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USFSP FALL MEETING

We will celebrate the 93rd anniversary of the October Revolution, and discuss its continued relevance to struggles today. The main speaker will be Thomas Kenny, co-author with Roger Keeran of the book *Socialism Betrayed*, copies of which will be available.

Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, Nov. 6 2010, 1:30 p.m.

LGBT Community Center

208 W. 13th St., Rm. 312

between 7 and 8 Av., Manhattan

Take 1, 2, 3, A, C, or E Train to 14 St.

3rd World Congress Scheduled

The Third World Congress of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People will take place in Belgrade, Serbia (former Yugoslavia) in September of 2011. The Congress has been delayed for some time, mainly because of the lack of a suitable location, preferably in Europe as this would make it much easier for Soviet comrades to attend. With the venue in Belgrade we are assured of a good attendance of representatives from the former Soviet Union. Many thanks to the New Communist Party of Yugoslavia, which has agreed to arrange the logistics for the Congress. Those wishing to attend the Congress, please contact the Director of U.S.F.S.P., Dr. Angelo d'Angelo, at 718-667-4740, or by e-mail to <angelo4ny@aol.com>.



USFSP Summer 2010 Meeting

Eleven comrades attended the USFSP's summer meeting in New York City on July 18th, 2010. Our paid membership has increased and new local groups are emerging. We are starting to consider whether to hold a convention sometime next year.

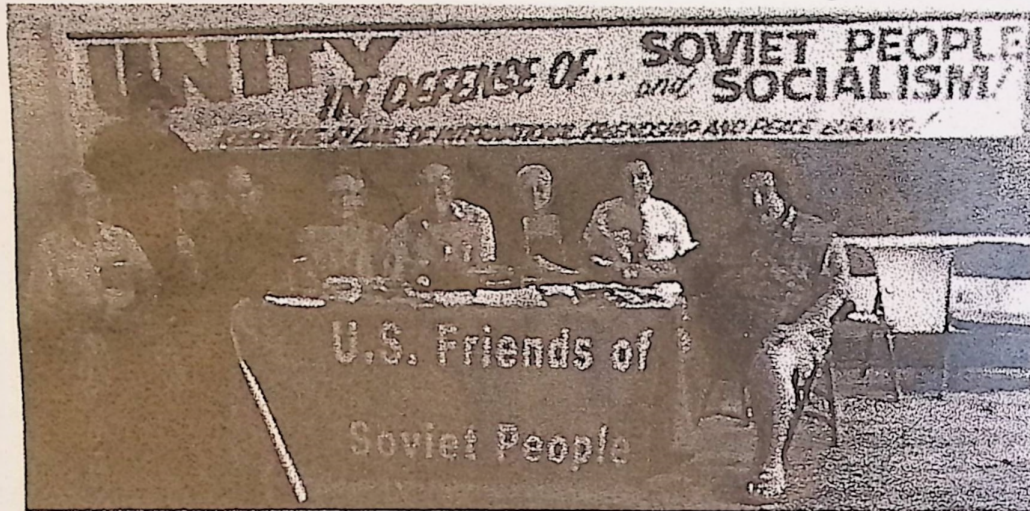
Comrades also discussed the Soviet Film Project, which seems to be fueling at least some of our organizational growth. We also discussed updates to the letterhead, and creating membership cards.

We remembered our comrade Sonia Boshko on the event of her passing.

We also discussed the possibility of having an organizational outreach meeting at Arrow Park. We discussed the international situation, and

there was much enthusiasm in response to the news that Kenny and Keeran's *Socialism Betrayed* will soon be republished in English.

We made plans for our next meeting in November, at which we will celebrate the 93rd anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution that founded the USSR. Good food was served, the conversation was lively and included everyone, and a good time was had by all.



Credo of U. S. Friends of the Soviet People

U. S. Friends of the Soviet People is dedicated to supporting struggles to restore socialism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. USFSP is the US affiliate of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People. The International Council carries on the traditions of the "Hands Off Russia Committees" that were established internationally in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention. The aim of all Friends of the Soviet People is international cooperation in building socialism and solidarity with the anti-imperialist forces of the world who are struggling against US imperialism-- the main enemy of humanity.

USFSP acts as a unifying force to help consolidate and coordinate the anti-imperialist forces of the world with the ongoing movement to restore the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe as socialist states. We act as a united front, but are not a forum for ideological debates. The peoples of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe themselves will choose their paths toward socialism.

10/2/2010 March on Washington for Jobs

A Small Step Forward for the Working Class

This October 2, some 200,000 people came to Washington DC for a March for Jobs. The march was organized by One Nation Working Together, a coalition initiated by the NAACP and 1199 SEIU. It was endorsed by many union groups, including the Transport Workers Union (Local 100, representing bus and subway workers in New York City, sent one of the largest delegations), UAW the AFL-CIO and many anti-war and social justice organizations. The march, held about one month before the mid-term elections, was not just a pro-Democratic Party rally. Rather, it was called to demand the reforms that Obama had promised during his campaign but had not fulfilled. Some of the main slogans on the printed placards carried by many included: "Standing Up for the Change We Voted For" and "Stop Robbing from the Middle Class to Give to the Rich."

The last slogan shows that the organizers did not want to identify the marchers as Working Class. And of course we are not One Nation Working Together, as the working class and the capitalist class have totally opposing interests. On September 29, millions took part in strikes and demonstrations in Europe, and on October 2, there were demonstrations of some 3 million across France, against the consequences of the same capitalist crisis that we are facing here.

The U.S. working class still has a way to go in reclaiming its militant history. In the 1930s,

during the last Great Depression, there were huge sit-down strikes, local general strikes and mass demonstrations. But this rally was one small step in the working class regaining its own independence. — *George Gruenthal*

Soviet Film Project Update

The Soviet Film Project is moving forward on several fronts. We have received a major donation of software that will enable us to digitize the films. A young film-student comrade in the New York area has volunteered to help with the work. Also, the USFSP has established a San Francisco Bay Area contact, in part based on desire to help with the films.

We still need a telecine machine and a dedicated, modern Macintosh computer to conduct the work. Contributions of such equipment, or the funds to secure such equipment, are the major impediments to moving forward on this important work. Please see page 4 for information on how to contribute.



From separate sources, the USFSP already has some Soviet films on DVD, such as *Chronicles of October* (source of the image above), copies of which will be available at our Fall 2010 meeting. Please see the enclosed listing for more details.

JOIN US! with a U. S. Friends of the Soviet People Membership

New Application Membership Renewal

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