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GUEST EDITORIAL

FROM THE BELLY OF THE BEAST

US IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION IN IRAQ AND THE TREACHERY OF US BOURGEOIS PACIFISM

BY RAY O LIGHT

On December 17th, 1998, the hegemonic imperialist country, the USA, with its Democratic President Clinton-led government, along with its British social-democratic Blair government lackey, launched Operation Desert Fox, a 70-hour aerial bombardment of the people of Iraq. With the arrogance and cold-blooded brutality of Hitler Germany (remember this Nazi - Rommel-the "Desert Fox"), Clinton and US imperialism rained death and destruction on Iraqi society without even the figleaf of an invitation from any segment of Iraqi society or even from one Iraqi individual!

Not only that, but the pretext for the barbarous bombing has been thoroughly exposed right from the mouths of imperialism's own stooges. Former United Nations Special Commission (Unscm) weapons inspector Scott Ritter had resigned last summer because of what he felt was a lack of effective US and UN support for the Unscm inspectors in the face of alleged Iraqi non-compliance. Yet, even he now confirms what Saddam Hussein has asserted for years: namely that Richard Butler, executive director of Unscm, is now leading Unscm, not in "doing the work of its legal master, the (UN) Security Council, but

rather that of its de facto master, the U.S." (The Wall Street Journal, 12-28-98). As Mr. Ritter explains:

"...Unscm knew that the sites selected for inspection probably contained nothing incriminating. It also had reason to think that one site, the Baath Party headquarters, would be viewed by the Iraqis as a provocation; the U.S. had called off inspections of the headquarters in July and August, on the grounds that it was too confrontational.

The controversial inspection with dubious arms-control value provided cover for the release of the Butler report. Given Mr. Butler's close relationship with the U.S. throughout this process, it can be interpreted only as providing a pretext for military action."

Now it has further been revealed that US intelligence agents were secretly placed on the Unscm inspection team. The intelligence data they collected was used to pinpoint targets for Operation Desert Fox! *What a set of War Crimes!!!*

From Cyprus to Switzerland as well as throughout the USA, there is a widespread belief among bourgeois journalists and ordinary folks that Clinton's order to bomb Iraq was a "Wag the Dog" scenario aimed at rallying the US public behind Clinton in the face of his latest Monicagate crisis, the impeachment vote in the US House of Representatives. This certainly fits with last summer's Monicagate crisis, which saw Clinton bomb Sudan and Afghanistan. However, taking into account that Clinton and his fellow Democratic and Republican Party politicians in Congress are essentially puppets for the monopoly capitalists and imperialists, including the oil magnates, it is more likely that the ruling class has

used this contrived sex scandal crisis as a means to coerce Clinton into taking such criminal actions as Operation Desert Fox.

Three authoritative US imperialist think-tank experts jointly concluded in an article in the current issue of *Foreign Affairs*, written on the eve of Operation Desert Fox, "...the current containment regime is falling apart. The erosion of UN sanctions and the gradual end to Iraq's isolation have allowed Saddam to rebuild his power at home." This was in the "Rollback Fantasy" *Foreign Affairs*, Jan/Feb. 1999). As "Izvestia" representing the oil rich but desperately bankrupt Russian bourgeoisie, admitted in a moment of candor, "Only Washington and London can and want to punish Saddam. At the moment, this means Russia's interests as well...lifting the UN embargo would push down the oil prices disastrously." With the current world glut of oil and the resulting drop in the price per barrel, Operation Desert Fox makes good business sense for the US ruling class.

Whatever the precise motivation of Clinton and the US ruling class, the conclusion of "*Frankfurter Rundschau*," representing the interests of German imperialism in contradiction with US imperialism, is correct. "This air war over the heads of the United Nations degraded the Security Council to a paper tiger... It has totally destroyed hopes for a post-cold war world order in which the remaining superpower can no longer decide on war and peace by itself."

In this light, what has been the response of the progressive liberal bourgeoisie and their pacifist movement within the USA? Can the working class and oppressed peoples of the world count on a powerful anti-US imperialist war movement today in the USA? The answers are so shocking that

even 2 bourgeois liberals, pollster and strategist Patrick Caddell and editor Marc Cooper of *The Nation*, writing in the *Wall Street Journal* (12-23-98) made the following observations:

"...the most disturbing consequences of the surrender to Clinton has been the self-strangulation of the Democratic peace constituency. In August Mr. Clinton ordered missile attacks on Afghanistan and Sudan within days of his disastrous speech about Monicagate. When credible news reports surfaced that the plant demolished by U.S. rockets in the Sudan was a benign pharmaceuticals factory, former President Carter courageously called for an investigation. But Democratic officeholders ignored Mr. Carter's call.

The refusal to speak out on the possible Sudan deception led us directly to last week's tragedy of Operation Desert Fox. As the missiles exploded in Iraq, Democrats cheered. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt and Minority Whip David Bonior - both of whom voted against the 1991 Gulf War and argued for the right to publicly challenge the wisdom of George Bush's decision - this time pontificated shamelessly about threats to national security.

"As last week came to a close, American liberals staged a bizarre televised pageant of moral suicide. On one channel you could view a suspiciously timed American air attack rain down on Baghdad, cruise missiles exploding at a million dollars a pop. On the other channel, at the same moment, there were the Rev. Mr. Jackson and the cream of liberalism rallying on the

YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT NSC? WRITE!

Capital steps, joining hands and intoning "We Shall Overcome" - praying not for the victims of our ordnance, but for the prevaricating president who signed their death warrant."

Operation Desert Fox once again demonstrates the bankruptcy and betrayal of the Soviet people and the world's proletariat and the oppressed peoples by Nikita Krushchev and his revisionist line of peaceful coexistence with imperialism. As Nina Andreeva pointed out in the CC AUCPB statement on the US bombing of Iraq, the Lenin-Stalin line that imperialism means war is still correct (*Northstar Compass, Special Supplement, 12/98*).

Armed with this scientific socialist understanding, our last column, dealing with the November US elections drew the following conclusion: "The world's working people should have no illusions about our reliance upon the 1998 US bourgeois elections and politicians. They offer no possibility of relief from the aggressive and predatory policies of US Imperialism. The bipartisan Republican and Democratic party support for Clinton's bombings of the Sudan and Afghanistan at the height of the Clinton sex scandal underscores the present reality.

The struggle for the liberation of humanity and for the Socialist Future still lies on this path:

WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE, UNITE AGAINST THE MAIN ENEMY - IMPERIALISM HEADED BY US IMPERIALISM

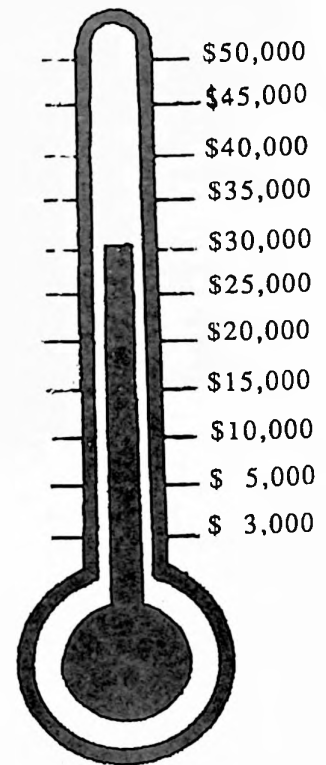
COMMENT

The Editorial Board thanks the Ray O Light comrades for their excellent "Guest Editorial" on a subject that needed to be dwelt into in depth. They have done so expertly!

Therefore it is not understandable that given the above facts, not only from a progressive point of view, but quoting from the bourgeois sources that speak for imperialist interests, that some progressive publications would support the present regime in the USA, pretending that it is the "lesser of the two evils".

All of us should remember that crimes as heinous as these were tried by the Nuremberg Court! □

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*Russian Communist Workers Party

Leader - Tiulkin

*Russian Communist Workers Party

Leader - Popov

Russian Party of Communists

Leader - Kriuchkov

*All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks

Leader - Andreeva

*All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks

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Lenin-Stalin Platform inside the Communist Party of Russian Federation

Leader - Avaliani

Bolshevik Platform inside the CPSU

Leader - Khabarova

Party of Peace and Unity

Leader - Umalatova

MANY LEADERS - BUT NO LEADER!

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

ERRATUM

In the December NSC, Vo. 7, #5,

1998 unfortunately we left out the following: The end of the second last paragraph should have read:

"The bipartisan Republican and Democratic support for Clinton's bombings of the Sudan and Afghanistan at the height of the Clinton sex scandal underscores the present reality."

This is from the article by Ray O Light friends, titled: "The Impact of U.S. Elections on the World's People".

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NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

FROM THE MAGAZINE

"FORBES"

REPRESENTING US BIG BUSINESS

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT RULER OF RUSSIA?

In a feature article by Paul Klebnikov the correspondent of Forbes Magazine, the obvious tone and hopefulness is for one of the two contenders in the elections coming in 2000.

They analyze the candidature of Mayor Luzhkov of Moscow and General Lebed. They even state that: "Mayor Luzhkov is the slick city boss and General Lebed the rough-edged populist." We publish a condensed version of this article.

MOSCOW -

The parking lot of the fancy tennis club is cluttered with \$150,000 Mercedes sedans, each of which costs more than the average Russian could hope to earn in a lifetime. Thuggish-looking bodyguards swarm all around in the darkness. Inside, the playing courts are empty, but several dozen important men chat nervously among themselves. They are an eclectic mix: trade union bosses, bankers, polls managers, government ministers, ethnic chieftains.

Then he comes!

Yuri Luzhkov, mayor of Moscow, strides into the club, trailed by guards and a small army of hangers-on. He is more than a mayor - he is fabulously rich and the city's virtually unchallenged dictator. The boss is here to show

his troops how vigorous he is. Against former tennis champs Luzhkov shows his vigor. The attending courtiers (cronies as far as the Editor of NSC is concerned) cheer his every shot.

No surprise: Luzhkov wins!

After the match the sycophants (as if on cue) thrust bouquets and gifts at him. Rich bankers slide up to him and utter their respects into his ear.. beside thrusting shopping bags full of expensive gifts from French boutiques."Do not forget us, your loyal friends," one of them implores.

But Luzhkov is not every Russian's candidate. Standing between him and power is General Alexander Lebed, a populist figure who currently serves as elected governor of Siberia's giant Krasnoyarsk region.

We met General Lebed in his apartment, not as fancy as that of Mayor Luzhkov. He comes in a fancy Volvo with his bodyguards. He is in a terrible mood. A week before our interview he was passed over for the post of Prime Minister by Yeltsin. He complains bitterly against Moscow and how the outlying regions are suffering. Lebed led his troops in suppressing and starting the war in Chechniya and he saved Gorbachev regime in 1991 from a coup by the Communists. His paratroops were ordered by the Soviet command to help overthrow Gorbachev, but Lebed switched sides and joined Yeltsin to put down the legal authority when he ordered his troops to fire cannons and tanks at the Russian parliament building with hundreds of casualties.

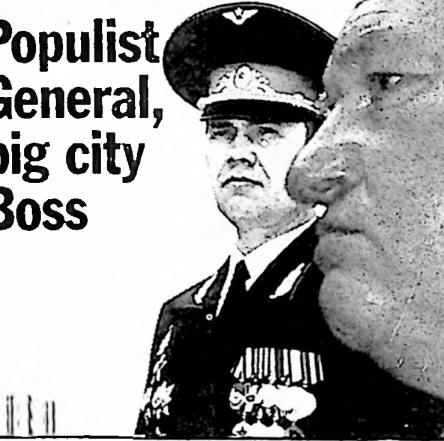
Running in 1996 for the presidency, Lebed threw his support to Yeltsin in order to make certain of his victory. Grateful Yeltsin appointed Lebed as Chief of National Security.

Lebed might criticize the moneybags around Luzhkov,

but he needs money to run as the president. His connections are there, although he keeps them well hidden. He has outside the country backers and promotional gurus. His connections with the billionaire Berezovsky, although hidden, are the talk of the country.

Forbes

Populist
General,
big city
Boss



COMMENT

We hope that by the year 2000 the Soviet working class will write their own scenario for their future! □

IS THIS THE TIME?

In a letter to the Editor from Gatesville, Texas USA, one of our readers asks this question: "Is this the time for anti-religion graphics or articles?"

In her letter she very analytically points out that religion of course was used by capitalism in their anti-Communist propaganda: that there are many priests in the world, especially in South America, that are leading the struggles against oppression; that even in Cuba Fidel Castro allows the clergy to join the Communist Party of Cuba and

other present facts that things are changing amongst the clergy.

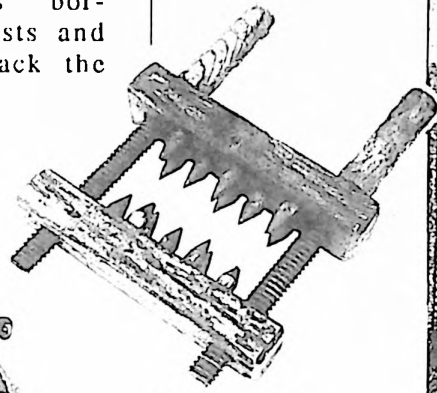
Northstar Compass has no qualms in agreeing with our reader on her analytical approach to religion at this moment of history. Yes, we have had and have some excellent clergy who fit the description of the Marxist Clergy! But these are few and far between, while the leadership of the mushrooming religious fanaticism that is spreading all over the world (promoted and extremely well financed) is a real danger to resurrection of socialism and this can be said as their "opportunistic card" that is being played now by imperialism, world wide.

A perfect example is the influx and billions of dollars that are being spent to build more churches in former Soviet Union than were build during the reign of the last Czars! Every known religious denomination has set up its offices in the Soviet Union, schools, seminaries, religious schools that are financed from abroad etc. etc.

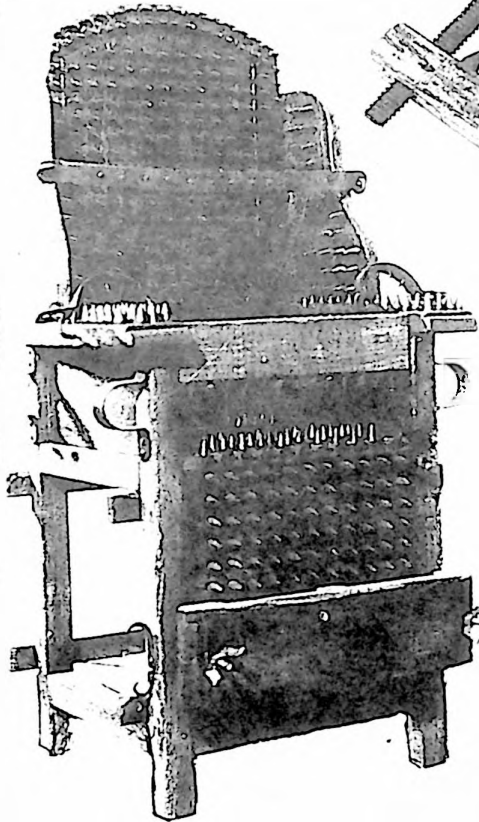
Should this be overlooked by progressives there and abroad? Religion was NEVER utilized for progress or for struggling for socialism. At best it was and is a Band-Aid solution to instill in the minds of the people the fact that there shall always be rich and poor. These religious groups never criticize or struggle to change the capitalist system.

The double standards that some progressive, well-meaning people fall for are in reality very harmful, because, it means that it's fine for religion to be used as very persuasive vehicle to struggle against communism and very anti-Soviet as history has proven, but we, as socialists or communists must NOT defend ourselves or point out the harmful effects that religion has and is doing against progress!

Before, in history, religion! was used to brutally suppress any other ideas all in the name of God. At the present time, religion is used very psychologically and these people work from within the progressive movements by adopting "revolutionary slogans" borrowed from the Marxists and they dull and side-track the struggles.



Knee screws



Inquisition chair

One of our readers, Olga Krimtschenko in Canada, sent us a few lines and these drawings that actually depict what religious zealots of the church did to people who did not profess a belief in God or tried to question some of the dogmas being promoted by the clergy!

Of course this was before, but today's reactionary clergy use sophisticated methods. "TV miracles" are staged, and billionaire sponsors are easy to

THE METHOD AND TOOLS OF TORTURE TO MAKE SINNERS SEE THE "LIGHT!"

find, since their aims are the same in the long run. Leave everything to the Almighty and, do not struggle, you shall be saved!

Torture, be it physical or mental, is still torture!

VIA INTERNET BY JERRY MORSE

CORPORATE GREED

Fort Knox, Kentucky, USA

Where does George Soros get all his energy? Certainly not from expensive borsch or goulash. His energy originated out of the International Energy Agency founded in 1976 by Henry Kissinger with its main theme which was coordinating counter-OPEC policy. Share-

holders demanded more controls, profits and increased judicial support for international banking.

IMF and World Bank began to demand greater shares from more and more countries. Loaning to shaky economies interfered with bigger profits.

Soft-hearted profiteers felt within their hearts the charity, securing the secret bank accounts. Too many nosy people were digging into the stashed away Swiss bank gold, Cayman Islands sunken wells, and this caused pot holes to appear in roads over which tax evaders

were scurrying out of the USA, Canada and other vaults.

Soros (the multi-billionaire) was having monetary insecurity problems. He went to bed early on Christmas eve. He awoke in a cold sweat by the Ghost of Homunculus, dressed in a faded Russian bedsheet, borrowed from David Jeffre. Then Soros made that promise.

On Boxing Day (a day after Christmas) he drafted plans for a World Central Bank with its head office in Fort Knox, adjacent to tons of gold stolen by Hitler's Fraternal Society of Money Exchangers. This new

bank and its secret accounts will eliminate the need for the International Monetary Fund or World Bank, thus keeping developing countries off its back.

Salary, bonuses, shares, and perks of its Chairman George Soros will be clearly recorded on Homunculus's fiscal sheet.

WASHINGTON-

New Year Cards this year show Yeltsin playing with little toy soldiers. They represent Russia's new billionaires. The verses inside these cards state that political and economic reforms are proving to be more important than location and natural resources in creating favorable conditions for Capitalism. The former Republics and regions that implemented reforms for Imperialism have "OUTPERFORMED" those opposing Free Market and IMF rules. Out is correct now. Everything is going out! Soviet workers, children and pensioners lose this game every time. Washington soon will see that Soviet workers in 1999 are through playing this game. Happy New Year!

MOSCOW -

Right-wing government of Yeltsin promises for 1999 big auction -block gains in privatization. Telecom, energy, oil / gas, real estate land, buildings and also he will auction-off the peoples constitutional rights to the highest bidder. Duma members better attend these auctions if they're really patriots and stop this wholesale robbery of the wealth of Soviet people! Otherwise, the people shall draw the proper conclusions as to who is who in these auctions!

BERLIN -

Watch this year's collusion of the Euro Dollar. It will ap-

pear to be a financial war. Don't you dare fall for it! Aggressors have the same objective. Destroy the Ruble so that fascism, and also their godfather Capitalism will gain full control. The call to sell hard-currency by American advisors to Russia are happening now. Setting the ground for an extended Euro Dollar. We predicted that in Northstar Compass a while back..

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM -

Why was the European Union formed? January 7th, 1999 told part as to why. Getting huge tax-breaks for the Transnational Corporations. Special exemptions come into effect on April 1, 1999. Now all shareholders have deepened their pockets. Preventive measures in case someone would try to touch their purse strings.

WASHINGTON -

With recent missile firing by US military, Pentagon news scribes boast. "There were no casualties!" Under capitalism there are never casualties, unless its their own. They manipulate their own Constitution and Pentagon say only this: "Do not answer anyone. Do not quote enemy casualties. Do not be accountable to anyone. Do not forget to wear armored vests. Do not stand in corners!":

THE THIEF IS OUT OF JAIL!

Dmitri Yakubovsky, whom the present Russian regime had to put in jail (in spite of his high placed connection) is out of jail now. He stole and sold priceless Icons from Leningrad Museums, the man who bought (while in Canada for much less than one year) a \$5.3 million

mansion after he arrived in Canada from Moscow. He only spent 4 years in jail, while all his stolen millions are still intact in foreign banks!

Under prerestroika and free market economy he started his life as big time crook! He started to buy and sell buildings and properties in the German Democratic Republic at the time when Gorby decided to sell East Germany during 1990-1991 when the Soviet Army was ordered home, leaving the Americans there to stay.

Someone high in Russian government, liked this man and money exchanged hands as pay offs! After this high stint in Germany, Yakubovsky was given the job of buying tons of powdered milk for orphanages! But he stole this money also.

In 1993 he arrived in Toronto, then married and bought this mansion (money stolen from Soviet people).

Now it seems to us that the present Kremlin leaders decided that they need this Yakubovsky's talent again. The present Mafiosi figure that they could learn a thing or two from this "master"!

Victor Parandon □

WHAT IS COSMOPOLITANISM?

In the November issue, 1998 (No. 131) of Communist League Compass, Bill Bland has done an excellent job of analyzing this misused term and backed it up with over 36 sources in the Bibliography which confirms the well researched analyses.

NSC is appealing to our readers to help us publish the complete analyses, since it is very important for our readers to realize as to what was meant by Stalin when they opened up very critical criticism from 1947-1952 against

the movement for bringing about Cosmopolitanism into the Soviet life.

"The Soviet Campaign against Cosmopolitanism: 1947-1952" was presented by the author Bill Bland to The Stalin Society in London on November 1, 1998.

Just to whet the appetite of our readers, we quote just "snippets" from this excellent article.

The word 'cosmopolitan' is derived from two Greek words, 'kosmos' meaning 'world' and 'polites' meaning 'citizen'. In its etymology, therefore, a 'cosmopolitan' is a 'citizen of the world' rather than a citizen of a particular country.

How does this conform to Marxism-Leninism and how did J.V. Stalin explain this and why did the CC CPSU fight very strongly against this tendency on the part of some members of Soviet intelligentsia who tried to embrace it?

Why did and does Western Media try to equate Anti-Cosmopolitanism by saying that it's an "EUPHEMISM FOR ANTI-SEMITISM"?

In conclusion, let us just quote J.V. Stalin when he condemned anti-Semitism. Stalin stated:

"Anti-Semitism, as an extreme form of racial chauvinism, is the most dangerous vestige of cannibalism... Anti-Semitism activists are liable to the death penalty".

True Communists fight against exploitation of the capitalist class, be it whatever nationality or color these exploiters are!

NSC would like to issue this as a Supplement. Please help us to achieve this!

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FORD, GM AIDED NAZI WAR EFFORT!

Newspaper "Washington Post" and "The Los Angeles Times" newspaper dated as November 30, 1998 ran this feature article, written by Michael Dobbs of the "Washington Post"

The truth comes out 60 years after the events have taken place unfortunately. But, the Soviet Union as well as progressive mankind on both sides of the oceans knew at that time as to what was happening. The corporations of that magnitude did not care about what fascism was planning to do, they looked at the bottom line of the profit sheets - the ONLY true "democracy" feelings that they had and have. While millions of people were dying in this carnage, the owners, the shareholders were clipping their profit coupons cooperating with the fascist butchers!

We publish this belated expose in full. But Washington Post and L.A. Times are only close to 60 years too late to tell the people what the Soviets and progressive people knew all along!

*Many thanks to our reader
John Kitchenka from USA.*

Lawsuits Claim Ford, GM Aided Nazi War Effort

By MICHAEL DOBBS
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON—Three years after Swiss banks became the target of a worldwide furor over their business dealings with Nazi Germany, major American car companies find themselves embroiled in a similar debate.

Like the Swiss banks, the U.S. car companies have vigorously denied that they assisted the Nazi war machine or

significantly profited from the use of forced labor at their German subsidiaries during World War II. But historians and lawyers researching class-action suits on behalf of former prisoners of war are busy amassing evidence of collaboration by the auto makers with the Nazi regime.

The Ford Motor Co. has also prepared for litigation, involving dozens of historians, lawyers and researchers to fight a civil case brought by lawyers in Washington and New York who specialize in extracting large cash settlements from banks and insurance companies accused of defrauding Holocaust victims.

"General Motors was far more important to the Nazi war machine than Switzer-

land," said Bradford Snell, who has spent two decades researching a history of the world's largest auto maker. "Switzerland was just a repository of looted funds. GM was an integral part of the German war effort. The Nazis could have invaded Poland and Russia without Switzerland. They could not have done so without GM."

Both General Motors and Ford insist that they bear little or no responsibility for the operations of their German subsidiaries, which controlled 70% of the German car market at the outbreak of war in 1939 and rapidly retooled themselves to become suppliers of war materiel to the German army.

But documents discovered in German and American archives show that, in certain instances, American managers of both GM and Ford went along with the conversion of their German plants to military production at a time when U.S. government documents show they were still resisting calls by the Roosevelt administration to step up military production in their plants at home.

New Impetus for Investigations

After three years of national soul-searching, Switzerland's largest banks agreed in August to make a \$1.25 billion settlement to Holocaust survivors, a step they had initially resisted. Far from dying down, however, the controversy over business dealings with the Nazis has given new impetus to long-standing investigations into issues such as looted art, unpaid insurance benefits and the use of forced labor at German factories.

These issues are not entirely new. Some of the allegations against GM and Ford surfaced during 1974 congressional hearings into monopolistic practices in the automobile industry.

Both Ford and General Motors declined requests for access to their wartime archives. Ford

spokesman John Spellich defended the company's decision to maintain business ties with Nazi Germany on the grounds that the U.S. government continued to have diplomatic relations with Berlin up until Pearl Harbor in December 1941. This was true for most companies with German subsidiaries. GM spokesman John F. Mueller said that General Motors lost day-to-day control over its German plants in September 1939 and "did not assist the Nazis in any way during World War II."

When the U.S. Army liberated the Ford plants in Cologne and Berlin, they found destitute foreign workers confined behind barbed wire and documents extolling the "genius of the Fuehrer," according to reports filed by soldiers at the scene. A U.S. Army report by investigator Henry Schneider dated Sept. 5, 1945, accused the German branch of Ford of serving as "an arsenal of Nazism, at least for military vehicles" with the "consent" of the parent company in Dearborn, Mich.

Ford spokesman Spellich described the Schneider report as "a mischaracterization" of the activities of the parent company and noted that Dearborn managers were frequently kept in the dark by their German subordinates over events in Cologne.

After the outbreak of war in September 1939, General Motors and Ford subsidiaries became crucial to the German military, according to contemporaneous German documents and postwar investigations by the U.S. Army. James Mooney, the GM director in charge of overseas operations, had discussions with Hitler in Berlin two weeks after the German invasion of Poland.

Typewritten notes by Mooney show that he was involved in the partial conversion of the principal GM automobile plant at Russelsheim to production of engines and other parts for the Junker "Wunderbomber," a key weapon in the German air force, under a government-brokered contract between Opel and the Junker airplane company. Mooney's notes show that he returned to Germany the following February for further discussions with Luftwaffe commander Hermann Goering and a personal inspection of the Russelsheim plant.

Mooney's involvement in the conversion of the Russelsheim plant undermines claims by General Motors that the American branch of the company had nothing to do with the Nazi rearmament effort. In congressional testimony in 1974, GM maintained that American personnel resigned from

all management positions in Opel following the outbreak of war in 1939 "rather than participate in the production of war materials."

However, according to documents of the Reich Commissar for the Treatment of Enemy Property, the American parent company continued to have some say in the operations of Opel after September 1939. The documents show that the company issued a general power of attorney to an American manager, Pete Hoglund, in March 1940. Hoglund did not leave Germany until a year later. At that time, the power of attorney was transferred to a prominent Berlin lawyer named Heinrich Richter.

GM spokesman Mueller declined to answer questions from The Washington Post on these questions.

The Nazis had a clear interest in keeping Opel and German Ford under American ownership for as long as possible, despite growing hostility between Washington and Berlin. By the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the American stake in German Ford had declined to 52%, but Nazi officials argued against a complete takeover. A memorandum to plant managers dated Nov. 25, 1941, acknowledged that such a step would deprive German Ford of "the excellent sales organization" of the parent company and make it more difficult to bring "the remaining European Ford companies under German influence."

Protecting Their German Investments

Documents suggest that the principal motivation of both companies during this period was to protect their investments. An FBI report dated July 23, 1941, quoted Mooney as saying that he would refuse to take any action that might "make Hitler mad."

"Mooney probably thought that the war would be over very quickly, so why should we give our wonderful company away?" said German researcher Anita Kugler, who used Nazi archives to trace the company's dealings with Nazi Germany.

Even though GM officials were aware of the conversion of its Russelsheim plant to aircraft engine production, they resisted such conversion efforts in the United States, telling shareholders that their automobile assembly lines in Detroit were "not adaptable to the manufacture of other products" such as planes, according to a company document discovered by Snell. In June 1940, after the fall of

France, Henry Ford personally vetoed a U.S. government-approved plan to produce Rolls-Royce engines for British fighter planes, according to published accounts by his associates.

Although there was some debate in the U.S. over involvement in World War II, America's declaration of war on Germany in December 1941 made it clearly illegal for U.S. motor companies to have any contact with their subsidiaries on German-controlled territory. Simon Reich, an economic historian at the University of Pittsburgh and an expert on the German car industry, says he has yet to see convincing evidence that American Ford had any control over its Cologne plant after December 1941. He adds, however, that both "Opel and Ford did absolutely everything they could to ingratiate themselves to the Nazi state." □

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NEWS FROM SOVIET UNION

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GENOCIDE IS PROCEEDING

We propose this photograph for the readers of Northstar Compass taken by Igor Tabilinsky from the newspaper "Village News" (Kiev) where you can see an 85 year old Lizaveta K.Ivanova from the village of Verbka, Khmelnytsky Region of Ukraine. This photo of a poor woman, offering for kopecks her own products that she grew, this can serve as an ideal symbol of the contemporary semi colony that is being robbed mercilessly. All her life, this woman spent diligently working on the Soviet collective farm. She was honored and respected by her neighbors and by the state. But this totalitarian regime of President Kuchma has left her with no safety net or future in her old age. She has become practically skin and bones in the last while. "Good neighbors helped me to cross the highway, where I am trying to sell- since the apples and potatoes have grown good this year. Maybe, someone will buy some- maybe I shall have a few kopecks for which to buy some bread. But the bitter cold is right into my bones. But what can I do: I have to live!"



(Village News, Nov. 19, 1998).

Is this what Lizaveta Korneeva deserved in her old age? But the present regime says that this is all that the country can afford. She has to try to sell, after all her work at home is done on the main highway Vinnitsa-Khmelnytsky present

products that she grew herself. So that she can try to exist...

Then what is happening in today's Ukraine which during Soviet times was the leading country of Europe in production and living standards? She has now become "independent

developing country" as the present "rulers" tell the population of Ukraine. So that the readers of NSC know some facts, let me just list a few known items as to the real situation that we find ourselves in.

1: Dynamism about the population.

At the beginning of 1990s there lived in Ukraine over 52 million people. Today, the figure has fallen to below 50 million. Where did all these people go to? Inside of a few years close to 2,000,000 disappeared (based on official figures they state the number as 1.7 million people). If we accept the official figures, then this is more than 500 times surpasses the dead in the Afghanistan conflict! Then who is going to take responsibility for this hunger genocide? In the country the rise of deaths is alarming. As the Minister of Health A.Serdiuk stated, last year the able workers who died prematurely rose by 24.3%. The percentage of men who did not reach the retirement age and died rose to 81%. Ukraine now is in the top 10 countries of the world where premature deaths are recorded. In this realm of longevity, Ukraine is in 120th place in the world of countries. The longevity of men on average is only 62.3 years, women-73.2 years.

2. Health of the Ukrainian population is failing sharply:

The situation amongst children is alarming. Real healthy children amongst all children is only 1% according to even Ministry of Health statistics. Over 65% of young men who are of drafting age into the Army cannot be admitted, due to their low health condition. Tuberculosis in the country is an epidemic. There are over 2 million people sick with TB, since February 1, 1998. Besides this graphic example, the steps to cure and fight TB is very

inadequate and services are being curtailed. Now the TB beds were cut by 1/3 in total. In 1997 in our "independent" Ukraine there died from TB 9,000 people. There is no money for medicines and treatments. The present authorities, looking at this tragedy do not seem to care and go on as if nothing of this catastrophic situation concerns them.

Does this not scare you, my foreign comrades? But I live in this country! I see all this with my eyes. I feel this robbery, unlawful policies on my own skin... these Krawchuk-Kuchma "reforms". I want to appeal not only to my friends across the oceans, but also to our enemies, who are supporting this regime which is devastating my country. Are you not afraid of future condemnation and responsibility for supporting and taking part in devastating my Motherland and its people?!

But the number of casualties of this Krawchuk-Kuchma "reforms" is growing. In the future, if this is not stopped, this genocide might surpass the deaths in the fight against fascism. It is time to stop this process! But for now Kuchma and his supporters are going about their business as if nothing is happening. As if in the country nothing terrible has taken place...

3. Growth of venereal diseases is growing:

As an example, comparing 1989, the growth of syphilis infection has grown by 37 times(!). This in part suggests the moral degradation of the population, which is promoted daily by the mass media and Western psychological promotions. According to the figures released by United Nations Organization - the rise in HIV positive cases there are registered over 22.5 thousand cases. Amongst them are over 600 children. Already there

were 274 death of grown ups and 24 children from HIV positive syndrome. To compare this with Russia, with an enormous population as compared to Ukraine, there are only 7,000 registered HIV positive cases. In only one region of Ukraine - the Donetsk region - there are registered over 5,000 cases.

4: Overall sickness in the population is due to parasitic attitude of the government:

In our country the social-economic standards of life of the people is extremely poor. There is no free health care as it was during the time of Soviet Union. The material support system of the people is dropping alarmingly. The calorie intake and lack of proper food is causing untold damage to the health of the people. If in 1990 every person in Soviet Ukraine had on an average 68 kl. of meat, 373 liters of milk, 17.5 kl. of fish, 50.8 kl. of sugar, 272 eggs - then in 1997 these have fallen alarmingly to 34 lt. meat, 210 lt. of milk, 4.8 kl. fish, 28 kl. sugar and 148 eggs.

This in itself is the cause of sicknesses and other maladies. As an example, over 6 million citizens now have heart problems, 1.2 million citizens due to this hardships have psychological problems. One in fifty people in Ukraine are invalids.

Is it not a paradox, with the growth of the above sicknesses and death, the present regime is hell-bent to curtail and downgrade the services in the medical, hospital services. In the last two years in the system of healthcare there were chopped over 250,000 workers. From 1991 to 1998 there were closed 26 regional, 434 local hospital, 108 first aid stations. From 1996 there were closed 136,655 beds (Communist newspaper, 45/98.)

5: Catastrophic falling of moral-physiological climate in the country. There is a growth of vagrancy:

In the last 6 years there took place over 100,000 suicides in Ukraine. This number is constantly growing. Amongst them are young mothers, who cannot find the means to feed their children, pensioners who cannot cope anymore, people who have lost their jobs and also small children.

Catastrophic growth of homeless children. Many are dying under the wheels set in motion by the contemporary "reforms".

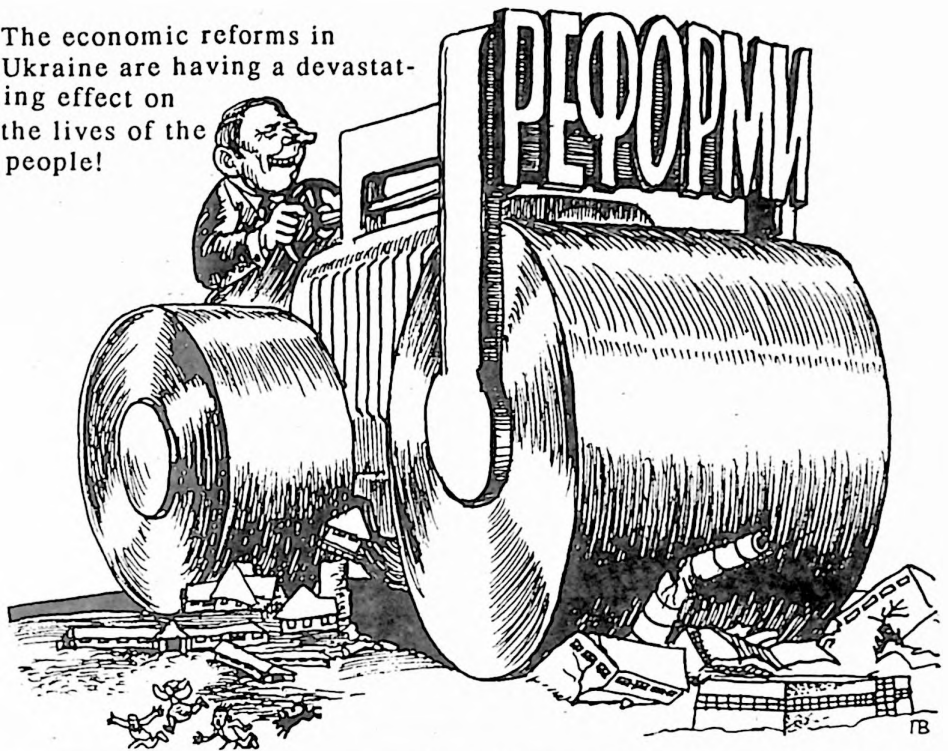
Here are just someone statistics from the newspaper "Tovarish" as compiled by its correspondent Svetlana Garazhoy. On August 13 in Odessa a 10 year old boy died. His friends received serious trauma. They were sleeping in a rubbish container and together with this dirt all over them they went into the huge bin and were loaded into a rubbish grinder without the workers knowing that they youngsters inside. On September 5 in Kherson an eleven year old youngster found a place to sleep for the night at a streetcar depot, under its wheels. In the morning he was found cut to pieces under the streetcar wheels. There are thousands of children that are wandering the streets. They live in underpasses, in train stations, under bridges. During Soviet times this things were unheard of or even thought about, maybe in nightmares. Who will eventually pay the supreme price for these deaths of innocent children?!

I feel that there's no need for a commentary. It's obvious, Kuchma and his clique deserve the highest of praise from the West, who are recommending that Ukraine bring its population down to 10-15 million people...

The question is about people!

Why is it that our people await their prescribed faith as proposed by World Imperialism?!

The economic reforms in Ukraine are having a devastating effect on the lives of the people!



RADICAL REFORMS OF PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE!

FROM NEWSPAPER
"SERP I MOLOT"
KRASNOYARSK, RUSSIA

I CANNOT JUST BE AN OBSERVER!

In 1991, when the CPSU was made illegal, I decided to retire in disgust and just do what retired people do, since I was 70 years old.

But, as I looked at the events and saw the daily life getting worse daily, I began to notice that daily over the radio, TV and the press that it was we, the Bolsheviki who are being blamed and that Stalin in particular was a despot and comparing Bolsheviki together with fascists!! They completely ignored the fact that it was the Bolsheviki under the leadership of Stalin that defeated fascism and saved humanity. These present

traitors whitewash all the evil deeds of Trotsky, Vlasov and Solzhenitsyn and calling them patriots!

These present turn-coats utilize the same propoganda as was utilized by Trotsky in the Menshevik newspaper that I still have, plus other lies too numerous to mention.

I understood right there and then that I cannot retire and I cannot just be an observer of events. I know, since I lived through the building of socialism and saw the flowering of our Motherland. Anyone that lived through the collectivization saw that the farmers, even after working on the field for 12-14 hours during harvesting season, coming home they were singing and all hearts were full of joy that a good harvest is coming in for the country and that its good to be alive!

Unfortunately many peo-

ple, due to the constant propaganda and the young generation tend to believe these baseless lies. No matter how I and countless others try to get our message across in the newspapers about what really was the reality in the USSR, this is impossible. And if by chance you can get your thoughts published, they make such a mess of it and invert it that a person himself cannot recognize his or her article!

The favorite scheme is just to dwell upon "Stalin and the repressions" a never-ending day in, day out constant barrage of fabrications. But they do not say a word about the revisionists the likes of Krushchev and Yeltsin as to what horrendous crimes they committed.

Stalin fought against the bourgeoisie and their apologists and never against the innocent people. He defended the working class and tried at every opportunity to place them in positions of government and important posts and responsibilities for the country. The Trotskyites were very insidious and managed to infiltrate the important posts of the government, especially the Security Service. Their methods of work is well known as was their assassination of comrade S.M.Kirov living in Leningrad I know, since I studied this in school and all of us saw documentary proof plus their own admissions in courts, with foreign observers present. These guilty traitors were so convincingly blamed with facts, that even enemies at that time were forced to admit that the trials were fair and overly even too lenient and democratic.

Yes, the Soviet State and Stalin did repress these enemies. They were tried by the laws of the Soviet State, as all other countries try criminals according to the laws of the country.

But under what laws, under what investigation and legality did Krushchev gave the command to fire upon workers who held a peaceful demonstration protesting the departure from socialism in the city of Novocherkassk, or Yeltsin, when he gave the command to fire cannons and guns at the Soviet Parliament Building in 1993?

Here is the unlawfulness! Here are the enemies of the people! It is people like these that the Soviet State put on trial and the people condemned in the name of Stalin and together with Stalin. The people believed in Stalin and they were proven correct.

The bourgeois mass media shall never tell these facts to the present generation of people.

People now, more and more are beginning to realize and judge as absolutely correct the policies of the USSR government and its leader J.V.Stalin. I shall give the last breath to this great genius and as I said, this is not time to retire!

THE STRUGGLE IS AHEAD!

N.G.Tolchentsyn
Member
AUCPB-Krasnoyarsk Region

FROM NEWSPAPER
"WORD OF A COMMUNIST"
ODESSA, UKRAINE

XXXI CONGRESS OF UCP-CPSU



On November 1 there took place a Congress of the Union

of Communist Parties-CPSU where attending were over 482 delegates from all former republics of Soviet Union. Russia had 108 delegates, Ukraine 47, Georgia 27, Union of Communists of Ukraine 3 plus foreign guests. Unfortunately there were only 34 workers or farmers as delegates. Most of the delegates were functionaries. Six % of delegates were younger than 40, from 41-50 was 33%, from 51-60 was 35% and over 60 was 26%.

There were 26 foreign countries delegates present at this Congress.

Much progress was made and appeals for unity were heard from all of the delegates present.

The Editor of this newspaper "Word of a Communist" was also present but was not allowed to make his speech and present a resolution.

SPEECH THAT WAS
UNDELIVERED!

Dear comrades!

It is already 40 years since the communist movement in our country - and not only in our country - agonizing over the question as presented by Nikita Krushchev, this hidden Trotskyite. We, as communists unfortunately allowed this to take place. The petty bourgeois elements that were in power inside the CPSU after 1953 started the process of the so-called cult of the personality and did their outmost to stray as quickly as possible from the road of building socialism and unto the road of communism..

Now, after all those years people are becoming to understand that it was not the fight against the cult of personality. This was the fight against first concrete stages of socialism and covert attack against Lenin and the theory of Marxism-Leninism. By defeating the belief in our country, its future and its development on

the road to communism, they temporarily defeated the will of the people and the belief in Socialism and the Soviet Union, as was demonstrated in 1991.

Now practically everyone knows (even the enemies of socialism) that the attack against Stalin was the first covert attack against socialism and the USSR. This was accomplished knowingly by these former apparatchiks that Krushchev surrounded himself with in every Soviet republic, but it was hand in glove coordinated by Special Services of Western Imperialism, and above all of the CIA. Dulles and Kennedy spoke about those plans very openly. It is enough to state that this infamous speech by Krushchev at the XX Congress of CPSU was published the very next day in the USA and only many years after were Soviet people able to read this at home!

It is evident to everyone that the attack against Stalin was the first fired salvo against Socialism and the Soviet Union. It is also a fact that in order for socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union to begin and be successful, it is imperative that the name of Stalin be cleared fully from all the dirt and calumny that was heaped upon him all these decades. This should be done today, on the 120th Anniversary of the birth of Joseph V. Stalin, the leader of Soviet people.

The decision about this infamous "Cult of Stalin" was adopted by the XX Congress of CPSU, the highest authority of the party. To throw out this decision can only be done by the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU...the party whose temporary name carries on the traditions of the former CPSU.

Therefore I propose that this our XXI Congress of the UCP-CPSU throw out and rescind the decision that was made when Krushchev brought it to

the floor at the XX Congress of the CPSU. Here is my resolution:

"THAT THE XXI CONGRESS OF UCP-CPSU RESCIND THE DECISION ABOUT THE CULT OF PERSONALITY OF STALIN!"

Unfortunately the leader of the UCP-CPSU told the delegates that this question needs further studies, that a commission should be established and that in the future this question should be researched and debated, etc. etc.

Yes, all this is correct, but it is a grief that after 40 years of systematic anti-Stalinism it still somewhat needs more research and study, when this question is already clear to most Soviet people...

Guram Tsushbaya
Editor

Another delegate to the above XXI Congress of UCP-CPSU was P.I Georgadze, First Secretary of the Only Communist Party of Georgia. Here he was also elected to the Plenum of this Congress. He had this to say about Stalin:

" I don't support the cult of personality that enemies of socialism have besmirched Stalin with. I consider Stalin the most dedicated, honest and capable leader who in practice showed what real Marxism-Leninism is capable to accomplish. This constant talk of the cult - the winds of change will blow it away into nothingness. I consider Stalin the picture of the communist movement and amongst the leaders and one of the greatest the world has seen. Time will pass and humanity will change its attitude to this great Man. He shall be judged as one of the greatest figures in the history of Mankind. □

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

PRESIDENT KUCHMA TO FORMER PRESIDENT KRAWCHUK OF UKRAINE:



"How are we going to look people in the eye?"

These former CPSU members of highest rank, now, as traitors will have to pay the highest penalty when the people take power again! The Second Nuremberg Trial is coming sooner than these two traitors think!

From newspaper "Tovarish" Ukraine □

WORKERS' MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA

BY ELENA

The situation of the workers' movement on the territory of USSR, whose core is in Russia, remains of special interest to the world proletariat on the one hand, and to the international capital on the other.

Why? The Russian proletariat, which for the first time in history took the first step towards classless society, which made a great contribution to the theory and practice of the class struggle under the conditions of the victorious dicta-

torship of the proletariat, which for several decades was an example and supported the exploited peoples of the world in their struggle for liberation, is not only the object and source of practical knowledge and theoretical study, but remains a great hope for the world workers' movement. Moreover, even the defeat of the dictatorship of the proletariat as a result of the counterrevolution in the 1950s (after the death of Stalin in 1953-Editor) proves a most valuable historical lesson in future class battles and the construction of a Communist society.

The attention of international capital to Russia goes beyond economic interests. The struggle of the proletariat of Russia is dangerous not only to national capital but also to international capital.

The rapid pauperization of the population has reached catastrophic levels. There is no hope that the ruling bourgeoisie can ease the situation. The directors of the privatized companies have lost their interest in the development and preservation of production. They are only interested in speculating with the already accumulated capital in commercial Banks in Russia and abroad, in accordance with the main economic laws of monopoly capitalism, the extraction of maximum profit. Under the conditions of the general crisis of capitalism, the workers are no longer wanted. This circumstance has forced the working class to face the necessity of organizing for the defense of its own interests. These are the objective reasons that have given rise to a massive and spontaneous workers' movement throughout this land of ours.

Spontaneity unavoidably gives rise to a large variety of primitive and not very effective forms of struggle against oppression. But in the course



of this process the workers definitely learn new forms and methods of struggle.

The workers' movement in Russia is notably increasing. Within this movement there are elements peculiar to this stage of spontaneity. There are reformers and even anarcho-syndicalist tendencies, but also trends that understand the inevitability of class struggle. I will say a few words about the two most relevant trends:

1. The workers unions called "Defense". The All-Russia federation of workers' unions "Defense" was founded in 1990. Its organizations were formed on the basis of professional trade unions. But this union goes beyond the organization of workers in a certain

industry or a certain region; it has effectively unified workers from different industries and regions. The administration of the factories or their representatives are not allowed into this union. It is a proletarian union that focuses on the struggle in the interests of the working class. Today this union has several tens of thousands of members, mostly workers. Despite the conditions of the struggle, "Defense" is constantly gaining respect and recognition among the workers. "Defense" is constantly searching for forms of unification with other proletarian organizations in order to broaden the struggle of the proletariat against the exploiting classes. "Defense" always comes out with politi-

cal slogans, but nowadays it is still at the level of economic struggle.

Under capitalism the most favorable conditions for the struggle of the working class is in the state-owned factories. Under these conditions the level of class struggle is higher since any economic demands from the workers to the collective owners, the bourgeoisie, become political. Between state capitalism and socialism there are no intermediate stages! Therefore the struggle of the workers' union "Defense" against the privatization of factories will definitely raise the economic struggle into a political one!

2. The strike movement of the miners. In the summer of 1998, all the coal mines in the country went on strike, followed by workers of other branches of industry. Strikers cut off the railway communications for a long period of time. Miners for months held a picket at the seat of the government in Moscow that gathered representatives of numerous miners' collectives. The strike led to the founding of an All-Russian Strike Committee. The final goal of this Committee is expressed in their slogan off:

"ALL POWER TO THE STRIKE COMMITTEE!"

The main task of the All-Russian Strike Committee is the unification of all strike committees and all proletarian organizations throughout the country into a single structure and preparation of the conditions for an All-Russian Political Strike.

The contradictions between labor and capital in Russia are deepening. The time for decisive class battles is approaching. Therefore it is a necessity to unify the workers' movement with a revolutionary theory. The outcome of the class

struggle will depend on the accomplishment of this necessary condition.

Anatoli Pizhov
Editor-in-Chief of the
workers' newspaper
"Kontrargumenti" Leningrad

NSC agrees with this excellent analyses. We just want to add that without a unified Communist party to lead these struggles the results shall not be attained soon. Therefore the need for the Communist parties to unite and have ONE leadership is imperative. Otherwise the old British colonial rule of "Divide and Rule" unfortunately can triumph! □

NEW FIGHTERS ARE ARISING

I am appealing to you our fathers and grandfathers. Do not give up, do not retreat, do not sell us, the future generation out! When we grow up we shall join your ranks and bring the final victory.

I find it hard to understand all the present ills of our situation when looking at the unemployed, beggars, sicknesses, deaths, killings, robbery and other ills that are now before the eyes of our young generation.

Our fathers and mothers are trying desperately to find work, any work, to feed and cloth us. I see more and more children and young people not

going to school, fathers and even mothers spend less and less time with us due to constant search for work and money to feed the family.

In school where there is no heat, sometimes even electricity is shut off...the teachers are at wits end since they also do not get paid on time. The growth of crime and prostitution amongst the youth is growing alarmingly.

I do not remember how it was before, being so little, but I remember that father always went to work, had pay coming in and we had everything we needed. I was in the Pioneers, going to camps, outings, theaters and holidays.

Even now, as bad as the situation is, our family always celebrates November 7 as the Day of the Great October Revolution.

Do not give up the struggle. We shall join you soon!

Victor Dubko
Rivneska Region

From newspaper "Communist"
No. 51, 1998 □

GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA FROM A 12 YEAR OLD HATASHA

Good day to rulers of Ukraine!
I wish you that you would have the same pay as my father who didn't receive his pay for 8 months, that your mother



*Young people
more and more
march under
slogans as
this one:
"Long Live the
Great October
Revolution!"*

should not be happy for thinking about your future, that you should come and work like my father who had to travel all the way to Kiev to try and earn some money to feed two children on 110 Hryven, and that your household should not have any hot water just before the New Year. And I would like to ask you as to why are the products so expensive, why is there so many people unemployed and begging on the streets and why must we pay for our school books and even supply our own paper? Could you then let me know as to where is the money going from the fund "Children of Ukraine" of which your wife is the head?

Natasha Karas
12 years old
Volyn Region of Ukraine

From newspaper "Communist"
No.52,1998 □

FROM NEWSPAPER
TOVARISH
KIEV - UKRAINE

"GOLDEN CHILD OF THE REVOLUTION"

By ALEXANDER SHABALOV

With documents slowly leaking out, it is documented that the former traitor Bukharin, even before 1918 when Brest Litovsk Treaty signed, Bukharin Trotsky and many other elements were already plotting against Lenin. When put on trial, Bukharin said: "No! I told them only to arrest Lenin!" The question has to be asked, could a non-guilty person state those things at a trial while witnesses were there while Vyshynsky presided at the trial.

As is known, these elements were in the central organs of power, wormed themselves in and the new Soviet State was in need of experts or so-called experts who were party members, and thus much harm was done by these agents. They started the starvation in 1933 under the guise of - struggle against sabotage in the collective farms. Many honest communists saw through this and started to demand corrective policies, but they were dismissed from their positions, arrested and many of them were executed under false charges. A group of loyal Bolsheviks wrote about this to J.V.Stalin from the Don Region of USSR. Inside of a couple of days they received a reply from Stalin that measures are being taken to liquidate these elements and he criticized the party comrades for not sending a telegram instead of a letter which took longer to remedy the situation.

These traitors purposely started the starvation in order to get the peasants to rebel against Soviet power and to cause a split between the workers and the peasants.

Documents are now available that under Bukharin's direction Trotsky received thousands of American dollars through Vneshtorg and other Government Agencies where these enemies were well placed. We are talking over \$300,000 at a time. All this is documented. But the Commission appointed by Soviet Government, under Yagoda, did not bring this into the open. Yagoda, head of the NKVD was still well hidden.

As is well known, Ernest Thelman (1944) was head of Communist Party was physically eliminated by Hitler. But what the documents now re-

veal, from 1928-1929 the right political elements in Germany, together with all the so-called "communist" Bukharin helped to spread all sorts of rumours, fabricated evidence in order to get Thelman excluded from the Communist International, while all the time supplying the Gestapo about his whereabouts, since Bukharin was one of the leaders of the International. After the Second World War before the famous Nuremberg Trial started and before killing himself. The fascist criminal Ley explained how Bukharin helped neutralized Thelman and thus help Hitler come to power.

HITLER ABOUT STALIN

"The strength of the Russian people is in the dedication, knowledge and organizational skills of Stalin which cements the Russian people together. Stalin is above Churchill or Roosevelt. They cannot be compared. This is the only world leader politician who has such a prestige that no other personality can come close to !

Our task is to decimate the Russian people in such a way, that these people would not be able to give birth to another Stalin and that there should never again be born a man of such stature."

The task that Hitler set himself, he could not fulfill, even with the biggest Army and weapons that the world had ever seen. This was accomplished 50 years later by internal enemies under the slogan - "Take your independence-as much as you can swallow". Military action came later.

MASONS ABOUT STALIN

There is a document in the files of USA Archives, a letter

by the USA Ambassador to Russia in 1929 (Bakhmatev and Kuskoy (both well known masons) according, to the CGAOR,Fund, 5865-1-41 March 1929. Here we print it in condensed version.

"I think and know, that Stalin is a real communist and say that his speeches and articles are 10 times above his colleagues in dedication, his logic, his arguments. We must support only the right wing of the party. This means that we must take that final step to liquidate the revolution permanently.

I must state that the psychological mass psychosis as it is developed in the historical sense, shows that we must influence and attach ourselves to those that are weak in ideological persuasion or knowledge. Only those who



think deeper, more scientifically like Stalin must be fought, because there are now no thinkers like Stalin and thus these weak ones can be utilized for our purpose. These are the soft communists on whom we must depend...

In the right opposition there are no leaders of the stature of Stalin, we must just make certain that history shall put the finishing touches on Stalin. He is the last bastion that we must overcome. After that, the government shall pass over to the soft Communists like

Rykov and company, who will try to carry the Bolshevik torch, but life shall influence them with our help to slowly depart from the Bolshevik platform.

We must nurture these soft communists to such an extent that future history shall be on our side in world events, and thus we shall gain our objectives. Looking ahead, this can come about by wars, fascism, or organized factions inside the Communist Party and these elements that shall take power after Stalin goes, will always be an oligarchy".

This letter was dated 1929, and we must marvel at his prediction. During that time (until 1953) Stalin won the battles. The prediction of Bakhmatev was correct and the temporary demise of USSR started from these "soft communists", from the time of "corn husker" Krushchev!



**COAL MINERS
IN UKRAINE.
"VICTORY"
WITH TEARS!**

From the hospital in Lugansk city, to the coal miners city of Krasnodon, the miners took the body of Alexander Mikhajlovich, father of 3 children. He died from burns, suffered when he set himself on fire in protest. Medical help was not enough to save his life.

During the night of December 14, 1998 A. Mikhajlovich went out of his tent in the Tent City where the miners were holding a protest picket in front of the district Adminis-

trative Building. He poured gasoline over himself and set it on fire. He left a note: "I am sober, for my actions I am myself responsible. I cannot anymore take the lies and provocation's of the present government and authorities. Maybe because of my action our demands shall be met". The two coal mines in which he worked from 1995-1997 owned him over 5,000 Hriven (rubles). He was one of hundreds of Krasnodon miners who for 5 months in all kinds of weather picketed and was part of hundreds of tents in the "Tent City" in the center of the city. They demanded back payment of over 12 months wages that they did not receive. The miners tried all sorts of actions and methods to get their wages from the owners of the privatized mines and also state-owners mines, but everything failed. All peaceful methods failed. Every Saturday the miners marched with banners through the center of the city peacefully. They burned Kuchma in effigy. There were massive hunger strikes. They refused to stop all their protests. The Ukrainian parliament at the beginning of December promised to get the miners their back pay. Mikhajlovich lost all hope in the promises of the present regime. He had three children and his wife and himself to feed and clothe. Even after this tragedy the regime did not see fit to pay the miners their 12 months of wages.

Then in the night of December 16, 2000 determined and angry coal miners attacked the barriers that were thrown around the Administration Building. Hundreds of police and militia had a hard time to keep back the miners. Only after this, on the next day the regime somehow gave back the owned wages to the miners. The miners then went to their buses and went home. It was a bitter victory, since it cost the life of a miner who was will-

ing to give up his life so that his comrades would get paid.

This 5 month picket by the miners is just one episode of mass protests that are all over Ukraine, in the Donbass region. This action is a gun powder barrel over which the present bourgeois-nationalists of Ukraine are sitting upon. Why is it that we feel that it is precisely the coal miners that can be the spark plug to set up this coming explosion? Because this industry now is in complete shambles. Out of 258 mines only 4 are left operating! Others are closed or abandoned. The International Monetary Fund demanded of the present Ukrainian regime to close those mines. But how can we live without coal and what to do with the miners? It's a tragic picture that we see from former prosperous and growing sector of industry.

Just as an example the town of Kirovsk was a boom town, with development and 50,000 people, Heroes of Labor, members from here to the Supreme Soviet. Today this town is practically dead. Other industries began to close, people leaving to go to Russia or other former republics in search of work. Even pensions are not paid for the elder people who remain. No theaters, no clubs and these former palaces are being sold to foreign investors or just completely demolished.

What is the main reason for this state of affairs? The main one is the dismemberment of the USSR which produced the upto date equipment and then came the reforms. The marketers and their foreign bosses wanted to close the mines and thus have the monopoly of Germany as the main producer of coal!

The present regime sees only that privatization is the answer to all the troubles. The present owners of the mines were selling the coal, when the mines were still operating,

taking over 2/3 profit for themselves and shipping it into foreign banks, while wages and repairs and new equipment were left undone and forgotten. Robbery, manipulating even with foreign investors money is and was the norm. Even some present government officials do not know where the 35 million of US dollars disappeared to - that were assigned to pay the miners?

In this tragedy, sometimes the miners themselves are to blame. From 1989-1990 these same miners were fooled by clever propaganda and they were one of the main support group for the counterrevolution that took place, all covered up by the mask of these traitors who called themselves "democrats". These same miners staged strikes, and carried slogans offered by these "democrats". The slogans was "To every miner a car"! or "let's kick out every party club out of the mines!" Also the slogan that "Every mine to be operated and directed by the miners themselves!" This was done in order to undermine the authority of the CPSU.

The miners themselves now state that they were under some sort of psychosis and political adventurism. And "If only we can now return to what we had before" you can hear ever more often.

This awakening unfortunately is still based on economic demands. Demanding "wages" is the main work for now of the strikers. But through hunger strikes, also through sacrificing yourself by setting yourself on fire or just demanding - this shall not change or improve the situation basically. Those that managed to get some of their

pay back cannot be sure that the next pay will come without the same struggles also. They again will have to work like slaves. Not all the miners have developed their solidarity as a whole. As an example: The Director of the mine Barakova managed to convince the miners that those miners that were striking on the picket line, should not get paid! Everyone should be for himself!" says this former head of the miners strike committee. The class struggle shall show the miners that individual struggle shall not produce the results. The salvation is only in united struggles to get rid of the present regime, which brought on hardships and death. No amount of banging on doors of president Kuchma, marching on Kiev, hunger strikes, suicides shall change the situation. Miners must be united in struggling for the establishment of socialism. Otherwise only death awaits them.

"Socialism or death!" this is the slogan that should be at this moment.

RESULTS OF "DESTROIKA!"

In the newspaper "Sadovoye Kolco Moscow" they give figures that are absolutely shocking to a reader. With the mafia and other capitalist inspired robbery-killings, here are the results!

YEAR	MURDERED	SUICIDE
1990	21.1	39.2
1991	22.6	39.4
1992	33.9	46.1
1993	45.1	56.1
1994	47.8	61.9
1995	45.1	60.9

(figures in thousands)

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FROM NEWSPAPER
"TOVARISH"
KIEV- UKRAINE

JUBILEE OF THE KOMSSOMOL

In the Museum of the Great Patriotic War in Kiev on October 25 the Lenin Communist Union of Youth of Ukraine celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the Komsomol organization. A concert took place where well known Soviet artists performed. Guest of honor was Peter Simonenko the First Secretary of the Communist Party of Ukraine plus other well known personalities.

The welcome performed by the Young Pioneers Organization brought tears to everyone with their well known and loved youth melodies and costumes.

Young people, Young Pioneers, Veterans came to this celebration in order to get away from the constant lies in the media about the "reforms for the benefit of the people"! Yuri Bogatikov in his concluding remarks at the end of this anniversary of the Komsomol organization said: "People cannot be free, if they are dis-united". The actual truth of these words life itself is showing us now.

Dmitro Shagay
Student

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IN MEMORIAMs

Northstar Compass had many requests to have a section in NSC where ads in memory of loved ones and friends can be expressed. Donations will be accepted in this column.

MOSCOW REPORT By ELENA

THE LEFT IN FORMER USSR.

On December 13-14, 1998 the XXV Congress of All Union Leninist Young Communist League was held in Moscow. On the second day of this conference the delegations from Moscow, Kazan, Kirov, Nizhni Novgorod, Tver, Ob-linsk, Sevastopol (Ukraine) part of the delegation decided and walked out by protesting the nationalist anti-semitic position expressed by the Leningrad Branch of AULYCL and not condemned by the delegates. Their statement was supported by the Estonian and Kazan delegations.

The political situation in Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and many other republics of ex-USSR are getting more tense. There has been a tremendous rise in the militancy of the workers movement in Russia. The last summer railway war, the example of the taking power into their own hands by the workers in different regions of Russia has shown the perspective for the proletarian revolution, proved the importance of correct slogans for left-wing organizations and a lack of a truly Marxist party. At the same time there was a rise in the reactionary far right parties and nationalist sentiments in many republics as well. Their motto is "Great Russia for Russians", they call for a struggle against Caucasians, Asians, Jews and all foreigners, not against capitalism and exploitation.

There are so-called communists and others that collaborate with openly reactionary groups that have gained

strength lately, due to the conditions of the present economy and being manipulated by powers behind the scenes. Statements that are nationalistic and anti-Semitic were made by members of CPRF leaders. The CPRF and other "patriots" are nothing more than a bourgeois party, sharing power with other bourgeoisie groups.

On January 3, 1999 the Moscow Organization of VLKSM (Moscow Komsomol Branch) at their General Meeting decided to leave the AULYCL and called for the left wing in the Komsomol to follow their example and make a joint effort with other Marxist-Leninist forces to form a true Communist proletarian party in the ex-USSR.

COMMENT

Reading all the newspapers received from Soviet Union, I as the Editor NSC do not wonder at all at these movements growing as mushrooms after the rain, dying, being reborn under a different name and reformed! We know that there are forces, well financed, well promoted and well guided by foreign and internal enemies who are very skilled at the old game of Imperialism of "divide and conquer".

Events produce movements and the real necessity is to understand that what can be called "nationalism" by some people is in many instances "patriotism" or by being "anti-Zionist does not necessarily mean being anti-Semitic.

Nationalism, racism, bigotry are all tools of the reactionary forces who thus try to split the people by taking their minds away from class struggles and instead they channel them into nationalistic avenues and thus delude the militancy of the working class that set back struggles!

There are many leaders, but no LEADER!

YASNOGORSK STRUGGLES

The struggle is going on also in Yasnogorsk, a small town in the Tulga region where the workers from Yasnogorsk Machinebuilding Plant, sacked the administration and took over the power at the plant and in the town last September, 1998. Two of the workers leaders were accused by the regional administration (led by Vasily Starodubtsev) of organizing mass unrest and were arrested in December of 1998. Since that time the workers have been on strike.

The local authorities did not dare to use police against the organized workers and tried to persuade them to stop the strike, promising new appointments and payoff of the delayed wages. In December, around 4,000 workers were paid. But in January, both leaders were set free and a new director was appointed by the owners of the plant which is privatized. But that has not stopped the strike. The newly appointed directors could not enter the administration building, they were not let in because there was no authorization from the Workers Committee.

At their general meeting, the workers decided to fight to the end. They want to be the masters of their plant and their town. "We don't want to be slaves anymore", -they say. "Revolution is what we really need". They do not recognize any private owners or shareholders and are determined to keep the control over the plant and the town in the hands of the workers committee, led by 35 year old Moulder Andrei Guan-Tin-Fa.

The first steps have been

made to get support and solidarity from other plants and set up a Tula Regional Strike Workers Committee. Yasnogorsk workers are backed by local bus drivers and discussing now together what further measures can be taken.

Yasnogorsk is just one of the examples of the workers self-government in Russia. In Vyborg, Kronshtadt and other places, plants and towns are now under the control of the workers committees.

COMMENT

It is refreshing to see these developments by the workers themselves. The ferment is there, what is needed is for all the communist parties to get together and lead the workers who are just waiting for the overthrow of the present regime! If no leadership now is given to these workers, then the present regime shall do all in their power to smash the strikers or buy off the leaders or make certain that any potential leader capable of leading this revolt will be done away with. Capitalism plays for keeps! Time to stop the internal polemics and squabbles amongst the leaders of the parties and start leading...otherwise the workers can and will be led astray!

There are many (too many) Communist parties but no unified Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist party to lead the people now for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism! □

PROVOCATIONS IN LVOV ARE CONTINUING!

Last November 7, 1998 the participants in the peaceful march celebrating the Great October Revolution, the 81st

Anniversary saw the marchers very savagely beaten by fascist elements and did not receive any protection from the militia or the State which took absolutely no action to hear the case given to the court by the Communist fraction in the government of Ukraine.

Why is it that these bander-fascists are giving their nationalist torch from Petlura anti-Semitism- to the present neo-nationalism and fascism?

The answer is simple: these modern day bandits, Ukrainian nationalists have the support of the present Kuchma regime. Under great pressure of the Lvov people, the court decided to hear these charges.

But the day assigned for the Court to convene to hear the charges, the building (court) was occupied by the nationalists bands, young fascists, and the Judges and court clerks were afraid to enter the building, while the lawyer that was assigned to the case was severely beaten up by these young national fascists.

These fascist hoodlums publicly threatened any worker of the court or judges, lawyers that they will be dealt with if they enter the court house.

These national fascists were not even brought to justice and while this provocation was going on, the militia just stood by and looked the other way.

On June 30, 1998 the nationalists of Lvov officially celebrated the fascist occupation by Germany of Lvov during World War II. The Communist members of parliament protested this action, of Kuchma and his backers just ignored this violation.

Not too long ago the walls of a Polish school (No.10) were covered with fascist slogans, swastikas and threatening to kill all Poles living in Lvov. The authorities also kept quite on this.

Just lately all the graves of Soviet soldiers were desecrated and even on the memorial

plate to the legendary agent Nikolai Kuznetsov, they chiseled out the eyes from this monument! While during the Catholic Day or Remembrance, these fascists desecrated the Polish graves of fighters against fascism. The full gamut of anti-Semitic articles are a daily occurrence in the newspapers published by the Lvov authorities.

All this fascist activity was timed very effectively to coincide with the visit to Lvov of Hillary Clinton of USA, plus visit of President Kuchma to Lvov. This in itself says very much.

The Communists in Ukrainian Parliament are demanding an inquiry into these fascists acts, but the regime is keeping mum.

Communists are asking the Ukraine people: "Be vigilant! We shall not allow fascism to pass by!"

Again the question Northstar Compass is asking : Why do the present "progressive" newspapers in many countries not publish this news? Is it not a danger sign for all of us? NSC is willing to send to all the media these articles. We know that the bourgeois newspapers shall not publish this, but the so-called progressive press-why don't they do it? □

I DID NOT CRY AT THE FRONT, BUT NOW I MUST CRY!

In the Gorokhivsky region of Ukraine there are now very few veterans left from the Great Patriotic War, from invalids left I am the only one. That is why my heart aches at the deprivation that we as veterans have to endure and how the present regime is degrading me. Forgive me for this terrible example, but it was easier to fight and eliminate the fascists at that time, since we had guns in our hands.

There is talk by veterans who endured concentration camps that the present Ukraine regime treats the people as did the fascists...sometimes even worse. We fought the enemy, now we are told that all these reforms are for us, for the benefit of the people. We the veterans are the ones that fought and died to liberate mankind from fascism and tyranny!

That the present regime does not pay us our pensions, I'm not going to even mention this. But there are times that this miserable pension (which I and others worked for all our lives) you cannot get along without. Four months ago, be-

sides all my troubles, another serious problem arose - I had to have an operation. Today without money in your pockets you CANNOT get any medicines, not to speak of an operation. Without money you cannot get an operation or even plastic gloves that you must give to the doctor that operates on you. You as a patient must buy everything. Last year, I came to the drug store to get my prescription filled as recommended by the doctor and I received this barb at the Apteka: "What do you want grandfather, you're still living and you're 90?"

I needed the operation this year again, in order to save my life. I had no money. The pension was late for over 5 months. I borrowed money from my neighbours. I was in pain and in distress to get the medicines. I telephoned and visited the Health authorities and to the Social Agency that should have paid my pension...in that way then I could afford the operation and medicines. They promised to pay me and they sent it by post. The postmater promised that he will find the money, but days passed and weeks and nothing happened. My neighbors en masse went to the post office to demand that I get paid the pension that was

PHOTOGRAPHS DO NOT LIE!

We hear much in capitalist media about the fact that only old people are marching, protesting, demanding the return back to socialism. Take a look at this photograph published in the newspaper "Communist" organ of the Communist Party of Ukraine! The slogan the young marchers are carrying demands: "Kuchma Resign!" sign!". The protests against the president of Ukraine are growing and the demands are not only economic, but political.



owing me.

In a couple of months with me in terrible pain, no money and no medicines, another tragedy befell me. My wife passed away. We had no children, thus the expenses of the funeral all fell on my shoulders. Again I begged the Social Services to pay up my pension so that at least I can bury my wife. I was told this: "Yes, grandfather we shall give you some money to bury your wife, but your pension money is not available, since everyone is waiting for their pensions!"

The doctor made an appointment for me for an operation, otherwise to wait any longer I might die. With this I again appealed for my pension money. But the bureaucrat at the Social Services P.M. Ruzak who took a dislike to any veterans that has medals on his chest and that fought fascism in the Second World War promised that in 3 weeks I will get the money. I had to walk in ankle deep snow in order to get to the post office for 6 km and with me bleeding unto the snow from my body, me a 74 year veteran, many medals on my chest for heroism and bravery cried bitterly as I trudged through the snow. At the front, during all the fighting and agony, I never ever cried.

In 4 days the postlady delivered my pension, all in 10 kopeks.

With anger and heartbreak in my heart, I told the postlady this: "Give back these kopeks to president Kuchma. I no longer need anything." I do know that the postlady will not talk to Kuchma. But maybe in your newspaper this president Kuchma shall read this.

Ivan Slavik

Living in the village of Shiroka, Volyn region of Ukraine

COMMENT

We publish this letter which is not alone in all of the news-

papers that we receive from Soviet Union in order to let our readers know the terrible things that are happening in former Soviet Union.

It is sad that many people who still believe that the present regimes in all of the former Soviet republics and their reform policies are doing the people a favor by bringing in privatization and capitalism. It is even harder to believe that many left-wing publications that not long ago praised the USSR and socialism, now are content to ignore letters such as the one above, that support so-called "communist" movements in former Soviet Union and will absolutely not want to publish any such materials that are available to them. Instead, they are content to support a leader of a country that keeps on bombing Iraq and try to save him from Impeachment, trying to justify this that "he's the lesser of the two evils!"

Tell this reasoning to the millions of Soviet people! Tell this to this veteran who fought so that we may live!

From the newspaper
"Village Life" Dec. 4, 1998

FROM NEWSPAPER
MYSL
RUSSIAN COMMUNIST
PARTY

WHO NEEDS MONARCHY IN FORMER USSR?

In the last few years pro-Yeltsin and other rightist internal and foreign newspapers in Europe and USA started to praise to the high heavens as to the good deeds of the Czars of Russia. They say that Russian people lived very well, had freedom and were satisfied. But they forget to mention as to who were these people that lived very well! It was the Czar and his entourage, the exploiting counts, prin-

ceses, merchants, and factory owners who had everything. The peasants and the workers did not even have enough of black bread!

Great names like Pushkin, Lermontov, Hertsen, Nickrasov, nearly all of the progressive intelligencia were against the Czar.

Now the present rulers, the present crooks and charlatans want to have the "monarchy" back. The first step was to "rebury the bones of the Czar" again in Leningrad, in a sham that even heirarchy of the Orthodox Church at the highest level boycotted, knowing full well that this was a publicity sham of the lowest kind.

Let us hope that we shall never again see this despotic monarchy ever rule Russia!

Translated by Victor Parandon

FROM
RABOCHA-KRESTIANSKAYA
PRAVDA
MUKACHEVO, UKRAINE

POLITICAL REPRESSIONS STARTED IN UKRAINE

According to the Bureau of CC AUCPB the harassment and witchhunt against communists of the AUCPB has started. Two activists of the Sevastopol AUCPB have been arrested, held without charges and not allowed to telephone a lawyer.

The militia on the spot fined them 425 Hryven (a great sum in present Ukraine) and then proceeded to put in jail these two activist comrades, members of the AUCPB, A.G. Bazhanov and V. Podolsky, under section 186-5 which was adopted illegally by the Ukrainian parliament and unfortunately supported by A. Moroz of the Socialist Party of

Ukraine.

The All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks has started a campaign for finances in order to save these comrades from the beginning of a witchhunt against dedicated Communists at this time only against the AUCPB, but tomorrow the McCarthy Era in Ukraine is going to go into full gear.

It shall be interesting to see whether ALL the other communist parties shall come to the defense of these comrades...or...shall each party fight their own battles independently?

AN APPEAL!

FROM
KRASNY LUCH
UKRAINE

The Donbass coal miners are asking the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass to help us to popularize NSC amongst the coal miners of your very important journal that is defending our rights. Could you send us an inexpensive electronic translation machine that can translate from English into Russian. Since most of us do not read English and getting a translator is expensive, we feel that if we had such an electronic translator we could republish Northstar Compass in Russian and thus our common struggle would be that much more effective!

I am for the 5th time forced to appear in court, all the way to Kharkov which is 250 km away, together with my ill mother, under a threat of being jailed again. We sold all of our furnishings in the house in order to be able to buy a train tickets to present ourselves in court.

When will this terror end? Please help me, my mother and the coal miners with this electronic translation machine so that we can join forces and thus influence an ever wider working force. Because of my dedication to the safety of the coal miners as a Safety Inspector, this is why I'm being hounded, jailed and persecuted.

We appeal to our readers to help us to buy this translation electronic computer for the coal miners in Krasny Luch so that they can reprint in Russian every issue of Northstar Compass! Their struggle is our struggle also!

FROM NEWSPAPER
"TOVARISH"
KIEV, UKRAINE

CENSORSHIP IN UKRAINE

An opposition newspaper "Politika" has now been banned and not allowed to publish because of its criticism of the present regime. The chief editor of the newspaper Oleg Lyashka was not even informed when this decision by the present Kuchma regime was taken. "There's no freedom of the press" stated the editor of "Politika" and launched an appeal in the courts.

The newspaper "Tovarish" asks the question: "Which of the opposition newspapers shall be the next to be banned?"

Northstar Compass has sent a protest letter to the Ukrainian Ministry of Justice.

THE LAST CHANCE

In a letter to the Editor of newspaper "Tovarish" there was a long expose of how the

life in the village is now as compared to what it was during Soviet times. We wrote much about conditions in the Ukraine countryside and we just want to quote this last statement in the letter that was signed by 106 signatures of those living in the village of Ostorozhani, Cherkas region of Ukraine:

"I cannot write more about the village, a person has to live here to know the awful conditions and horror of our daily life. But unfortunately the villagers are not politicians, do not strike, do not write letters to the government demanding their human rights to live. But we should strike, we should write protests and demand from the government representatives!

Our village is near a main highway. What should we do? Shall we block the highway with barricades, that everyone should know to what misery this government has brought us to, in this "independent" Ukraine? Or should we in all seriousness join together and march unto Kiev? With scythes, sickles, pitch forks and other implements from the farms?

FROM NEWSPAPER
TRUDOVAYA ROSSIA
LENINGRAD



PROVOCATION

The anti-Communist witches sabbath started on the central television station from Novem-

ber 7,1998 and this provocation had the earmarks of when the Nazis started the fire in the Reichstag. At that time this gave the opportunity for German Fascists and today for the pseudo-democrats to attack and blame the communists. These provocations are against those 95% of Soviet people that are suffering at the hands of these oligarchs and capitalist robbers that are supported by Western monopoly capitalists.

The same witchhunt started against Byelorussia when it proposed economic union with Russia.

Today the command again was given to the three private TV stations ORT,RTR,NTV to attack the communists and they brought in their trump card, the "Jewish question", even to every sober minded person knows fully well that there is no Jewish question in our country, long time ago, eliminated by law, but what is interesting to note that more and more the question is being raised about the "Russian question".

What do these handful of charlatans who managed to get into their hands the complete TV media outlets, what do they care about the truth?

They should know that this question of anti-Semitism is laying on a bare ground and shall not sprout roots and cannot be blamed and put on the shoulders of communists.

It was the Communists-Bolsheviks who gave birth to the Soviet Union and who saved from the fascist hordes humanity, amongst whom were Jews from extinction. It was the USSR that was one of the initiators to establish the state of Israel. It was the USSR that helped the young Israel state to fend off the attacks of British imperialism. This should be remembered by our present "democrats" such as Berezovsky, Gusinsky, Shvydki, Shgenderovitch, Shsabdurasu-

lov,Kuchera,Svanidze,Kiselev and others who are "fighting" against anti-Semitism.

You are looking in a wrong place for anti-Semitism!

This is just the top of an iceberg as far as the plans of these self-styled defenders are concerned.

As a minimum, these businessmen, these anti-Sovieteers want to take the minds of the people off the terrible consequences of what the "reforms" that they instigated have produced....present thieves shout "Catch the Thief"!

The people have their own attitude to the present rulers, charlatans and thieves of all nationalities, including Jewish, who now rule despotically over the people. These present bourgeois who devastated socialism and the Soviet Union, it does not matter what nationality they are - the task these robbers have set themselves is known to all people as they see their life go worse and worse with each passing day. This band includes rabid anti-communists like Berezovsky - the provocateur Zhirinovsky whose aim and idea is that they shall gain their objectives if they use the card of "anti-Semitism" and to put the whole blame of this on the Communists.

They try daily to compare communists to Hitler's fascism, the hate towards fascism is still burning bitterly in the hearts of Soviet people. Idea is to convince the people that fascism and communism are the same.

Another more insidious aim is to distance the people from communists and from the idea of socialism.

Utilizing the support and power of President Yeltsin they are demanding that all Communists should be barred from participating in elections, to ban the most dedicated and truly Marxist-Leninist parties from the scene and to jail or banish the known leaders and

activists, all under the name of "democracy and reforms". How can this be done? Make certain that the militia, the courts and other secret services are in complete support of these plans, but if this cannot happen then, there are always other methods to gain the upper hand. There shall always be prepared a candidate of the Pinochet type (Chile) that can seize power via the military coup. But even Pinochet has his problems now as other dictators of the type of Suharto are finding out.

Plans like these are a sure sign of a civil war, from the start local conflicts and build them up into a grand scale country-wide civil war and then seize power, of course with foreign power and alliances such as NATO to help out in case of problems.

We would suggest to our present rulers and their supporters, both internally and externally, to think things over, because history is like a boomerang, it comes back. You cannot escape the consequences.

The present pretenders to the throne, like Berezovsky learned from Nazabaraev of former republic of Uzbekistan...to win, you must eliminate physicality or otherwise your opponents. Barring communists from parliamentary actions and participation is the ultimate plan.

We would also like to forewarn the present "kings" of Soviet Republics like Shevernadze of Georgia and others, that their thrones are not solid, the world plans of Imperialism is not concerned with these very small fish - when they're after the big whale!

No America can save these small "kingdoms" if the big fish of the present Russian oligarchy rulers decide to expand.

These present "kings" should realize that European Union and the new Euro Dollar

are also having serious problems and shall not come to the defense of these small feifdoms. European Union more and more is trying to distance itself from their own Godfather. There's no love lost between capitalists at all. It's dog-eat-dog scenario.

We all know that these privatized TV and newspaper conglomerates are financed by the West. When the profit margin is going to fall, capitalists look for greener pasture. There is no loyalty to former traitors or servants at all. The "moment of truth" will arrive for you, sooner than you think!

Maybe these present bourgeois leaders already have second thoughts about their future. They also know that Madam Albright of the USA has already plans as how to "govern" with these so-called "independent countries" when time is ripe.

The biggest problem aside from aforementioned ones is the debacle of the economic course as proposed by Primakov and, unfortunately is being supported by CPRF. The opposition in the DUMA did not want or could not struggle effectively against this plan. They could have done so and around this question they could have enlarged the strength of the opposition in the Duma. Without this majority the Duma is not effective, it is flouting - without rudder and the boat is sinking.

General Rokhlyn gave sound advise to those CPRF in the Duma and spoke openly about this. That is why he was assassinated quickly!

The propaganda, the psychological maneuvers in the mass media since the temporary demise of the USSR is the fact that there is a consistent attack against the very existence of present Russians. It's the Russian people who are made to suffer by this cleverly insti-

gated, well planned attack on "Russophobia". Maybe this is why the remarks by General Makashov who was purposely misquoted by the internal and external media when he appealed that we should make a clear distinction between "old Russians" and the present phenomena of "new Russians". (these new Russians in almost all cases are not Russians).

Honest Communists fought and shall always fight against nationalism, be it Russian or any other. Nationalism is a danger to Socialism, to class struggle and to humanity overall.

We condemn the anti-communism, and anti-sovietism and Russophobia of the liberals, we demand the elimination of the so-called anti-Semitism and call for the elimination of attacks against the Russian people as such.

TV stations must belong to the people.

Traitors must be jailed!

We demand that the Goebbels-like propaganda be banned from the mass media and under the control of dedicated people, patriots of the Soviet Union. There are enough of us to accomplish this task. The final curtain must be put over these reactionary elements.

Professor B. Khorev

From
KALUZHNY BOLSHEVIK
Newsletter, Kaluga

**TELL ME
WHO YOUR
FRIEND IS...**

We publish here a shortened version of a story that appeared in this newsletter about a new party that has come unto the Russian scene. The new party is called the National Bolshevik Party and has in its core young



people. We shall keep an eye on this party and report it to the readers of NSC.

Editors

"The present situation in former USSR is very complex and many currents are flowing, overlapping and intermingling. In spite of the regime solidifying itself and a new capitalist class is growing quickly, but it does not feel safe. There is also no unity in the working class or in the Communist parties as yet. The regime needs a "tyrant image" to stay in power and keep its hold on the country.



Can anyone tell us what this party's name means? It is clear that Bolshevism is synonymous with Internationalism! How can a Nationalist be a Bolshevik at the same

time?

It was a shock to see the promotional poster of this National Bolshevik Party!

Elder people remember, while the young people know from the history books, to whom belonged the uniform and lapel insignia. The picture included in this article shows you the essence of this promotional poster, promoting itself as was being promoted by the German fascists and their National Socialist Party,...except that in stead of a swastika, the NBP uses the hammer and sickle. The similarity is uncanny. The poster itself reads: NBP LOVES YOU!!!

There is no historical roots for such a party in Russia. But a similar party can come and be useful. For whom?

It is imperative that the Soviet people, especially its youth, should understand the movement not by its slogan and uniform, but by its deeds.,

We must learn the laws of Marxism-Leninism which state that the "pseudo-communist movements- parties will bring into muddy waters of oppoortunism, and then to fascism"!"

Some left wing parties in Russia look upon this party with favour, trying to bring them into their fold. The leader of this party is Y.Limonov.

Form of fascism at the end of the 20th Century is different then it was during the 1930's with German SS, uniforms of black cloth and insignia.

Thus on the scene in Russia comes a Party which has an unusual name - "NATIONAL BOLSHEVIK PARTY (NBP).

Comes to mind another era in Germany, where there was established the "National Socialist Party" headed by Hitler. □

EDITORIAL

YELTSIN IN HOSPITAL AGAIN!

Boris Yeltsin



Yeltsin is no longer a positive element in the plans of Western Imperialism or to NATO who have another contingency plan for the Soviet people, since Yeltsin has served his purpose as had Gorbachev before him who made the spot for Yeltsin. Time has come now to get another player who can be portrayed as healthy, more reliable, more liked by the people and thus in a better position to carry out the FINAL plan for the Soviet people.

Of course the temporary "golden haired boy" now is primed to take the top post - non other than the present Prime Minister Primakov, who is portrayed as the person who shall set things right in Russia. Be that as it may, since Primakov is the next step towards bringing in second last phase of the plans of NATO for Russia and other former republics.

It is a known fact that the FINAL stage that has yet to be

put into operations is that Pinochet-lover General Lebed, who is waiting his cue in the wings of the stage to take over in a military coup to FINALLY carry out the plans of Western Imperialism for the complete dismemberment of Russia into small inconsequential regions working on behalf of the multinational corporations as a supplier of cheap labor and supplier of raw resources.

What is shocking at this present time is the fact that Gennady Zyuganov, knowingly or unknowingly is demanding that Prime Minister Primakov take over the Presidency of Russia now! Why is Zyuganov, the Chairman of the Communist Party of Russia not calling for the whole Government to resign, call the people unto the streets, call an immediate UNITY CONFERENCE of all the anti-Yeltsin forces and this could be the turning point in the struggle to resurrect the Soviet Union and Socialism?

Prime Minister Primakov is not and never shall build Socialism or take steps to resurrect the Soviet Union! By getting rid of Yeltsin does not mean that capitalism will be defeated! Primakov and other in the present government are solidifying capitalism in Russia and what is a tragedy is the fact that Gennady Zyuganov and the CPRF members in the Duma are helping in this!

If this support by CPRF leadership will succeed in solidifying capitalism in Russia then the name of Gennady Zyuganov shall go down in history alongside of Gorbachev and Yeltsin as the three Judas's who have sold out the working class of former Soviet Union and yes, also the working class of the world!

Supporting Primakov by CPRF cannot at this time be explained as a "tactic" for saving the Soviet people at all! This support is tantamount to treachery! □

SPECIAL

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

COMMUNIST PARTY OF SWEDEN (KPML(r)) HOLDS ITS CONGRESS

From January 3-5 the Swedish party held their very important Congress with delegations present from all over the world, including from Russia.

The Editor of Northstar Compass, Michael Lucas was invited to participate in this congress and thus have the opportunity to meet Soviet delegates there, since he cannot get a visa to visit Moscow or Leningrad. As fate would have it, Helen Lucas had to undergo surgery right at the same time, thus the plans already made did not materialize.

Northstar Compass sent a bundle of copies and dele-



gated Harpal Brar, Member of the Organizing Committee for an International Council of Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People to represent the publication and the Organizing Committee.

We are publishing just a list of countries that sent delegates to the Congress and a photo of the foreign delegations standing on stage, singing the International.

In the next issue we are going to publish a Report by Harpal Brar and Teddy-John Frank, the International Secretary of KPML(r) of Sweden.

Greetings to the Congress were sent on behalf of NSC and the Organizing Committee which were read to the assembled delegates.



HARPAL BRAR

DELEGATES WERE FROM:

Bangladesh, Belgium, Brasil, Denmark, England, Philip-pines, Finland, France, Greece, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Canada (NSC), Cuba, North Korea, Laos, Norway, Palestine, Poland, Rumania, Russia, Switzerland, Spain, South Korea, Tchad, Czech Republic, Turkey, Germany and Vietnam and West Sahara. □



FEATURE ANALYSIS

GREEK COMMUNISTS ARE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

To:
Editorial Board of
Northstar Compass -
Organizing Committee for an
International Council for
Friendship and Solidarity with
Soviet People

Dear comrades:

First of all we want to thank you for sending us your publication, which to us is precious source of information about the situation and struggles going on in the Soviet Union. We hope that you also receive without any problems our International Bulletin, the only publication of our organization in English. Our 5th issue was dedicated to the 80th Anniversary of the Great October

A/ synechia



Revolution, while the last one was devoted to the class struggles in Greece.

We will let your readers know as to who we are. We are the Revolutionary Marxist Party A/Synechia. Our roots are in the revolutionary traditions of our people and the communist movement in Greece. The Greek Communists have a long history in their struggles for national and social liberation of our people. And we also have a long history of accomplishments in our internationalist duties in the international communist movement and the Soviet Union. Our party in Greece has suffered, since the formation of the Communist Party of Greece in a most barbaric and murderous attacks on behalf of all the imperialist forces and of the local reactionaries. Tens of thousands of our best sons and daughters of our people gave

their lives in the struggles against the reactionary regimes of the Nazis, British and US imperialism and their local lackeys.

Our dedicated Communists were the first ones to be attacked by the revisionists, already at that time (after 1953) when the leadership and the big majority of the members of the Communist Party of Greece were persecuted because of their unwillingness to accept the "cult of personality" expounded by Nikita Krushchev and others. At that time, thousands of Greek Communists were living in the Soviet Union and other socialist countries after the civil war military defeat in Greece of the revolutionary movement of 1946-1949. Our comrades living in the USSR opposed the revisionist machinations and they resolutely defended the achievements of the world communist movement, supporting Stalin and the very principals of Marxism-Leninism. The Secretary General of the Greek Communist Party at that time Comrade Nikos Zachariadis, and many other honest communists had been exiled by Krushchev to Siberia by the revisionists, accused of being "unrelenting Stalinists". About 80% of the rank and file communists had been expelled from the party under the direct orders of the revisionists, because they were supporting the legitimate actions Communist Party of Greece and they opposed the revisionist attacks against Stalin and the revolutionary line. Many of them have been persecuted, even physically for decades. But they never gave up to the revisionists, Krushchev or Brezhnev and company.

The Secretary General of the Communist Party died in Siberia '73 during third hunger-strike, protesting against the revisionists and their policies and interventions. The Greek

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revisionists and Soviet revisionists said at that time that he died of a heart attack.

In the interior of Greece, the honest Communists fought against revisionism and its destructive policies. The communist political prisoners were in the forefront of the struggles in the defense of Marxism-Leninism. But at that time there was organized resistance against revisionism on an international scale, so precious time was lost. In 1958 the revisionists of Greece officially liquidated the party's organizations in Greece and integrated a broad left coalition, which served as support of the "democratic" fraction of the bourgeoisie. It was in the sixties that veteran communists and young militants had been working in order to form the Organization of Marxists Leninists of Greece and start the regroupment of a genuine left force in our country. The US-led military coup was responsible for over 7 years long fascist dictatorship that followed which gave a hard blow to self-sacrifice of thousands of Greek Marxists-Leninists and their devotion to the cause of the people. The Communist Party of Greece (Marxist-Leninist) was reestablished in 1975. These dedicated Marxists-Leninists played an important role in the development of the anti-imperialist movement, labor and youth movements, despite the problematic leadership of the party. These Marxists-Leninists faced the barbarous repression of the "democratic" regime and unspoken attacks, provocation's, and attacks from the revisionist "communist" party, which tried to "calm down" the militant spirit of the masses in order to be accepted by the bourgeoisie as a "responsible political force". But in the early 1980s the Communist Party of Greece (Marxist-Leninist) had been liquidated,

mainly because of the opportunistic stand of its leadership at that time. During those difficult years a handful of cadres and militants restarted the effort to reconstruct our movement. After a period of general preparations, the Revolutionary Marxist Organization A/Synechia was formed and strengthened, while other left parties/movements were fading from the scene and were flirting with revisionists again, Trotskyism and many other "radical" currents.

This process was decisively facilitated by the participation and direction of our organization, since the late 1980s, with the leadership of comrade Yan Hotzeas, the most outstanding Greek Marxist-Leninist, whose theoretical knowledge and practical contribution exceeds the limits of Greece. Comrade Yanis Hotzeas, is a veteran communist leader who struggled since 1950s against revisionism and all deviations, passed away in 1994.

Since the 1980s our own organization covered a long and difficult, but fruitful course. Today it is active in tens of Greek cities and towns, plus the labor movement through its front organizations, such as Union of the People and the Left Mass Formations of the Youth. It published the journal "Aristera" which means "Left" and a theoretical-political organ, as well as other Marxists works. It has an active international attitude, organizing several nation-wide campaigns with the participation of delegations from the revolutionary movements of Philippines, Mexico, Peru, Turkey, Congo and many others.

In May of 1998, the Revolutionary Marxist Organization A/Synechia successfully held a First National Conference, an important step towards the reconstruction of the communist movement in our country,

which was attended by 30 Communist and Revolutionary Movements from the world. In the last Greek municipal elections, our list in 4 major cities gathered a 4% of the votes of the population. This was a significant result of the everyday work of our members and sympathizers. We are determined to welcome the year 2000 with the construction of the Communist Organization in Greece! Based on the principals of Revolutionary Marxism, on the assimilation of the positive and historical experience of our movement, and also on the concrete analysis of the contemporary national and international conditions, we are convinced that we will contribute our part to the accomplishment of the duties that we all have towards the past and the future generations: to repulse imperialistic attacks. We shall renew our dedication to the reconstruction of the International Communist Movement and the creation of the International Community of Peoples!

Dear comrades:

We are following with great interest the important work that you accomplished during the past years. We agree with you that it is the duty of all of us to support in every possible way our Soviet comrades, and we consider the creation of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People will greatly contribute to this cause. We also agree with your analyses and exposure of the social-democratic and revisionists like Zyuganov and others, who present themselves as communists in order to fool and manipulate the Soviet people (the same happens in our country as well). While we know that Soviet communists themselves must solve the problems of orientation and unity in their movements, we cannot give the slightest bit of

tolerance to "old" and contemporary revisionism, which destroyed the socialist camp and the international communist movement and restored capitalism and this insidious revisionism is still dangerous.

Taking all this into account, we are responding positively to your invitation and support the idea of an International Council and we intend to send our representatives to the Congress where the International Council shall be elected. Please keep us informed about this process. We send all of you our warmest comradely greetings and we hope that we shall meet soon!

For the Executive Committee
E.F.
International Relations

CHINAS'S GRIM UNEMPLOYMENT

"China Daily" newspaper in Beijing reported that the unemployment figures this time are over 27,000,000 people and shall get worse since there are more young people entering the job market.

Even with China acting as the "cheap labor" production facility for multinational corporations for all sorts of items that are sold in company outlets all over the world, the present Chinese government is not solving its unemployment, because China (as far as NSC is concerned) is not based on socialist economy at all.

We understand the need for cooperation, the imperialist unfair competition, embargo and all else, but, as Stalin stated that "Chinese Communists are pink and not Red!"

BUT...must China manufacture for US Imperialism all the war toys that are on the market of the world, glorifying the American G.I. Joe in every conceivable killing toy that the

world has ever seen? How can "Communist China" through the toy industry glorify American Imperialism through its toy industry that brainwashes the children in the glory of war, American superiority and instill in the children that what YANKEE DOES IS CORRECT AND CANNOT BE QUESTIONED?

Could you imagine USSR under Lenin and Stalin allowing such psychosis of glorification of Imperialism, bordering on fascism to be made at slave labor wages by Communist work force?

ROMANIA IN UPROAR!

Thousands of coal miners are battling police in defiance of the back to work order issued by the government. In Petrosani the miners marched while thousands of police and army units were dispersed all over the country in order to prevent the 10,000 miners to march to Bucharest demanding wage increases from privatized coal mines!



More and more it's obvious that West sponsored capitalism is not working. Let this spark ignite the working class to get back what they had under socialism!

You can see the defiance of these miners with their raised fists!

U.S. FACING ISOLATION OVER IRAQ!

In a very analytical article in many newspapers in Canada and USA, the writer Haroon Siddiqui writes the following researched article after he traveled in Europe for the many daily newspapers that he represents.

*I could find no country of the allies of USA-except for Kuwait, Britain, surprisingly Canada that support the policy of USA against Iraq and especially against its leader Saddam Husein. Europeans, Arabs and Asians have moved away from this policy of USA. They know that Bill Clinton bombed Iraq to win cheap points during his impeachment crisis. These former allies see U.S. as irrational, contradictory and arrogant. Here are just some points of disagreement between USA and its allies:

1. Richard Butler, Chief inspector of UNSCOM was lying in his reports, because International Atomic Energy Agency certified that Iraq no longer had any nuclear capability.

2. U.S. demanded that Iraq must comply with all of the U.N. resolutions. This is mocked by USA's allies who state that Israel has been in constant, blatant violation of U.N. resolutions on the occupied territories and southern Lebanon.

3. "It's a U.N. issue, not a U.S. issue." That's what Secretary of State Madelaine Albright argues. But most U.S. members condemned or quietly disapproved of the Anglo-American bombing. So did the overwhelming majority

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members of the 15-member Security Council. Besides this Russia, France, China opposed.

4. Saddam Husein should not be allowed to threaten his neighbors. But not a single defense establishment of US allies state that Iraq's armaments are now so dilapidated that he is not as threat to anybody.

5. UNSCOM must be allowed to continue its work. Only the U.S. Chief inspector Butler seems to think so. The bombing and the daily spying by USA killed the need for UNSCOM to continue, or if they do continue, it will be on a less intrusive basis.

6. Iraqis are suffering but that's Saddam's fault, not ours. This attitude is immoral: holding innocent hostages to geo-political machinations of the USA. The civilized cannot stand by and see 5,000 children die every month and a million early deaths amongst all ages due to bombings and nine years of economic sanction's.

There are also reports by UNESCO that whole generations are being born blind or with congenial defects due to this bombing and the radioactive-coated bullets fired by the allied forces.

COMMENT

A reader has sent us a letter saying that we should not publish any cartoons against religion and that there are many religious leaders who stand up and support the left wing movements. Yes, that is true! But...they are few and far between. We are asking just one question: "where are all of the religious denominations in the USA or other allies of US policies on this barbarous brigandage of U.S. Imperialism? Where are their voices? How can anyone be

quite when the US President Clinton goes to church each Sunday, with a bible in one hand, his wife on the other, his fly open just in case he meets another skirt...and...he presses the button which unleashes the bombers over Iraq? What is worse is the fact that the preacher of the church to which President Clinton belongs, accompanies him to the door and blesses him, without a word about what his parishioner has done and is doing to Iraq, Cuba and other countries!

That is also demagogy and a crime against Christianity! As we all know, Hitler also carried a bible as did Mussolini and many others who blessed the arms and sent the armies to go on killing!

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

The 20 member EU Commission (European Union) is being examined for millions of dollars fraud in the handling of moneys, somehow survived a vote taken in Strasbourg, France, 293 to 232. With an annual budget of \$100 million to mess around with, most Europeans want to know just one thing: Why did they need the extra bureaucratic level of government for in the first place...they have their own cross to carry?

A very short answer: This is one of the biggest tax scams ever hung on the backs of working people.

What about the scam of payoffs in procuring Olympics into cities? The dirt and filth that is coming out now is just the tip of an iceberg. Sport is no longer sport, it's big \$\$\$, nothing else.

Speaking of sports, it is a great shame that many of the former Soviet hockey players have learned fast how to scam the tax payers of millions of dollars. The world looked at

Hockey when Soviets came on the scene as a great boost to sportsmanship, clever maneuvers, excellent game plans and the Soviet participation brought excitement to the game...brought it up to a higher level as the spirit of Sport and Olympics is supposed to do.

The Western interests understood that they can make billions from this new style of hockey and the process started to get these "Russkies" over to "our side" buy them as you would any product, pay them fabulous money, then laugh all the way to offshore banks with the profits.

The business interests in hockey, which is a multi-billion industry hated the USSR and of course socialism, but they saw an opportunity to not only make money but to do their bit in demolishing the Soviet Union and pick up the players. The shame of all this is the fact that the Soviet System produced these hockey players, taught them, trained them, gave them all the privileges and now they are siphoned off like water.

We wonder if any of these "Soviet Stars" have any conscience or are they devoid of any feelings as to what the Soviet people and the Soviet system did for them? Or are they like a prostitute...you pay, I play?

Time of reckoning will arrive sooner than later!

**SALT &
PEPPER
ON WRY**

By: Frank Ray Davis

**NEW VILLIANS
LOOMING:**

That darling of world anti-Communists, Solzhenitsyn has

now turned down a medal from Yeltsin. May we expect a sequel to his *Gulag Archipelago* featuring the Russian Mafia?

IMPERIALIST LOYALTY:

"It doesn't sit well with high-ranking U.S. functionaries that (Russian) Prime Minister Primakov serves above all else the interests of Moscow." News-picture caption.

So it's news in the capitalist world that loyalty goes where the paycheck-ink glows?

DID HIS VICTIMS RETURN HOME?

Chile's President Frei suggests that Dictator Pinochet be returned to Chile "for humanitarian reasons." Would the good president also volunteer to explain to that Maestro of Missing Persons what *humanitarian* means?

"THE OPIATE OF THE PEOPLE":

The Colombian expert Alonso Salazar points out that as the dope biz has boomed in Colombia, the various religious creeds have flourished also. So what do you make of that, Karl Marx?!

PUT PEOPLE FIRST:

We must beware of the dictatorship of the proletariat, capitalist propagandists warn, because it's undemocratic. So how democratic is the dictatorship of the dough-letariat?

ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR WATSON:

The favorite big lie of the rich is that the poor are poor precisely because they're lazy. So if there's a sudden upsurge of unemployment? Obviously there's a sudden increase in laziness.

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

90 YEARS YOUNG!

Nellie Drotarowska one of the Trustees of the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians and of its Friendship House in Toronto, where the Canadian Friends of Soviet People are located and, where Northstar Compass is published - has celebrated in January her 90th Birthday with her family and friends.



NELLIE DROTAROWSKA

Nellie was the leading light in the "Carp" organization, always in different committees, organizing, preparing banquets, dances and all other activities that keep the organization going. She is a true Internationalist, helping all organizations that need help and advise.

Her friendship for the Soviet people is never-ending and her trips to the Soviet Union convinced her that we must struggle for socialism and peace. Her support for the resurrection of the Soviet Union

is well known and appreciated.

We wish Nellie many more years of health and happiness with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Council of Canadian Friends of Soviet People
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OBITUARY

ALEX MCLENNAN



After a long illness in Sunnybrook Hospital for veterans, Alex passed away in his 86th year to the great sorrow of his wife and family, besides all the thousands of people that knew Alex and his dedication to socialism and his friendship for the Soviet people.

Alex, as a member of the Canada-USSR Association and now as Canadian Friends of Soviet People, was a founding member of Northstar Compass journal and wrote many articles for it, besides guiding its policy for friendship and solidarity with Soviet People.

He was actively participating in the progressive movements, peace movement plus all other causes where his talent and skill were needed.

He was an ardent Marxist-Leninist and fought always against those who heaped abuse and besmirched the name of J.V.Stalin.He struggled all his life against revisionism in the progressive movement.

Progressive movement shall miss his energy and talent. Your cause Alex shall be held high by new forces who struggle against capitalism and imperialism!.

□

NEWS FROM U.S. FRIENDS OF SOVIET PEOPLE

THE GENERAL WRECKETRARY

Gorbachev - the communist - That is, so he claimed to be - Suddenly with the party got pissed.

"Go on with this kind of work?",he said..."NYET!

That is, NO!

USSR is as far from being land of the free

As Cincinnati is from Tibet. Isn't that so?"

Off to the West the Gorb went, On finding true freedom bent. First to Britain, where he was smitten

With Margaret Thatcher.

And, knowing just where to scratch her,

Elicited: "I like the man! Like the man!

We can do business," she said....

What's this? A fierce far-righter

Likes some Red Blighter?

Maybe the guy's not really a red.

Then, to see what more knowledge travel absorbs, This topmost of all Gorb Went to see U.S.'s Malcolm Forbes.

And there in the land of the really free,

Went on a veritable sprec.

Lectures at thousands per crack

To the whole of the capitalist pack,

With promises that made them drool.

And all while being flown in Malcom's "Capitalist Tool".

Soon Gorb was richer than Sultan of Brunei.

Or, if not, certainly richer than you'N I.

No longer was he member of Nomeklatura.

He'd found a calling much purer....

So, what does all this say?

It says no other

Than that there's always a scorer

Who'd sell out his mother.

"Socialist" Mussolini turned fascist;

Hitler, "National Socialist",turned Fuerher.

And, what is just as deplorable,

Benedict Arnold also was whoreable.

By Bernard Livingston □

LETTERS

FROM
COWLEY
ALBERTA

Dear friend:

Am sending you a donation to help with publishing of NSC to which I look forward to.

Reading NSC and other publications, seeing news on TV and receiving letters from friends in the former Soviet Union, it is hard to imagine and understand the hardship that the people are living through. Harder yet, at least for me, is to understand why there are so many Communist parties and why they are not united into one common cause! The country is fal-

ling apart, it is being raped and robbed of its natural resources, the death rate is alarmingly high and unemployed is unimaginable, the homeless children and the prostitution is forcing young girls into virtual slavery.

NATO is on the doorstep. When once it was a great country which helped underdeveloped nations, now it has become one as a third world country and appealing for help. Sad, sad indeed. Sending food parcels will not help, and the answer is that they have to change soon or it will be too late.

Sincerely
Michael M. Verigin

We agree with you Michael! There are many, many leaders of the Communist parties and movements but NO leader Things are moving towards this end much quicker than we imagine. Now that Yeltsin is no longer beneficial to the West, NATO is priming other ones to follow their diktat. Leaders that state that changes can be made inside the Soviet Union by parliamentary means, are in actual fact prolonging capitalism under different name! Yes, there certainly is a need for a leader of the type of Lenin or Stalin!

□

FROM
THUNDER BAY
ONTARIO

Dear friends:

Please find enclosed \$250.00 to the NSC Sustaining Fund from the Slovak Benefit Society. Keep up the excellent work!

Victor Tomcko

We wish Victor and his wife speedy recovery from a very grave automobile accident.

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Soviet songs performed by different choirs - songs of the revolution, war and peace. An excellent insight into the feelings of the Soviet people.

DZERZINSKI (60 min. \$20.00)

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

MANCHURIA 1945 (30 min. \$15.00)

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

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

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

APRIL REVOLUTION (50 min. \$15.00)

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

VOICES FROM RUSSIA (48 min. \$20.00)

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

SECRET LIVES OF TRAITOR KING (10 min. \$22.00)

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

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

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

STRATEGY OF ACCELERATION (80 min. \$20.00)

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

900 DAYS (50 min. \$20.00)

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

LEO TOLSTOI (30 min. \$15.00)

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

MAXIM GORKY (30 min. \$15.00)

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

KARL MARX (50 min. \$20.00)

Well done documentary that depicts life, work and the historical influence of Marxism on the world.

ANTON CHEKHOV (30 min. \$15.00)

An excellent biographical sketch of this very important great Russian literary genius.

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

The most spectacular youth cultural and sports event to be seen, when young people from over 125 countries gathered in Sofia.

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

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

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

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

ALEXANDER PUSHKIN (30 min. \$15.00)

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

BABI YAR (40 min. \$15.00)

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

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

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

RUSSIA SECRETS (160 min. \$25.00)

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