyuganov. Thus, our relationships were strengthened through the efforts of this friend. We began to receive journals and newspapers from there that expressed almost the entire spectrum of political and other thought and activity. This has continued until the present and from that have come able, and dedicated pro-Soviet correspondents from particularly Russia, Ukraine and Belorus. As we developed our work, we were pleased to experience another growth feature in that what we were able to do was obviously of keen interest to readers in more and more countries and particularly in the United States where our readership and support has continued to grow. We now exchange our publications with several progressive periodicals there and we find that to be of great encouragement and help. From Great Britain we have likewise received valuable and positive support. In truth, we can now point to a readership that is world-wide in 24 different countries, albeit not of great size in most instances.

We are aware that there are certain criticisms of our activity and differences of opinion with what we say or comment upon. We welcome these to be brought forward at the Conference and so we will be able to find common ground and a more unified approach. However, our bottom line in this regard is simply that the modest success we have achieved speaks for itself. We would further wish you to know that the definition and results that appear in Northstar are in fact the result of regular weekly,

Thursday morning meetings where materials prepared, and readied for publication are in fact, the result of a genuine collective effort by the members of the Editorial Board, led by myself and Editor Ray Stevenson. Are we perfect? That would be a bit more than anyone could ask. We are neither infallible or at most times, even happy with our results. But we have managed (despite serious shortcomings which we freely admit) the publication in a way to both bring unique and valuable information to our readers, as well as to perhaps a bit provocatively stir the fires of dissent and disagreement. Our purpose is to find the maximum unity among ourselves and with our readers and supporters to carry forward the banners of knowledge, understanding and progress under our "Friendship, Solidarity and Peace" mandate.

What is it that unites us and urges us forward? The tasks are not easy. We run risks of spinning off into space with wrongly conceived ideas, etc. Without sounding immodest, however, we believe we can say that our mutual loyalty to international friendship, to solidarity among and between all people and peace for all is the cornerstone of understanding and co-existence today, just as our history shows it was in 1918-19 when a vast mass of the Canadian people rallied together to defend the Socialist Revolution of far-away Russia, Ukraine and Belorus in the vital "Hands Off Russia" committees that sprang up across our land.

Or later, during the epochal and historic wartime battles of WW II when the Canadian nation, its armed forces and people marched shoulder-to-shoulder with the heroic peoples of the USSR, and together with other Allied forces,

literally broke the back of the most horrible, powerful and bloodthirsty force, (until now), German Nazism, Italian Fascism and Japanese Imperial aggression. Heads of Government, even of industry, joined together in those stirring times with our organization to welcome the Soviet woman sniper Ludmilla Pavlichenko and our Soviet wartime partners and comrades-in-arms in such huge and warm meetings of international solidarity as was displayed at the Maple Leaf Gardens meeting of 1943 where tens of thousands of Canadians attended and gave full voice and approval to our friendship and cooperation with the Soviets. In fact, the Premier of Ontario, Mitchell Hepburn gave her a gift of a special sharpshooter's rifle, Canadian-made.

But we cannot rest content with past glories, or current successes, such as we count Northstar Compass to be. The times in which

we live under the shadows and guns and military might of Governments attuned solely to the interests of the transnational corporate financial and industrial world; the world in which we live with constantly growing violent means held in the ruthless hands of irresponsible profiteers, war-makers and exploiters: an era of the destruction and hamstringing of the United Nations, and proliferation of racism, hatred and genocide as in Rwanda and elsewhere; of a time when war flames again like a wicked lance of destruction shoot across Yugoslavia, Chechnia, the Middle East, threatening all humanity once again ... all of this demands a heightening and development of our activities for peace, for friendship among the world's peoples and the restoration of the right of ALL men and women to work together to build a world free of ecological,

SOME OF THE PROJECTS FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY OVER FASCISM 1945

Canadian Council and the Northstar Compass will undertake to bring out materials that pertain to the events that were happening behind the scenes or the knowledge of the general public of the world.

Now that documents are available through the freedom of information act, there are many books and exposés being published that show very clearly the role of reactionary imperialist forces working hand-in-glove with fascists and through the connections of the transnational corporations.

These books and documents that we're going to try to get to our members are needed in order that our children and grandchildren should see that the problems caused by the imperialist-capitalist monopolies are the same that are causing today's bloodshed, exploitation and devastation.

The game is the same, but only the players now are changed!

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!
WE NEED YOUR DEDICATION,
IN THE NAME OF ALL THE
DEAD OF SECOND WORLD
WAR, IN THE NAME OF THE
LAST REMAINING VETERANS
WHO WERE WILLING TO GIVE
THEIR LIVES IN ORDER THAT
WE MAY LIVE!**

**HELP US FINANCIALLY TO
GET THESE HISTORICAL
MATERIALS OUT TO OUR
READERS/MEMBERS!** □

nuclear and other destruction.

Can our humble organization make a contribution toward ending these present dangers, the horrors that exist and assist toward a return to decency, collective concern and cooperation between the peoples? We believe it can, and that it must! Let us be clear. We have proceeded on our traditional mandate of promoting peace, friendship and cooperation by dispensing as widely as we can the information and evidence of wrongs committed in and against the Soviet Union and people in particular. That is because we are who we are and where we came from, because of our history and previous activity. But at our Conference, we will discuss a constitutional change of name to possibly broaden our activities, continuing on a non-partisan and independent basis. But as in the past, any action by us to pre-empt the political or even in some cases, social activities of other organizations we believe would be wrong, and bound to failure.

Essentially, however we may resolve the question of broadening or not broadening our mandate, we must find ways and means of working in co-operation and mutual assistance with all other organizations that will work with us, to reach the goals we have set. When we find that such friendly co-operation and mutual assistance is withheld, we must not under any circumstances be moved away from our goals of international friendship, solidarity and peace, because who would weaken or destroy that, can only assist the enemies of the people.

It is our fervent hope and desire that delegates from our branches across Canada, whether they have been active during the past difficult period or not, will find it possible to send delegates. We believe that

a good representation of delegates and readers from many points in the U.S.A. will likewise be with us to engage in the discussions of strengthening mutual activities in both our countries. Finally, and with great enthusiasm, we inform you we have invited outstanding leaders in the struggles of the Soviet people against the terror and downgrading of their lives that they now experience. It is our fervent wish they should be able to be with us. Included are: Victor Anpilov, leader of the Russian Workers Communist Party, and Nina Andreyeva, leader of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks.

Finally, we know that our organization is living through difficult times and immense obstacles have been placed before us. Nevertheless, we hold out the prospect of the rebuilding of a mass organization bigger, more influential and dynamic than anything we have heretofore been able to achieve during the past many years since WW II. We believe any other or lesser view could lead only to our stagnation. We appeal to you, dear reader-member, to join with us in that great endeavor, one we are assured will elevate the life and understanding of tens of thousands of Canadian citizens, as well as Soviet, American, British and other peoples throughout the world wherever they may be reached! To participate with us in our Conference can be by filling out the Registration Form on page 7. □

A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE 8TH CONFERENCE ...

1: Opening report of work done and achievements, failures of the organization and policy accomplishments since the counter-revolution in the USSR and the last 7th Conference.

- 2: Delegates' reports from abroad.
- 3: What contribution can the Concerned Friends of the Soviet People and Northstar Compass make to International Friendship, Solidarity and Peace at home or in conjunction with other international organizations of Friendship and Peace.
- 4: Resolution regarding a possible change of name and extension of our activities.
- 5: Resolution concerning possible revival of friendship societies on former Soviet soil.
- 6: Discussion of Northstar Compass and subscription drive in Canada, as well as its content, possible changes.
- 7: Re-establishment of local branches of organization across Canada.
- 8: Resolution regarding a joint Canada-USA delegation to former USSR Republics including Russia, Ukraine, Belarus in late 1995, early 1996.
- 9: Resolution regarding 6th annual Canada-USA-USSR Festival of Friendship at a border city, possibly in spring, 1996.
- 10: Resolution regarding a possible First American Continental Conference of Friends of the Soviet People, possibly in Mexico or another Central, Latin American city in 1996 with high level artists from overseas.
- 11: Financial report and resolutions regarding campaigns 1995-96.
- 12: Election of Canadian Council and Executive of organization, consisting of President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Provincial Directors and 3 Controllers.
- 13: Election of Northstar Compass Editor and Editorial Committee.
- 14: Establishment of Canadian representatives on proposed Canada-USA Coordinating Committee.

- 15: Resolution regarding rejuvenational methods for Cansov Travel.
- 16: Introduction of possible programs for celebrations of V-E Day Discussion of ideas and preparation for handling by NSC.
- 17: Election of Chairpersons to lead and develop work in the following Committees (still to be organized):
 - Youth Committee
 - Trade Union Committee
 - Committee of the Arts
 - Slavic Committee
- 18: Floor resolutions.
- 19: When will the 9th Conference convene, and where?
- 20: Special presentation to Carpatho Russian Canadians.
- 21: Good and Welfare.
- 22: Adjournment. □

A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE ORGANIZATION

In September 1918, the Toronto Teacher Federation, local Trade Union Centres and other progressive citizens gathered and established an organization that rapidly swept through the main cities of Canada. It as well became organized throughout the industrialized world.

It was called the "Hands Off Russia Committee" and demanded the withdrawal of Allied Imperial

troops of intervention that had been sent to Russia and Siberia to join hands with the Czarist counter-revolutionary troops in Russia to bring about the counter-revolution and the defeat of the new Bolshevik, working class and peasant revolt that was establishing the new Socialist regime and the elimination of capitalist and foreign exploitation in their country. In all, no less than troops from fourteen different capitalist countries were involved in the intervention. Included were Canadian troops. The interventionists were defeated.

During the next twenty one years, the Russian Whiteguards and capitalists, together with their Western backers (particularly in Great Britain, Germany and France), used every possible hostile propaganda gimmick to deride and humble the new Socialist lands and peoples of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. These grew under the leadership of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolshevik) and with the total participation and creative labour of the working people and peasantry. During those years, the Canada-USSR Friendship Society, under different names, tried to bring the truth of the Soviet situation to the people of Canada, and maintained relations with Friendship Societies in the USSR.

But these organizations were, for the most part, small and were led by progressives who understood the cunning and sometimes violent efforts being made to bring down the new Socialist Republics by whatever means were available.

But during the Second World War, when finally the Canadian Government relented somewhat in its hostility to the USSR, the National Council of Canadian-Soviet Friendship was established with very high ranking political and industrial figures participating. Sir Herbert Holt, Gzowski, Ernest Flavel and others were in the top ranks, with tens of thousands of ordinary Canadians participating wholeheartedly. Even the Prime Minister of Canada, MacKenzie King, added his name as an Honorary Chairman, while Provincial Premiers and high ranking members of the judiciary added their names. Trade Unionists, scientists of renown, artists, educators all were involved prominently. President was R.H. Davis, later Canadian Ambassador to the Soviet Union, and John David Eaton was the Vice President.

Then, following the great victory of WW II by the Allied forces, came the Cold War and for the most part, these people of "renown" fled the premises like startled deer. McCarthyism, the "Hate the Communists" campaigns, "better dead than red" created an atmosphere of intellectual and emotional terrorism barely witnessed before. Once again, the Friendship Association confronted very difficult times and its numerical support diminished as the "anti-Communist" hate campaigns grew.

Once again, activity became more and more concentrated among progressives and Communists who understood the reasons behind the Cold War and the never-ending efforts of international capital to

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Yes, I would need accommodations Yes _____ No _____

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bring about counter-revolution in the USSR and the recreating of open unlimited exploitation of the people and the resources of the one-sixth of the earth's surface that was the Soviet Union.

Again came years of hard and difficult activity but in 1960, the preservation of the organization of friendship and solidarity was guaranteed with the formation of the Canada-USSR Association with its main branches in Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto.

By 1970, a further re-organization of the Association took place that took into account the new conditions that had begun to appear, away from the old Cold War policies and the movement toward detente between the Great Powers of the world; particularly, the USSR and the USA. The improvement of relations between Canada and the USSR during that decade brought many welcome changes as the hopes and dreams of a world truly at peace were seen in the joint USSR-USA joint space flights. More and more exchanges of cultural delegations, trade unionists and just ordinary people became more the order of the day.


A concerted effort to establish broader, more representative branches of the organization during this period was successful in practically all Canadian cities and among a growing number of organizations, artistic figures, peace groups, trade unionists and so on, although official delegations of trade unionists (with the single exception of an official All Central of Trade Unions of the USSR, hosted by the United Steelworkers of America) were barred. The result was that many delegations of trade unions came to Canada as guests of the Canada-USSR Association, but not as official trade union delegations.

From the early 1970's, the

Association grew in strength, expertise and completed an enormous amount of work promoting peace and friendship between the two countries. At one time, some sixteen different committees were operating under the Canada-USSR, working in a wide variety of disciplines between Canadians and Soviets, and this activity was reciprocated in full from that side. Until the advent of the stepped up Cold War of Ronald Reagan and the withering away and treachery of the Gorbachev regime of the 1980's, the future for friendship and solidarity with the peoples of the Soviet Union shone brightly.

Today, we are confronted with an entirely new and vastly more difficult situation without official counterparts responding to us in the former Soviets. That situation explains why we changed our name from the Canada-USSR Association in 1991 and became "The Concerned Friends of the Soviet People", publishing our "little ray of light" we call Northstar Compass. The Eighth Conference will now examine the road ahead for our organization, based on our activity of the past three or four years and the many friends we have won since the downfall temporarily of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the failed, but magnificent future it foretold. □

- DEAR READERS -
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of Soviet People" unless you
notify us to the contrary!

OPEN FORUM

ROMANIA

NEW CAPITALISM AND ITS CHILDREN OF THE SEWERS!!!

By: Max Rinis

It tears your heart to pieces to read and watch the sorrowful pictures of these neglected, forgotten children living in the Bucharest sewers - dressed in rags, suffering hunger, frightened, lonely.

Back in 1979, I was in Bucharest for only several days - passing through. I asked a person where I could find a restaurant and he told me: "Across the street there is an American restaurant." "American owned?" He replied: "Part American, part Romanian."

In the basement of that large hotel, a gigantic dining room - numerous tables, chairs, counters full of hot and cold food. A young girl cashier, face flushed, black sparkling Romanian eyes, rapidly telling something to an elderly man. The man, just as rapidly but not in Romanian but New England English, kept on saying his own. A small group of people gathered around the two of them. A man detached himself from the group, rapidly walked into the depth of the dining room and came back with a tall, lanky, light-brown young man. In familiar Washington D.C. clear English, he asked the old man: "What's the problem?" The man said: "Wrong change." The tall man looked at the food on the man's tray, at the cashier, at the receipt and told the man: "It's O.K., that's right - O.K. Go find a table and eat." That



Romania street children warm themselves around a bonfire.

ended it. Later, when I needed exchange of U.S. dollars into leus, I was directed to the same building the restaurant was in and told to ask for a Mr. Nelson. There, at the hotel desk, Mr. Nelson gave me the leus. Again – Washington English. That was 1979.

In 1989, the media was full of stories with pictures of children in Romania – babies – in orphanages, badly run, starved, cold, completely neglected. All this by who? – “Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu.” And on Christmas Day, both were executed by, what appeared to be, a kangaroo “trial” and the barbaric bleeding bodies of theirs – blood all over their faces and bodies – splashed over the newspapers and magazines. Frightening! What was the purpose of displaying such savage, brutal murder? Who ordered it? To scare the people of the world out of any resistance to the American Imperialist drive to privatize, force into market economy, killing the vestiges of Socialism throughout the world. (The use of the word “vestige” does not employ the final death of World Socialism – just that it has been badly wounded and it will rise like a Phoenix.) And, who ordered this

inhuman, unjustifiable, illegal kangaroo murder? The CIA – directly or through a hireling? Probably.

More about that in a next issue. We must not permit them to cover with any more fog their murders, their crimes.

From MACLEAN'S, Nov. 8, 1993

“... When questioned about the street children – various estimates put their numbers from several hundred to 10,000 (or more) – government officials said that Romania has more pressing problems ... The younger children seem desperate for human contact – even with strangers. Nine year old Ciprian ... holds a foreign visitor’s hand tightly and calls her ‘Mama’. ... Shows a cut on the head where an older boy hit him.”

“... Door is a manhole cover ... squeeze through and descends on iron rungs into a dark, stifling and dirty space. Huge, warm pipes along one wall make hissing noises. The stench of urine and excrement is overwhelming. ... Dan and three other ragged boys ... have spread torn cardboard boxes on the floor.”

From Globe & Mail, Nov. 3, 1994:

“... Post-Communist economic reforms sputter and the promised improvements remain an illusion, these people encourage a nostalgia ... that not everything was so horrid. ‘You can say that was bad, this was terrible, but no one can believe that there was no development’, said Ilie Verdet, a former coal miner who served as Premier for three years beginning in 1979 ... ‘there WAS development’ ... ‘When I was Prime Minister’, he said, ‘there weren’t so many problems. There weren’t 1.5 million unemployed. We were not working only half of our production capacity. We did not have such meagre agricultural production. The students did not have problems finding a place to study. The scientific research and education were at top European levels ...’” □

**NEWS
DIGEST
COMMENT**

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of the primary position of the news stories out of the former Soviet Union concerning Chechnia, in place of our usual clips and scans plus comment of the world news media, this month, we give our readers some of the more important quotes and news clips on Yeltsin's war. We believe (together, as you will see with some, unlikely spokesmen) that the days of the Yeltsin tragio-comic farce are fast coming to an end. What is left in place is the illegal constitution and Duma he established. That does not portend a future of security, democratic or socialist advance by the peoples of

the former Soviet Union. Of course, that was what was, and is, intended by those both internal and external counter-revolutionaries who continue to legally or illegally rape the human, natural and cultural resources of the USSR.

◦ **ZBIGNIEW BREZEZINSKI** – (On CBC Prime Time News with Pamela Wallin, Friday, January 6th, 1995)

“... What is most ironic is that two of the main forces supporting Yeltsin in his Chechnian war are the United States of America and Vladimir Zhirinovskiy (Leader of the neo-fascist groups in Russia – Editor). It is very stupid and the democracy of Russia is at stake. With greatest regret, I believe that the next year will be of extreme difficulty for Mr. Yeltsin ...”

◦ **TORONTO STAR EDITORIAL** – (January 7th, 1995)

“President Boris Yeltsin may still be Russia’s best hope for democracy, in a political landscape

that includes Vladimir Zhirinovskiy ... The Kremlin risks jeopardizing the good-will of Western countries – and billions of much needed financial help ...”

◦ **LUDMILLA VEPRITSKAYA**

– (Quoted in the Toronto Star, January 8th, 1995. She is a 48-year old Chechen born Russian in Grozny who is a kindergarten teacher hiding in a basement when she spoke.)

“We’re broken people”, and said she had never thought about her nationality until now ... “Pavel Grachev should be tried as a criminal ... Yeltsin is a political corpse. He’s dust in the wind. Grachev is a murderer.” (By-line: Olivia Ward from Grozny)

◦ **VIKTOR ILYUSHIN** – (A top Yeltsin aide – from Toronto Globe & Mail, January 6th, 1995)

“The Federal Government simply has no other solution except to go all the way to the end”, he

told Interfax, and vowed to “keep pouring more troops into Grozny until the Chechens are defeated”.

◦ **MR. KOSTIKOV** – (Spokesman for Yeltsin – from same story and source as Ilyushin)

“... The invasion was necessary because Russia has been humiliated by defiant Muslim rebels over the past two years. One cannot demand that Russia turn the other cheek ...”

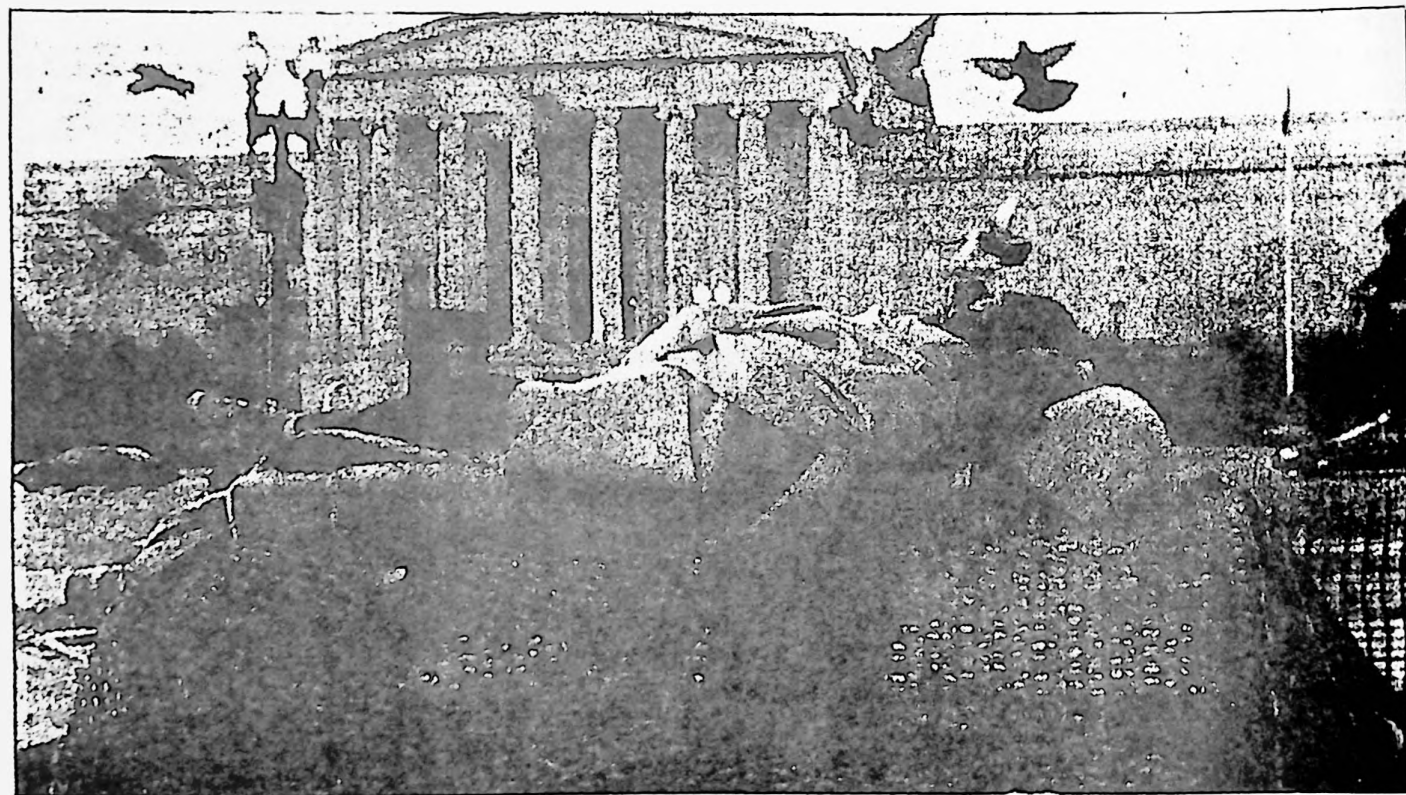
◦ **NINA KIZYAKOVA** – (80-year old retired doctor in Moscow – Toronto Star, January 5th)

“President Boris Yeltsin should be shot for this. I watched it on TV – so many people were killed, there must be hundreds ...”

◦ **RICHARD GWYN** – (Regular columnist, Toronto Star, January 6th, 1995)

Under headline, “Chechniya Tests Russia’s Swing Toward Democracy”, he writes: “The psychic

IN THE HEART OF CAPITALISM ... over 89 million Americans without health care. Some are forced to sleep outside the White House in Washington!



wounds (of the Vietnam War) haven't yet fully healed. President Clinton will never wipe out the stain of being a draft dodger. The more important legacy has been to confirm the underlying strength of American democracy. *Something similar is happening in Russia. In comparison to Vietnam, the scale of war in Chechnia is trivial ...*"

◦ **THE NATION** (Editorial, January 2nd, 1995) – Headline: "Yeltsin's War".

"The open war the Kremlin launched against Chechniya, December 11th, is not really aimed at 'Muslim rebels' as officially pretended. Many people in Moscow argue it is waged against Russians ... It is to consolidate the tottering position of Boris Yeltsin ... If, as seems likely, Russian troops get bogged down, *THE WAR CLIMATE, A FEW TERRORIST BOMBINGS AND THE RACIST DISLIKE OF CHECHENS WITH THEIR REPUTATIONS OF BEING DANGEROUS MAFIOSI SHOULD ALLOW YELTSIN TO DECLARE A STATE OF SEIGE and avoid the worst* – ... *FACING THE VERDICT OF THE PEOPLE.* There are many reasons for Russians to distrust Yeltsin's motives ... Yeltsin's stock is so low that commentators have been wondering what pretext he would concoct *TO ASSUME DICTATORIAL POWERS AND DISPENSE WITH ELECTIONS* ... Key military leaders are hostile to the invasion. Defence Minister Grachev, involved in the army corruption scandals, and the head of Yeltsin's own bodyguard, General Korzhakov, are for it ... But what price is Washington willing to pay *FOR THE SURVIVAL OF OUR MAN IN MOSCOW?* ... If the extraordinary December 13th editorial in the New York Times is an indication, Yeltsin, like Stalin,

could deport half a million Chechens without losing his democratic halo. (Our emphasis – Ed.)

• **ANDREI KOZYROV – YELTSIN'S FOREIGN MINISTER** – (London Financial Times, December 31 - January 1st)

"We are in a situation where there is no other choice" and claimed that any other democratic state would behave the same way ... force was the only way to solve the crisis."

• **LEONID PETROVSKY** – (Communist Member of the Duma and of the Human Rights Committee, just returned from Grozny, Toronto Star, January 5, 1995)

"(He) warned that military action threatened the direct destruction of the Russian state ..."

• **VALERY VYZBUTOVICH** – (Columnist in the Moscow Daily News as quoted in the Manchester Weekly Guardian, January 8th, 1995)

"The sources of public support for the presidency are catastrophically drying up."

• **ALEXANDER GELMAN** – (Playwright and prominent figure during Gorbachev's reform effort, from the same Guardian story above)

"(The invasion) was the logical result of pressure from those in Russian society humiliated by the collapse of Communism ... this acute need to remove the burden of anxiety has become unbearable over the past two years", Gelman wrote. ... Some success, some convincing victory was required. Everyone sensed this ... Chechnia seems to have appeared as a suitable vehicle to achieve a victory."

• **TOM GALLAGHER (Dr.)** – (Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, England –

Letters to the Editor Weekly Guardian, January 8th, 1995)

"... Surely, we need to look much closer to home to find out why Yeltsin makes war on a section of his own people ... *IT WAS WESTERN LEADERS WHO PLACED YELTSIN ON A PEDESTAL IN 1991, OFFERING LITTLE CRITICISM WHEN, IN A DRY RUN FOR GROZNY, HE ORDERED THE BOMBING OF THE RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT.* ... Could it be that Western leaders have forgotten the essence of democracy and are at a loss to pass on worthwhile advice to a raw newcomer? ... (Our emphasis – Ed.)

• **ANONYMOUS WHITE HOUSE AIDES** – (From New York Times, January 6, 1995, speaking of a letter the aides have drafted for President Clinton to President Yeltsin)

"What we are saying to the Russians is that *WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT CHECHNIA IS A PART OF RUSSIA AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF RUSSIA IS VERY IMPORTANT* ... *WE ARE ALSO SAYING THAT THE APPLICATION OF MILITARY TACTIC HAS CAUSED ENORMOUS CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. WE HOPE THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE THEM* ..."

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◦ **SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER** – (Same New York Times story and source)

“... In a 30 minute telephone call to Mr. Kozyrov, (he) said Kozyrov had described it ‘as an awful situation, a tragic situation’ and promised they (the Russians) were trying to find ways of minimizing casualties ... Both Mr. Christopher and Secretary of Defence Perry sharpened their criticism today of Russia’s handling of its effort to crush the rebellion, *although they maintained their support of Mr. Yeltsin ...*”

◦ **KONSTANTIN MOROZOV** (From article, op-ed, New York Times, January 5th, 1995, under headline “Grasp of Empire”. Formerly Minister of Defence for Ukraine 1991-1993, he is now – since the end of the Krawchuk Government – ‘a visiting scholar at the Ukrainian Institute, and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University) – “... While their predecessors sought to conceal their actions from the world and

their own people (sic) THE LEADERS OF THE NEW RUSSIA DO NOT HEED WORLD OPINION ... PUBLIC OPINION IN LESS POWERFUL STATES INTERESTS THEM NOT AT ALL. WITH ITS ONE PEER, THE UNITED STATES, *RUSSIA HAS A TACIT PARTNERSHIP. THUS, NO CONDEMNATION IS EXPECTED FROM THAT QUARTER ...*” (Our emphasis – Ed.)

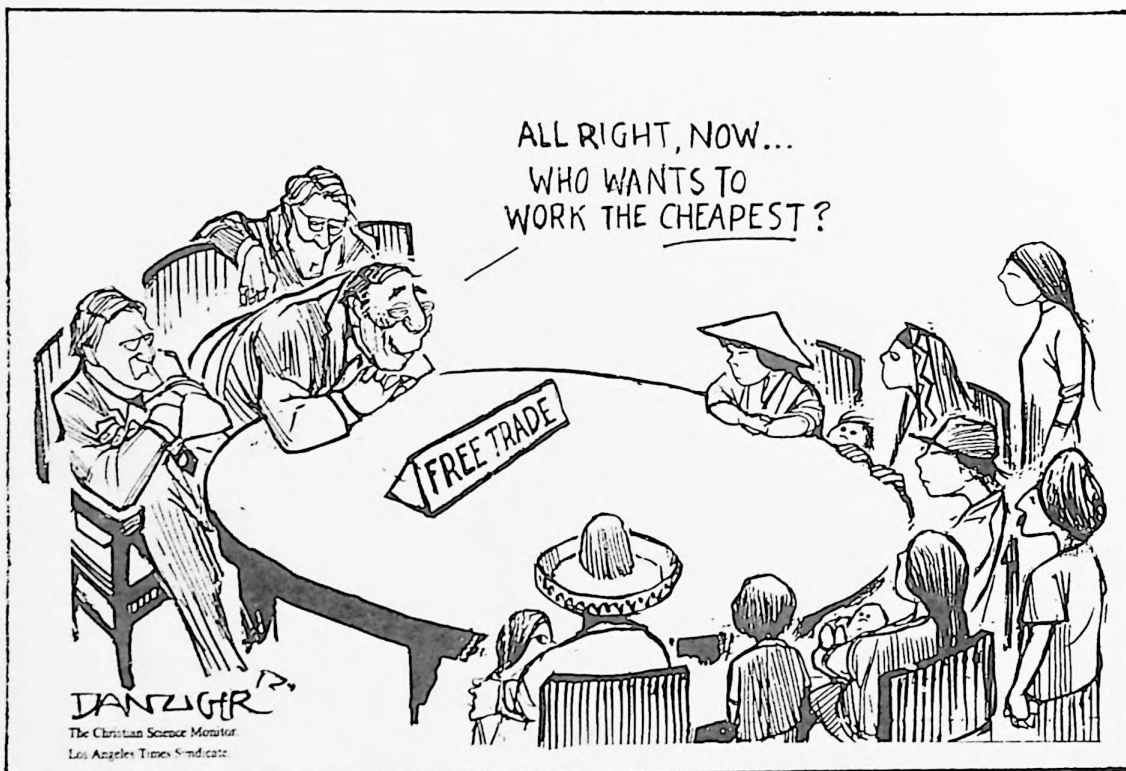
◦ **PAVEL VOSCHANOV** – (From New York Times story, “The Man At Yeltsin’s Side: Some Russians See Sinister Role”, January 5th, 1995. Voschanov is a former press secretary to Yeltsin)

“Korzhakov is more powerful than the Prime Minister.” ... Last month, he challenged Prime Minister Chernomyrdin on economic issues, describing the Government’s pledge to the World Bank TO INCREASE RUSSIA’S OIL OUTPUT AND ALLOW PRICES TO CONFORM TO THE WORLD MARKET AS ‘ABSOLUTELY IMPERMISSIBLE’ ... Tennis partner,

drinking companion, political hatchetman, Korzhakov, 44, is increasingly perceived ... to have the kind of access and bent for power that characterized Rasputin, the zealous monk who haunted the court of the last Czar ... ‘He brokers what information gets to Yeltsin and when, and sees everything flowing in and out of Yeltsin’s office and could monitor even his most private telephone conversations’, said Yevgenia Albats, who has just written a major book on the KGB. (Korzhakov was formerly a KGB officer – Ed.) As Voschanov put it: “Korzhakov serves the President but he has enough information to ruin him ...”

◦ **SERGEI KOVALYOV, PRESIDENT RUSSIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION** – (From Manchester Guardian weekly, February 8th, 1995)

“The military are lying, Yeltsin and Chernomyrdin and the others are lying ... The army hasn’t the slightest concern about wounded, prisoners, never mind the dead.



Transnational Corporate, so-called “Free Trade” is designed to subjugate country after country to the TNC dictates and exploitation. Are former Soviet citizens already providing “cheap” and sub-standard labour for them? Think about it!!!

Russian corpses have been lying out there for three days and not the slightest appeal has been made to recover them. 'The fate of all Russia ... is being decided in Grozny.' ... The Chechens have supplemented their hand-held weapons with stocks captured from the Russians ... Yeltsin and his inner circle have condemned Russia to a long period of guerrilla war ... 'What I am most afraid of is that after they (the Russians) win - and they will win - unfortunately, one man cannot stand against 150 - they will win for the present and lose in the future', Boris Sadulayev, a Grozny University teacher said ..."

◦ **NORTHSTAR COMPASS, Volume 2, #3 - October 1993**

"The shattering emergence in Russia of full-blown Presidential Fascist rule, backed by G-7 Governments, is hardly surprising. We have, during the past year, repeatedly warned that such a direction and purpose was in the making. The simple fact that Yeltsin's move was done in full consultation with the head of G-7, President Clinton of the U.S.A., is perfectly in keeping with the chain of events that began with Gorbachev's perestroika ..."

Our Further Comment For Northstar Compass, Volume 3, #6, January, 1995

A study of the above quotations leads us to revive the words of two world renowned intellectual leaders, each speaking for their own time and for their own minds in their own fields of endeavor:

◦ **LEO TOLSTOY** - (Russian writer, and social iconoclast, author of 'War and Peace')

"Why did millions of people kill one another when it is known since the world began that it is physically and morally wrong to

do it?", he demanded. "Because it was such an inevitable necessity that in doing it, men fulfilled the elemental zoological laws which bees fulfill when they kill one another in the autumn and which causes male animals to destroy one another. One can find no other answer to this terrible question."

◦ **CARL VON CLAUSEWITZ (1781 - 1831)** - (Foremost Prussian Military Theorist)

"War is merely the continuation of policy by other means ... war is not merely an act of policy but a true political instrument, a continuation of political intercourse carried on with other means. War in general, and the commander in any specific instance, *IS ENTITLED TO REQUIRE THAT THE TRENDS AND DESIGNS OF POLICY SHALL NOT BE INCONSISTENT WITH THESE MEANS* ... The political object is the goal, war is the means of reaching it, *AND MEANS CAN NEVER BE CONSIDERED IN ISOLATION FROM THEIR PURPOSE.*" (our emphasis - Ed) From: Book 1, On War, Chapter 1, "What is War?"

Our Short Comment - *Even arch-Cold War anti-Sovieteer Brzezinski says the current war situation in Russia under Yeltsin is "STUPID". Never before, (and most probably, never again) we agree with Zbigniew. As for Tolstoy's admonition that men kill each other because they have no more brains than "bees" or "animals", he of course had never experienced or witnessed Yeltsin, Clinton or the heads of transnational oil companies and banks. Had he done so, we are sure his comments above would not have been made: first, because of the insult to our fellow creatures ... the bees and wild male animals; secondly, because he would come to an understanding that not all men (or humans) behave as the predators of*

transnational banks and oil companies behave. The culpability of the current Russian cabal around Yeltsin, the counter-revolutionaries as well as their Cold War associates and fellow conspirators in the West, need no dwelling on here. Everybody knows about it! What now is to be done? □

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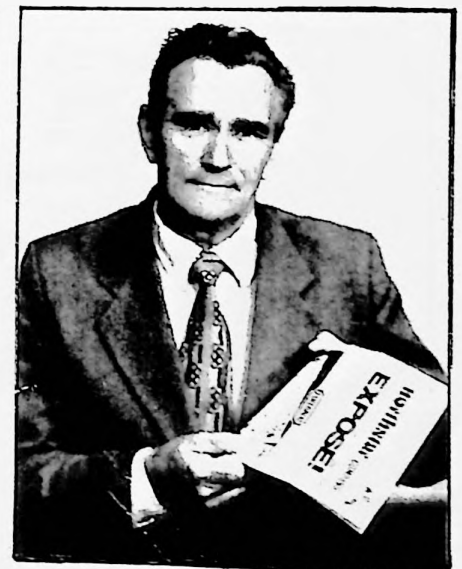
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On the 115th Anniversary of the Birth of Joseph V. Stalin

ANTI-STALINISM - WEAPON OF ANTI-COMMUNISM

By: Professor Vladimir Herasymchuk

Greatness of man, standing at a



certain time of history and its development, more than anything else, shows us and opens up the facts of his leadership during his epoch. It seems that more and more, this morning star shines ever more brightly on this planet – this star of Joseph Stalin! Born 115 years ago in the mountains of the Caucasus, he, like Prometheus, stood up against the Tsarist darkness and terror, showing workers the correct road to follow to freedom, equality, brotherhood and development.

Nevertheless, around his name nowadays, there are different interpretations and analyses of his worth to that period of history. Let us leave for the moment the hysterical nationalistic gang. It's already too primitive to pay attention to. The initiator of the Cold War, ardent enemy of Soviet Union, Winston Churchill, speaking during the Krushchev's anti-Stalinism campaign in 1959, in the House of Lords, said: "It was the greatest luck for Russia that, in the darkest days of the war, Russia had a leader, a genius, unwavering General Joseph Stalin. He was brilliant in his manner and attitude, the man of times during this critical danger for humanity, his life being devoted to this struggle and the betterment of his people. Stalin was a man of unbelievable energy, eradication and unshakeable will, sharp, without ceremonies in speaking or in work, to whom even I, brought up in an English Parliament, could not contradict him in anything, since everything he said was pure logic. Stalin, above all, worked with humour and sarcasm and had the uncanny ability to be concrete, precise in outlaying his thoughts ... He wrote articles and speeches by himself and in these speeches and writings, you always sensed determination and strength ... This was a man, who defeated

his enemies with the enemies' own hands, he even forced us, whom he called Imperialists to fight Imperialism. Stalin was a great figure and there was no one in the world that matched his brilliance and dictatorship. He brought Russia up from a wooden plow, and left her with atomic weapons of defense."

People who think, and who have different political, economic and cultural viewpoints, cannot but agree about this great personality. Well known dissident, anti-



Communist Alexander Zinoviev wrote that "Stalin as a war strategist was on a highest plateau ... Nowhere in the West was there a man as a war strategist, who could come close to Stalin's ability."

Leaders of world Imperialism long time ago came to the conclusion that to discredit the teachings of Stalin regarding revolutionary upheavals and wars was a means of discrediting Leninism or the

Soviet Union. That is why these reactionary forces have turned this campaign of anti-Stalinism into anti-Communism, as their most important weapon. At first, it was necessary to counterpose Stalin against Lenin. This was accomplished (to a certain degree) by the follower of Bukharin, Nikita Krushchev. Gorbachev, Yeltsin, Schevernadze, Krawchuk in the Ukraine and Kuchma and company openly besmirched the Motherland, socialism and went even further. They dismembered the USSR, orientated the country unto a road of capitalism, and today, they trade with foreign rulers of our country who live beyond the ocean.

When was this traitorous act accomplished and how? The first damning reason that our party did not follow the teachings and warnings of Stalin who was defending Leninism about the danger of internal enemies no wonder that even today, the controlling elements of counter-revolution is aimed first of all at Stalin and the dictatorship of the proletariat, of class struggle, of socialist revolution and development and communist ideology in principle. The defeat of anti-Stalinism would mean the immediate rise of the USSR and other former Socialist countries. Looking at all the recent facts, I will base my remarks on Stalin's speeches, writings and theory.

1: In the second half of 1930's, the CC All Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks) was warning the party and the people about the sharpening class struggle in the course of building socialism. What the CC had in mind was the beginning of the bourgeoization of the State structures. Did this not happen? Did not the leadership of the party become bourgeois against the wishes of Stalin and the healthy

forces in the leadership? Did not these anti-Stalinists become traitors to the party, socialism and brought into leadership the pseudo-democrats of today?

Instead of purging the pseudo-revolutionaries from the ranks, these traitors remained in the leadership under the false slogan of "All Power to the Soviets"! Bourgeois was always clever and underhanded! For them, it is very helpful if in the leadership now there remain former bureaucrats. In this regard, it is easier to fool the people. In all problems, in all Mafiosi produced tragedies, in this way, it is easier to blame the "communists" - after all, are they not now in power also? The struggle and fight against all the ills at the moment is easier to point the workers and farmers, not against their class enemies, but against personalities which are well known. After all, in any critical time that might come, it is very easy to replace these leaders. At the same time while these "games" are being played, capitalism is being fortified while the working class is thus being manipulated. While debates take place in Parliament, Kuchma is placating the people with fairy tales about the flowering capitalism ... the bourgeois is selling off our Motherland.

2: Stalin, as Lenin had, warned about the necessity of the dictatorship of the proletariat during the first stages of communist structures. But Krushchev at the 20th Congress of CPSU came up with a fairy tale about "all peoples government". Was this not the basis of establishing the parasitic class in the USSR? Was this not the method which was beyond control of individuals and individual section of anti-party opportunists, who saw this as a green light for private enrichment, thus accumulating in their hands untold riches which

were the hard earned work of the working class?

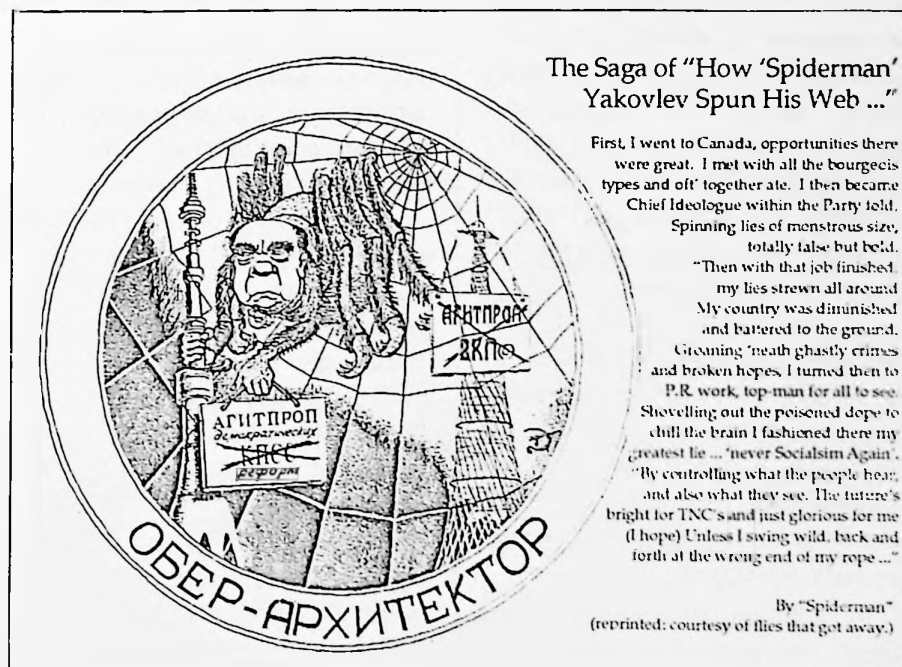
Before the Great Patriotic War, these elements, although well hidden and trying to live off the workers, were hard pressed to do much, since there were established Workers Control Collectives. Later, such Control Collectives of workers were abandoned and liquidated. Then the open season was instituted against for enrichment of the country's riches, culminating during our times by Gorbachev.

Only the re-establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat will be able to re-establish the USSR and the workers and farmers state as was before.

3: How strange now in this anti-Stalin hysteria to actually dwell on the facts which are now well-hidden from the young generation, that Stalin demanded from everyone the adherence to socialist law (without exception in what position a person was in the structure of Government). He stopped the repressions that were necessary during "War Communism" which were caused by Trotskyites and other agents of Imperialism. A

Commission, proposed by Stalin, was elected in order to dwell into these repressions which were instituted by Yezhov, head of the Internal Security, and who, it was proven, was an agent, instrumental for these arrests and executions. Yezhov was condemned for his acts, plus other anti-Soviet agents in the Security System and was shot. These are documented facts which are available to anyone who is unbiased. There was NO WAY that Stalin was aware of all these crimes, since every leader bases himself on his Ministers for information, documentation, etc., etc. On the demand of CC and Stalin, in 1939, more than 327,400 prisoners, so-called "political prisoners" were liberated! These former prisoners told the courts the secret agents who were under Yezhov and his internal and external masters as to what really transpired.

In order to hide this fact on internal and external agents provocateurs working inside the CC CPSU, the Imperialist forces opened up a vicious anti-Stalin campaign, falsifying facts, building a myth antipode of Stalin as a bloody



dictator. Towards this, everything was used – falsification, outwardly open lies, heresy. As an example, the number of “victims of Stalinism”, the present-day pseudo-democrats are blowing in the air absurd numbers: 60-110 millions of victims. As an example, on November 7th, 1994 in the City of Lutsk, Ukraine, at an anti-peoples street meeting of the present “banderites bands”, there was a huge poster, screaming at the passerby’s, that the number of victims in the October Revolution in the Ukraine was close to 40,000,000 victims of Stalin’s terror! Pre-revolutionary Ukraine (during 1916, had only 35 million people in total! ... and this on the territory as it is now constituted).

The noisy campaign now about the rehabilitation of so-called “victims of Stalin” is used in order to finally re-establish a bourgeois system. We would like to remind these “democrats” that under Stalin, it would be impossible to bombard with tanks and cannon the Supreme Soviet as was done in Moscow! ... it would be impossible to go against the Constitution of the Ukraine and force the country to accept a foreign symbol as its own! The building of a so-called “Rightful Government” is absurd. The right government is a lie, since it depends whose “rights” this government represents. Is it the workers’ rights? Or is the parasites’ who exploit the workers? This is how a government is judged – not wrong or right, but which class it represents!

4: In his works, called “The Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR”, J.V. Stalin defeated and demolished some theories of economists to insert into Socialism some market economy theories, which in actual fact, was a step towards capitalism.

By ignoring this scientifically-based warning brought our

Motherland into a catastrophe and the working class into unbelievable hardships and into the demoralization of the masses. The market economy, the interplay between people and nationalities that everything now is for sale, not only products, but the heart and soul, body, conscience and love, land and Motherland. Yes, Stalin categorically warned us of this.

5: Using dialectical materialistic approach, Stalin came to the principle conclusion of the separation of church from the state, guaranteeing all of the citizens the right to religious expression. At the beginning of 1950’s, Stalin and the CC CPSU, looking at the results achieved, started the process of close cooperation between the church and the state. The atheistic propaganda more and more now was geared towards scientific analyses and it was perceived as an enlightenment of the still believing masses through scientific education, instead of just anti-religious propaganda.

The CC CPSU and the materials being prepared for party cadres, it stated that “The CC CPSU is against any administrative measures against the Church. The party organizations should not mix into internal church affairs, instead, concentrate on educating the believers scientifically.” This was the message to party cadres.

Nevertheless, Krushchev did not follow the directives of the CC; he opened up a campaign against the still remaining believers. In 1954, there appeared two declarations from CC CPSU, a campaign against “religious stupidity”. This uncalled-for campaign against the Church was done purposely, knowing full well that this campaign will cause an uproar in the religious community and with them, in the people who did not believe in

religion, but saw no cause for alarm from the believers. Explanation, schooling based on scientific research, would have been more beneficial.

The enemies of socialism and the USSR saw a tremendous opportunity and they certainly took advantage of this “open road” for anti-socialism campaign and anti-Communist hysteria, all based on anti-Stalinism. This was not a tactical move by Krushchev, this campaign was instigated in order to cause enemies against the Soviet people, and also, towards the communists-Bolsheviks.

The counter-revolution understood that the campaign on anti-Stalinism can be the tool towards their future plans to dismember the Soviet Union. This truth is being well hidden by the pseudo-democrats from the young generation, because they well know that if people realize the truth, they, the pseudo-democrats, will not be in power too long. But the truth will eventually come out.

The working class will awake from its slumber, will throw off their parasites and will resurrect the Soviet Union. This thought was well expressed at a meeting on October 3, 1994, in the City of Orel, when a member of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks prophetically said:

“Under this, the disoriented people,
Finding itself with lack of knowledge
in a labyrinth of ruins,
Will arise again. Will break the
shackles.

There will come again,
JOSEPH STALIN!” □

**HAVE YOU RENEWED
YOUR SUB?**

NEW HOPE FROM MOSCOW

By: E. Laurina – Moscow

13 December 1994. II Congress of the People of the USSR was held in Moscow. A minute of silence – homage paid to thousands of innocent victims of the present regime, especially to those who had lost their lives on 3-4 October 1993 in the result of the unlawful edict of 1,400 launched by the president on 21 September 1993.

Communist ideas are still alive on one sixth of the planet. And again, as in autumn 1993, the former heart of the former Great country welcomed the representatives from all the national republics, regions and districts. They were united by one desire – to build a fair life and a lawful country for those who work but not steal, to restore normal morality and Soviet rights to have a good job according to a chosen profession, to have a right for a free of charge medical service and education both at school, college, institute and university. Almost 2 thousand people gathered in the Hall of the Congress with the idea to restore the social justice on one-sixth of the planet, to restore those moral values that had been taken away by the greediness and hatred of the regime.

The Congress was opened by the 1st Secretary of the Union of Communist Parties – CPSU O.S. Shenin.

National Anthem of the USSR was floating above the thousands of the participants. It became the symbol of fight and hope of the Soviet people. The report of the Committee of the People of the USSR

“To the Renovated Union of the Soviet People” was delivered by the co-chairman – Coordinator of the Committee, A.G. Melnikov. On the whole, it was adopted as a programme of action.

It was stated in the report that the uniting tendencies are growing all over the vast territory of the former USSR, the hostility towards the capitalist way of life and violent disintegration of the USSR keep increasing among the wide masses. People’s patriotic movements, often with the predominance of the Communist orientation, appear through the whole country. The idea of the Union became so popular that even some Nationalist parties and movements (for example, in Khazakhstan) who in the near past claimed national sovereignty and independence now demand the restoration of the common individual Union, common territory, equal rights for all the nations. The following figures state for the popularity of the Union: 80-95% of Georgian population demand the restoration of the Soviet Union and the Soviet power. This is especially urgent for those republics that suffered from civil wars and terrific dictatorship of the newly born bourgeoisie. People of Georgia and Armenia live without gas and electricity in hunger and cold, having 250 grammes of bread per day. Education, medical service became quite impossible for them.

All the republics are suffering from unemployment or hidden unemployment. Its percentage in Latvia goes up to 80%. In Russia, more than 50% of the population are starving. Hundreds of thousands of people perished in civil wars during the last “democratic” years. There are millions of refugees all over the country. But only 5 years ago, even the term “refugee” itself was completely unknown in the

Soviet Union where multinational population lived as a single family.

Share of the Soviet population in the world was equal to 5%, but the Soviet Union produced 12% of meat, 21% of butter, 30% of fruit, 40% of gas, 22% of steel of the world production.

Now, national economy is destroyed by the so-called reforms and there is no hope of even slight – the protest against dirty encroachments of the present regime upon the Mausoleum – the tomb of the great man who had given all his life to the happiness of all the Soviet nations. □

YELTSIN'S GENOCIDE!

From Newspaper
“HAMMER AND SICKLE”
Krasnoyarsk, Russia

... THEY SWEEP AWAY THE TRACES

The information below was given out by the “Union of Officers” in Moscow after they delved into the tragedy of the defence of House of Soviets in October of 1993.

The Ministry of Defense of Russia threw against the Deputies of Supreme Soviet and the civilian population that came to their defence, more than 3,000 heavily armed soldiers, 10 heavy tanks, 80 cannons, 20 mortars, 15 grenade launchers and more than 60 rocket launchers. The chief commander of this bloodbath was Minister Grachev.

Besides all of the above, taking part in this operation were:

- 1: “Beytar” brigade, a Zionist armed organization.
- 2: Special groups, trained and led by American CIA agents.
- 3: Different armed gangs

(security for Mafia, business enterprises, commercial security gangs, so-called "veterans of Afghanistan, with no work but serving businesses and former "party" bigwigs), plus a specialist group of Yeltsin's Guards, "Vityaz".

4: Commando group - "Alfa".

A campaign was immediately put into work to cover up any traces of this butchery, but facts are now known as witnesses are coming forward, after being terrorized with death to keep quiet ... here's documented grisly events of how many bodies were shipped from the "White House"!

- In 42 large containers, filled with lime, each container holding 6-8 bodies - most of them, men with their heads chopped off.

- 234 bodies were taken from the "White House", hidden behind an embankment and then loaded on barges in dump trucks and shipped no one knows where.

- 312 people - were shot at the Stadium "Krasnopresnesko".

- Those that were shot in the House of Soviets, they packed them 50-70 people in piles, one on top of another, as you would pile wood, poured gasoline over them and burned the bodies. They did not let ANYONE into the White House until all the ashes were cleaned up, swept and dirt put over the place of the burning.

- The "Beytar" brigade cut off the head of an officer working in the Internal Security who rebelled against this murder-mayhem, he was Victor Bystrenko.

- In two entrances of apartments, just across the road from the House of Soviets, they murdered 186 people, including innocent apartment dwellers who came upon this carnage.

- Bodies from the 20th floor of the House of Soviets were transported in 14 large dump trucks

(70 bodies in each truck) and dumped onto barges, waiting on Moscow River for this purpose.

- From underneath the Bridge that is right by the House of Soviets, spanning the Moscow River, they transported 250 dead bodies, which also included soldiers of the Derzhinsky Division who rebelled against this ordered murder of Soviet people. These barges were sent to the lower reaches of Moscow River and where and what happened to the bodies, no one knows even now.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE ACTUALLY MURDERED?

Starting from the end of September 1993, more than 10,000 people!

The above was published in the newspaper "People Speak", September 1994, Vladivostok. (Editors) □

BROTHERLY GREETINGS

The following greeting was sent to All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks.

The New Communist Movement of Yugoslavia send their brotherly greetings on the occasion of the 77th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution.

November 7th was, and will always be, the most significant date in the history of mankind. Notwithstanding the temporary crisis, the ever-living thoughts and work of Lenin, the work of Soviet communists and all of the Soviet people will never be defeated.

Now, it is imperative for all people to fight against the global imperialist might and its 5th columns. In this deadly struggle, Communists of Yugoslavia are with you. The exponents of the so-called "New World Order" and their helpers are our common enemies.

Dear comrades, we are convinced that the day is not far off

when the resurrected Soviet Union - guarantor of peace and progress of the world - will be reborn.

Long live the bright red flame of Marxism-Leninism.

DEAR READERS:

This will notify you that the February and March editions will be combined into a single edition. This is the result of the 8th Conference taking place in Toronto February 18th - 19th. It will be fully reported in the forthich will appear early in March. Meantime, we must also advise you that we are deluged with materials and unable to publish fully in this current 24-page edition. As a matter of financial need, we are confining our ongoing editions to 24 pages. We make no apology for this other than that we regret sincerely the many fine efforts of our readers that will not appear in print. Bear with us and we will do our utmost to overcome the "number of pages / cost equation" to the best of our ability. (The Editors) □

**ANOTHER ANTI-YELTSIN
NEWSPAPER APPEARED IN
LENINGRAD! NAMED AFTER
KIROV WHO WAS MURDERED
BY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONISTS
... "KIROVETZ"**



FRIENDSHIP NEWS

LOOKING AT THE SOVIET POSTAGE STAMPS!

By: Victor Paraudon

Here's the new subway,
Here's Dneprostroy,
the Kharkov Steel Plant, what an
enterprise!

Little Pioneers, singing their songs,
the Kremlin, comrade Stalin,
Molotov, Voroshilov ...

Old days, days filled with hope
and work, studying and songs,
meetings and sunshine ...

Where are you old days?
Never mind! Those days will return,
We will sing in the sunshine and
we will walk for peace, for love, for
all the mothers and little children
in the world!

We will grow wheat and oranges,
corn and tea, flowers and cattle.
This nightmare, the Yeltsin nightmare
will pass like a bad dream!

The old Soviet Stamps ...
This is the history of Soviet Union,
This is Chapayev and Frunze, Zhukov,
Rokossovsky and Sverdlov, but
first and foremost – it is Lenin,
whose genius led us to Victory!

Lenin, the brilliant leader of the
international proletariat,
Lenin – our Father,
Father of all the working people!

Lenin's idea is alive!

Lenin lives!

And his name and his ideas will
live forever! □

For our readers who have missed the versatile and penetrating articles of Northstar Compass co-founder and often published writer, Alex McLennan, he has been forced to withdraw from participation during the past few months for health reasons. He is currently in Women's College Hospital in Toronto, undergoing treatment. He is missed by his fellow Editorial Board members and the National Council of the Concerned Friends of the Soviet People. We join in wishing him a speedy and full recovery and express the hope that his incisive writing will return soon to the columns of Northstar Compass.

– Editors and Editorial Board,
Northstar Compass □

WE DIP OUR BANNERS IN SALUTE OF JOE SLOVO, HIS MEMORY AND WORK!



JOE SLOVO 1926–1995

"The wretched of the earth make up over 90 percent of humanity. They live either in Capitalist or capitalist-oriented societies. For them, if Socialism is not the answer, there is no answer at all."

Concerned Friends of the Soviet
People, the Editors and Editorial

Board of Northstar Compass join with the Communists, Socialists and all progressive humanity in mourning the death of Joe Slovo, leader of the Communist Party of South Africa and life-long fighter against the dreaded Apartheid system in that country. His bravery, coolness under the heaviest fire, his dedication to the cause of freedom for all South African people without regard for color, race, or creed marked him as one of the outstanding human beings of this century. Suffering exile, and the murder of his wife by the Apartheid extremists, jailings and indignities from his fellow white South Africans, he never wavered in his dedication and courage in the struggle of the black majority for equality and the democratic rights of equal citizenship. He was a close associate and friend of Nelson Mandela, now the first black President in that country, and during his final days before succumbing to cancer at the age of 68, occupied and was leading the struggle for the provision of decent housing for all South African citizens. The world has lost a true and honest democrat and leading warrior for the real rights of humanity. Among the very first to publish an incisive, hard hitting "working paper" entitled "Has Socialism Failed?" even prior to the downfall of the Soviet Union in 1991, his final paragraph is both instructive and totally relevant today:

"... mere faith in the future of Socialism is not enough. The lessons of past failures have to be learnt. Above all, we have to ensure that the fundamental tenet – socialist democracy – occupies a rightful place in all future practice." (1990)

We dip our banners in salute of Joe Slovo, his memory and his work. □

LETTERS

From: Brantford, Ont.

Dear Michael & Associates:

Thank you for sending me your invitation to your conference which I now understand will be taking place on February 18-19, 1995, rather than in January as originally planned. I will be delighted to attend and listen to what your distinguished friends have to say.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both you and Ray on the excellent job you are doing in bringing to people like myself the real truth about events in the Soviet Union, or as our media like to say, the former Soviet Union. I am enclosing a cheque for fifty dollars as my contribution to help defray some of the costs which I am sure you must be incurring, but please, keep up the good work.

Please send me any material which you feel we should read in preparation for this conference and I look forward to seeing you all in February.

- Comradely Yours,
George Hess

We look forward with pleasure to your participation in our conference, and we wholeheartedly thank you for your expression and donation of support. We wish for you and all humanity a New Year in which the bonds on the people will be minimally loosened - if not thrown off. □

AND - A HARD CRITICISM

EDITOR'S NOTE: We publish here a sharp criticism. Unfortunately, we are unable to print our reply in this

issue for space reasons, but will do so in the February-March edition of N.S.C.

**From:
Fishkill Correctional Facility
Beacon, N.Y., USA**

Comrades:

I have just received and read the November issue of Northstar Compass. I want to strongly object to your lead article on the Bolshevik Revolution: your characterization of Trotsky as a German spy and saboteur was long ago disproven as dishonest Stalinist propaganda.

I am quite familiar with the Stalinist purges, and I have worked in criminal law for years; I know how easy it is under certain circumstances to get people to "confess" to almost anything. As Trotsky said: If all the people who were accused by Stalin of being Trotsky's supporters really were, then Trotsky would have overthrown Stalin long before that. One of the biggest obstacles to restoring socialism in the former Soviet Union is that people remember the lack of political and social freedom, even though they had "economic socialism" (a "welfare state"). Real socialism must be much more than just a "welfare state". That is also why it was so easy to overthrow the old system, since the people were hoping that perestroika and glasnost would give them a much better socialist system. And they would have, if they had been intelligently put into practice.

It doesn't do much good to quote Stalin, since what he said and what he did were often two different things. Stalin was a split personality: a dedicated Bolshevik Communist, but also a brutal feudal lord right out of old Russia. Such contradictory transitional figures in history are very difficult to evaluate;

we have to carry on the good things they did and at the same time, weed out all the old rubbish. This is impossible for people to do who look on such figures as great leaders who could do no wrong. And glorifying such leaders will only prevent us from correcting their mistakes. And yes, I am referring to you.

The whole article is badly written. It is a hodge-podge of miscellaneous facts, fiction and angry emotional argument. Keep cool, comrade; as I told you before, you can fight and argue much more effectively if you don't get so emotional. And it is very offensive to those of us who look on Trotsky as a better Bolshevik and Marxist-Leninist than Stalin. And there are many of us in the world communist movement like that who are just as good communists as you are. Don't make Northstar Compass into a mouthpiece for Stalinist propaganda.

Despite my reservations about your magazine, I consider it essential. I just renewed my subscription.

- For Socialism! □

I haven't received any notice from you, but I know my renewal for my subscription to Northstar Compass is coming due. So here's my check for fifteen dollars. I'm sorry I can't make it more, but as I told you before, my financial situation is not too good.

Keep up the good work! I'll be writing you a much longer letter later.

- In Struggle, #78A-1767 □

From: Sudbury, Ont.

To the Editor:

Hockey fans here in Sudbury were witness to a special treat. During the Big Nickel Hockey Tournament, which was in its 15th year, one of the special guest teams

was *The Ukraine Selects - Druzhba 78* from Kharkov, Ukraine.

Playing in the midget division under head coach Ivan Privilov, the sixteen and seventeen year old's from the Ukraine distinguished themselves as true sportsmen. To North American's bombarded with the market-value driven, rock 'em, sock 'em style of hockey, the hockey played by the *Druzhba 78* was a welcome change.

Easily winning all their games, the *Druzhba 78* team was a joy to watch, a virtual ballet on ice. The final championship game in which *Druzhba 78* easily won 7-1 over the Toronto Young Nationals, was a sight to see. The Ukrainians, who played as a team throughout, skated literal rings around the Toronto team. Unfortunately, the game was a sad commentary on the values inculcated into North American youth by the market-value driven capitalist system, because the Toronto team, unable to keep up, play as a team and co-operate, tried to 'goon it up' and slam the Ukrainians into pieces, to no avail. The Ukrainian team never sunk to their level by retaliating. Such well-mannered true sportsmen could only come from a land where the spirit of socialism and communism is a vibrant force.

HOORAY DRUZHBA 78 FROM
KHARKOV, UKRAINE!!!

- Yours in Solidarity,
Peter Hudyman

(P.S. - Unfortunately, young nationalists were there waving the blue and yellow flag. And the team was later brought to the Ukrainian National Federation Hall, not to the AUUC Hall. I certainly hope the Ukrainian team does not fall prey to the same values inculcated into the Toronto team.)

(P.P.S. - I was able to talk a little with one of the players, who

was not impressed with the blue and yellow flag wavers and who explained trouble at home as having problems with 'White Russians' near Kharkov. The term 'White Russians' can only be a political observation, but I was unable to communicate effectively because of the language barrier.)

We find your account delightful and hope our readers all agree. Thank you for it. It shows in a miniature but very important way the possibility of friendship, co-operation and peace between all peoples everywhere. Thank you, Peter Hudyman of Sudbury. □

From: Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Comrade Michael:

The November 1994 issue of *Northstar Compass* with its big red figure of V.I. Lenin on the cover celebrating the 77th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution was truly inspiring. The contents of the issue was also most enlightening, with reports back on the massive celebrations of the Soviet people (over 750,000!!) calling for the return of the USSR; the International Seminar on the theme of "Stalin Today Revisited"; and the growth of the Czech Communist Party after it had shed its dead weight of pseudo-communists who only "bloomed" the party and prevented it from being more combative and assertive. I noticed that the article was a reprint from "The New Worker", weekly paper of the New Communist Party of Great Britain. Can you mail me their address since I'd like to subscribe to their publication?

Also, enclosed is check for \$60.00 to cover the cost of 4 subscriptions to our "Marxist-Leninist torch of light", *Northstar Compass*. Please mail them the November issue immediately (Along with the single page

reprints!!).

On another note, we have formed an Ad Hoc "USA Friends of Northstar Compass" which is sending out a letter to USA subscribers activating them to send a USA Delegation to the February 1994 Conference in Friendship House in Toronto, Canada. So far, we have commitments from three delegates from the States.

We'll be in contact by phone concerning the progress of this campaign.

Also, thanks for the advertisements of the magazine. I'll get them into the respective newspapers to publicize *Northstar Compass* and get more subscriptions.

- Comradely,
Angelo D'Angelo

Again, our stellar NSC builder, U.S.A. Angelo D'Angelo has shown the way with the idea of NSC Ad Hoc "U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass". The record of activity is both heart warming and challenging. We also believe in leadership by example. Thank you once again, Angelo D'Angelo. □

From: Slogan Park, B.C.

Dear Workers for Peace, Justice, and Socialism:

Enclosed, my contribution to cover: another year's sub to NSC; a copy of "How Did It Happen?"; and the remainder to apply wherever the need arises, your discretion.

No one can say later "We haven't been told". To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

My whole-hearted support - and all the best of the coming festive season - many of them.

- Sincerely,
John Perepolkin

How very welcome is your brief, to the point, letter. It is a great pleasure to hear from you as an old and stalwart friend.

Thank you for your generous financial support as well. □

From: Castlegar, B.C.

Dear Michael:

Re: Conference

In reply to your recent letters regarding the Conference, I regret to say that I will not be able to attend. I talked to a number of former members and no one is able to go. I regret to say that personally I am not well and am scheduled for extensive tests beginning Dec. 28, 1994. Peter Zibin, a very active member, died suddenly. Other members have aged and are too ill to travel. Many younger members are very disillusioned with what is going on in the former Soviet Union and as a result, have lost interest.

A while ago, I discussed the situation in Russia with a travelling forestry group. When I quoted Yeltsin in 1991 where he asked the army not to fire on his own people but in October of last year when he gained control of the tanks he didn't hesitate to fire on his own people, the visitors were unaware. We saw more on CNN than the people of Moscow. I also stated that it was a shame to see clergy blessing tanks. CNN also stated that bodies were lying on the streets for three days. Russian visitors were quite surprised that we knew more than they did.

On Saturday, I phoned my friend in Moscow and asked what she thought of the invasion of Chechniyia. She stated that most Moscow citizens are against it, but would like instead to see the army in Moscow and clean out the Chechniya Mafia who are extremely ruthless. The people who are going to suffer in the attack are the innocent men, women and children.

I will try to make a donation to the Conference, but today, it's too

close to Christmas. Possibly, I'll send my suggestions.

Best of luck, health and world peace for 1995.

– Sincerely,
Nick Verigin

Dear Nickolas: Thank you for your very insightful letter. We are sure all readers will deeply appreciate it as we do. It is always great to hear from you and to receive your contributions of an enlightening nature. □

From: Dartmouth, N.S.

Dear Michael:

A brief note to let you know we're still alive out here and enjoying every word from the Northstar Compass. Wow, you people are doing a great job out there and I only wish that I could play a greater role, as before.

I watched the newsmedia, TV, newspapers and radio very carefully for any news of the anniversary of the October Revolution on November 7, but there was a complete black-out of the issue. Was, therefore, very pleased to read the facts of events in Moscow in NSC.

Here's a suggested caption for the Yeltsin cartoon on page 22, "Hero of Fascist Treachery", or a second one: "Proof of Accomplishments". Hope you get many more.

Read with interest that Winnipeg donated their funds to NSC, a decision I would certainly have supported, so long as it doesn't mean the official dissolution of the Branch. There's a lot of potential in Winnipeg and they shouldn't leave it to "others" to develop.

Anyway, wish you, Helen and all the other many contributors to NSC the very best for 1995 and express the wish that it may be a year of increasingly progressive

developments, here, in the former USSR and indeed, world-wide.

– Socialist Greetings,
Vic Ratsma

And to you, Vic Ratsma, our appreciation for your input and dedication. See you at the Conference. □

From: Chicago, USA

Dear Friends at Northstar Compass:

Happy New Year and successful struggles ahead!

– Nick Anagnostopoulos

Yes, there will be struggles ahead Nick, and eventually, mankind will win. Thanks for your help! □

From: Belfountain, Ont.

Dear Michael:

I presumed you have realized that I could no longer participate with your organization. I have felt your goals are locked in the past, that you are not dealing with changing realities. It is, I know very painful to accept that Soviet is gone. As much as we love the people, a monolithic Communism has been exposed as destroying environmentally, and so many other ways, a great country. These are difficult times to remain a Socialist ... yet, I remain one!!

Changing your name to International Friendship is a step in the right direction. At the same time, my heart goes out to you and I remain in awe of your many years of sacrifice and dedication to your strongly held beliefs. Maybe I will be able to rejoin you when the world has found a new equilibrium and Democratic Socialism will again be the alternative to a world consumed by greed and the negation of goodness and the potential of the individual.

– Holiday best wishes,
James Douglas

(P.S. Please feel free to quote this letter.)

Dear James: Your letter expresses sentiments and ideas that we have found quite common, since the denouement and downfall of the USSR. Sadly, that apparently applies there, as well as here. As for being "locked in the past", from our point of view, when the internal and external hostile elements of world capitalism and reaction were able to couple with certain corrupted USSR leadership elements, (up to and including Yeltsin and his war on Chechnia), "old ideas and goals locked in the predatory actions of World Imperialism" were able to temporarily destroy "Socialism" while the people of the USSR were unable to repair the shortcomings and distortions of that way of life. To suggest that "the future" can now be ONLY foreseen in the political, social, economic, military, cultural grip of the despoilers of Africa, the invaders of Vietnam, Panama, Haiti, etc., (not to mention Canada) and by other means, the lives and developments of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, is to court a dangerous fallacy. That is why we continue with the mandate to proceed independently as an organization, dedicated to international solidarity, friendship and peace as "concerned Friends of the Soviet People". It is also why we hope in future that you will find your way clear to both rejoin us, and to strengthen us thereby. The door of friendship can be closed only against people such as we have referred to above, who today hold the world's people to ransom under THEIR military economic and supposed, political might. Thank you for writing to us. □

From: Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Friends:

Thanks to an implant, I can now see again and write again. I am enclosing \$65.00 for a renewal and

to help. Here are a few words also:

Capitalist Culture:

No lie too big to utter,

No crime too great to commit.

We hope to escape tomorrow,

To rule as we see fit ...

– Frank Blackman

Dear Frank: We rejoice with you that the implant operation was a success, permitting you to read and write again. It is a tribute to your indomitable spirit which also shines through in the verse you penned for our readers. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate your help, both monetarily and more importantly, in your words of defiance and hope. Your name now is fresh on our "Honour Roll" along with others like you who keep us alive ... and publishing. Thank you, Frank Blackman of Valescourt, B.C. □

From: Columbia, California, USA

– A Spanish War Veteran anti-fascist

Am sending \$30.00 for two purposes: One, for Ernie Trory's book, "How Did It Happen", and two, for your fund drive. Was planning on sending money on it but don't think I did. I was a long time subscriber to N.N. I am also proud to say I am a veteran of the International Brigades who fought against Fascism in Spain.

– In Solidarity,
"Del" Berg

We thank you "Del" and the best wishes to you who fought against fascism in Spain trying to nip in the bud the scourge of horror that was to come. Your courage and dedication will always be remembered by future generations. □

From: Kamsack, Sask.

Dear Friends:

Enclosing a cheque for \$10.00 for "How Did It Happen" by Ernie Trory. It was reviewed in the last issue of Northstar Compass.

It's a book that seems to have a lot of answers for what is going on that I was looking for.

Wishing you all the very best in the New Year.

– Sincerely,

W.N. Rezansoff

We thank you sincerely for your book order and well wishes from Kamsack. □

From: London, Ont.

How are you people? I'm recuperating from a heart attack, still very weak but I'm trying to get my strength back.

Some bad news – our dear friend Al Bernhardt passed away, a staunch fighter and dedicated friend of the Soviet Union.

Am sending you some back copies as per your request, plus a donation to wish you good luck.

– Sincerely Yours,
Bella Frankel

Dear Bella: We wish you speedy recovery, because we know that a dedicated fighter like you will not let your spirits lag. Your understanding and dedication is well known in Canada. Speedy recovery Bella, and the best of the New Year. □

From: Minneapolis, MN, USA

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a subscription as a gift for our friends living in Minneapolis ... to start off the New Year by reading your great publication!

– Sigrid Sharp

We hope that your idea of giving gift subscriptions to your friends catches on and grows. Maybe you might just have started something that will be followed by people that are devoted to peace, understanding and against reactionary forces that seem to be in ascendancy for the moment. □

From: London, England

Dear Northstar Compass:

Thanks for the great quantity of exclusive information and the inspiration therein.

I'm enclosing more than the \$15.00 subscription price to help cope with ever-rising postal rates.

All the best for the New Year!

- Jim Leech

Thanks for your financial help. We're glad that you appreciate our work as we appreciate our readers/members who support our publication. □

From: Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Michael:

Sorry for not renewing my subscription to the Northstar Compass, but I wrote a cheque on November 30, 1994, but ended up in the hospital for 5 weeks. So, I am now sending enough money for the subscription and a small donation to show my feelings for a great job being done by your work.

- Yours Comradely,

Paul Greene

We all wish you speedy recovery. We need people like you in the coming struggles. Thank you for your financial help over the years. Get well soon! □

**We Do Produce Totally By
Volunteer Labour.**

From: Minneapolis, USA

Please find enclosed cheque for renewal and a donation of \$50.00 to do the good work you are doing.

- Herbert Clements

Although you are 85 years young, your dedication and spirit for truth is welcomed by all your friends and the NSC. □

From: Staten Island, N.Y., USA

Dear Michael:

Enclosed is \$90.00 for six more subscriptions to our beacon of light "Northstar Compass".

Among the new readers to NSC is an activist in the National Maritime Union, a builder of the Labour Party Associates; activists in the Cuba Solidarity Movement; activists in the Communist Party of USA which just celebrated its 75th Anniversary.

I will see you at the 8th Conference.

- Yours,

Angelo D'Angelo

It certainly will be a pleasure to meet you face-to-face at the Conference, since you are the biggest booster of the Northstar Compass in the USA. We again thank you! □

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