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Northstar Compass is the public voice of the Organizing Committee to establish an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and is dedicated to the resurrection of the Soviet Union as a Socialist State.

In the tradition since 1918 when in many countries of the world there were established "Hands Off Russia Committees", we are devoted to international cooperation in building socialism and solidarity in a world at peace. □

EDITORIAL

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE '98 IS OVER ... THE WORK BEGINS!

The newly elected Editorial Board of NSC and its Editorial Committee met and reviewed in detail the successes and some weak points of the conference. The consensus is that it was a success in representation, decision making, exchange of ideas, charting a new path for Northstar Compass and the proposal advanced by the journal, together with the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and the American Friends of Soviet People was adopted unanimously.

Representatives from Canada, USA, Brazil, Cuba, Germany, Soviet Union, plus over 47 countries that have sent greetings to this International Conference '98 produced an uplift, dedication and determination to strive for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and thus, for the betterment of the working class of the world if and when Socialism shall again raise the Red Flag to fly over the Moscow Kremlin!

The report of Victor Anpilov of "Trudovaya Rossiya" and the newly formed "Party of Soviet Communists-CPSU" was greeted by a standing ovation, as was the report by Larisa Babienko, also from Moscow, an Editor of the newspaper "For USSR". They were asked many questions during the discussions that followed.

The decor, the slogans and general atmosphere electrified the proceedings, although there were some weak moments in the art of

chairing a large conference of over 70 delegates.

Dear Reader:

You can read the Minutes of this Conference ably done by comrades from Ray O. Light of the USA, where all the details are presented so that you shall get a full picture of the proceedings.

You shall also read in full the Resolutions that were adopted after sometimes heated debates.

If one must present the highlight of the 3 day Conference, we must surely proclaim that it was the unanimous adoption of the long-discussed proposal to elect an "Organizing Committee" for an "International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People"! This was met with a standing ovation by all of the delegates.

An Organizing Committee was elected with representatives from Canada, USA, Cuba, Brazil, Germany and its mandate is to call the First Congress of the International Council in 1999 in Europe. Victor Anpilov proposed that it would be a tremendous achievement if the First Congress was held in Moscow on May Day 1999 - thus setting in motion what our parents and grandparents did in 1918 when they organized the "Hands Off Russia Committees" in many countries of the world!

- Michael Lucas

Editor of Northstar Compass
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - MARCH 8TH

By: *Christine Fernandez*

This year marks the 21st Annual International Women's Day in Toronto, but for the women in the rest of the world, this has been a date celebrated since long, long ago - women have come a long way ...

Let's take a brief look at our history - it was in March 1907 when a long procession of African-American and Jewish women garment workers took to the streets demanding improved working conditions, decent wages, a ten-hour day and the recognition of equal rights for women; however, when the march reached the upper class districts of New York, they were trampled and dispersed by the police. Many women were arrested.

Following March 8th, 1908, thirty thousand women workers in the needle trades again demonstrated - this time, for the right to vote, an end to child labour and sweatshops; they were also attacked by the police. In 1910, Clara Zetkin, a German socialist leader and a vehement fighter against imperialism and war proposed at a meeting of the second international that March 8th be observed each year as International Women's Day to give homage to these women.

More than a hundred years ago, Clara Zetkin began to work out many of the central concepts associated with the Marxist analysis of women's oppression, concepts which are no less relevant today than they were during her era. Along with Frederick Engels and August Bebel, she emerge as a pioneering theorist of women's status in capitalist society and a strategist who illuminated the way

toward a social order delivered from the effects of institutionalized oppression of women and male supremacist ideology.

Zetkin's first major analysis of the condition of women in capitalist society was presented in a speech she delivered in 1889 at the Paris International Workers' Congress:

... the chief task of the working women's movement is to fight for economic and social equality, and not only formal equality, for women. The chief thing is to get women to take part in socially productive labour, to liberate them from domestic slavery, to free them from their stupefying and humiliating subjugation to the eternal drudgery of the kitchen and the nursery ...

Part of the legacy Clara Zetkin left us is the strong belief that women are an essential force for change, women must learn to become activists on some level, in some way. It is only through struggle that we can fight the neo-Liberal agenda that this blood sucking capitalism tries to impose on us with its unjust economic policies under its inhumane system of oppression – the time is right for action. We are at a stage, worldwide, when women's rights could leap into the future – or be thrust back into a dark age. Women are and could be a powerful force for change. The question is: Can women hold on to the principles of genuine solidarity among our gender? These are times of great challenges and to face them, women need a lot more international feminist solidarity and consciousness than we have seen so far. There are urgent things to do – like denouncing the forced sterilization of East Timorese women, the continuous attacks on the Kurdish people's culture and survival, the assassinations and forced disappearances of women and children in Colombia – we must also make our voices heard in denouncing the M.A.I.

(Multilateral Agreement on Investment). This is yet another attack on people's livelihood. We must link the issues, we must learn from the women in the Third World, for they have a tremendous capacity to resist and it is they who are showing us the way forward. □

THE FUTURE OF WOMEN

We are the patient revolutionaries
Marching through long days and
nights of time and space.
We are patient because we cannot
wait,
we smile because we shake with rage,
we march because we wish to stroll
through beautiful gardens.

Whoever said it would be easy?
And who said it cannot be done?
They are both wrong.
For it is hard, and it can be done.

We are patient revolutionaries –
patient because it is not easy,
revolutionaries because it can be done.
See the vast and limitless power of
our class!

See the unimaginable strength in
women!
See the dream and fight for it!
Do not believe in those who say it
will come easy
and never believe those who say
it cannot be done.

– Lucha □

OBITUARY

STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF WORKERS WORLD PARTY

It is with great sadness and a deep sense of loss that we announce that Sam Marcy, the founder and chairperson of Workers World Party, has died. The cause of death was a sudden, massive heart attack early

in the morning of February 1, 1998.

Marcy, 86, had been politically active for over 70 years. His writings and struggle initiatives were known and admired by revolutionary and working class fighters and activists throughout the world.

Marcy, along with his partner Dorothy Ballan and a handful of other comrades, founded Workers World Party in 1959. During the nearly forty years that he led the Party, Marcy dealt with and clarified all the most important political issues of the day, writing regularly in the Party newspaper, Workers World, until two years before his death.



Marcy's major theoretical contribution was to apply revolutionary Marxism and Leninism to an understanding of the class war on a global scale. His analysis of the irreconcilability of the conflict between the imperialist bourgeoisie on the one hand and the progressive camp of the socialist countries and national liberation movements on the other has stood the test of time. He promoted the militant defense of all socialist countries against imperialist intervention and internal counter-revolution while maintaining a world view that was uniquely independent and consistently revolutionary.

His book "Perestroika: A Marxist Critique" (1990) closely analyzed the

bourgeois trends in the USSR under the Gorbachev leadership. Marcy prepared Workers World Party and his readers all over the world for the catastrophic events that eventually became a full-scale counter-revolution there. His ability to look facts in the face and apply the analytical tools of Marxism to understanding setbacks in the class struggle was a powerful antidote to bourgeois pessimism.

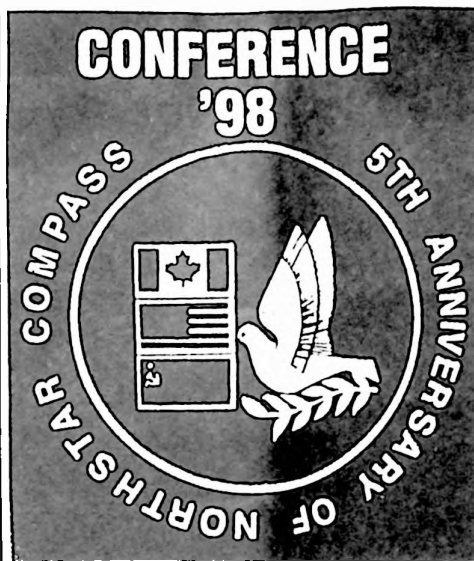
"Comrade Sam" led an exemplary revolutionary life. Oppression, exploitation and a society in the throes of revolutionary change were all part of his earliest memories. He first tried his hand at socialist organizing as a teenager in Coney Island, where he grew up in a community of poor Russian Jewish immigrants. Although he finished law school and passed the bar, he never went into private practice but instead, used his legal skills as a union organizer and strategist in the 1930s and 1940s.

Comrade Sam Marcy, we will miss you. But we will miss you in the right way. Will we mourn? Because we are human beings, we cannot do otherwise. But because we are also revolutionary fighters, we will organize new battles while we mourn. This is in the noblest tradition of the working class. This, in turn, is the very essence of what we have learned from you.

Comrade Sam Marcy, Presente!

We, of the Editorial Board and Committee of Northstar Compass and Canadian Friends of Soviet People, add our voice and salute this fighter for socialism! □

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE NSC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE '98 – FEBRUARY 21-22, 1998

1. BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Conference, dedicated to the resurrection of the Soviet Union, the delegates wish a speedy recovery to the workers of former USSR who will no doubt have their Second October Revolution!

Long Live Socialist USSR!
Long Live Lenin and Stalin!

2. BE IT RESOLVED:

That this International Conference condemns the resurgent USA imperialism and its imminent attack against Iraq. We also condemn US imperialism for using the facade of United Nations as its puppet!

Down With U.S. Imperialism!
Hands Off Iraq!

3. BE IT RESOLVED:

That this International Conference condemns the embargo against the peoples of Iraq, Cuba and Libya. We also condemn the aggression of the state of Israel against the Arab peoples. We support the Arab peoples and the Palestinian cause in their struggles against imperialism and also their struggle against their own

reactionary regimes.

4. BE IT RESOLVED:

That this International Conference expresses its sincere thanks to the society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians in whose Friendship House Northstar Compass and the Canadian Friends of Soviet Peoples have their offices and meeting hall. We also express our thanks for the arrangements regarding rent that is between the two organizations.

5. BE IT RESOLVED:

That this International Conference set in motion the idea to unveil a plaque on the "80th Anniversary of the 'Hands Off Russia Committee'" dedicated to the women who have, over the many years, fought and struggled for peace and friendship with Soviet people. This plaque is to find an honoured place at the Friendship House where this International Conference is taking place.

6. BE IT RESOLVED:

That this International Conference condemns the plans of NATO which are aimed at the oppressed peoples of former Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and other former Socialist countries.

Hands Off Russia, Its People
And Its Riches!

7. BE IT RESOLVED:

That this International Conference, seeing the plans of imperialism, NATO, IMF, transnational corporations and World Bank to completely divide and splinter the working class and nations in the Slavic countries, including the multinational state of the former USSR, and in this way, sow hate, nationalism and religious fanaticism. This International Conference understands that the salvation for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and socialism is unity foremost of the working class of the former Soviet Republics. In the first

place, the unity of the working class of the biggest republics that are Slavic, such as Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine. In this way, this unity shall give all of the nationalities in former USSR strength and the impetus to overthrow the present regime.

This unity shall also give strength not only to other Slavic people, but to all of the working class of the world in order to struggle for socialism and in this way, also to help to restore the Soviet Union.

8. BE IT RESOLVED:

That this International Conference, in adopting the formation of the Organizing Committee for the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and electing its Organizing Committee, be instructed to start the process of informing all of the world parties, movements, friendship societies that have signified their willingness to concur or to participate in its work, to call the First Congress of this Organizing Committee in Europe during 1999 – where the International Council shall be elected.

9. BE IT RESOLVED:

That this International Conference upholds the strivings of the Marxist-Leninist communist parties and movements of the world since the temporary demise of the Soviet Union, who are gathering progressive forces to conferences, meetings, seminars, symposiums in order to try and establish unity to struggle together against imperialism and the diktat of American imperialism and its many agencies both overt and covert, whose aims are to subjugate and control the countries of the world.

We wish these international forums success in their quest for understanding and unity. Unity must be based on the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin!

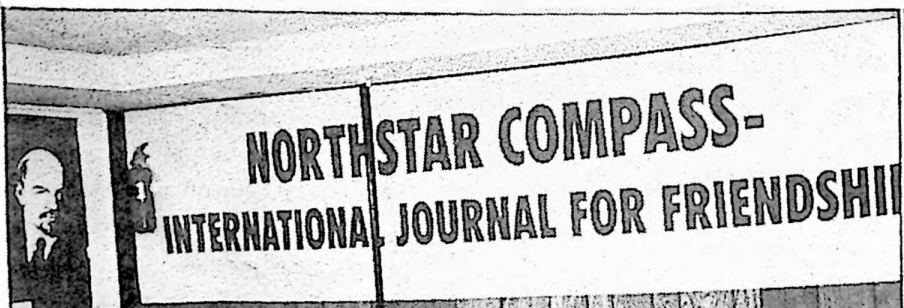
PHOTO MONTAGE OF THE CONFERENCE '98!

The Minutes of the Conference '98 are in Supplement form since they arrived late and could not be included in the 36 page Northstar Compass March issue.



Photographs by Aubrey Bowman and Ivan Petrik

ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE



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Top: The conference hall was all ready for the delegates. The above 3 slogans guided the delegates during the three day Conference '98 and were adopted unanimously.



Top Left: Michael Lucas, Editor, listens to Victor Anpilov who gave the delegates in detail the events that are now transpiring in USSR. Victor received a standing ovation.

Top: Professor Michael Ukas presenting the report on Campaign to erect a Monument to Soviet War Veterans in Canada.



Below Left: Larisa Babienko, Editor of newspaper "For USSR" in Moscow, receiving a standing ovation after her report was read.



on the activities of his organization.

Aubrey Bowman from London, England during the session.



Solidarity event and May Day celebrations from April 28 to May 8, 1998 in the Philippines under the theme of "Further Unite and Advance Militant Unionism Against Imperialism" – this conference urges all members and affiliated organizations to participate in this event to help build international working class solidarity in the fight against imperialism.

15. BE IT RESOLVED:

That this International Conference, on this year of the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Paul Robeson, an outstanding supporter of all the aspirations of his own and of Soviet people, give its full support to all celebrations and events commemorating this centenary event.

16. BE IT RESOLVED:

Whereas the U.S. government hypocritically condemns other countries for "human rights violations" and uses this as a pretext to interfere in their internal affairs. At the same time, there are over 150 political prisoners in U.S. jails, most serving sentences of scores of years. They have been imprisoned for their political beliefs and activities in the fight for social justice.

Therefore, be it resolved that this Conference supports the demand for freedom for these political prisoners, and supports the Jericho '98 March on Washington DC, USA on March 27th for these prisoners.

17. BE IT RESOLVED:

That one of the great contributions by the Soviet Union and the Communist International was the revolutionary support for the struggles of the oppressed people for self-determination and democratic rights. This stand based on Lenin's call for the right of nations to self-determination includes support for black people and other oppressed in the struggle against brutal racist oppression.



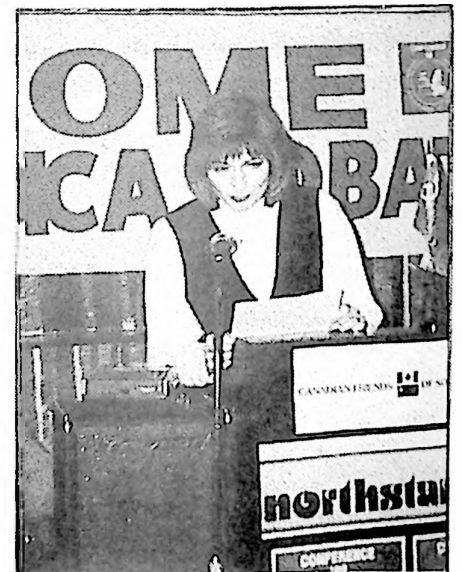
Presidium with Bill Doares from USA speaking.

Below – While Michael Lucas, Harpal Brar (Chair) are busy writing, Ray Stevenson speaks about the "Hands Off Russia Committee".



Left: Jerry Morse (Canada) speaking on the resolutions before the Conference '98.

Julianne Lucas, Secretary of the Carpatho-Russian Society (in whose Friendship House we are located) giving greetings to Conference '98.



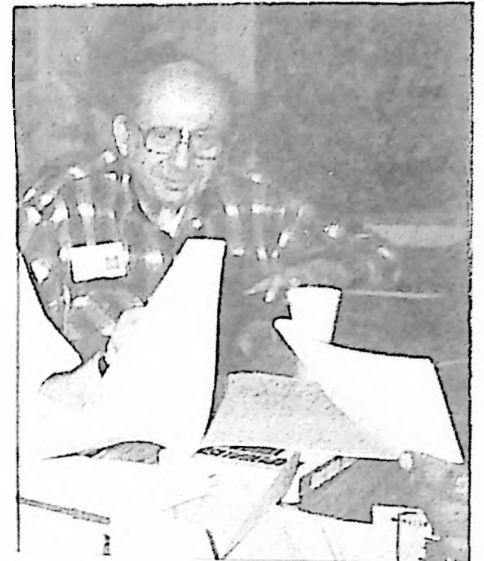
Be it resolved therefore that in this spirit, this International Conference supports the Jericho '98 March on Washington DC, USA to free Munia Abu Jomol and the hundreds of other black, Latinos prisoners from jail. □



During a sometimes heated debate on the Resolutions, Victor Anpilov takes part in discussions, with Daniel Vila, USA, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, following the remarks.



Part of the Conference delegates who took part in demonstration for Iraq in front of U.S. Consulate. Flo Giblett (England), Jerry Morse and Eryl Court (Canada). Michael Lucas, Editor of NSC, presents a painting that he painted to Victor Anpilov on behalf of Conference '98.



Lois Singer, USA delegate, during the Conference break.



Frank Trampus, one of the demonstrators from the Conference, in front of U.S. Consulate.

Professor Vilma Paez of Cuba and Eryl Court share some laughs



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"Beryozhka" performed for the delegates. Victor Anpilov joined in singing with the choir.



Michael Popovich, Head of Security, speaking on the need for Slavic Unity.



Full attention was given to George Hess at the podium during his Sustaining Fund of \$50,000 presentation.



Michael Lucas being congratulated by Victor Anpilov after receiving the Medal of Marshal Zhukov awarded him by the Presidium of Peoples Congress of Deputies of USSR.

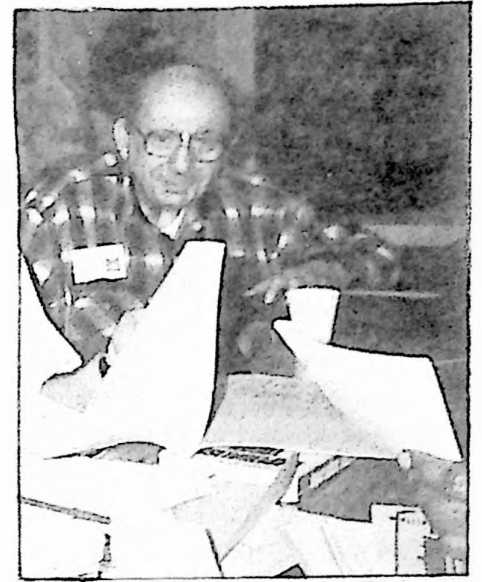
USA delegation took a very active part in the discussions. Here, we see Brian Lang making a point to the delegates.



All delegates out of the country were taken to see the city, plus Niagara Falls. Here, we see Ivan Petrik, Larisa Babienko, Bill Doares and Harpal Brar on a tour of Toronto.



Top: Ray Stevenson giving a gift of a CD of Paul Robeson's speech and music to Victor Anpilov.



Sam Weintraub from USA studying Conference materials.

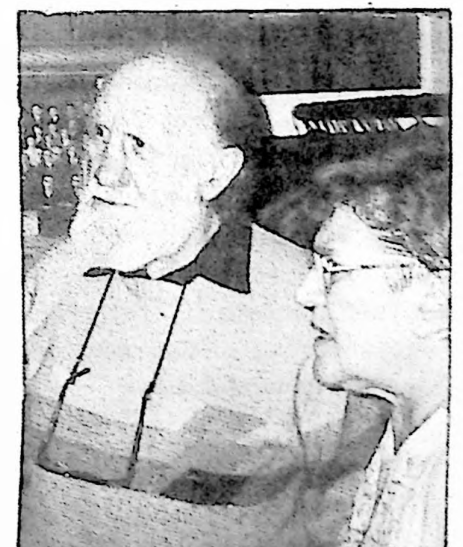
Centre: Conference '98 finished with singing of the International.



Before delegates' departure, the International was sung and pledges were made to carry on the struggle for the resurrection of socialism in USSR and to struggle for socialism

Greg and Stella Billings, from Toronto, show keen interest in the proceedings.

Bottom: Some of the foreign delegates with Toronto members who came back after the trip to Niagara Falls: l/r Sajban, Castilho, Trampus, Papapoulos, Brar, Anpilov, Lucas. Sitting - Giblett, Pawinska and Helen Lucas.



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From: Wales, GREAT BRITAIN

Dear Friends:

I am responding to your appeal in, unfortunately, a very modest way for I have been on a pension for so long and I have such a lot of other commitments. However, journal is absolutely invaluable, having direct contacts with the former Soviet Union - the latter being of such crucial importance if humanity is not to perish in bloody barbarism (which is more than likely unless the international working class fights back). So immediately, I enclose \$20 US to cover my subscription for next year (I believe it becomes due towards the end of this year) and £20 to the fighting fund.

While I am putting pen to paper, I wondered if you received my article on the Banking system and my points about Britain's future in

the EEC/EC/EU (my letter March 11th this year refers)?

There has been a sequel to this since I wrote in that we now have a Socialist government in France and a Labour government here (with a resounding majority). Now, if one talks to a French Socialist he/she will know what Socialism means (public ownership of the means of production and exchange) and will believe it is possible to gradually replace Capitalism with Socialism. If one talks to a Social Democrat/Labour party person, she/he will have only a vague idea as to how Capitalism works and will "fairly" judge public/private ownership in a "pragmatic" way. However, in both cases, they will act as lackeys of big business and finance capital.

The French got a Socialist government supported by the Communists committed to tackling unemployment and boosting the social services. They expanded the economy - not in a Socialist way but by using Keynesian economics. It wasn't long before there was a run on the franc, they had breached EEC regulations, and the defence of the franc became all-important. The Communists left the government and they were kicked out at the next election to be replaced by a government more palatable to big business.

The main reason for dissatisfaction here was the attack on the social services during the 18 years of Tory government. First, they blamed Thatcher (who was ousted by the pro-EEC element in the Tory party representing finance-capital who wanted the Maastricht provisions) then sleaze in the Tory party. But the real reason was never mentioned by anyone - the drift to EC/Single Market/Hard Currency, and finally, EU. Britain had already had its industrial guts torn out of it since

joining the EEC in 1972 when the government was forced to shed its links with the Commonwealth and lost control over agriculture, fisheries, iron, coal and steel, "harmonisation" (invariably against the interests of Britain) and a large amount of taxation (from progressive to regressive). The other side of the coin however was a free hand for Britain finance to invest in the EEC. The ultimate aim is an overall government appointed from constituent states to meet in Brussels (where the Secretariat is) with periodic meetings of heads of state at the capitals of the various states. But the real powerhouse will be the European Central Bank at Frankfurt (dominated by the Bundesbank) and this to be achieved by 1999. Now, they mean to achieve this which means that the last meaningful elections have already taken place in France and Britain.

The collapse of British industry came about largely because of the artificially high level of the £ within the ERM (Exchange Rate Mechanism of the EEC). When it collapsed (from DM 2.95 to DM 2.20) industry immediately began to pick up and the Tories claimed credit for this. But their true intentions were shown the day after the collapse of the £ forced it from the ERM when the government ratified the Maastricht Treaty. The first stage of the reckoning came in the budget of 1994 when the government cut public (not private) borrowing by £10,000 million and increased taxation (mainly regressive) by no less than £17,000 millions. The result: crumbling schools, hospitals, the end of low-cost housing and a rapid increase in homelessness, filthy towns and cities and all the rest. But this is only half of it. The present government between now and 1999 is committed to further increases in taxation (and they

decided in the manifesto they wouldn't tax the rich) of another £18,000 millions and reduction to zero of public borrowing. It must therefore repudiate the Maastricht Treaty to carry out its election promises. However, not only has it not done so, it is committed to the Treaty; so is the Labour Party, so is the TUC. The first major act of the government was to free the Bank of England from government control, and in less than three months, the Bank has increased interest rates three times (with more to come) plus "shadowing the mark", so that now the £ has reached the target of 3 Deutschemarks, i.e., it is ready to enter EMU prior to a single currency and the Bank of England is going through the preparations for the single currency. So production is already winding down and unemployment will accelerate very shortly.

A little anecdote about the Bank of England. When the Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia, they lost no time in grabbing the Central Bank to get their hands on the gold and deposits. But the Czech government had anticipated this and transferred the contents to the Bank of International Settlements in Basle, Switzerland. Although Germany was a member of it, it was an international bank presided over by the benign Sir Montagu Norman – the governor of the Bank of England, who happened to be a Jew. The Czech bourgeois government no doubt believing that a Jew and an Englishman would be impartial at best, or loyal to his race at worst, believed the money would be safe. Had they understood class parameters, they would have thought differently. Montagu Norman handed the loot over to the Nazis within hours of its request from the Nazis. Your editorial "Who Was to Blame" in this month's journal hit the nail on its head.

Denis Healey – a former Chancellor of the Exchequer in the last Labour government – said there would be riots in the streets if the Maastricht Treaty was implemented. Will it happen? Well, the French working class is very restive (the government has obtained a form of words from the EC but I believe they are only cosmetic). The German working class is beginning to wake up. But the British workers slumber on – and 1999 is not far away.

On another matter, I was astonished to read that contribution from Postmark Praha. They read Northstar Compass but clearly they have not understood what you have been saying from the earliest days about the CPRF.

– Yours Dejectedly,
Denis Martin

We received your excellent article, which we're publishing. Your letter (article) herein throws more light on the present situation. As usual, your analyses are to the point and hard-hitting. Thank you for your donation. □

NEWS FROM FORMER SOVIET UNION

**From Newspaper:
"VOICE OF A COMMUNIST"
Organ of the Central Committee
Russian Communist Party – CPSU**

OPPOSITION???

**By: Teimuraz Avallani
Deputy of State Duma
Member of Central Committee
Communist Party of
Russian Federation**

Few years have passed since the society in Russia has divided itself. Time has come to analyze this situation. There is the mafioso-

compradator governing part of society, and there is, as all are saying, the opposition. If we are talking about the first mentioned class, it is absolutely clear that this class exists. They rule, they rob and help foreign states to also rape Russia. This is an axiom, no need to give details. But then, is there an opposition? If there is, what kind is it? – fighting opposition or sitting on the couch opposition?

The first opposition to the calamity was when the leaders of CPSU wanted to oust Gorbachev and started to prepare for an ill-conceived coup, but got cold feet in that they did not call out the people into the streets to support them, since they were part of the apparatchiks, even though amongst them were patriots who knew what Gorbachev was all about and his connections with foreign governments and secret services. Results are known. But can we really say that this was an opposition?

In most countries, over a period of millennium, there were always opposition groups to their regimes.

There were wars. In our Motherland, all of these movements and forces intermixed. The counter-revolution that took place in 1991 and October 1993 was jointly interwoven with the military economic expansion of USA and NATO against USSR and then against Russia. That is why the feelings and attitudes in our country were of two variants. Among our people, there arose a movement protesting against foreign expansion into our country. Another part of society formed the movement of protest against robbery of people's economy. The third movement was against the first and

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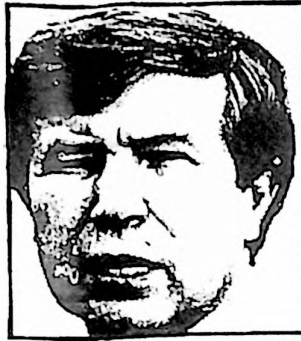
protests are mounting in order to save each school where there is taught Russian as also Ukrainian, the present Kuchma regime, with co-operation of the nationalists from RUKH and Ukrainian nationalists from abroad who are pouring millions of dollars in order to make everyone "Ukrainian" whether they are or not – to make everyone speak only "Ukrainian" whether they are Ukrainian or not. The Russian speaking population is not against Ukrainian language to be taught ... they are for a language that their children can communicate with all the 100 nationalities living in the former Soviet Union – as a language of communication.

During 1997, the leader of the Socialist Party of Ukraine and a Head of the Ukrainian Parliament, Moroz, sent to Donetsk his greetings and congratulations to the authorities who are erasing the Russian language and declaring it as "foreign". Even the "communist deputies" are on the band wagon to "Ukrainize" all the schools, in spite of the protests of the majority of the people.

You ask: where is the truth? There is no truth in present Ukraine. From where are you going to get this truth? On September 1, 1997, these nationalists who are out to erase Russian language from Ukraine, received telegrams of congratulations from Chernovyl of RUKH movement and also from the communist leader, Oleinik. This is a terrible sickness of these national-communists which threatens the left movement of Ukraine. International Donbass region feels this very sharply. This question, if not settled the correct way, could cause the left forces irreparable harm!

Note: Julius Fedorovsky is a Historian in Donetsk University and member of the left movement. □

**VICTOR
ANPILOV**



**From Newspaper:
"MOLNIYA"
Moscow**

LESSONS OF SWINE

"If a person is told one thousand times that he is a pig, he will start to grunt". The great humanist and

proletarian writer Maxim Gorky, writing this truth, did not imagine that at the end of the 20th century, this would come to pass: if all over the TV, radio and daily media, hundred times per day we are told that the swine "guarantees our constitution and social peace in the country", then the results shall be unexpected. And not only for the living ...

Here we are going to show proof that in Russia, our society is already accustomed to grunt. This, we learn from the TV screen, from

Demonstrators for USSR led by Victor Anpilov.



the microphones of the constant press conferences, on parliamentary podiums and the media outlets. We should by now know how to switch off the TV, when we see and hear something that we know are piggish grunts. But no, we, who already have been inoculated, proceed to chew like swine, to keep on looking and slowly we begin to grunt.

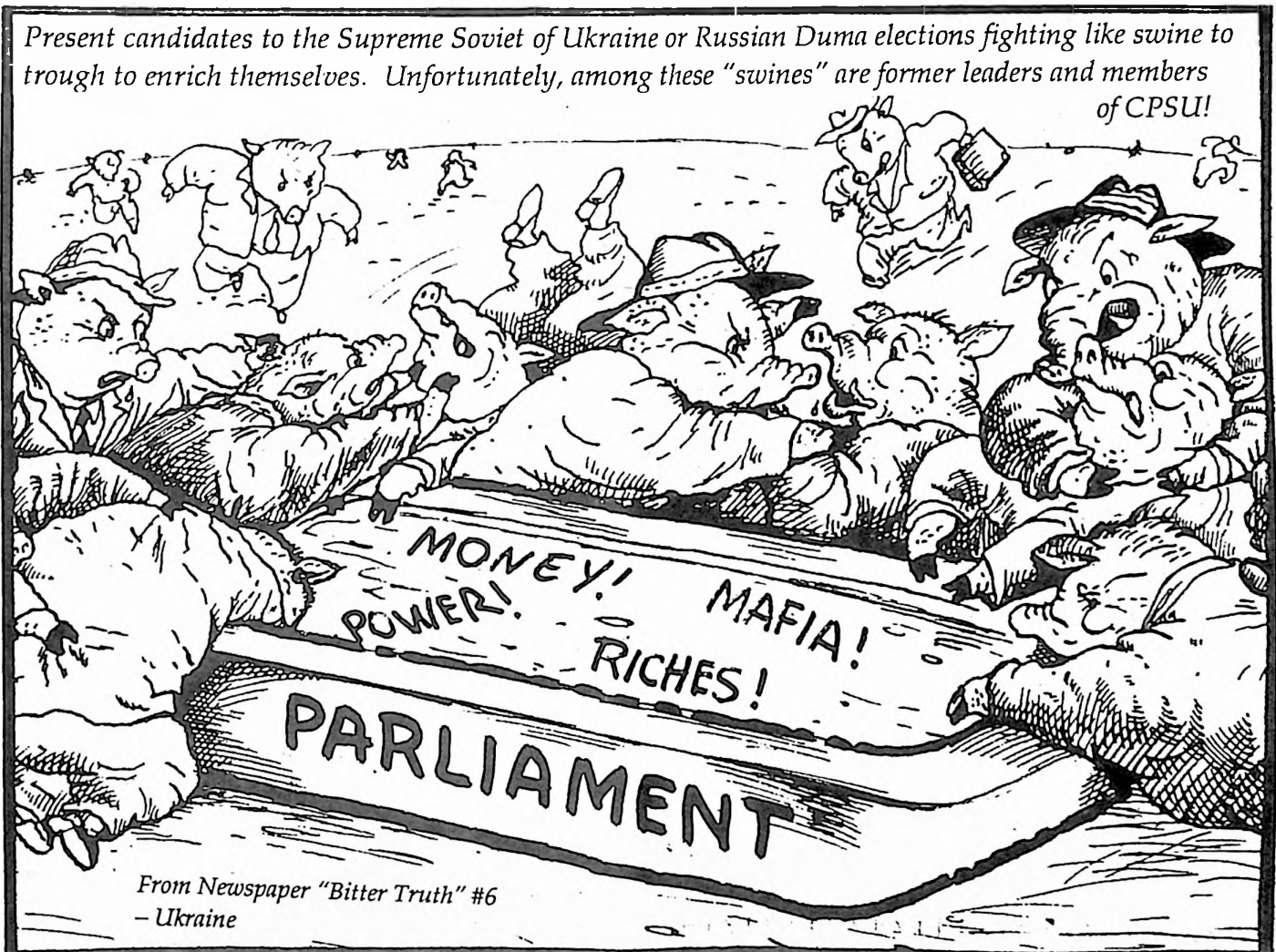
Sixty seven coal miners were killed when an explosion of methane gas ignited in the Kuzbass mine, but no one turned away from his swill. Miners at the Vokrutinsky basin did not call a strike or at the Donetsk or Moscow basin in solidarity with the dead comrades, did not demand the resignation of the Coal Minister or the President (why not?). The situation and the unsafe working conditions in their mines are as bad

as it was in the Kuzbass region!

In Siberia, on the roofs of apartments in Irkutsk, there landed a tragic heavy military transport aeroplane. Hundreds of lives were snuffed out (although this fact is not publicized). But what do we see and hear over the TV and radio? ... the costs in damage in millions of dollars, but no one asked the cardinal question: WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF THE PEOPLE? Who is going to be responsible that in the mines where elementary safety is overlooked for the sake of profit? Who will ask as to why military planes are unsafe and pilots are forced to fly long hours, holding on to 2-3 jobs in order to feed their families ... even if they know that the safety is at stake?

Everyone keeps quiet. In best of

cases, they only grunt. The grunting is loud in the Russian Duma. Instead of bringing in a motion to bring to justice the ministers responsible for the safety, including Yeltsin himself, responsible for the war in Chechnya, for the devastation of the economy and loss of national independence of Russia, instead, they all grunt in unison. They are discussing (grunting) whether Duma should believe the Yeltsin government or not. To adopt or not to adopt the budget. Cooperate with Chubais or not. Yeltsin (after his illness) came back - all of the Duma deputies somehow lost their voices and their tongues! Now the budget is adopted. Chubais is in place, Seleznev received his medal. Now the important thing that these deputies are going to discuss is



whether Yeltsin should go to Chechnya and how.

No one amongst the deputies (including the "communists" of the CPRF) now even talks about the blood of innocent miners, or the blood that flowed in Moscow in 1993 when Yeltsin ordered cannons and tanks to fire on the Russian Soviet. The media speaks about the Chechen deaths, the miner deaths – not about the losses of people, but as if the question was whether the mineral water has any syrup in it!

No further discussion or demands for the resignation of the present regime which had usurped power. Yeltsin of course will find common language with the new "boss" of Chechnya, Maskhadov, will fly from Moscow with his private army of guards, will give a short interview and will state that he is shocked at the devastation and that he was fooled by his Ministers Grachev and Yerinin. This will show the lesson learned.

Society again will, in union, start to grunt!

– V. Beloglinec

Although this excellent article was written in a satirical manner ... the truth is alarmingly true, unfortunately.

The storm clouds are gathering and the lightning is going to strike with all its fury! ARISE YOU MIGHTY LAND! □

**From Newspaper:
"WORD OF A COMMUNIST"
Odessa, Ukraine**

POLITICAL TWINS

Not too long ago, Ukraine was visited by the "father" of today's social-democracy, Alexander Yakovlev (former Ambassador to Canada and the architect of "perestroika" – Editors), former member of CPSU Politbureau and the Secretary of CC in charge of ideology. Mr. Yakovlev met another secretary of former

Communist Party of Ukraine, also in charge before of ideology, Mr. L. Krawchuk. These friends came to a complete agreement, that "social democracy" is the only road to the new society, which will be "anti-communist". Also, "Social-democracy – this is a compromise. But not with the Bolsheviks".

His talks with the newspapers (A. Yakovlev) were publicized widely in Ukrainian bourgeois press, such as "Day", "All Ukrainian News", "Alternative" and others. Basically, the truth is this – that the formation of "left centre" is not the left side of a political spectrum. They are separate from the "left wing" movement, because they are "left centre".

They agreed on the following:

FIRST RULE: "There is no need of any vanguard" and there is no need for a monolithic party.

SECOND RULE: "No dictatorship of the proletariat", but "social democracy" is co-operation between exploited and exploiters.

THIRD RULE: "No expropriation of private businesses" – this means that the present situation where the rich get richer while the poor get poorer should prevail. Their program is to have equal rights for all manner of ownership.

FOURTH RULE: "No revolution" but full rights to the present capitalist class for ownership of all the means of mass media which is utilized to influence and manipulate the people for their own ends. They also agreed that the "Soviet Union was a jail full of people". They also (these former communist ideological chiefs of USSR and Ukraine respectively) agreed that communists and fascists are the same, they are totalitarian regimes, which must be banned.

These two "patriots" stated that there was no socialism in the USSR, but "only a society of sheep headed

by a ram".

These are the policies of the chief "ideologue" of the Russian Party of Social Democracy, academic now in European Academy of Sciences, Alexander Yakovlev with his "twin" – joining of Russians and Ukrainians.

It is necessary now to remind those people that are drifting towards this "left of centre" and are seeking their friends of who is who!

– Yuri Solomatin

Secretary of Kiev District

Communist Party of Ukraine

(Published in "Workers

Nikolaivshina" No. 27, 1997) □

WARNING FROM INDIGNANT SUFFERERS

The events that took place in Lvov on May 9th and November 7th and what is happening more and more often here in this land of Banderites (Lvov, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopol) showed us more than anything else to fascism is growing in Ukraine and the headquarters of this fascist movement is the city of Lvov.

It is a shock and a person does not want to believe how these young Ukrainian Nazis with steel rods beat up Great Patriotic War Veterans if they see them on the streets wearing proudly their medals for valour. How is this possible? It's possible because the state apparatus safeguards these fascists. When Hillary Clinton and Liudmila Kuchma (wife of President Kuchma) were in Lvov, of course, they did not lay flowers to the veterans who perished in the Great Patriotic War, or to the victims at the monument that were killed by the Banderite-Petlura gangs who performed genocide against their own people.

As our people's saying goes:

"The music did not last long, the boyfriend did not dance too long."
We will eradicate fascism!

Dear veterans!

I am giving you (together with my dedicated comrades) my word, that not one act of attack against Soviet War Veterans will go unpunished! My friends and I, who are sportsmen, physically capable, we shall do everything that's possible that not even one drop of your blood shall go unpunished! For the blood of our fathers, grandfathers and grandmothers the fascists shall pay very dearly!

- Alexander Semenov
Odessa, Ukraine

WE WERE BROUGHT UP BY STALIN TO BELIEVE IN THE PEOPLE

(Immortalize the Name of Our Leader)

Already, it has been 45 years since the Soviet people are living without the leader of the world's proletariat J.V. Stalin. And as more time passes from that date, when the great son of Soviet people passed away, more and more his greatness



and genius grows. No matter what the enemies of socialism and communism say, no matter what lies and falsehoods they heap upon him and our Motherland, they cannot sweep his genius and leadership away, from the times of its people and USSR. During the time of extreme hardship for the Soviet Union, encirclement and economic blockade, intervention and secret dealings against our country (headed by J.V. Stalin), all these intrigues and attacks came to naught and could not derail the country and its leader from the glorious path of building socialism and helping civilization to see a brighter future.

After the death of the leader on March 5, 1953, there came on the scene that ideologue of anti-Stalinism, leader of the world opportunism Nikita Khrushchev. Nevertheless, the development of the country proceeded. Our people were able to perform deeds of economic growth and construction. The development under even these conditions was able to proceed because of the deep roots placed by the socialist planned economy. But the constant departure from the economic laws and plans as were proceeding under Stalin, the constant watering down of the principle of Marxism-Leninism by open revisionism, which, after the XX Congress of CPSU, became the main program of the politics and economics of the Soviet State, the process of falling off of production took an ever increasing tempo. The main blow dealt at the USSR was in 1985 and in the following years which was well hidden under the mask of Gorbachev's "perestroika".

But the temporary demise of the Soviet State, the clique of Gorbachev, Yeltsin, Krawchuk, Shushkevich, Sheverdnadze, Kuchma and Company could not kill the ideals of communism that would change the world. These ideas and

ideals were worked out and brought up the Soviet people by a party led by Bolsheviks under the leadership of Lenin and Stalin. On the present ruins and chaos, more and more brighter shines and grows the greatness of Joseph V. Stalin. More and more people of this world understand the greatness of his teachings. More and more portraits of the leader are seen in the constant marching of protesters all over former USSR, demanding the resurrection of the socialist Motherland. The name of Stalin gives us strength and optimism, as it did during the Great Patriotic War and during the construction in the 5-year plans.

At great speed, even a foaming river eventually passes as if it was not there. With the passing of 10 years, more and more quickly the name of the great leader shines ever more brightly over the world, showing the path to the future of equality and peaceful labour, where the riches shall belong to the working class.

Basing themselves on this growth of understanding and respect for the great leader, masses of Soviet citizens are asking and suggesting that there should be established a Medal of Honour devoted to J.V. Stalin.

On behalf of the group of Veterans of the Volyn District of Ukraine, we sent a letter to the address of the Chairperson of the Presidium of supreme Soviet of USSR, Sazhi Umalatova.

This is on the occasion of the coming 120 anniversary of the birth of J.V. Stalin, which is going to be celebrated by the working class on December 21, 1999. We think that the first medals to be given out shall be at the end of 1998. This Medal or this Order of J.V. Stalin shall be a serious moral support for all people of good dedication, struggling for

social progress, for the resurrection of the Soviet State. Our Volyn Veterans made this recommendation, that this Medal should be given to people that struggle for the ideas of Marxism-Leninism, the teachings of J.V. Stalin, against anti-communism and anti-Stalinism, for cementing the friendship between peoples in this world of ours, for the rebirth of unity and might of the Socialist Motherland. □

**PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK**



THE AWAKENING IS APPROACHING!

Am sending materials and photographs from the newspapers "Communist" and "Village News" and trying to reach those people who are so bent on proclaiming the tremendous achievements of our "independent" Ukraine and the present "democratic" (read: totalitarian) regime. Yes, be glad, you gentlemen! Ukraine is "flowering"! (or is it dying?!) Unfortunately, the present leaders of the "new order" in "sovereign" Ukraine, do not understand what is really happening in our country ... what is happening with the young generation? The tactic is now to bring this problem to a minimum. The "results" are "great" according to the present regime plans. Just about 5 years ago, Ukraine had a population of 50 million people. It looks that the work is cut-out for the president and his cronies. The Club of Rome is recommending that

the maximum population for Ukraine should be 10-15 million people. But with the present policy of market economy, the present government might yet achieve this genocide.

Below, we publish facts from newspaper "Tovarish" of last year.

In 9 months in 1997, the population of Ukraine dropped by 300,000 people. In the last 5 years, the population dropped by over 1.5 million people. The main staple of food for the majority of people is potatoes and bread.

There are now over 589,200 people fully unemployed, plus hundreds of thousands that are partly employed and hundreds of thousands that did not receive their pay for over 6 months.

Until that "goal" is reached, the present regime is doing its job through hunger. Even though the miners of the region went on strikes and hunger strikes, but for what? Wasn't it they that helped to dismantle socialism in Ukraine ... they helped to dismantle the Land of the Soviets! And now, it looks as if they are not very happy with the accomplishments of "privatization"! As many miners put it: "We are unable to work any longer. We have not the strength to go on ... our tools are falling out of our hands ..." – ("Communist" #49, 194, December 1997).

Many citizens of Ukraine cannot bear up to this "independent" Ukraine, and are committing suicide. In the last 6 years, there were 60,000 suicides, in this number, there were 16,000 women. Just compare, my dear readers, the following fact – in 10 years of civil war in Afghanistan, the whole of USSR lost 14,000 people. Yes, the "reforms" are going full speed ahead – over all bodies of its citizens.

"In Ukraine at the present time, there are 100,000 to 250,000 children who have no home and living on the

streets ... This was reported by the head of governmental body UNA O. Vitovich ..." (Newspaper "Tovarish", #50, 1997.

It is true, according to the present regime, that children somehow are spoiling the plans of bringing the population down as promoted by the Club of Rome.

Could such a thing have happened under Soviet rule? According to the Militia, there are over 50,000 underage children on their lists who committed crimes. More than 1,000 underage children are now narcotic users daily. More than 80% of the underage children that were held by the militia were jailed for stealing food to eat or clothes to wear! Does this not say anything to you? What does this say to you, "friends" of the present Ukrainian regime? The scientists compiled a list of the statistics – in the whole of Ukraine, there are 13 million people in the present environment who are border cases of falling apart of families due to the present hardships. There are now 135,000 invalids in Ukraine – these are children! More than 30% of them shall not reach the age of 18 years. (Village Life 6, XIII, 1997).

Yes, keep on being happy, gentlemen "democrats"! The people are still slumbering ... Awakening is approaching! □

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN UKRAINE

THE COMMUNIST ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION

By: Peter Krasnopyarov

On the 29th of March, 1998, the elections to Ukrainian parliament will take place. I would like to describe to the readers of "Northstar Compass" the situation in the 2nd largest republic of the former USSR – both in general and concerning

the left-wing movement (and communist especially) in particular.



Peter Krasnopriyarov

The 7 years of capitalist restoration has turned simply into a catastrophe for the people of Ukraine. After the getting of the so-called "independence" (bourgeois-nationalistic counter-revolution) Ukraine (which was one of the most developed and rich republics of the USSR) has simply degenerated to the level of the Third World countries. The country's GDP has dropped more than 60%. The industry, agriculture are in a great depression. People do not get their wages and salaries in time, and they may have no wages for a period of over 6 months and even longer. All the high-technology sectors of economy are simply destroyed (due to the plans of IMF on the de-industrialization of the country). The beggars hide simply in the over-crowded underground stations. Unemployment, which was earlier an unknown phenomenon in the USSR, is now, by the official level, something like 2-3%, but that is because people who lost their jobs do not register themselves on the

**TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:
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labour exchange, so if we will take all these people into account, the real level of unemployment will become 30-40%. The inflation since 1991 shot up more than 15,000%. So this is, in brief, the economic situation in Ukraine.

What must the Ukrainian communists do in this situation? Firstly, if one calls him (or her) self a communist or Marxist, he (she) must have a clear understanding of tactics of the party calling itself "communist" in the elections to the BOURGEOIS parliament. Reading the works of Marx, Engels and Lenin, we first of all must understand quite well that it is simply impossible to create socialism using the bourgeois parliament. There must be no illusions! So then, maybe it is good simply to boycott the elections to the bourgeois parliament? No! Communists must use bourgeois parliament as a means, as a tribune on propaganda and popularization of socialist ideals, and the aims of this or that communist party. This is a very important question. Because we all know that many communist parties, especially in Western Europe, were captivated with parliament games and simply forgot about the one and the only path to socialism – the revolutionary one. The so-called "Eurocommunism" has simply buried those communist parties! But it is also not correct to boycott parliamentary elections if there is no revolutionary situation in the country. The tactics of boycott is correct if there is revolutionary situation and participation in the bourgeois elections is betrayal of the revolution.

If one will analyze the programmes of two main left-wing parties of Ukraine, the Socialist Party of Ukraine (SPU) and the Communist Party of Ukraine (CPU), I must say that none of these parties give us correct understanding of

this problem.

The programme of the SPU is pure liberalism. There are no words even about the wish of this party to construct socialism in Ukraine. The programme is full of abstract and obscure phrases like "Let's create the better life for Ukraine", "All together to the better life". Certainly there are no calls for constructing planned economy. There is the so-called "mixed economy" – which is capitalism in other words. It also says that "we'll lead Ukraine into European and International institutions". What does this mean? Does it mean that SPU will lead Ukraine into International BOURGEOIS institutions as a colonial country? Looking after the policy of this party during last years and reading the programme of this party, I may only come to the conclusion that SPU is a typical social-democratic party.

As for the Communist Party of Ukraine, I must also say that both the policy of this party and pre-election programme is opportunistic. The programme of this party is in most items identical with the programme of CPRF (Communist Party of Russian Federation) in December 1995 elections to the Duma. The revolutionary path to socialism is simply excluded. The private sector is represented in the economy. The problem of reconstruction of the Soviet Union is described in a quite misty way.

Unfortunately, here in Ukraine, we have no party or block of parties which can be called really communist, just like "Communists – Workers Russia – For the Soviet Union" as it is in Russia.

On my accounts, the CPU will take approximately 30 or more percent on the elections, but that will not be the victory of the real socialist forces. Because this party

is parliamentarized, is sick with the so-called "parliamentary cretinism".

Some members of this party had voted for the new reactionary bourgeois constitution in June 1996, and some leaders of this party simply struggle with the labour movement. The real communists cannot support this party.

Unfortunately, the AUCPB will boycott the elections (as well as in Russia) – for no good reason!

I think that it is necessary to create a real communist party in Ukraine, which will use the parliamentary means of struggle in the correct Marxist-Leninist way.

In the letter accompanying this article, Peter states the following:

"Another problem we have in Ukraine is growing fascism. The Ukrainian fascist organization, called UNA-UNSO, is using demagogic populism and social slogans in which to raise its popularity, playing on the discontent of the majority of people of Ukraine in the present situation. □

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

SOMETIMES THE BOURGEOIS PRESS TELLS IT LIKE IT IS!

Received newspaper clippings from Angelo D'Angelo of U.S. Friends of NSC in New York, from newspapers New York Times, Investor's Business Daily and the Wall Street Journal which we quote in abridged article below – Editors.

RUSSIA, VIETNAM REKINDLE DIPLOMACY

"Russian Prime Minister Chernomyrdin met the Vietnam's

Communist Party chief Do Muoi in a very friendly reapproachment and agreed on points of view regarding the future development of market economy in Vietnam. It seems that Vietnam, after the death of Ho Chi Minh, is completely different than the millions of people that died beating U.S. perceived."

Comment: Vietnam, following China's lead and with the blessing of Russia, is going down the slippery road of capitalism. Russia has now established firm relations with its former "foe" seeing that both countries are going along the prescribed road of International Monetary Fund.

It seems that birds of a feather meet and go on the capitalist road together!

COMMUNIST LEADER DROPS MOVE TO OUST YELTSIN GOVERNMENT

"After years of ideological intransigence and increasing political irrelevance (by the CPRF – Editors) all it really took was a huff and a puff to bring the party of Lenin to its knees ..."

"The Communist Party of Russian Federation, which controls the country's toothless Parliament and not much else promised to lead a vote of no confidence in the Government of Yeltsin. It planned this show-down for months. Yeltsin said that he shall not budge – Gennady Zyuganov, Communist leader, caved in completely. In return, Yeltsin promised him a weekly parliamentary forum on television and maybe several meetings with the President each year."

"... In a recent poll, 70% of people were against the sale of state property and 54% said that Russia is moving in the wrong direction."

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"... Alexander Prokhanov, editor of newspaper 'Zavtra', stated it in the following manner: 'Today, it would be possible to argue that the Communist Party of any capitalist country is more influential than the Communist Party of Russia.'"

"... The present Constitution gives Yeltsin practically Imperial Powers. Communist leader Zyuganov seems happy that he is out of the Government, as the speaker of the Duma, Gennadi Seleznev (Communist member – Editors) stated: 'In this country right now, whoever is in opposition is sitting on a gold mine'.

Also, Valentin Kuptsov, Zyuganov's chief ally, said: 'We are not a theoretical party!' Mr. Zyuganov capitulated, not wanting a battle with Yeltsin that he absolutely did not want to fight. Many of his supporters feel that Zyuganov should resign."

We feel that the following quote says it all!

"The CPRF peaked in its popularity two years ago when they won the parliamentary election", said Vyacheslav Nikonov, a political consultant who worked for Yeltsin. "At that point, the country was for the taking by the Communists – to take back the Soviet Union from Yeltsin. But the CPRF threw it away for good. So, they are dying now, and I think that is why they're holding on to the communist name, but this does them now as much harm as do the present leaders of CPRF."

CAPITALISM'S SURPRISE CONVERTS

In a very clever article that tries to make the former "socialists" who converted to capitalism as heroes, the article shows how former "socialist-communist" leaders in the USA have switched to Free Market

proponents and how the present USA newspaper hacks praise these turncoats, such as Rupert Murdoch who was known as "Rupert the Red at Oxford, F.A. Hayek an ex-Fabian socialist, Robert Hessen, who likened President Eisenhower with Fascism and David Horowitz who embraced the left radical Black Panthers, the New Left.

If Communism is dead, then why did the bourgeoisie spend billions to brainwash people with this kind of propaganda?

The answer is obvious ... the "Communist Spectre" is haunting the world and Capitalism shall never be able to rest until Socialism is victorious.

COMMUNISM AND CRIMES

"An 846 page historical tome about the times of Communism would head straight for University libraries. But in France, "The Black Book of Communism" is on the best-seller list. This book, written by six historians, 3 years in preparation, details how, between 85-100 million people, came to die at the hands of Communist regimes in the USSR and other socialist countries!?"

The first shot in this controversy was fired when the centre-right opposition Union of French Democracy tried to use the book to embarrass Prime Minister Lionel Jospin whose government has the French Communist Party as its junior partner and includes three Communist Ministers in the Cabinet.

Prime Minister who was irritated, said: Even though the French Communist Party did not distance itself soon enough from Stalinism, the Communist Party has learned the lessons of history, it is represented in my Government and I am proud of this.

Robert Hue, the new CPF leader, conceded that the party was "20 years too late" in acknowledging the crimes of Stalinism in 1976."

The Maoist in Parliament, Courrois equated Communism with Fascism and ended his speech with the following words: "Even before Stalin, Lenin instituted 'permanent civil war' as his mode of government."

REMARKS:

The proverb which is as apropos as it was yesterday that "You are known by the company you keep" is very relevant today. What is astounding is that the French Communist Party is hand-in-glove with the reactionary French government and its hate of Stalin is just a cover-up of its hate of Socialism, Leninism and even Marxism! History shall judge these turncoats.

No one in history ever liked traitors, even though they might have agreed with them! □

SURFING THE INTERNET

By: Jerry Morse

Below, we publish some facts garnered from Internet. We try to verify these items by reading the Russian newspapers so that they do not contradict each other. This will be a new column by Jerry Morse – Editors.

- Yeltsin fears world war in Iraq while discussing situation with Chinese leaders.

- Armenia's leaders toughen line of the Karabakh region which saw terrible casualties on both sides of this disputed enclave.

- Byelorussian Presidential Aide held on corruption charges.

- Germany's President backs Ukraine's pro-European stance and joining NATO.

- Islam fanaticism thrives in Uzbekistan amid Soviet-era habits.

- Yerevan is in a governmental crisis with resignations over the Karabakh situation. Stiffening position by Armenia leaders could worsen the crisis.

Here are some of the main parties in Russia:

- COMMUNIST PARTY OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION
Leader: Gennady Zyuganov
Seats in Russian Duma: 157
- LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF RUSSIA
Leader: Vladimir Volfovich Zhirinovsky
Seats in Russian Duma: 51
- YABLOKO PARTY
Leader: Gregory Yavlinsky
Seats in Russian Duma: 46
- DEMOCRATIC VOTE OF RUSSIA
Leader: Yegor Timurovich Gaidar
Seats in Russian Duma: 20
- PARTY OF SELF-MANAGED WORKERS
Leader: Svyatoslav Fedorov
Seats in Russian Duma: 1
- OUR HOUSE RUSSIA
- WOMEN OF RUSSIA
- WORKERS OF RUSSIA
- CONGRESS OF RUSSIAN COMMUNISTS
- POWER OF THE PEOPLE
- HONOUR OF THE MOTHERLAND
Leader: General (Pinochet) Lebed
- ALL UNION COMMUNIST PARTY OF BOLSHEVIKS
- RUSSIAN COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY
- UNION OF COMMUNIST PARTIES – CPSU
- COMMUNIST PARTY OF SOVIET UNION
Leader: Victor Anpilov,
First Secretary
- RUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY – CPSU
- UNION OF OFFICERS
- ALL UNION COMMUNIST PARTY [B]

NOTE:

The above does not include many movements, associations, small parties and groupings that sprang up after the temporary demise of the Soviet Union. □

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ERNIE TRORY



WELFARE REFORM

Nobody who has read my book, Peace and the Cold War (Part One) Labour in Government, 1945-51, can have failed to see the similarity between the first majority Labour government in Britain, which lost support and fell because it went back on its promises to redistribute wealth in favour of the working class, and the present Labour government which has now launched a plan to save £3.2 billion at the expense of the poorer sections of the community.

According to figures provided by the House of Commons Library to the Guardian newspaper and published in that journal on the 5th January, this grand total is to be

made up as follows: from the disabled by substituting incapacity benefit (at a lower rate) for invalidity benefit, a saving of £2,510 million; by reducing benefits to lone parents, a saving of £215 million; by cuts in unemployment benefits, a saving of £240 million; by limiting claims of war pensioners, a saving of £5 million; and by loan recovery from the destitute, a further saving of £3 million.

It is true that the government has had to find an extra £600 million for claimants in various categories because it has overshot its inflation targets, another £400 million for winter fuel payments to pensioners, and a further £200 million for housing and council tax benefits, but it still leaves the government with a net saving of two billion pounds at the expense of the poorest of the poor.

According to the right-wing institute of Economic Affairs, another two million people could fall into the poverty trap in the next five years if the link between social security benefits and average incomes, broken by the late Tory government, is not restored.

At a recent meeting of the Cabinet, at which Tony Blair outlined his plans for a major reform of the welfare system, ministers were encouraged to go out and

evangelise. But up to the 16th January, only the Defence Secretary, George Robertson, had planned to speak in public at the following week-end; and he cancelled the engagement after ordering HMS Invincible to sail for the Gulf.

As with the earlier Labour government of 1945-51, there is to be no saving by imposing cuts in military expenditure nor yet any increase in revenue by restoring the upper levels of income tax cancelled by Margaret Thatcher, much to the relief of the fat cats of finance and industry who grow richer and more numerous by the day.

On the 19th January, an editorial in the New Worker stated: "The capitalists are driven to these policies by the deepening crisis of the capitalist system - now openly on show in the bleeding, gaping wounds that are so obvious in the so-called 'tiger economies' of Asia. Capitalists everywhere are struggling against what Marx described as 'the tendency of the rate of profit to fall'. This is inherent in the system and is always addressed by stepping up attacks on labour."

There is, of course, a limit to the degradation that the poor are prepared to suffer. On the 9th January, the New Worker reported a demonstration by members of the Disabled People's Direct Action Network, many in wheelchairs, which focused public attention on the proposed cuts. According to the New Worker report, "the demonstrators made liberal use of red paint to draw attention to their message and there were twelve arrests."

A few days later, on the day before HMS Invincible sailed for the Gulf to threaten Saddam Hussein with the bombardment of Baghdad, a deputation of disabled ex-soldiers who had fought in the earlier military engagement in the Gulf

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arrived at the Ministry of Defence and returned the medals they had won.

The message from the New Communist Party of Britain is clear: "It is in the interests of all working-class people to show solidarity for workers in struggle for better pay and conditions everywhere." □

JERICHO '98

RALLY AND MARCH TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO DEMAND FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS

There are over 150 political prisoners in US jails. They are in jail because they are committed to taking action for social justice. They are Black, Puerto Rican, Native American and progressive white people who have dedicated their lives to fighting against racism, colonialism and exploitation. Some of them have been in jail for over 26 years. This makes them some of the longest held political prisoners in the world.

Throughout history, whenever the dispossessed have risen up, they

have come under attack. They are assassinated, imprisoned, and harassed. The last few decades in this country have been no exception.

Many of the political prisoners are locked up as a result of the FBI's Counter Intelligence Program (CoIntelPro). During the 1960's and 70's, the FBI developed CoIntelPro to attack, frame, assassinate, and imprison participants and leaders of the Black Panther Party, the American Indian Movement and other powerful social movements. Others have received excessively long sentences because of the political nature of their actions.

The US government denies that there are political prisoners in this country. But examining the cases of the political prisoners shows that in fact, their imprisonment and extremely long sentences are due to their political beliefs and actions. The government has tried to delegitimize these prisoners and their movements by treating them as criminals, refusing to let them make a political defense at their trials and singling them out for harassment and intimidation once they are imprisoned.

For example, Geronimo ji jaga Pratt, a former member of the Black Panther Party, was framed and imprisoned for a murder he did not commit for 27 years. He was finally released from prison in California on June 10, 1997. The FBI tried to hide evidence that he was at a meeting in Oakland, California at the time of the murder, far from Santa Monica where the murder occurred. His release was obtained due to intense public outcry and the work of his legal team.

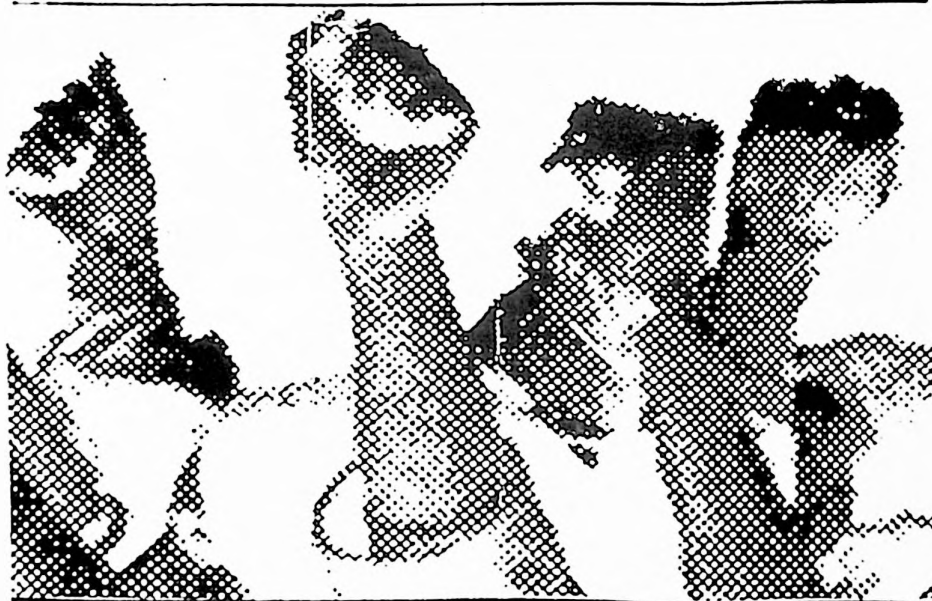
Below are examples of just a few of the political prisoners here in the US.

SOME OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD IN UNITED STATES PRISONS

- LEONARD PELTIER – is a Lakota Indian and a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM). During the 1970's, he worked to end oppressive conditions for Native Americans. In 1975, FBI agents trespassed on an AIM member's property in Wounded Knee, South Dakota. There was a fire and two FBI agents were killed. *Leonard Peltier became the scapegoat despite the lack of concrete evidence implicating him. He was found guilty of murder. He is serving two consecutive life terms.*

- MUMIA ABU-JAMA – is a former Black Panther Party member and an award-winning journalist in Philadelphia who spoke out against police brutality. In 1981, he stopped to help his brother who was being beaten by the police. *A cop was killed and Mumia shot. Mumia was charged with his murder. The trial was a farce: a lawyer with no criminal experience represented Mumia and a racist judge prevented the defense from obtaining evidence favorable to Mumia. Mumia is now on death row in Pennsylvania.*

- CARMEN VALENTIN – is a Puerto Rican woman who has



"Fighting for Freedom is not a crime."

- Sekou Odinga, political prisoner, former Black Panther

committed her life to fight for the Independence of Puerto Rico. She was a high school teacher and community activist in Chicago. *In 1980, she and 10 other Puerto Rican independence fighters were arrested and charged with seditious conspiracy, conspiring to free their country through the use of force.* As an anti-colonial fighter, she refused to recognize the jurisdiction of US courts. *She was sentenced to 98 years and is in prison in California, far from her home.*

• LINDA EVANS – is a white woman who has been active since the 1960's in anti-racist movements, women's and lesbian liberation and opposing the role of the US government in the imperial domination of other nations. She also worked to support Political Prisoners who had been locked up for their activities in connection with movements she was supporting. She was arrested in 1985. *She was charged with harboring a fugitive and buying four guns with a false name. For this, she was sentenced to a total of 40 years.*

WHY A MARCH ON D.C.?

Despite national and international calls to release all political prisoners held in US prisons, the US government is determined to keep them locked up. We are just as determined to work until they are free. Their unjust and disproportionate sentences have already kept them away from their family, friends and community for too long. Their commitment to struggle for a better world encourages us to work for their release. Jericho '98 was formed because we believe in the power of people working together to create change. As the biblical story of Jericho shows, when we raise our voices collectively, we can cause walls to come tumbling down

CZECH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS BACK RIGHT WING

Postmark Prague reports that Milos Zeman leader of the Social Democrats, now the largest party in parliament justified his parties rescue of the new right wing caretaker government of Josef Tosovsky from an impending vote of no confidence on January 28 by citing his concern for political and economic stability. However, it was president Havel's threat to postpone elections which motivated the support since the Social Democrats now lead the former governing party (O.D.S.) by 14% in the latest opinion polls and are hence anxious to go to the polls remarked P.P. Tosovsky heads a caretaker administration which was appointed by president Havel on January 2, 1998 following the resignation of Klaus's right-wing coalition government on November 30, 1997. The resignation was made necessary by the bursting of the countries Post Communist Economic bubble and the parties' financial mismanagement and corruption. The

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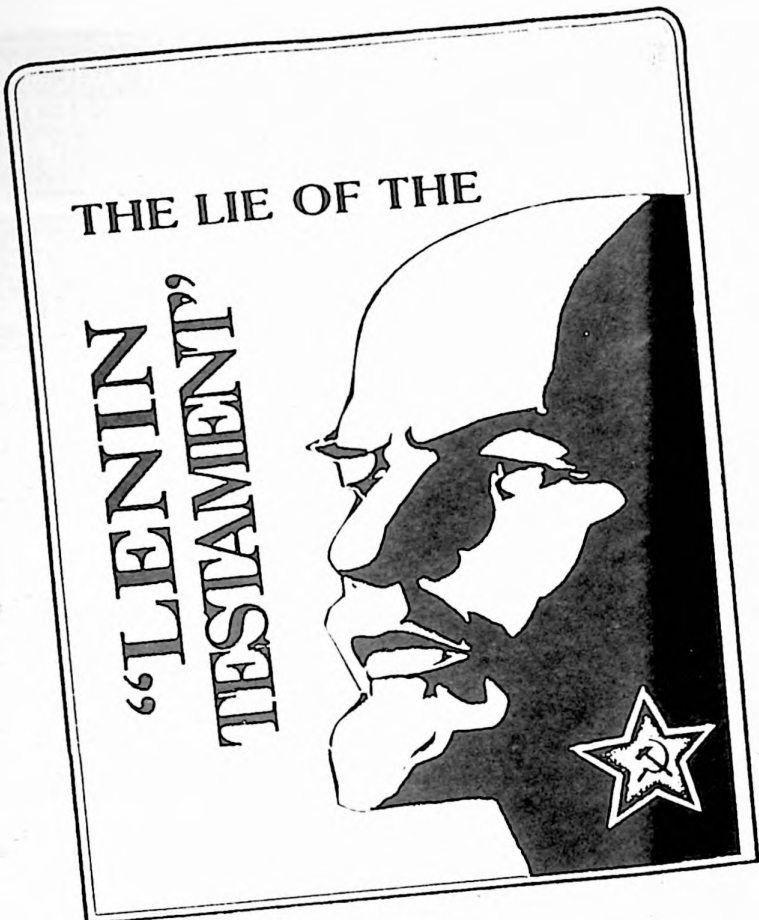
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new administration while following most of the policies of its predecessor such as deregulation, and privatization has retained seven veterans of the previously discredited Klaus coalition. President Havel cut his Canary Island vacation short to be introduced to the 16 new ministers of this caretaker government. Meanwhile, the economic melt down continues with the declining value of the Czech currency and savage increases in rents and prices reports Postmark Prague (P.P.). Tosovsky like his predecessor is pushing for early NATO membership without a referendum. Both the new prime minister and Havel are determined to hold on to power as long as possible states P.P. Havel himself has encountered difficulties in his bid for re-election as president of the republic.

In spite of the fact that both challengers for the presidency were denied the opportunity to address the joint session of parliament Havel failed to receive a simple majority on the first ballot cast by the joint session. He therefore, as mandated by the constitution, was forced to go to a second ballot in which he was the only candidate. His Communist opponent Stanislav Fisher received 31 votes on the first ballot that was seven more than the parties' combined strength in both houses of parliament. Havel won on the second ballot by just one vote since Miroslav Sladek of the far right Republican Party had been imprisoned for inciting hatred against Germans and so was prevented from voting against the incumbent. Subsequent to Sladek's acquittal on the above charges, his supporters are challenging this. It will be interesting to see how the Constitutional Court will rule on this, remarks P.P.

– George Hess ☐



Trotskyites, in order to discredit Stalin, have made several serious allegations. These of course began with Trotsky himself, as he jockeyed to gain control of the CP(SU)(B) after the death of Lenin. One of the most influential distortions of the truth, has been Trotsky's claim that before his death, Lenin had warned the party that Stalin should be removed from party leadership, and replaced by Trotsky. This lie still has currency, and is referred to as the so called - Lenin Testament . It is accompanied by the claims that Stalin subverted Lenin's plans for the party, and acted with gross megalomania. We will examine this spurious claim in detail here. Three recent articles when taken together, we argue, will allow us to do this.

We believe, these articles should force the unbiased reader to reject the Trotskyite claim. North Star Compass feels that it is necessary, to present the real facts regarding these documents. The documents have circulated now for over 70 years, and have been promoted, circulated, falsified and used as one of the main weapons against the USSR, Stalin and Socialism. This particular lie - the so called Lenin Testament , has been published in practically all known languages of the world. It has been well nurtured, affecting numerous communist and progressive movements in one form or another. The dissemination of the lie was part of a conscious attempt to defame Stalin and the development of Socialism In One Country.

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THE DEMONIZATION OF IRAQ

Why is Iraq being demonized in our press and accused of harbouring weapons of mass destruction which pose a threat to world peace and security? Citizens Concerned About Free Trade (CCAFT) in their press release of February 4, 1998 quote Ramsey Clark, former U.S. Attorney General, as saying that "Iraq is incapable of war". Clark further charges that "Iraq's military weapons have been destroyed in highly publicized events broadcast around the world". This has left Iraq virtually defenceless against any attack by a superpower like the U.S. Why then, one might ask, is there so much concern about this Third World country of 20 million inhabitants whose land mass is equivalent to the province of Saskatchewan?; a country in which, after seven years of sanctions, one million Iraqis have died a slow death of starvation (two-thirds of them children) the statement continues. After all, the last war with Iraq in 1991 was referred to by U.S. officials as a turkey shoot and aroused opposition and horror around the world. The answer to this question can be partly found in what David Orchard is quoted as saying in the same release.

Orchard charges that "today's events are the latest in a long, brutal and sordid history of British and U.S. involvement in the Middle East which dates back to Britain's carving up of Kuwait out of Iraq in 1899 in order to take possession of its oil reserves". The U.S., Orchard goes on to say, wants complete control of Iraq's oil, something Saddam Hussein has refused to do when he

resisted American demands that he privatize the oil industry. This is why the U.S. will not lift its sanctions against Iraq, no matter what Iraq does as confirmed by the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Bill Richardson when he said, "Iraq has no possibility of seeing sanctions lifted".

The CCAFT release charges that Iraq is no more of a "threat" to the U.S. than Cuba. One U.S. nuclear submarine could obliterate both countries. The crippling of Iraq is to prevent Saddam Hussein from becoming a rallying point for Arab nationalism, in the same way as the 37 year U.S. embargo against Cuba and the repeated attempts to assassinate its leaders are to prevent a rallying point and an alternative model for Latin America.

This press release, like many others which are given short shrift

in our mass media, show the extent to which international capital primarily American will go to satisfy its uncontrolled greed. Without the limiting affects of the USSR it is a system gone wild subjecting the global population to untold hardship and ecological devastation.

- George Hess

HEALTHCARE UNDER ATTACK!

One of the most dangerous threats to Canadians is destruction of Universal Health Care by Multi-National privateers.

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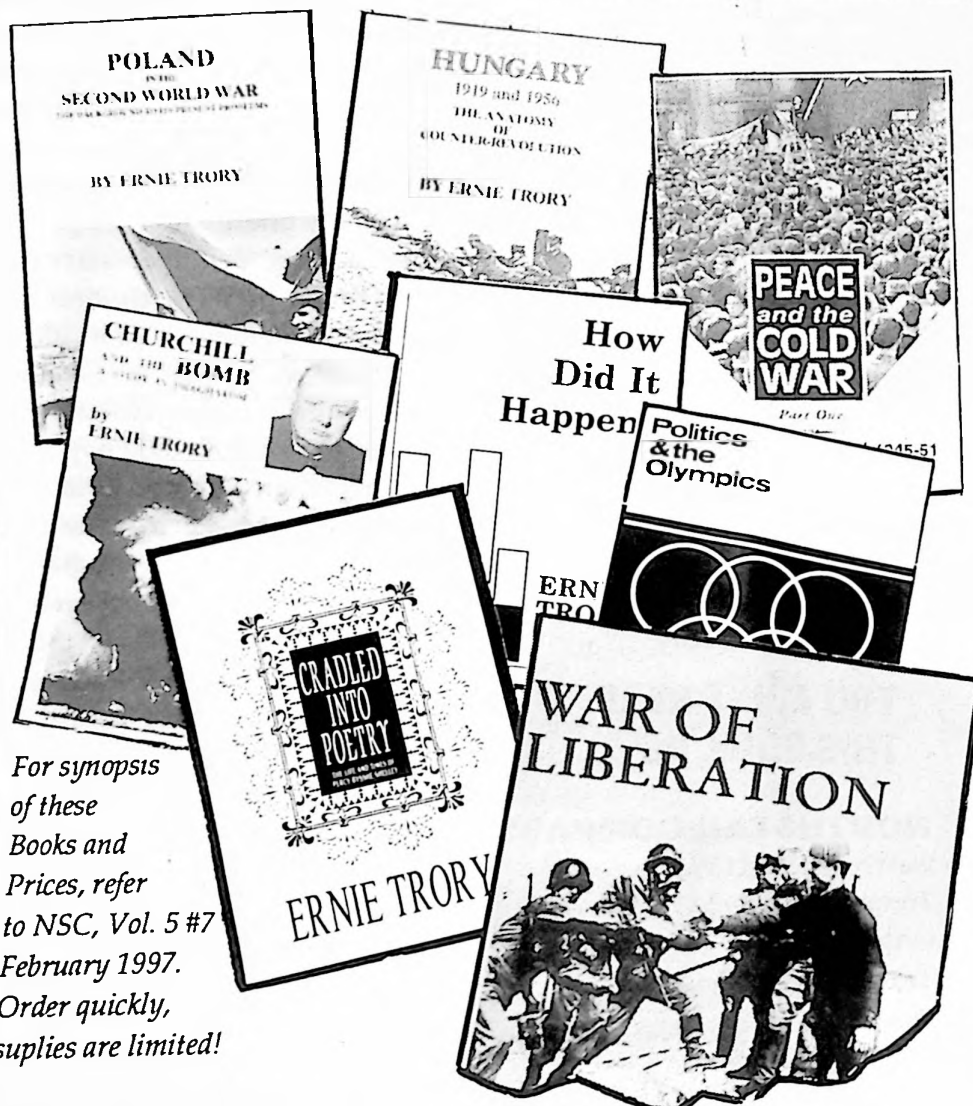
making schemes to privateers, have succeeded in placing upon American working class privatized drug costs guaranteed to maximize profits, and minimize health needs for everyone except the rich.

Now, the focus is on Canada. Lace Canadians for every cent possible. At the same time, plead poverty, and, if, as is alleged, proves true, slip around some live germs to nail a few, and create the need for multi-million dollar purchase of vaccines or other protective panic-shots for those within cleverly selected districts.

It is not enough that multi-nationals participate for example, in tax-fraud against governments by smuggling cigarettes, or using hidden kick-backs of payments to selected pharmacies. It becomes more obvious, those industries, and the criminals therein, some of whom are executives of such multi-nationals, are able to avoid penalties or jail sentences. Any of us, in the working class try these methods? Prison cells, as opposed to healthy cells, await us.

Free Market Systems allow transnationals to become governments over governments. Collusion in pricing, protection against generics, and global monopolies, active in robbing the working class rights for universal healthcare, continuously try to prevent, even destroy such rights.

It should be on our part to warn our friends in Eastern Europe, Czech, Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia, former



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Republics of the Soviet Union, and other lands thereby to cut off quickly the drive by such transnationals to prevent or destroy universal healthcare.

If needs be, let the shots they receive unmistakably solve problems of their obviously healthy monetary needs.

- Jerry Morse

FEATURE ANALYSIS

HOW MUCH AM I WORTH?

According to the Webster's New World Dictionary, a "prostitute (a noun) is to sell (oneself), one's talent to the highest bidder."

Let us take the case of many former Soviet hockey players who are now a "hot commodity" in the West, bringing billions to the rich moguls who own this sport called hockey.

In the newspapers of the West during the week of March 4th, there were stories, photos, press interviews, TV clips and thousands of gushing words how one former Soviet hockey player, who just happened to give \$1,000,000 towards the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, Canada. He's the highest hockey player for the privately owned Ottawa Senators, getting \$18 million for 4 years of playing.

We must ask a question of the former Soviet hockey players. In their interviews, they do not mention once the training they received in the Soviet Union; the coaching; the privileges heaped upon them in their Motherland; the schooling; the world class perfection achieved in the land of socialism that they now probably dislike. Why is this so?

Western hockey moguls derided all Soviet hockey players, all of their coaches before, while losing to the Soviet hockey teams. They heaped abuse at the system of coaching "Soviet style"! They tried to undermine their teams and slowly but surely, they managed to get the best players to the West. They forgot that some of these players were (God forbid) so-called Communists.



NHL star Alexei Yashin

Never mind! As long as the money keeps rolling into the coffers of these hockey moguls, it does not matter where these "stars" come from. As the saying goes: "Money talks, the rest walk!"

The gift to the National Arts Centre is to be admired, for whatever reason it was given. One could ask the question ... then why did not these hockey players, seeing the situation in former USSR that is so devastated; children are dying of

malnutrition; people are committing suicide because of not having enough to feed their families ... you would think that this 1 million dollar gift would certainly have gone to repay just a BIT of what these players owe the former Soviet Union: for educating; training; feeding; cuddling all those years ... until they were bought by money ... the highest bidder!

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

40,000 ASSEMBLE TO HEAR PAUL ROBESON SING IN DEFIANCE OF THE US GOVERNMENT AT THE US-CANADIAN BORDER

On the eve of the centennial of Paul Robeson's birth, Folk Era Records proudly brings you the release of two of the most dramatic concerts this legendary artist, actor, and activist ever performed.

During the McCarthy blacklist, Robeson's passport was illegally revoked by the United States Government, and he was wrongfully



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denied exit to Canada. In 1952 and 1953, defying the Government's attempt to imprison and silence his political and social views, Robeson stood atop a flatbed truck parked inches from the international boundary and sang to 40,000 Canadians and Americans.

These – the Peace Arch Concerts – given at Blaine, Washington's Peace Arch Park, feature Robeson's stunning delivery of his native spirituals, his signature rendition of "Old Man River", and one of Robeson's only political speeches on record. Effectively never heard before, the 1952 Concert was only available on a 78 rpm to members of the Canadian Union that sponsored the concerts, and the 1953 recording is publicly presented here for the first time ever.

With extensive liner notes contain a moving account of Robeson's life, career and his journey to the Peace Arch, neither people already familiar with Robeson, nor those just learning about this brilliant artist will be disappointed.

Much attention will be devoted to Paul Robeson in the upcoming year as his 100th Birthday committee works to push through a commemorative stamp and many other activities and events to celebrate his life's works. Folk Era is proud to release these concerts as a reminder of Paul Robeson's struggle for civil rights during his lifetime, and to be part of the effort to see Robeson given his rightful place as one of the greatest voices of the 20th century.

Our readers shall be informed of the concerts held on his 100th birthday in April issue of NSC.

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WE'RE GROWING!

Readers are asked to familiarize themselves with the countries where NSC is being read (Page 2). In the last while, our publication has spread its wings into 62 COUNTRIES! □

BOOK REVIEWS

BOOKS YOU SHOULD NOT MISS TO READ!

One of the delegates to the International Conference '98 brought these books to display and to inform the delegates. He is Harpal Brar, Editor of the informative and thought-provoking journal, *Lalkar*, based in England.

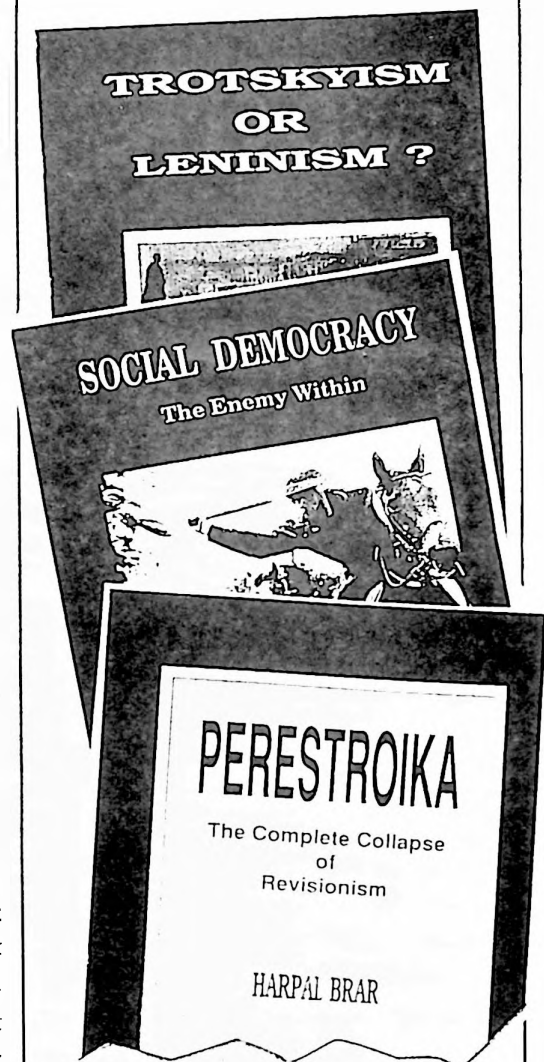
PERESTROIKA: THE COMPLETE COLLAPSE OF REVISIONISM

After reading the book of 320 pages, Perestroika: The Complete Collapse of Revisionism, I cannot but be amazed at the clarity, style, analysis and easy-to-read facts that seem to flow into a mighty information highway!

Many books were written by now about this "Perestroika" (which should go down in history as "Destroika") by different authors, different evaluation and much different conclusions than this book written by Harpal Brar.

The author explains in concrete facts which blows off the cob webs from the brain of a reader, who is used to the clever demagogic use of Marxist phrases and subterfuge. A reader is made to think about how it was possible that the USSR before, which was in a much weaker point

of development, was not defeated by the armies of intervention after the successful 1917 Revolution, plus later on defeating fascism and its Western backing covert actions ... how could this mighty Soviet State collapse so easily?



Harpal Brar HAS succeeded in giving the answer to this question which has disunited and confused the progressive movement of the world – including the people of USSR.

IT'S A MUST BOOK TO READ!

SOCIAL DEMOCRACY – THE ENEMY WITHIN

This 450 page book is not to be confused with many other books on social-democracy. The author in his exposé, historical and contemporary social-democratic movement in the world and especially in its devious role inside many Communist and

Marxist-Leninist parties – does not beat around the bush, but goes to the bitter truth.

Imperialism long ago caused a split in the working class and thus formed its "lackeys" in the leadership of the labour movement, thus creating this labour aristocracy and setting up social-democratic and labour parties in order to diffuse the militancy of the working class..

Harpal Brar analyzes brilliantly the Labour Party of England. He states that those Communists who think that the Labour Party of England is or can be an instrument of socialism, is utter fallacy.

ANOTHER BOOK TO ADD TO YOUR "THINKING LIBRARY".

TROTSKYISM OR LENINISM?

Since the October Revolution in 1917, there were hundreds of books written about Trotsky, Trotskyism, Leninism and Trotsky, Stalin and Trotsky ad nauseum.

The big lie and ongoing perpetuation of the lie is that "Leninism is synonymous with Trotskyism.

The 650 pages of this book is intriguing in its scope, in its analytical skills and its downright devastating exposé of all that Trotsky and his Imperialist-Fascist masters have tried over 50 years to hoodwink the people of the world with.

There are facts in this book, never before exposed or analyzed in such minute detail, in such disectomethodolical sharpness as is done by the author.

The prejudice that exists against Stalin is practically wholly based on perpetuating the lies of Trotsky. The author states correctly that the Marxists-Leninists must always struggle against the lies, distortions and complete fallacy of Trotskyism until it is buried and done away with as a cancer put there and

nurtured by world imperialism as a crafty tool to serve their needs.

The danger of Trotskyism is its "pseudo-Marxist", "ultra-left" and "ultra-revolutionary" terminology.

This question of Trotskyism is the last remaining tool of Imperialism against Stalin, against Socialism and against the resurrection of the Soviet Union!

IF YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT TROTSKYISM ... YOU DON'T! GET THIS BOOK!

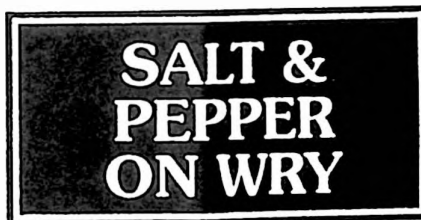
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– Editors



By: Frank Ray Davis

BOOZE BIZ BOOMING: Vodka is a great Russian growth industry. Growing even faster is the production of adulterated vodka and the deaths it causes, with 43,000 Russians dead from the rotgut stuff. Seems even drunks need the guarantees of Socialism.

HOLIER - THAN - THOU VIOLENCE: NATO's General Clark threatened to use "lethal force" in connection with Serbian elections: "Responsibility for casualties rests with the perpetrators of violence", he warned.

"Lethal force" is non-violence?

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EQUALITY OF SACRIFICE.

The poor strain their backs paying taxes and piling up wealth for the rich. The rich strain their backs carrying all that loot to the bank.

ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS: Mexico's minimum wage jumped way up to 21 dollars a week. Well, jump for joy, Mexicans! With generous stipends like that, you may even afford the luxury of beans with your tortillas. Once a week, anyhow.

GIFT-WRAP NOT ENOUGH: Mexico's private sector has generously suggested that wages just must be raised to help the poor, depressed workers. "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts", you say? That the generosity boys want to tie this thoughtful gift to "productivity, competitiveness, and upgraded skills" + inflation + a pie-card labor federation that the workers despise – all this suggests you're a good guesser.

TV DEMANDS STRONG STOMACHS: 600 Japanese kids were driven to vomits and headaches by watching a monster film. The monstrous garbage I've seen on TV would make most anyone vomit.

COSTS TO BE EXCLUSIVE: The USA has spent \$2.3 billions in 3 years to keep Mexicans and other undesirables out of the country. Them immigrants must be awful bad folks!

MIXED-UP MESSAGE: California's Gov. Wilson okayed a welfare "reform" law that takes ever more food out of poor folks' mouth.

Then he vetoed a handgun-control law, saying poor people should have access to cheap guns. Better they should eat cake stolen than bread given?

FIRSTEST THE MOSTEST: The receiving line was rigidly in place, military salutes and all, to receive the rightist president of Spain, when on the scene ambles a cur dog. That's easy to explain: Man's BEST friend arrived first.

SEX HEXES PREZIE: American Secretary of State Albright (Halfbright) vows that President Clinton's reported sex adventures will not change American Foreign policy. When you're burning with Albright's anti-communist zeal, sex is pretty luke-warm stuff.

CLOSED OPENINGS: The Pope while visiting Cuba said that Cuba should "open up to the world". Great idea, J.P., but shouldn't it be taken up with illegal blockades rather than the beleaguered blockade? Or is it just more convenient to lecture poor victims than the rich victimizers?

HALLALUIA: A Protestant sect presented Fidel Castro with a Bible inscribed: "To be a Christian and not be a revolutionary is to live in mortal sin."

You don't have to be a believer to believe this!

HOUSING SHORTAGE A-SOLVING: One of every 167 Americans has no housing problem. He or she is in jail.

LIBERTY'S PRICE: Dictatorship has a twin brother. His name is corruption. Liberty has a brother too. His name is Vigilance. But he sleeps a lot. □

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

**From:
Moscow**

I would like to greet all the comrades gathered at the Conference of the magnificent and courageous journal Northstar Compass. You have played a considerable role in explaining the truth of what has happened in the USSR.

Great and everlasting success to your noble activities and our gratitude to all.

- Rudolph Kurkin

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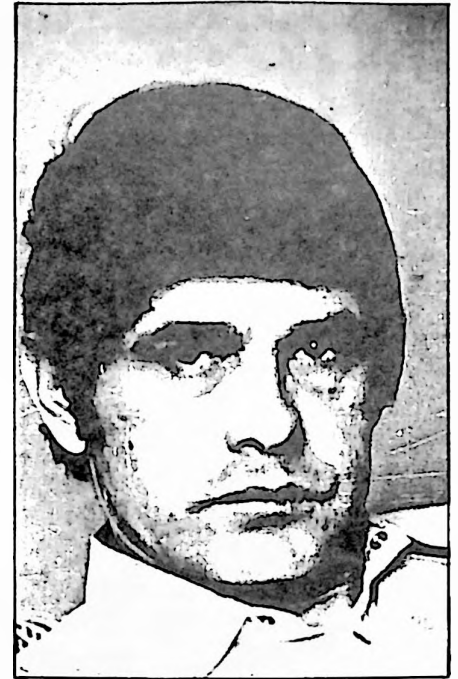
For those readers who are not familiar with Rudolph Kurkin, here are some facts. Rudolph worked at the Soviet Embassy in Canada when Yakovlev (Ambassador in Canada) knowing that comrade Kurkin knew what Yakovlev was doing, therefore took steps to send him back to Moscow.

Kurkin was also here in Canada at our invitation to attend a larger gathering of our members/readers. He was instrumental in making our NSC known all over former Soviet Union.

We wish him health in our common struggles. □

**From:
Lvov
Ukraine**

In a very heart-breaking letter from Valentin Kanckom from Lvov, (whose photo you can see below) he very graphically and analytically shows how conditions in Ukraine are worsening with everyday, how some so-called "socialists" and also the so-called "communists" are not only not organizing the people but in many instances, through their policies, are helping to buttress up the present Kuchma regime.



The growth of fascism, nationalism is seen everyday, especially in Western Ukraine where world-wide reactionary forces plus world-wide Ukrainian diaspora under the influence of nationalists are stirring up pogroms as they did when they were helping German fascist forces when they were occupying the territory of Ukraine.

We publish a photo plus the insignia of these fascists, styled on the former Nazi swastika.

Valentin and his comrades are asking us to help them financially to buy equipment that they can use to print leaflets, bulletins in order to bring the truth against this avalanche of nationalistic-fascist propaganda that permeates all of the mass media, especially in Western Ukraine.

Valentin also appealed for funds to be able to come to the NSC 5th Conference. Unfortunately, we could not help him in his request. We're certain that he would have made a great contribution to the conference.

Below is a hand drawn leaflet (since they have no other means) which states the following:

UKRAINE HAS NOT DIED YET,
BUT THE PROCESS IS STARTED!

1. There are 8 million unemployed in Ukraine.

2. 15,500 suicides per year in Ukraine.

3. Elder people are dying off from sicknesses that could easily be cured, mostly caused by malnutrition.

4. Already Ukraine has lost 2 million people from causes of the present terrible conditions.

5. Pensioners and unemployed rummage through garbage containers to find the promised "happy life".

6. You can see thousands of beggars on the streets of Ukraine.

Below, we reproduce the leaflet called "SOCIAL NATIONALIST" and also the new emblem of this organization – based on the design of the swastika. What did this leaflet that was pasted all over Western Ukraine say?:



"We are social-nationalists and we look at the world through different eyes ... we are all young, energetic and capable ... we are against the old communistic system and against the new democratic system.

German fascists also could not tolerate communists and democrats – and both of these elements were put away into concentration camps ..."

Need we say anything else, dear readers? That is why the 5th Conference idea of establishing an "International Council" is a vehicle that should be in the vanguard to help our Soviet comrades to defeat approaching fascism and thus help them and ourselves from this danger! □

**From:
BOCHUN
Germany**

Below, we publish a letter from Felix Gorelik, who resided in Lugansk, Ukraine and who was on our Editorial Board. Readers were very interested in the many articles that Felix wrote for Northstar Compass. Now, he is living in Germany and here is what he wrote to NSC readers – Editors.

Unfortunately, daily life and the situation in present Ukraine has forced me to seek my life abroad. Because of my poor eyesight, I had to retire as a teacher and go on pension. The pension here is only \$35 per month which is sometimes not enough to pay for your apartment and bread. The present Kuchma regime has cut the pension down 3 times ... the standard of living has gone down by more than 9 times from the previous standard, besides you have to pay your medicine, doctors, hospital, etc.

The main reason is that I could not tolerate any more the present robber regime!

Even though I'm abroad in this so-called capitalist "heaven", I never deserted my Communist dedication. I feel that the only basis for optimism now in former Soviet Union is on the present Russian Army. In 1997, in the Russian Army, there were over 500 officers who committed suicide, not receiving their pay for months on end, nothing to help feed their families.

The movement to save the Russian Army is headed by General

Rokhlyn – the most effective opposition to Yeltsin. If the officers start to organize, the working class shall support them!

I could not come to your Conference, but I wish all of you success.

– Felix Gorelik □

**From:
T.V. Yakubovskaya
Member of AUCPB
Donetsk, Ukraine**

Greetings, our dear Canadian friends:

After all this time, I finally am able to write this letter and the article that's included and that you asked for a long time ago. The article is about "The unifying process of Communists".

Maybe you shall not agree with all of our prognosis, but I feel that the theme of this article is to stir up thoughts and discussions.

This is written especially for Northstar Compass, but maybe a copy of this article I might send to one of the Communist newspapers here.

We have organized here in Donetsk a Branch of the "Workers Ukraine – Canada Society". We were in touch with Professor Herasymchuk and found out unfortunately that due to his being unable to obtain American dollars for the trip to your Conference, he cannot attend. We in Donetsk have been collecting some finances for Herasymchuk and therefore, are sending you \$50.00 in cash as our contribution to your Conference ... forgive us, but we could not collect any more from our meagre earnings.

I would ask if at all possible that my article be given to each delegate in order for them to judge what we are saying. Since your Conference, there shall come many Communists, we feel that it would be good in order for them to read and hear

what other patriots of the USSR and Soviet people are thinking.

Please do not think that our lateness in replying to your letter is that we did not care. Please understand that we are having a very terrible time to get even the paper on which to write this letter and article. □

From:
MOLDAVIA
Bendery

Dear Comrades:

We are very happy to be receiving Northstar Compass here in Moldavia without further hindrance.

Because of capitalism, majority of our people have been reduced to poverty and our English translator who translated the articles from Northstar Compass moved away to find work, thus we do have a problem now.

Because of the destitution of our situation, unfortunately, we cannot help you financially, but we certainly shall write articles in Russian for you comrade Lucas to translate.

We certainly would have liked to have a delegate at your Conference, but as you are aware, this is financially an impossibility.

Capitalism brings its final stage on the scene, which is fascism. We must all struggle for the rebirth of USSR in all possible ways.

– Editor of newspaper □

From:
NORTH-OSSETIA
Committee of AUCPB

Dear Comrades!

North-Ossetian Bolshevik organization regularly receives Northstar Compass. From your journal, we gather and publish much valuable information, not

only about what is going on in other countries of the world, but also as to what is happening here in our own country, in former Soviet Union. You might be surprised about this fact, but it is the truth. Unfortunately, not all the necessary information is available to us, but you are able to inform us with news of such importance that we would otherwise not be able to even hear about them, let alone to read about them. Therefore, we thank you sincerely for this service.

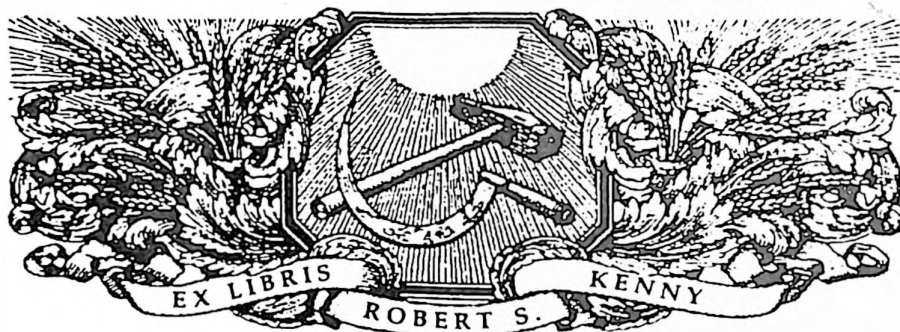
We would like to point out that

in one of your NSC issues, you published an interview by one of our members of AUCPB – Konstantin Nartikov in which there were many untruths about the demonstrations that took place in Vladikavkaz on July 1997. You should make certain of facts from your correspondents.

– Comradely Yours,
Marat E. Kochiev
Member of CC AUCPB
First Secretary of North-Ossetian
Committee

COMMENT:

We thank you, comrades, for this



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letter and your kind words about NSC. We certainly would like to be more correct in facts that we publish. Unfortunately, the writer you spoke about wrote us this news item and, believing him to get his facts straight, we published it. Knowing the facts now from your letter, which was extensive – we could not publish all of it, due to space, we shall keep informed about this writer for the future.

Wishing you comrades the best in your and our struggles. □

From:
Ashurst, Wales, ENGLAND

Best wishes for your Conference. Although I cannot attend, enclosed is a donation towards your Sustaining Fund.

– Charles Denton □

From:
Caerphilly, Wales, ENGLAND

I had planned to attend your Conference as a delegate, but I became ill now. Please accept a modest donation towards making that Conference a success.

– Denis Martin

We wish you speedy recovery, Denis! We need people like you! □

NEWS FROM
U.S. FRIENDS OF
NORTHSTAR COMPASS

From:
Florida, USA

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find \$50 for renewal and donation. Your work is of such importance in an era dominated by global media spreading the same message of commercialism, greed, corruption,

indulgence, and disdain of the poor and working people. While the media's constant claptrap leads many to believe that little if anything can be done to stop the capitalist juggernaut, we must struggle and organize to turn comrade Lenin's words into reality: "We left not a single stone of the bourgeois edifice standing."

– Yours in Struggle,
Phil Eisen □

LETTERS

From:
Edmonton, ALBERTA

Dear Friends:

Somehow, my article in the January issue was a bit disorganized and you allowed a spelling mistake which changed the meaning. The end of article should have read ... "to undermine the meek and the weak" instead of "the week"!

I feel that maybe the young generation in former USSR is not going to go back to socialism. I'm saying this after watching the TV program "60 Minutes" which showed the new "rich" driving Mercedes, Rolls Royces. These new entrepreneurs have their own bodyguards.

Driven by big \$\$\$, the Soviet hockey players are leaving former Soviet Union by droves. Recently, one hockey player of former USSR signed a contract for 38 million dollars! While waitresses in some U.S. restaurants work for \$2.50 per hour. Is this human justice?

I feel that in the world, the political systems are turning to the right. All under the directives of the International Monetary Fund. Mexico is a perfect example. They shall never, ever be able to pay off the IMF. They can hardly manage to pay the interest on these loans.

It is a very sad scenario!
– Nick Feschuk

COMMENT:

Although what our reader is saying is correct, nevertheless, the situation is not as bleak as it seems, in spite of the terrible conditions that are prevailing in former USSR. The strikes, the demonstrations, the upheavals that are taking place daily are growing like mushrooms after the rain. The problem is that they are sporadic and unfortunately so far, there is not a UNITED FORCE to lead these strikers, the working class towards a Second Socialist Revolution!

Imperialism is also in crisis and the rivalry is there between the capitalist states. They cannot solve their problems without wars. That is why there is a desperate need for all people like Nick Feschuk and others to support and help the newly to be formed International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People!

Knowing the dedication of comrades like Feschuk, we are very optimistic!

P.S. Read our comment on former Soviet hockey players! □

From:
Swift Current, SASKATCHEWAN

Enclosed please find a donation towards the Conference '98! Unfortunately, I was not able to be present.

I congratulate you friends on the contents and look of Northstar Compass, with its broadening participation both nationally and internationally.

The economic crisis which is developing on a global scale can no longer be solved in the global market. Radical changes have to be made if the economic life of people shall survive and eventually improve.

– John P. Saum □

From "Village Life" newspaper, Kiev



BEFORE ELECTIONS **AFTER ELECTIONS**

SOME GET CAUGHT!

Elections in Ukraine are coming and candidates of all shades are contesting the seats. With the present Kuchma regime tied in to shady dealings and mafia connections (as was seen before) many candidates should appear on the "MOST WANTED POSTERS"!

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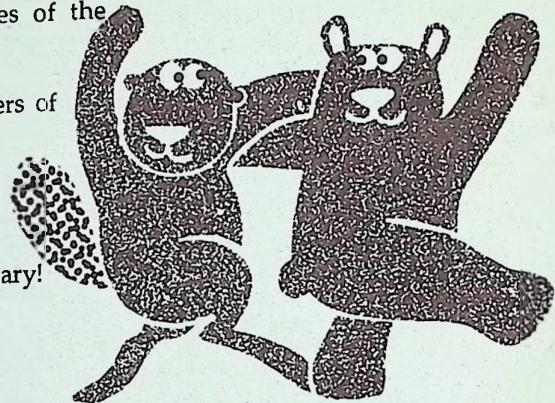
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Information on the celebration of this historical event shall appear soon on the pages of NSC.

We ask all members of the Organizing Committee to start making plans for this 80th Anniversary!



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