

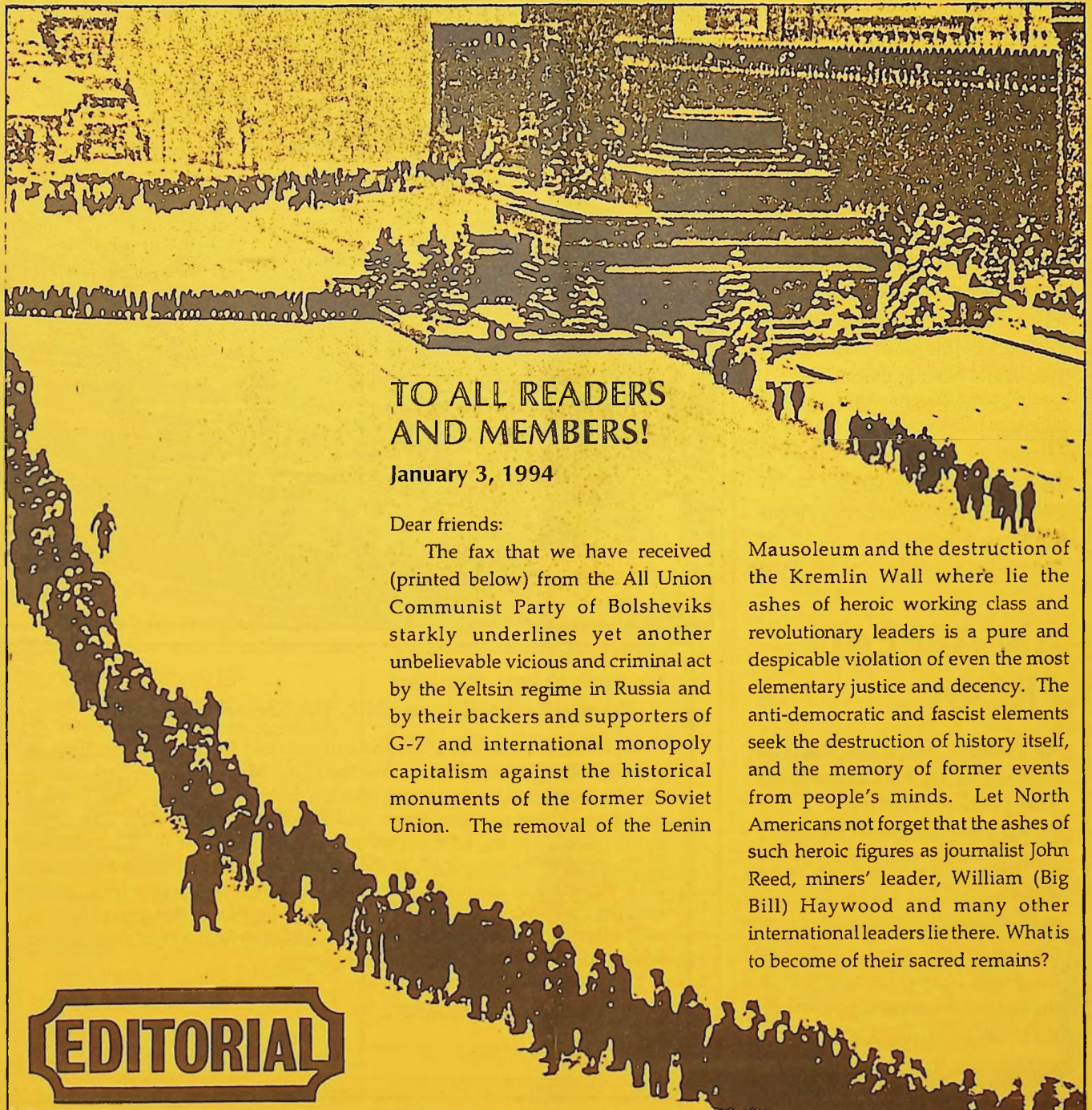


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TO ALL READERS AND MEMBERS!

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Dear friends:

The fax that we have received (printed below) from the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks starkly underlines yet another unbelievable vicious and criminal act by the Yeltsin regime in Russia and by their backers and supporters of G-7 and international monopoly capitalism against the historical monuments of the former Soviet Union. The removal of the Lenin

Mausoleum and the destruction of the Kremlin Wall where lie the ashes of heroic working class and revolutionary leaders is a pure and despicable violation of even the most elementary justice and decency. The anti-democratic and fascist elements seek the destruction of history itself, and the memory of former events from people's minds. Let North Americans not forget that the ashes of such heroic figures as journalist John Reed, miners' leader, William (Big Bill) Haywood and many other international leaders lie there. What is to become of their sacred remains?

EDITORIAL

Such actions reveal the vicious hatred of the international monopolists and their kept lackeys in Moscow and Leningrad of the historical achievements of the Soviet people and Socialism during the past seventy five years, and under the banners of Lenin and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. It is an action unprecedented in history by the Yeltsin forces and his Western backers, in its savagery and malevolent purpose.

The Concerned Friends of Soviet People and NorthStar Compass endorse the call of the AUCPB for world-wide protests and demands that this latest criminal action by Yeltsin & friends be halted. We ask you as an individual, or your organization, to join with us in a world-wide protest, and that you communicate your disapproval, or demand for rejection of the Yeltsin act by clipping and forwarding the "Coupon of Outraged Protest" below and mailing it to Yeltsin and other authorities.

With fraternal and comradely greetings.

Michael Lucas, President
Concerned Friends of Soviet People
Ray Stevenson, Editor
NorthStar Compass

AN APPEAL FROM

**All Union Communist Party Of
Bolsheviks To All Communists
And Workers Parties,
To All Progressive Mankind**

The criminal regime of Yeltsin, which bombarded the Supreme Soviet Parliament building on October 4, 1993 from tanks and cannons and washed the streets of Moscow with blood of the defenders of the Constitution of the USSR, are celebrating a temporary victory over their own people. The next act of the counter-revolution



**To: Boris Yeltsin, President
Russian Federative republic, The Kremlin, Moscow**

I (we) condemn your actions and demand the reversal of them in your revolting decision to remove the Lenin Mausoleum on Red Square and the reburial of Lenin's body, plus the destruction of plaques honoring past heroic and working class and revolutionary leaders and their interred ashes in the adjacent section of the Kremlin Wall. Your actions display before the people of the former Soviet Union and the entire world your vicious and disgusting intent to destroy and remove from living memory the heroic achievements of the Soviet people. In this, you will fail as have all other despots and bloodstained dictators of monopoly capitalism, whom you now serve with such enthusiasm.

Signed: _____
City or Town: _____ Prov./State: _____
Country: _____ Date: _____

must be, according to the temporary usurpers, a blasphemous reburial of the body of the founder of the Soviet Union, V.I. Lenin, the liquidation of Lenin Mausoleum and the sacred Kremlin Wall where leaders and heroes of the USSR are buried. At the initiative of Mayors of Moscow and Leningrad (St. Petersburg) Luzhkov and Sobchak, the mass media controlled by Yeltsin is on a vicious campaign towards this end. In this regard, the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks is issuing the following statement:

As is well known, the decision to erect the Mausoleum to Lenin was taken in 1924 by the Government of USSR after countless requests by the Soviet people and progressive mankind from all over the world. Year after year, millions upon millions of people went and are going to see V.I. Lenin.

Defending Moscow from fascist hordes in 1941, soldiers going to the front passed the Mausoleum, and in 1945, they deposited trophies of the defeated fascists at the base of the Lenin Mausoleum. The followers of Hitler, modern-day traitors-vlasovites, are trying to rebury the body of Lenin not only as an anti-communist act, but a traitorous act to their own country, demonstrating to all their eagerness to carry out the will of the blackest forces of reaction.

All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks is appealing to Communist and Workers Parties, to all progressive people of the world with a request to raise your voices in defence of the Mausoleum of Lenin and the sacred graves in the Kremlin Wall. We ask you to condemn the barbaric act of liquidating the Lenin Mausoleum.

THE NAME AND CAUSE OF LENIN IS IMMORTAL!

All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks

THOUGHTS AT YEAR END – YEAR BEGINNING 1994

When the world clicks forward at that magic point of time we call the "New Year", we are all at that razor's edge where we look both forwards and back. We tend to remember those nice or rotten things of the past, but optimistically dream of all the nice things that will happen and we resolve mightily to "be better" in the coming year.

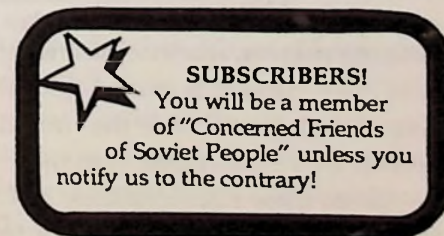
So with NSC. But for us, there are other pressing and urgent questions to be thought about: what can we do to improve our output to you, the reader? Can we continue to make a meaningful contribution to our readers, and perhaps even to the general welfare of our society and the world in general? We are considering that at NSC, and we earnestly invite your participation in the process. We do adhere totally to the thought expressed in Vol. 1, #1 of August 1992, when we said, "we seek to establish this 'one tiny gleam of light' in the foreboding darkness of corporate domination and unaccountability".

In the sixteen issues we have published, we have tried to present up-to-date and precise information and analyses about developments in the former USSR. The fact that we are now read in more than fifteen countries outside of Canada gives us comfort that at least in part, we have achieved a measure of acceptance and credibility. Our success is modest, but for real. We extend to all our readers our gratitude for the essential assistance they have rendered us in so many ways, not the least of which has been the financial assistance that has kept us both solvent and in "the black".

In return, we sincerely hope we have been of assistance in unravelling

the immense snarls and knots of confusion thrown up by the harrowing and world threatening events of the bloody counter-revolution and passage to totalitarian and even fascist rule, that has been the tragedy of the peoples of Russia and the former Soviet Union. We have repeated the accusation in all of the past sixteen monthly editions that this is the result of the activities of monopoly capitalism in its present 1990's guise of transnational corporate power. We believe that ongoing events, destruction, and downgrading of everything that the peoples of that unhappy land formerly possessed fully corroborates our stand.

As for the future, it seems unlikely that this current state of affairs will lessen or go away quickly, or very soon. We see it as our purpose to continue to report the developing events mostly from heroically courageous correspondents in the former USSR. They are in contact with us under conditions of extreme risk. Some of them, most notably Professor Harysimchuk of Lutsk, disdain concealment of identity. We raise our hands in heartfelt salute to them all. As for the ongoing aggressions of the neo-Imperialists represented by the I.M.F., World Bank, the G-7 cabal of super powers, as well as by Yeltsin, "Gunman" Grachev and forces linked with the international Mafiosi that created the demise of the former Yugoslavia and that unrelenting blood bath and horror they will all continue their assaults against the people. We see in all of this the seeds of yet another U.S.A. and European sparked, Imperialist World War. That suicidal course must not be ignored or underestimated. Such extreme danger is



rooted in what has not changed a single iota in the TNC "new world order" ... the insatiable drive by monopoly capital to compete and win "super profits" and to rule by gun, corruption, and oppression of the working class and people. This Lenin taught many many years ago, but seemingly in quarters where something more could be expected, it has also been forgotten.

At this stage of human development, the G-7 powers slaver at the thought of controlling and reaping the riches of the former USSR. Super profiteering at a level to exceed even that of the British Empire from their Imperial "jewel box", India, are foreseen and fought for by the TNC's. For such, history shows us that blood will be spilled, people corrupted and human progress will wait off-stage for a democratic and socialist entry. The people pay.

But the struggles of the former Soviet people cannot be separated from the struggles of the peoples of the under-developed world, or from the working class of the industrialized world. Whether in Rostov, Kiev, Jakarta, Panama, Bogota, Toronto, St. Louis, Mexico City, or elsewhere, the people now work for the same "global" masters, are exploited by the same "global" masters and are oppressed and terrorized by the same "global" masters. This is the age of "interventionism", of the reduction of "national" governments to insignificance by international Transnational Corporate power and the banking monopoly. This is also the age of "fire-power" in the hands of the neo-Imperialists at levels never before seen. The competition between these monopolists who are in fact a law unto themselves, likewise has never been more intense. So-called "global restructuring" shrinks the world open to their exploitation even more.

Given these circumstances, NSC foresees the growing necessity to

bring to our pages the parallels and the interlocking interests of the struggles being waged now on a world-wide basis against the predatory TNC-Neo-Imperialists of the 1990's. The struggles of heroic Cuba to defend its Socialist future, of Vietnam, North Korea, China, and the working class and peoples of the entire world cry out for solidarity, and are enjoined with the struggles of the former Soviets. In future, we will try, however imperfectly, to reflect that reality. As always, we appeal for your help and assistance in this.

Interwoven is another equally relevant, immediate, and vital concern ... the re-development and the restoration of the science of Marxism-Leninism that has been so badly mauled and distorted, particularly since the 1950's. Without the vital and life-giving theoretical and practical re-learning of this social science, without its development under conditions of the temporary and crisis-ridden Neo-Imperialist TNC ascendancy, all struggles of a class, democratic, or socialist character will be blind and can lead only to defeat, chaos, anarchy and the strengthening of the monopolists' control.

But we also know that their theoretical, ideological and political barrel is an empty drum, incapable of producing other than a revanchist fascist future. They have reached their ultimate limits. We know that the sometimes subtle but ongoing assaults on even the most meagre bourgeois "democratic rights" is the result of that bankruptcy. The much heralded "technological revolution" is proving to be nothing else than the old "gouge or kill for the profit dollar" and "the devil take the hindmost" ... as always the common and working people. In their process, the environment is destroyed and the people given the status of "throw-aways". The TNC monopolists "guarantee" of "safety of investment and profit

returns" is the gun in the hands of their kept state as per Pavel "Gunman" Grachev, etc. To this can be added the corruption of their "fellow travellers", the international crime, and the Mafia.

Elsewhere in this edition, we carry a review of a thought-provoking book, "The Downfall and Future of Socialism" by Marxist-Leninist Professor Hans Heinz Holz of Germany. We commend it to your closest study.

In future editions, we will try to present in an open forum, more materials from the most advanced and eminent sources now engaged in this world-wide process of "re-birth, re-learning and development" of the social science of the working class. In modesty, we fully recognize our own limitations and that our essential contribution to this ongoing process will be to seek out and publish the works of the inheritors and developers of the giants, Marx, Engels, Lenin and others less well known. But we are determined to be a part of that new, developing collectivity of dialectical and historical materialism within the boundaries of the international class struggle. To that end, our pages are opened to contributions. That way, we will strengthen our mutual understanding, knowledge and our capacities to assist humanities' march into the future. You are invited to join the process. □

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FEATURE ANALYSIS

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE RUSSIAN ELECTIONS, DEC. 12TH!

By Michael Lucas

Our December issue of NorthStar Compass carried articles on the Dec. 12th Russian elections. The issue went to press before the elections took place. We did publish statements of parties and observers from Russia, in which were stated their points of view as to what atmosphere the elections were taking place in and what predictions they had on the results. We expressed concern that opposition parties and groups to Dictator Yeltsin were unable to unite and either boycott the elections completely, or to unite around candidates that represented the REAL opposition to Yeltsin and his Western transnational supported government.

Since then, we have received from correspondents materials as to the Program of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and newspapers which published some pre-election materials. This material arrived only after our publication was mailed.

Before comment on the Program of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and their decision to contest the elections, and not to boycott them as was agreed upon by other anti-Yeltsin forces, we present to our readers the following list of organizations, blocks, parties and other groupings in the elections. This list and comment was published in the

Pravda newspaper of December 6th – a week before the elections took place.

Most important is to realize the majority of leaders of these 13 parties-groupings-movements taking part in the elections were in the leadership of Gorbachev's CPSU, and in the apparatus of Yeltsin's entourage. Over 90% of these leaders were members of the CPSU, but in this farcical election, they scampered to form different parties and groups to curry favour with the Yeltsin diktat.

Here are the parties-groupings-movements, as taken from Pravda.



We would like to thank Steve Kovacs from Pickering, Ontario for this caricature of Boris the Dictator!

CONSTRUCTIVE-ECOLOGICAL MOVEMENT OF RUSSIA

Liubov Chiburaev, President of "Soldiers Mothers of Russia". 44 candidates, including many sports figures, Cosmonaut Kubasov.

LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF RUSSIA

Vladimir Zhirinovskij, Chairman. Victor Kolebov, former member of CPSU. 147 candidates. Program of "greater Russia" empire, defend the rights of Russians in other former Republics, Russia for the Russians, demagogic program of chauvinism.

AGRARIAN PARTY OF RUSSIA

Michael Lapshin, President, and containing former members of the CC CPSU in agriculture. 145 candidates. Their program does not rule out cooperating with any block of candidates including Yeltsin's block headed by Gaidar.

CITIZENS UNION FOR STABILITY, TRUTHFULNESS AND PROGRESS

Andrej Volskij, President of the Russian private industrialists and entrepreneurs. 184 candidates. Are willing to ally themselves with any winner, except the left opposition to Yeltsin.

FOR DIGNITY AND MERCY

Michael Trunov, President of All-Russia Council of Veterans of War, Work and Russian Army and also, Nikolai Skomorohov, Marshal of Aviation. 58 candidates.

WOMEN OF RUSSIA

Alevtina Fedulova, Chairman of Union of Russian Women, former member of Gorbachev's team. 36 candidates. Program not too clear.

RUSSIAN MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORMS

Anatoly Sobchak, Mayor of Leningrad and including Oleg Basilivshvili, people's artist of Russia and Saigali Sharipov, Head of the Independent Trade Unions of Russia. 153 candidates. They will support the new Consti-

tution, financial reforms to speed up process of capitalism.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Gennady Zyuganov, President, former Gorbachev appointee. 165 candidates. This party accepts private ownership and cooperation with small and middle size businesses, but against "national bourgeoisie" and considers itself the only "left opposition" in Russia.

FUTURE OF RUSSIA – NEW NAMES

Vjacheslav Lashevskij, Secretary of the Russian Union of Youth. It is composed of former leaders of the Komsomol and USSR Union of Youth. It looks for future trials and elections to gain strength.

PARTY OF RUSSIAN UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING

Sergej Shachraj, Vice Chairman of Council of Ministers of Russia. 193 candidates.

They will not cooperate with any of the left or right parties or blocks.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF RUSSIA

Yegor Travkin, leader of the party. Also contains Nikolai Federov, former Minister of Justice of USSR. Also in its leadership is Oleg Bogomolov, former Head of the Economic Institute of the World and an exponent of privatization. 212 candidates.

ELECTION RUSSIA

Yegor Gaidar, First Deputy Chairman of the Russian Federation and leader of the party. The economic guru which Yeltsin has placed to speed up the capitalist process. 212 candidates. This party is Yeltsin's party. They are the most known of the parties and candidates, since they are all associated with the Yeltsin government.

All translations from Russian, Ukrainian, Byelorussian done by Michael Lucas.

BLOCK: YAVLINSKIJ, BOLBYREV-LUKIN

Grigorij Yavlinskij, Head of party and economist, former member of Yeltsin's government and before that, at the top with Gorbachev. They feel that the present process might lead back to totalitarianism.

After reading through the complete program of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and their election platform, although it contains well-formulated items as to how to get out of the terrible conditions that Russia finds itself in, notably, it DOES NOT CONTAIN ONE WORD ABOUT SOCIALISM or COMMUNISM, or of Marx-Engels, or V.I. Lenin!

The program presumes that under "social democracy" and the "parliamentary system", they, the Communist Party, will have the opportunity, the clout and the necessary press, TV and radio time to promote their program to all of the people of the Russian Republic, without hindrance from the Yeltsin clique!

We all wish that it was so. But life itself shows otherwise, judging by the Yeltsin statements after the elections results were in and his "protege" Gaidar, trailed the right wing winning position. The election results produced a scenario where there is REAL DANGER of fascist-nationalist groupings uniting with Yeltsin or other groups and thus, gaining the upper hand through the so-called "free elections" the transnational corporations were so eager to promote.

It seems obvious that the participation of the Communist Party of Russian Federation gave Yeltsin a facade of "democratic pluralism" that hides the illegal conditions under which the elections were held in the first place. Those that had "dollars to buy media-TV time" were heard ...

those that could not get the "dollars" did NOT get the TV time. As the saying goes, "Money talks, the rest walk"!

NorthStar Compass does not presume or wish to mix into internal affairs of any party, movement, groupings or country. Nevertheless, we have the moral right as workers, socialists, communists, peaceniks ... to comment and express our opinions. During these extremely dangerous times, we consider it our duty to express alarm at the situation that is now boiling after the elections in Russia! Why? Because it will affect us as Canadians and all working class of the world. There is a real danger of fascism not only in Russia and other former Soviet Republics, but, judging by the world press – because of the manipulation by the transnational corporations, IMF and other Western agencies – the danger of reaction reaches across the world. We call for vigilance and struggle against the promoters of the "New World Order"!

It is difficult to understand why the idea, advanced in Russia before the elections, and during the post election results, to establish immediately an "Anti-Fascist Front" was not accepted by the Communist Party of the Russian Federation. For what reasons they rejected this timely Marxist-Leninist principle, only time will tell. But it is remindful of the situation in Germany when the Social Democrats refused to join the anti-fascist front and we all have seen the resulting 50 million deaths as a consequence of this near-sighted, opportunistic line.

We think the time has come to be forthright, analytical and revolu-

OUR CREDO

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tionary in spirit and in deeds. Reaction and fascism is on the march and the only way that it can be stopped is to have UNITY, UNITY, UNITY of all forces that are sincerely dedicated to democracy, socialism and the rebirth of the Soviet Union. This would be our only guarantee of the progress of all of mankind so we may live in peace and harmony.

Opportunism in all of its forms plays directly into the hands of reaction and paves the way to "divide and rule"!

Have we in Canada the right to voice our opinions about what is happening to the Soviet people? Of course we have! Since 1920 as "Hands Off Russia Committee", we demanded, fought, promoted and proceeded to make every effort to have peace and understanding between Canadians and Soviets. Beyond that, Canadian armed forces joined with the Soviet military to defeat Nazism in W.W.II.

We believe if there was ever a time when the need to establish the Anti-Fascist Front in Russia and other former Soviet Republics, it is NOW!

We hope that the membership of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and other parties and groupings that are sincerely dedicated to ridding Russia of Yeltsin's Diktat Regime, will find ways to join together in an Anti-Fascist Front. That seems to be the only solution to prevent the country sliding more and more into chaos with the threatening emergence of a future Feuhrer. □

"THE DOWNFALL AND FUTURE OF SOCIALISM"

By: Hans Heinz Holz - Published by NST - "Nature, Society, and Thought", a Journal of Dialectical and Historical Materialism - Vol. 5, No. 3, University of Minnesota, 116 Church St. E.,

Minneapolis, MN, 55455.

Reviewed by: Ray Stevenson

The publication of this small book by Professor Hans Heinz Holz is a contribution to the new, but ongoing rebirth and re-appraisal of Marxist-Leninist science. "We have chosen to present this book in translation here, not because we view it as an ideological manifesto for Marxists in the 1990's, but because the author, an outstanding Marxist philosopher, discusses in a reasoned way, positions that are shared by many, although not necessarily a majority, of those who have been associated with the Marxist-Leninist tradition in the past", the publishers assert in their 10-page "Forward".

Also referred to directly are the internal divisions that afflicted both the CPUSA and the Communist Party of Canada

In a Preface and four chapters in some 94 pages, plus notes and bibliography, Holz deals with the following questions: "(1) Is Marxism in Crisis?; (2) Fundamental Questions of Marxist Theory; (3) Philosophical-Political Perspectives of Marxism Today; and (4) The Failure of the First Socialist Societies". To this reviewer, his treatment of the above merits the closest study by all serious students of working class science, and participants in ongoing discussions and development of the thrust of

Marxism-Leninism in the 1990's, and of Professor Holz's arguments. In his opening salvo (I believe that is the correct description), he says, "Communist parties (not only in Germany) are in crisis today, but this is not a crisis of Marxism itself. Marxism has proved its theoretical power in the increasing use that bourgeois science makes of the conceptual models and individual insights that result from Marxist



investigations, although without accepting the system (Marxist) as a whole and its consequences in regard to a world view". Later in his Preface, Holz says "The precondition for socialist politics that is not merely pragmatic (or even opportunist), and that does not lose sight of the goal of overcoming capitalism and making the transition to a classless society, is constant work on a current theory of the reality in which we live ...", certainly a view that is impossible to dispute.

Given the loud mouthed and endless prattle of the "death of Marxism" by the bourgeois "shadow boxers" of academia and the "popular", mind numbing media, we suggest we have

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in this small portion of Holz's thinking at least the beginnings of the "re-learning" of forgotten "glory roads", and "road maps" to the future that plague so many Communists (or even 'former' Communists) in the post-downfall era of the Socialist experiment and amid the obscene efforts to obliterate all accomplishments of the former Soviet Union from history. Holz's treatment of his first three chapters is worthy of careful, and continuing study. But in some respects, the insights provided as to the reasons for the "failure" of the USSR, and particularly the treatment of the now-reviled, "Stalin period", are the most "audaciously" enlightening, and interesting.

"In today's terms, the Russian Empire in 1917 was a 'threshold country' within the capitalist system ...", Holz points out. "... upon the collapse of Czarist rule, which was a liberation for the whole people, a weak bourgeoisie came into conflict with a militant proletariat that was even weaker ... the bourgeoisie (having compromised itself) was much less attractive to the peasantry than was the working class ... The revolution became a movement led by the workers with the cooperation and support of the peasantry ... and the courage and sacrificial spirit of the people in those revolutionary years in driving away the oppressors, deserves our admiration (as again later, during W.W.II)". Holz points out the low level of industrialization, the relatively low level of a skilled working class and other factors of illiteracy, etc., all in the face of a continuing hostile Imperialist encirclement, war threats, trade embargoes, etc., during the pre-W.W.II period. "The country lacked an economic base; a working class that was highly developed qualitatively and quantitatively; masses experienced in the struggle for - and day-to-day utilization of - democratic institutions.

Also lacking was a broad, deeply rooted educational and ideological movement ..."

He then draws the historically correct conclusion that, "nevertheless, a radical revolution in production was accomplished UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SMALL, SELFLESS, AND MILITANT COMMUNIST PARTY, and was successful only because the Party as "vanguard of the working class" took over the tasks of administration and education. Had the conditions allowed for an organic process of internally generated change, these tasks should have been carried out by the masses of the working class (only) after THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION HAD BEEN WON OVER IN SUPPORT OF THEM ... Under these conditions, dictatorship of the proletariat COULD ONLY BE A LONG LASTING DICTATORSHIP OF THE PARTY ...", Holz argues. "... anyone unable to accept this had no choice but to ... abandon Socialism after the victorious revolution. SUBMISSION TO IMPERIALIST POWER WAS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE", is his conclusion. (All emphasis added - R.S.)

In a blistering reference to the (at best) social-reformist wallowing of Gorbachov, under sub-head "the impoverishment of theory", Holz says, "The low level to which the Party's political competence to develop correct policies had descended, is shown in the superficial babble of the programmatic book, 'Perestroika' by Mikhail Gorbachov, which purported to announce the beginning of a new era of Communism ..." In a following note, he writes: "One should compare this (Perestroika) with the precision of concepts in Lenin's 'State & Revolution' or his 'Three sources and three component parts of Marxism', in order to make Gorbachov's down-slide clear ...". In a particularly stinging barb, he continues, "I am tempted to use

Hegel's remark about Fries: 'The idea or opinion is so shallow ... I am spared the trouble of taking any notice of this insignificant publication ...'."

Since it was social reformist ideology and policy that was a root cause opening the door to the destruction of the USSR, one might quarrel with this rather summary dismissal of the effect of Kruschovian and Gorbachovian misleadership, that some brand as sheer treachery. It now seems crystal clear, at least to this reviewer, that the defeat of the Marxist-Leninist theories and policies were first diminished by social reformism and then overridden by them. The alienation of the CPSU from the working class and people finally obliterated the revolutionary content of Marx and Lenin's leadership. It was into that vacuum of political leadership that grew the corruption, bureaucracy and the spoliation of Marxism-Leninism and the reduction of the USSR to a bungling maze of bureaucracy. In its historic role, Social Democracy once again became the hand-maiden of bourgeois and Imperialist thrusts against the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The vacuum quickly disappeared to be finally completely filled by the revolting, anti-working class and anti-Socialist programs of today.

Professor Holz's book was apparently begun as a response to the action of the Deutsche Kommunistische Partei (the DKP - a Marxist-Leninist Party) of what was then West Germany, in 1989-90, when they opened their publications and discussions to what the publishers describe as "the most wide-ranging theoretical discussions on the most fundamental

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ideological issues, an openness unprecedented for the Marxist-Leninist parties of the industrialized capitalist countries". NST (the publishers) attribute to this the avoidance by the DKP of an "organizational split" such as was the fate of so many other Communist parties.

NSC would be more than pleased to receive your views, differing or otherwise, to any or all of the above. Should you wish to obtain a copy of the NST publication of Professor Holz's book, we suggest you address such a request to the address at the head of this review. □

ON THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF LENIN

By Alex McLennan

The principal consideration in eulogizing a great historical personage and his works is his contribution to humankind and its history.

In writing of the lives of Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, Lenin said: "The services rendered by Marx and Engels to the working class may be expressed in a few words, thus: "They taught the working class to know itself, to be conscious of itself, and they substitute science for dreams".

Lenin's great contribution was in analysing and understanding Marxism, elaborating the system of dialectical and historical materialism, the theory of value and surplus value, as well as the theory of class struggle, combined with the revolutionary doctrines evolved from the European class struggles of 18th century Europe, particularly those of France and Germany.

The masterly application of Marxism to the conditions of 20th century imperialism on a world scale,



and the creation of a party of a new type, resulted in the formation of an international working class movement capable of creating a world system of socialism, and was the legacy left by Lenin to the workers of the world.

The biography of Lenin is the biography of the Communist Party. It is also the biography of the first socialist country, created under his leadership. The life of Lenin is synonymous with the political philosophy which he forged on the basis of Marxism, as a weapon of the working class in its historic struggle against imperialism and for socialism.

"The main thing in Marxism", said Lenin, "is the question of class power". In writing of the Revolution of 1905 - 07, and the advent of the Soviets, not only as an organ of class power, but also as an organ of class struggle. Lenin referred to them as the weapon, newly discovered, for the exercise of State power of the working class.

LENINISM DEFINED

J.V. Stalin in his introduction to the "Foundations of Leninism", defines Leninism as follows: "Leninism is the Marxism of the era of imperialism and of the proletarian revolution. To be more exact, Leninism is the theory and tactic of the proletarian revolution in general, the theory and tactic of the dictatorship of the proletariat in particular". Stalin continues: "Marx and Engels pursued their activities in the pre-revolutionary period (we have the proletarian revolution in mind), when developed imperialism did not yet exist, in the period of the proletarians' preparation for revolution, in the period when the proletarian revolution was not yet a direct practical inevitability. However, Lenin, the disciple of Marx and Engels, pursued his activities in the period of developed imperialism, in the period of the proletarian revolution, when the proletarian revolution had already triumphed in one country, had smashed bourgeois democracy, and had ushered in the era of proletarian democracy, the era of the Soviets.

"That is why Leninism is the further development of Marxism."

MASSES PROSPER UNDER SOCIALISM

Under the leadership of the Russian Communist Party (Bolsheviks), the Soviet working class in alliance with the poor peasants, raised themselves by their boot-straps from among the most backward nations on earth, to become economically and politically, second only to the United States; and culturally, second to none.

Before the revolution, only 20% of the Russian population were industrial workers. Wages were low, hours were long and unemployment was high. The peasants, who had ceased to be serfs as recently as 1860, were poor. Their tools consisted of a wooden plough, often pulled by a family member, constantly at the mercy of large landowners, capitalists and the Russian Orthodox Church which used the fear of the devout to extract large sums of money, thereby adding to the poverty of the masses.

The revolution had given the peasants land, and the workers, control of the factories. Consequently, the standard of living in the developing socialist economy, continued to increase and by 1928, the living conditions of the workers and peasants was many times higher than before the revolution. Unemployment had disappeared altogether.

Never before in human history had such amicable relationships existed between peoples and their government.

IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY

After many years of provocation, internal sabotage and wars, world imperialism learned that the Soviet Union was not to be over-thrown by military force. The counter-revolutionary generals and their armies had been vanquished by Russia's young Red Army in the early days of the revolution. And again, the interventionists of fourteen countries, including our own, were repulsed by

the army of the victorious working class and driven from Soviet soil. During the Nazi imperialist invasion in June 1941, the Soviet forces again fought the enemy to a standstill, drove him back to Berlin and unconditional surrender. They liberated half of Europe in the process. As a result, world imperialism and their cohorts within the Soviet Union, realized methods other than military must be devised to destroy socialism on a world scale.

And so, the erstwhile "allies" who signed the treaties of the Crimean Conference, of Yalta and of Potsdam, pledging to work together with the U.S.S.R. to maintain the peace that had been won at such cost to the Soviet people, launched the Cold War with its blood curdling arms race. This forced the Soviet Union to divert billions of rubles from the building of Socialism to the unproductive building of nuclear and conventional arms to ensure their defence.

COUNTER-REVOLUTION

In the period prior to the legal dissolution of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the subsequent dissolution of the Soviet Government, the preparation for this dissolution had to be prepared.

The dictatorship of the proletariat was disrupted and the hegemony of the party removed.

This process was carried out simultaneously with the weakening of the socialist ideology of the socialist people. This process took place gradually and unnoticed. The people were unaware of what was happening until the perpetrators – both within and without – were ready.

The first step in the process was to discredit Stalin, which was accomplished by the so-called revelations of N. Kruschchov, and dates back to the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, in 1956, only three years after

the death of J.V. Stalin.

To discredit Stalin was to discredit the ideology and work of Leninism, of which Stalin was the foremost exponent and defender. To discredit Leninism was to separate the "Party of the working class" from the workers and consequently, from the masses of farm workers and intellectuals. From there, the wreckers moved to the popularization of the idea of a capitalist market, achieved in the name of "capitalist democracy", and with the skillful use of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

The final blow was the dissolution of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union by its General Secretary, Gorbachev.

This period revealed the collaboration of the imperialists from without, and the traitors from within. Power passed from the traitor Gorbachev to the arch villain, Yeltsin, and the counter-revolution became a fact.

CONCLUSION

In this month of January, 1994, on the 70th Anniversary of the death of Lenin, all who recognize capitalism's bankruptcy must reaffirm our belief in history and Marxism of the inevitability of the triumph of the working class.

During the lives of Marx and Engels, there took place disasters to the working class in the events of 1848 and in France and Germany. In 1871, the heroic Communards of Paris lost their historic struggle with the bourgeoisie of France and their Prussian friends with a loss of 40,000 brave souls. In 1918, the Finnish Revolution was drowned in the blood of the working class and in 1919 in Hungary.

In spite of adversity, the struggle will continue. The forward march of the working class goes on.

And so, on this anniversary of the death of the man who was the founder

of the U.S.S.R. and its Communist Party, we affirm our faith that just as the victorious Soviet People placed the Hammer and Sickle on the top of the Reichstag on that Day of Victory in 1945, so, in the not too distant future, descendants of the heroes of that victory shall place the Red Star of Socialism on the towers of the Kremlin Walls once again. □

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

Headline –
Toronto Star, Dec. 22nd, 1993

**“RUSSIAN ‘GENIUS’
HEADING HOME”**

**“EMIGRE KEY FIGURE
IN VICE SCANDAL”**

“Dmitri Iakabouski, a 30 year old former Colonel in Russia’s security ministries, has left his luxurious home in Metro (Toronto) to return to the ... world of Russian politics... (He) expects to work once again within the senior echelons of Russian President Yeltsin’s reform government ... A landed immigrant in Canada (he) made international headlines last summer when he was identified as the main source who helped bring down some of Russia’s highest politicians ...”

WE COMMENT – Good riddance, and “long may he never return”! As for the rest of this buccaneering yarn, that carries something more than faint whiffs of Mafiosi connections, we wonder exactly why and how this unsavory character was awarded “landed immigrant” status.

Could it possibly be that “Brian-the-unlamented”, our former Prime Minister, or his successor, the equally unlamented “Kim”, were involved in more than having their picture taken with the unworthy Mr. Iakabouski and boar shooting et al., with Dmitri’s loving boss, Boris? We know that Brian’s tastes ran to Gucci shoes, etc., and Kim’s to fluttering shadows of nothing at all ... but did their interests stretch to \$5,000,000 mansions in north Toronto? As we said in NSC, Vol. 2, #5, perhaps a full scale PUBLIC INVESTIGATION of the strange antics of Iakabouski and his friends in high places in Canada might prove well worth the doing. □

Headline – The European
– Dec. 31 to Jan. 6, 93/94

“After promises of capitalist prosperity fail to materialize, life under the Communists doesn’t seem so bad”, and “EAST GERMANS CRAVE GOOD OLD DAYS”, by Vicki Houben and Sandra Smith

“Thousands of young Germans are gathering throughout East Germany at a number of weekend venues to enjoy the half forgotten pleasures of the Communist past they grew up with ... At a recent under-ground disco in Dresden, attended by more than 2,500 people aged between 16 and 26, ... music by East German groups ... blared out to enthusiastic revellers drinking Margon-Cola (the alternative to Western Coca-Cola) and smoking acrid smelling socialist cigarettes. “Somehow they were cool times. We had less, but we stuck together more”, explained Marco Hanf, 22. Under the hammer and sickle GDR flag, an Erich Honecher look-alike announced his return to politics, vowing to rebuild the Berlin Wall. “Only this time, it will be two metres higher, to keep the Imperialists of the West out, once and for all” ... Four

years on, Chancellor Kohl’s promises of economic revival have failed to materialize. Disillusioned by a daily life dominated by the effects of economic recession and mass unemployment, East Germans are harking back to the security and familiarity of the ‘good old days’ ... Disillusionment is widespread, especially among the young ...”

WE COMMENT – People have long known that when their Imperialist “statesmen” waged war, they were either coerced or brainwashed with “super” nationalism to become the killing machines. To this end, all their natural and youthful instincts were the targets of dehumanizing processes to make of them the killing machines they had to be if they were to survive ... and the “enemy” (whether babies, aged, crippled, innocent or not) to die. German youth following the bestial bloodletting and killing by the Nazified forces of German corporate power, have a particular psychological burden to confront. The burden of “war guilt” thrust on the entire German people following the War Crimes Trials of Nuremberg guaranteed that future for them. But Imperialism guarantees such futures for all war combatants whether at Mai-Lai and the “killing fields” of Southeast Asia, with their napalm, B-52 bombers, Phoenix torture chambers, or in “Desert Storm”, the war crimes of U.S. and other Imperialisms in the Middle East against the innocents from high flying bombers, whose pilots never even saw their victims. But war and violence against fellow humans has been fought and died for by the young to appease the appetites for power and money among the “elder” statesmen of the corporate world. The words “freedom and democracy” have been the most successful cover-up for these last named in all of history.

But it is out of the vortex of violence and brutality and killing that most frequently have come the resistance to all this, to the demands of young people for change and a life of dignity, security

and genuine freedom to develop individually and collectively the vast creative impulses and powers mutated by the war psychology, political and economic power of their elders. The east German youth are unique in their experience of this process. Their lessons of humanity, of co-operative care and concern in a collective are guiding them towards a new and higher human consciousness. We applaud them and we thank the East German youth for setting out on this road. □

**Headline –
New York Times, Jan. 5th, 1994
“C.I.A. SEEKS DOCUMENTS
FROM ITS RADIATION
TESTS”**

**“SHREDDERS AND TIME
DIMFACTS AT SPY AGENCY”**

Washington, Jan. 4th – “Trying to help the Clinton administration end the secrecy that surrounded the nation’s use of human subjects in radiation experiments, the C.I.A. is searching for files on research it conducted during the Cold War to alter or control behavior ...”

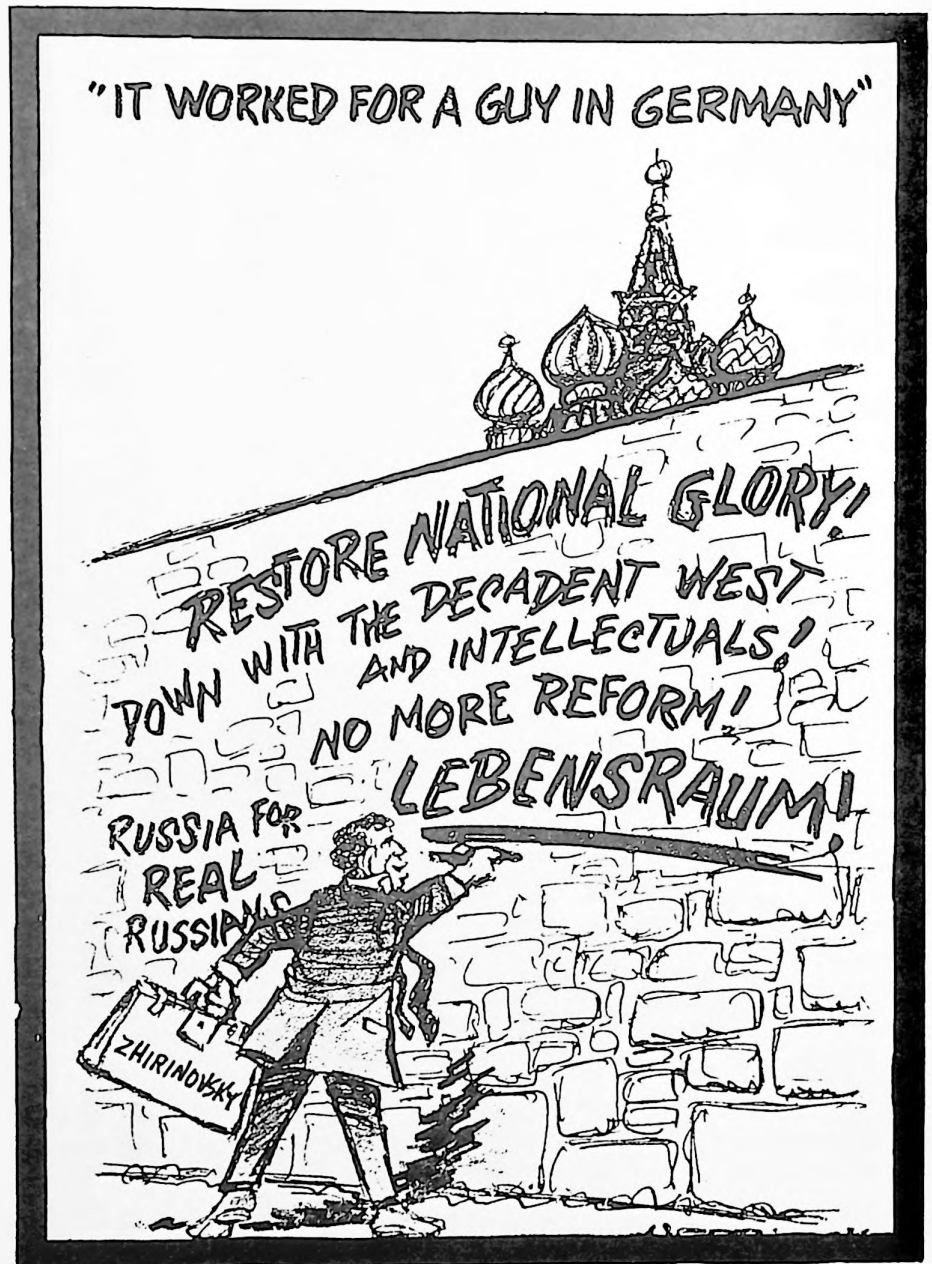
**Headline – Editorial, Jan. 5, 1994
“NUCLEAR GUINEA PIGS”**

“... the Manhattan Project, which developed the atom bomb, INJECTED PLUTONIUM INTO 18 PATIENTS AT SEVERAL MEDICAL CENTRES FROM 1945 TO 1947 to determine how rapidly it would be excreted. The rationale seemed to be that the patients had illnesses that would kill them within ten years anyway, so why not gain useful knowledge from them that might help protect plutonium workers? Most of the patients seemed not to have granted informed consent to the procedure. In some cases, the scientists went to great lengths to hide the true nature of the tests from the subjects and their relatives ... The very least the

Government can do at this late date is to track down and examine any participants still alive to determine if they need medical care or financial compensation for harm suffered ...” (our emphasis – Ed.)

WE COMMENT – The general public has been led to believe over the many years by the C.I.A., the U.S. Government and the New York Times that in the “land of the free”, and “the home of the brave”, the procedures of “freedom and democracy” protected the rights of the individual, if not 100%, then at least very close to that.

Only under the “unspeakable” Communist regimes could such diabolical things happen. So much for that brainwash. We find in the Times editorial the faintest of “slaps-on-the-wrist” ... “Redemption from this unprincipled research requires a thorough and honest accounting.” We suppose so, but where can we expect that to come from? After all, who has hidden from the American people for almost half a century that Cold War, mad-dog viciousness and savagery was aimed first of all at the American people themselves, in order that the power lusts of their mighty could be satiated? By the way, what is really new in the thinking of top



U.S.A. corporate circles? We don't think very much. □

**Headline –
New York Times, Jan. 5th, 1994**

**“U.S. IS SCRAMBLING FOR
A STRATEGY ON EVE OF
CLINTON EUROPEAN TRIP”**

Washington, Jan. 4th – “Less than a week before the NATO and Moscow Summit meetings, the administration is still groping for a coherent strategy as President Clinton prepares to embark on his most comprehensive and ambitious overseas trip. On Russia, the administration retreated from the position outlined by Strobe Talbot ... just two weeks ago that American policy is now to find a way to de-emphasize rapid economic change ... On NATO, the White House called in reporters to try and quieten Eastern European complaints about the inadequacy of its “Partnership for Peace” by insisting it is intended as a prelude to the expansion of the Atlantic alliance. ... General Shalakashvili (the son of now deceased Georgian Nazi collaborator in W.W.II, and Chief of Staff of the U.S. armed forces – Ed.) ... appeared at the briefing room of the White House to repeat assurances of eventual NATO membership ... (for East European countries – Ed.) ... immediate expansion ... could have a destabilizing effect on Europe ... to accept some new members and leave others out would be ‘counter to building security and stability in all Europe ...”, said the General.

WE COMMENT – *We believe also that a green tooth fairy will also bring several tons of coal to the devil to stoke the fires. U.S. strategic concepts for not only Europe, but the entire world are written in some kind of Imperialist greenstone, subject to no change whether Bill Clinton or John Barleycorn sits in the White House in Washington. The aim is world-wide economic and political domination and*

the export of U.S. Imperialist might to guarantee the greatest possible boodle of “super” profits. If the White House is confused, they will get another one! Only the American people can change this! □

**COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA
SECRETARY GENERAL**

**NAILS
INTERNATIONAL
FINANCE**

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In our columns, we have spoken many times of the virtual stranglehold that the transnational corporate powers have established over the economic development of practically the entire world. Is this simply a phantom of our imagination, and if it is not and truly reflects the reality of economic development across the world, how does this operate and how can such powers be held by the finance capitalists? For a reply to that question, we republish a portion of the opening statement of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) to a world-wide seminar on the 175th birth anniversary of Karl Marx. The seminar was held in Calcutta, India in May of this year, 1993. We invite your comments and, where appropriate, differences with the viewpoint put forward here. We apologize that what is published here is a small part of Comrade Surjeet's presentation.

“The hallmark of current centralization of international finance, or globalization, as some have called it, lies in the fact that capital is sucked from all sections of the globe, to be invested in a few selected areas deemed fit, or creditworthy, by a handful of multinational banks. (Here, the term “multinational” is used in place of the term “transnational” we have employed – Editors).

“It is not that the multinational banks themselves exclusively control the financial flows; but that the lead given by them is followed by myriads of individual rentiers (Bankers – ed.)

so that without there being any ‘conspiracy’ about it, the world’s finance, as it were, are subjected to one controlling authority, with regard to their deployment, the authority consisting of a handful of multinational banks. However, the competition between multinational corporations and banks, often leading to conflicts, may well upset the present arrangements.

“The recurring U.S. fiscal deficit gives centralized international finance capital an avenue of investment and thus, accentuates the Third World recession. By sucking in finance from elsewhere, it imposes a financial crunch on the Third World which forces the latter to surrender its economic sovereignty to the Imperialist agencies such as the I.M.F. and the World Bank. This also forces the Third World countries to hand over control of its assets and resources ‘for a song’ to international creditors to service past debts. This sustains an enhanced level of economic activity in the Imperialist World and prevents the onset of any sharp slump.

“All this, namely the ability to stabilize their own economies at the expense of the Third World, would not have been possible if, despite their undoubted contradictions, the Imperialist economies had not displayed a measure of agreement among themselves ... Imperialism, thus has shown far greater reserves of strength and far greater resilience than had been earlier imagined ... This does not mean and cannot mean that Capitalism and Imperialism are invincible. We live in a present situation where favourable conjunctions for Imperialism are bound to be followed by periods when it will be driven with incoherence, antagonisms, rivalries and crises. In this sense, there can be no going back on the Leninist vision ...

“The task of enriching Marxism

and carrying forward the revolutionary struggle in the present circumstances requires a deeper theoretical struggle of the contemporary processes that are taking place. In fact, the stupendous task undertaken by Lenin in his time needs to be carried forward. The Marxist scientific methodology continues to be the richest source of tools capable of undertaking this task ..."

OUR COMMENT – *What Comrade Surjeet speaks of with such eloquence and penetration here is based in part on the immense study by Lenin of the emergence of the "highest stage of capitalism" monopoly capitalism. The draining off of "super-profits" by the Western Imperial powers was the economic basis of the hundreds-of-years long super-exploitation of the "colonies" of which Comrade Surjeet's native land, India, was a prime example. What now appears to us to be a "new" element in the super-exploitative activities of the TNC's (or as described above, the "multinational" corporations) is that with the attempted efforts to open the former Soviets to a "new" area of finance capital plundering their powers are even more enhanced ... and of course, at the expense of the people. Here in Canada, the effects of the TNC plunder become more and more clear as NAFTA, and the original FTA, gradually thrusts the people and country deeper into the wells of a form of Third World economic status. Unless the former Soviets can overcome the clutches of the I.M.F., World Bank, G-7 assaults, they too will suffer the same fate, at least temporarily in the so-called TNC "world restructuring". What do you think and what would you suggest to avert this overt subversion of the peoples' future by the TNC's? Our deepest appreciation to Harkishan Singh Surjeet. (Editors) □*

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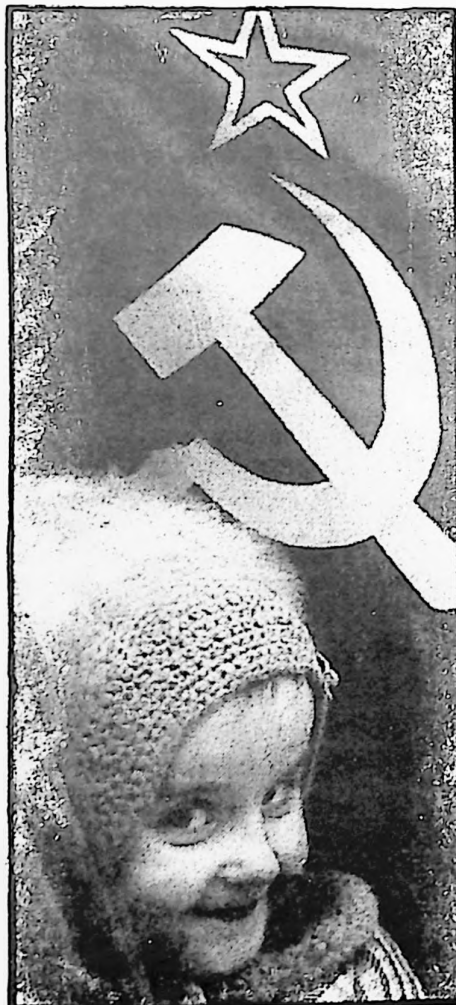
RUSSIAN PEOPLE OPT FOR SOCIALISM

In a report of a recent demonstration of Moscow citizens, carried in the Toronto Star of Jan. 4, 1994, demonstrators are referred to as "hardliners" and "ultra nationalists". No effort is made to clarify the two terms.

The "hardliners" are Communists, who, during the period of the Soviet power, led the people in transforming an economically backward country of the Czars and capitalists to become the most advanced nation on earth.

They were also the people who had led their nation in the destruction of the Nazi terror and the liberation of the occupied peoples of Europe from the slavery of fascist dictatorship.

The "ultra nationalists" referred to are simply that; nationalists have



nothing in common with Communists. If the Communists of the U.S.S.R. had not liberated Europe from the Nazis in the war of 1939-45, the Nazi plague would have spread across the world and the people who today misrepresent the role of the Communists, would never have known the limited measure of democracy which they mistakenly believe to be the apex of freedom and culture. Instead, they would have been born into a system of slavery and Nazi terror unparalleled in human history. The scribes of the West should tell the truth of the reason for their relative "freedom", if only out of sheer gratitude.

The Star reports, the demonstrators in Moscow carried Soviet banners and shouted, "Fascists" and "Yankee go home". This is a tribute to the people of Russia, who now realize what and who are responsible for the present plight of their country.

The Star reports that no violence took place. On this occasion, Yeltsin's storm troopers, the OMON, did not attack the people.

This and other demonstrations in recent months (seldom honestly reported in the kept press), are proof that the people, for seventy-five years, had lived at peace among their many nations. Production had been carried on for the benefit of the people instead of simply for private and corporate profits.

The people of Russia would appear to have launched a mass movement for the return of the peace and prosperity of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. History is on the side of the people. □



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ITEMS from ABROAD

AN OPEN LETTER TO RICHARD PIPES, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Mr. Pipes! This letter to you was prompted by an article you wrote in the weekly "Abroad", #42, 1993, and republished in the "International Herald Tribune" (Paris). I am amazed at your incompetence in our affairs. Or is this a premeditated falsehood? It seems that they call you the most renowned American expert on USSR and Russia! "Handful of hardline communists," – you wrote – "losing all contact with reality and blindly believing in a dream of resurrecting the Soviet imperialism and staunchly trying to save their privileges, again vainly tried to unite around themselves masses of people". Further on, the author tries to make out the leader of the "Putsch" Rutskoï, who it seems to the author, put the mantel on himself as a contemporary Lenin. This is a child's naïvite! Or it is purposely geared towards the uninformed readers of the West? Do you think that the Soviet people will read this and not give you a reply? Therefore, not going very deeply into the details of your article, I want to pay attention to some moments in your pseudo-informative article.

FIRST: How can you call the defence of the Parliament under attack from armed Army units (even if they are president's guard!) "the last fit of anger of a forced counter-revolution in Russia"?! The physical annihilation of the democratically

and legally elected parliamentarians – this is governmental bandatism!?

SECOND: In what country is the second-in-command person (I have in mind Vice President Rutskoï), in order to make an appeal to the people – the electors – had to storm the TV centre? What is this – democracy in the style of the West?! Or Mr. Pipes does not see this?

THIRD: The deputies of the Russian parliament you call a "handful of hardline communists". Please let me say, are you not aware of the fact, that the Deputies of the Supreme Soviet in their time supported Yeltsin and also supported the edict that banned the Communist Party? Are you not aware of the anti-communist feelings of Rutskoï and Khasbulatov? If you are not aware of these facts, then why did you attempt to write such articles? In his time, Yeltsin himself picked these people as his partners and advisors. As to the defenders of the parliament of Russia, as in the parliament itself, the communists were a small minority. This was very badly organized, these were currents of dissatisfaction of the people against the fascist take over. Unfortunately, fascism has won a temporary victory.

FOURTH: You say that "it is absurd to talk about, that President Yeltsin was the architect of the counter-revolution in the Government". Here, you may be a bit correct. Because the bombardment of the parliament building – this is something much bigger, more terrible than a government take over.

FIFTH: You introduced this pseudo-president (he cannot be called a president when he counter-venes and breaks the law) as a defender of democracy! What is this – democracy in American style? The tearing-up and personal destroying of the Constitution, the physical destruction of the parliamentarians, the disbanding by him of the Constitutional Court, practically

giving himself the right and title of Emperor with unlimited power – are these the landmarks of a true democracy? Or is Mr. Professor of History not aware of this?

SIXTH: Do you really seriously believe that in former Soviet Republics there exists only a "handful of hardline communists"? You know, if this is your conviction, then very soon, you will be scared out your wits! Even by official information, the strength of the communist movement in our country now is counted in hundreds of thousands. With such a "handful", you will not be able to cope. That means that you have to be scared stiff with fright!

SEVENTH: You trumpet to the whole world that there was no government in Russia ever, because it was ruled the Constitution of 1970's, while the parliamentarians in our country were all ex-communists. Well, what logic you have, Mr. Professor! What is this – is this the style of American science? But, when was the American Constitution adopted? That means that in your country, you have no government at all! As far as ex-communists are concerned, what right have you to our problems? We will take care of our own ex ... We can assure you of this. Among them, there are all sorts of people. But the people elected them. If I will take your logic, we can rightly say that all the congressmen, both democratic and republican in the U.S.A., are undemocratic. Of course, this would not be serious. Is that not so? So, please do not mix into other's affairs. Either you are a dilettante, or a hardline demofascist. If this offends you, forgive me, please. But you have defamed my Motherland!!!

One more thing. Regarding your phraseology that "Russians do not believe in leadership of Russia or anything else, aside from criminality and alcoholic drinks". Is this serious? I will not list the successes of our Soviet

people during the years of communist construction. Why do you need these facts? Even under the forceful regime of Yeltsin's pseudo-fascism, we are still far behind the USA. Is this not so? Your films are playing in practically every cinema in Russia, and are helping our country to compete in lawlessness!

Ending this open letter, I again would like to ask you – is it possible to have such incompetent professors in your “New World”? Or is it your hate which controls your output of lies against the Soviet people? In the political anti-Soviet and anti-Communist orgy you overdid yourself as Professor of Harvard University in America. Mr. Pipes, please change your pipe! Your orchestra is playing falsely.

V. Herasymchuk
Professor - Dean
Lutsk, Ukraine

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WHO IS, AND, WHO WAS, RICHARD PIPES?

• Richard Pipes was appointed by George Bush, then CIA Director, in 1976, Chairman of “Team B”. This was a “special” CIA Committee set up by Bush to elevate and doctor the already established CIA estimates of Soviet military spending. It was the Team B study, made under Pipes’ direction, that Ronald Reagan based his charges against President Carter during the Presidential election campaign of 1980, won by Reagan to the effect that Carter “had allowed the Soviets to gain nuclear superiority and that the U.S. must re-arm”. Team B, using methods that were sharply challenged by Roy Cline, former CIA Deputy Director, and by the New York Times, “was successful in getting the U.S. Government to

profoundly alter its estimates of Soviet strength and intentions”. The critics charged that Team B estimates “seriously distorted the CIA’s raw data to conform to the political prejudices of its members”. Thus, Pipes, through Bush’s sponsored “book cooking”, succeeded in selling the lie that Soviet Military spending as a percentage of Gross National Product, had increased from 6-8% to 11-13%. This lie helped to give rise to Reagan’s trillion dollar weapons program and a new and intensified anti-Soviet foreign policy, enunciated by the new President, and his Vice President and former CIA Director (and successor President), George Bush. U.S. taxpayers are still paying.

• Jack Ruina, Professor of Electrical Engineering at M.I.T., said he knew him but that Pipes knew “little about technology and nuclear weapons ... he is clearly obsessed with what he views as their (the Soviet’s) aggressive intentions”.

• Pipes, now a Harvard Professor, was a Polish immigrant to the U.S. He was, and is, most probably, a close associate of another Polish immigrant, Zbigniew Brezinski, arch anti-Soviet Cold War Warrior who served as special advisor to Presidents and the CIA. On March 21, 1981, Ronald Steel, in a Washington Post article, quoted Pipes as follows: “Soviet leaders would have to choose between peacefully changing their Communist system ... or going to war”. During the Reagan-Bush years, Pipes’ associates in the initiation of foreign policy (read ‘intensified anti-Sovietism, together with unlimited quantities of sell-out enticements to Soviet leader, Gorbachov and others’) were Cold War Warriors, Paul Nitze, Richard Perle, and Eugene Rostow. Hidden behind them, in the deep cover of their oak-panelled suites, were the power-brokers of international high finance capital and their pals of the great profit-making

industries of war production ... nuclear and otherwise. (Information and quotes here contained are from the 1982 book by Robert Scheer, “With Enough Shovels” – published by Random House, New York.) □

WHAT ANTI-YELTSIN NEWSPAPERS WRITE!

By Michael Lucas

Here, we publish excerpts from newspapers received from Russia and Ukraine, such as Pravda, Democratic Ukraine, Andropovskaya Pravda, Spravedlivist, Glasnost and others.

COMMUNISTS OF UKRAINE REBUILDING PARTY

More than 120,000 party members received their party cards and adopted a program for resurrection of the USSR. The party cells are in every locality, town, village, city and enterprises. The Plenum of Communist Party of Ukraine agreed with the Socialist Party of Ukraine on principal questions of elections. The Communist Plenum sent a sharp protest to Moscow regarding the movement to liquidate Lenin Mausoleum and rebury V.I. Lenin in Leningrad.

GLASNOST LIVES

After being banned again and again by Yeltsin’s diktat, newspaper Glasnost is being published again.

SOME ARE DEMOLISHED OTHERS ARE RESTORED

While in some cities, monuments to Lenin are being defaced or wrecked, in central Togliatti without fanfare, the monument to V.I. Lenin is being restored and new ones put up with the help of funds donated by people of Togliatti, according to newspaper, “Samarski News”.

I'M SPEAKING UP BECAUSE WE HAVE NO LAW NOW!

Larisa Dementieva, member of the Supreme Court of Russia, has resigned her post, the highest in the land, as a sign of protest against the Yeltsin's terror with Russian parliamentarians and the thousands of deaths at the "White House".

She issued a condemning statement to the press, saying "How can you live without speaking out? A person (Yeltsin) has traversed the law of the land, the Constitution and can go over every person's rights that does not agree with him."

Three days after she made this statement, events at the Supreme Soviet building took place, where over 5,000 were killed.

She criticized some of the lawyers and judges who immediately tried to defend the actions of Yeltsin. After 15 years in the Supreme Court of Russia, Larisa Dementieva said that she, as a Judge, cannot sit on the bench and see such travesty of justice where a personal dictatorship was established.

YELTSIN GIVES MEDALS AND AMERICAN DOLLARS TO KILLERS

In what country does a President give medals and dollars to soldiers like OMON that butchered their own people? The Minister of Internal Affairs of Russia, Yerin, got the medal as "Hero of the Russian Republic"?!

All this is under the slogan of "defending democracy"! What then is fascism?

\$100,000 LOST BY "CRIMEA IS UKRAINIAN COMMITTEE"

The Committee, established by RUKH, is in trouble now, since Mikola Porovshko cannot account for the money which was assigned for the political propaganda to convince every one that Crimea belongs to

Ukraine. This question of money was raised by Canadian Ukrainian nationalists, who gathered this money under the name of 'Canadian Friends of RUKH'.

Everyone now is scampering either to find the \$100,000 or to blame someone else for the disappearance.

OUN-UPA Bandits Hit By Letter From Canada To "Spravedlivist"

I was in the Ukraine just recently and am familiar with your newspaper, 'Spravedlivist' and what you're trying to do. You are exposing Ukrainian nationalists which is good. I'm not a communist, but I cannot be quiet to see the attempt to make these bandits into heroes. I lived in Canada 12 years and came here from Poland. I found here in Canada what these nationalists are up to and what they do. I was ready to keep quiet here in Canada, thinking that maybe with the death of these bandits, the whole episode of nationalism will die with them.

Unfortunately, I was mistaken. I see that this nationalism is again growing in Western Ukraine. That is why I cannot keep quiet.

Last year, I wrote a 430-page book in Ukrainian, exposing the crimes of

these OUN-UPA bandits. I know what these bandits did around Volyn, I was there, I saw, I witnessed the atrocities. I hope that my book will find itself printed in the Ukraine also.

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ONLY FACTS

According to the latest poll by newspapers, more than 70% of the Russian people are dissatisfied with their economic and daily life. □

From Newspaper
Pravda, Nov. 3, 1993

"ATTACKING WITHOUT A MANDATE!"

This is an eye-witness account of a Deputy to the Supreme Soviet of Russia, Yuri Lodkin, who was going to the "White House" with a given mission of peace, but landed in jail.

Account was written on October 6th, but Yeltsin's control of the press did not allow it to be published until November 3rd. We publish it here for the first time in Canada.



On October 4th, we, the elected Deputies, were to meet. Unforeseen events happened, some of our deputies on October 3rd at 6 p.m. were asked to come to the Supreme Constitutional Court. Here, we discussed all problems that dealt with the present crisis, and 15 of us in total decided to sleep in the building of the Constitutional Court, since it was extremely late to go to the "White House" or home. On October 4th at 10:45 a.m., we, mandated by the Constitutional Court of Russia, signed a document to the President and to the Minister of Defence, in which the Constitutional Court pleaded that the situation not be allowed to deteriorate into bloodshed. On TV, a program by CNN (not local Moscow station camera crew), we saw what was already transpiring in the "White House". All of us became practically hysterical and we decided immediately that we must do something.

Deputy Rebrikov spoke up and proposed that we, asked by Constitutional Court, go immediately to the Supreme Soviet Parliament building and ask the defenders to give up their struggle. Under white flags and in the Deputies limousines, under the leadership of President of the Ingush Republic Ruslan Ajushev and the President of Kalmikian Republic, Kirsan Iljumizhonov, we started for the "White House".

We went through throngs of people, who were already filled with hate against the Deputies. The militia and the people whose hate shone from their eyes did not pay any attention to the white flags flying from our cars. They knew that we were parliamentarians, that we have immunity, nevertheless, they tried and succeeded to tear the white flags off the cars. We were finally accompanied by a Major and Colonel of militia. After 70 meters, we were stopped and they told us that the 15 will not be allowed to go to the

"White House", only Ajushev and Iljumizhonov, the rest of us were stopped. The battle was raging on. We saw wounded being taken, we saw them beaten, kicked and cursed. Blood all over ...

When Ajushev and Iljumizhonov returned, they also had a hard time to come back to us. All of us asked, "who are these people, who are they attacking and why?" Somehow, we started again in our cars to go towards the "White House". I was with the Minister of Mordovia Fedor Tjurkinin. The OMON police put a barrier in front, we could not go, we tried the right and left sides. We felt danger. We felt momentary terror.

These people outside the "White House" in civilian clothes, armed to the teeth – with hate on their faces – they did not look like Muscovites. All of a sudden, we're forcibly taken out of our cars with yells: "Lay down you dogs on the ground!" Our protests that we are parliamentarians on a mission from the Constitutional Court are ignored. Not listening to us, they yell out, "Face down on the cement, hands to the sides!" They started to hit our arms with batons, kicked our hands and ribs, and with batons, they rained blows on our heads and especially on our kidneys, until we nearly passed out. Very professional gangster style. If we uttered one word of protest, the blows and kicks were viciously given again and again. No help from the militia or from the OMON, who looked on in indifference!

Then a command was given, "Get up you dogs!" Before, I thought that this was only possible in films that you see in the cinemas about the times of the Czars. We were made to run a gauntlet of armed OMON thugs and each one of them felt that he must either kick us in the legs, thump us with his rifle butt or swing his baton wildly at our heads or bodies. We were made to run through this

gauntlet more than 50 yards. Before, I, with pride, always cried out, "Long live the Red Army" and all this feeling was with pride and sincerity from the heart. But, after this ... !

"Lieutenant, give me this one, I will take care of him good!" I do not know what happened, but I was saved from this civilian's clutches, otherwise, I would not have lived to write these few lines. Cannons boomed and another fire at the upper level of "White House" started to blow up, thus exciting the OMON and their hooligans momentarily – saving me from death.

These hand-picked OMON thugs were from personal guard "Vityaz" of Yeltsin. A lieutenant of the militia, who was a security guard for our delegation, had a pistol on him, as is stipulated by law. This lieutenant was beaten savagely. The officer took it heroically, but his health will never be the same as long as he lives. Then these OMON thugs packed us into a van, close to 20 parliamentarians and took us to 38 Petrovskast jail, where criminals are held.

We got out and again, we were beaten without respite. Another group of civilians that happened to be picked up around the parliament building were attacked by drunken hooligans right in the jail courtyard. These new civilians were beaten in such a way that, a Major of the Jail, looking through his window, could not look at this any more, ran out of his office into the courtyard and yelled out, "Stop! What are you doing? Stop at once!" He then pulled out his pistol! The beatings of the poor Muscovites stopped only then.

My God, from where has this hate impregnated these young people? I could have understood this if they took in armed bandits. But here, we

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were unarmed civilians and deputies to the Supreme Soviet of Russia!

Then they put cards on us as prisoners, finger-printed and photographed us, took our documents away – in one word, we were treated as criminals.

I was put into cell #4 together with a prisoner from Tadzhikistan Maksim Troshi who was there for robbery! The prisoner whose place I took in the cell was a Georgian who stole a truck with 250 million rubles. It seems that I'm in good company as a democratically elected parliamentarian. Another prisoner was brought to our cell, he was picked up when drunk and was there to see another "revolution" as he said. He was just passing by the "White House" when he was picked up ... he had four ribs broken besides being bloodied beyond recognition.

I found out that my colleague, President of Mordovia Socialist Republic (this Republic has announced its independence and considers itself a Socialist Republic – Editors) Minister Tyurkin was beaten so badly, ribs broken, that I could not recognize him even three days after he was thrown into my cell.

In my cell, I started to think the events over and over again. Why was I, a peace envoy sent by the Constitutional Court of Russia, a Member of Parliament with immunity, a non-Communist – why am I here with common criminals? I could not come up with any answers.

On October 5th, our little window to the cell was opened and I was asked, "Have you any complaints?"

The Prosecutor of Moscow said that there was no reason for my arrest or beating. He then apologized to me! I thought, why apologize to me, after all, he did not beat me? Why is he not getting to the bottom of what is really going on? Obviously, he is just going through the motions of "Yeltsin's democracy"!

They want my statement now? It's too early, I have to gather my thoughts and make the proper decision that will keep me going throughout my future life. Life in our "new democratic system" that we are told we have, doesn't count for much. During these hours and seconds, we were on the point of death many, many times! From who? From the so-called "defenders of the people"?

Ringling in my ears, during our incarceration, were cries from the criminal elements, drunks and other Mafiosi killers, "Officer, give us these dogs, we'll do the job for you, don't you worry!" Only now, outside of the jail, do I realize what could have really happened to us. Only then they would announce to the world that we were "fascists, red brown-shirts". Dead people do not testify!

Vasili Andreev

Correspondent of Pravda

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

By Nina Andreeva,
General Secretary, AUCPB

A long article appeared in the newspaper, "Bolshevik", of an interview taken by A. Michajlova. Due to space limitations, we are taking excerpts from the answers.

WHAT DOES AUCPB STAND FOR?

The All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks stands for resurrection of the Soviet Union and socialism in our Motherland. The main task confronting the communists is not only a struggle with Yeltsin, as the opportunistic elements say, but the elimination of the present regime of bourgeoisie, elimination of private capitalism and bringing the country back to unity and a planned economy.

HOW DOES THE AUCPB DIFFER FROM OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS, AND WHY DOES IT NOT UNITE WITH OTHERS?

I feel that this question can be answered by the article written by G. Zyuganov, Head of the Communist Party of Russian Federation and printed in "Sovietskaya Rossija", July 3, 1993, and other newspapers.

Zyuganov's article is permeated with ideology of national communism. In fact and principle, it is anti-Leninist. His position is that of bourgeois nationalism. He serves the Russian national bourgeoisie now. He discarded the working class content and replaced it with nationalism which in effect is a call to make this bourgeois nationalism stronger. He tries to manipulate the question as to the cause of the temporary downfall of USSR and does not see that it is EXACTLY such a policy of Gorbachev and Yeltsin that has brought our Motherland into this crisis.

It is not without question as to why Yeltsin's press promotes and advertises Zyuganov as the ONLY leader of the communist movement in Russia?!

There are also the Union of Communist Parties – CPSU which is trying also to muddy the waters, with all former leaders of CPSU inside this movement, trying to undercut and undermine the genuine movement for unity of the left forces.

WHAT WILL BE THE POLICY OF AUCPB IF THE RCWP AND CPRF COME TO POWER?

We cannot put this question in this way. I already spoke about the Communist Party of Russian Federation and Zyuganov. The Russian Communist Workers Party is much different – it is not opportunistic or dedicated to capitalism as others who, by their pseudo-communistic

utterances, are trying desperately to get Yeltsin out of the corner that he finds himself in. The platform of RCWP is to expel the capitalist oriented government and we support this, even though the party contains many partocrats who were in the government of Gorbachev.

We take their program as anarcho-syndicalist in character, fraught with future dangers, as was expounded by Lenin. Giving the factories to worker collectives, are the ills that the young Soviet state had already passed through and rejected as dangerous for socialism.

MANY PEOPLE DO NOT BELIEVE COMMUNISTS! CAN WE BELIEVE THE AUCPB?

You cannot believe anyone now by his or her words ... because words and deeds sometimes are miles apart. If a person works together with us, sees our dedication in words and deeds, he will see they are the same. Bolsheviks are not for their own privileges. We respect the peoples' wishes. History should not, and will not, repeat itself.

WHAT'S THE AVERAGE AGE OF AUCPB MEMBERSHIP?

Average age is 35 - 45 years. We represent all sections of the population, workers, veterans, armed forces personnel, higher educational institutions are represented also. Our youth now is being organized into the All Union Youth Guard of Bolsheviks ... and this youth organization is growing.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION TOWARDS TODAY'S DEMOCRATS?

We make a difference between socialist democracy and bourgeois democracy. Socialist democracy is for the working class. Bourgeois democracy is for the ruling-rich class.

From Newspaper BOLSHEVIK Murmansk, Russia

Inside this newspaper, there appeared 2 pages as an insert, which is called "Fighting Comrade". Here is what the statement says regarding steps being taken towards unity.

"A joint decision was taken by the Committees of Murmansk All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks and the Russian Communist Workers Party, starting with No. 17 issue of 'Andropovskaya Pravda' there will appear a 2-page insert to be called 'Fighting Comrade' as the organ of the Murmansk District of RWCP. We wish them and us a good road towards unity. - The Editors" (of Bolshevik)

We on our part wish these two Marxist Parties success and a much needed unity to fight and to resurrect the USSR. May their example spread all over Russia and in the other former Soviet Republics. Only in this way will the struggle intensify in solidarity and achieve the goal of a new USSR and a rejuvenated Socialism. In addition, we have published elsewhere in this edition an appeal for organizational activity from the Communist Party of the Ukraine. NorthStar Compass welcomes every action in the direction of unified activity for the restoration of Socialism in the territories of the former USSR - Editors.

RUSSIAN YOUTH AGAINST FASCISM!

**Letter from the Russian
Communist Union of Youth and
their newspaper, BUMBARASH**

Dear Comrade Lucas:

We give thanks to you personally and to all members of the Editorial Committee of NorthStar Compass

for sending us your journal and other informational materials.

During the present situation, for us in particular, the comradely and friendly support and solidarity of Canadian workers is very welcome. We are positive, that in spite of the difficult political situation, or the position of the present government will not be able to shake our peoples' will for friendship and cooperation.

We fully understand and appreciate the work of your Association and your publication in promoting and making available to Canadians the truth and objective information on what is happening in Russia and other former Soviet Republics.

Please accept our determination and full appreciation of your work and to wish your comrades good health and successes in your work for friendship and understanding between Canadians and Soviet people.

From our side, we shall do everything possible, to make known to the youth of Russia the noble position of your Association and its publication.

Central Committee
Russian Communist Union of Youth □

"DYING, BUT WE SHALL LIVE ..."

**From Newspaper
"LITERATURNAYA ROSSIYA"
November 5, 1993**

This was written by defenders of the House of Soviets on October 3-4th before they were killed by Yeltsin's OMON police, and found by those living. We now publish for the first time in Canada.

Brothers, when you will read these lines we are not going to be alive. Our bodies riddled with bullets, will burn in these ruins. We are appealing to you, to you who

were lucky enough to come out alive from this uneven bloodbath.

We loved Russia. We wanted that on this land would emerge order, which everyone wanted.

On this earth, all people should have the same rights and duties, and to break the laws should not be allowed to anyone, no matter what high post he holds.

Of course we were a bit naive in believing in the "democracy utterances", and for that, we are being killed and those alive will have been deceived. We were only temporary dwellers in someone's written play.

But our spirits are not broken.

Yes, to die is very traumatic.

Nevertheless, you have to believe in something. Someone always said that "You are cleansing your soul with blood, and now Satan will not get your soul. By dying, you will be that much stronger than when alive."

During our last few minutes, we are turning to you, citizens of Russia.

Always remember these days.

Do not turn away your eyes when you'll see our mutilated bodies on the TV screens.

Remember everything and do not allow yourself to be trapped as we were.

Please forgive us. We even forgive those that shot cannons against us.

They are not to blame, they followed orders.

But we cannot and will never forgive those, that are at the top and tightening the noose around the neck of Russia.

Do not allow the Orthodox faith to be trampled under foot, never allow Russia to be drowned.

Our hearts are with you.

Russia will never be conquered.

October 4, 1993

House of Soviets, Moscow

From Newspaper
"PRAVDA"

November 4, 1993

ONE ON ONE IN A CROWD

Another provocation by nationalists in the Ivano-Frankovsk Regional Soviet of Deputies, Ukraine.

During the session of Deputies, on the agenda, a deputy of "Independent Ukraine State" organization, V. Tsapovich took the floor and proceeded to spout, among other things, the following: "... ethnic cleansing of Ukraine, political terror to get rid of unwanted nationalities like Russians, etc., etc..." The chairman of the session calmly listened him out and had only one question ... "what kind Russians, Jews and other elements can we start deporting first?"

At this moment, Deputy Alexander Volkov, the only representative of the Russian population living in Ivano-Frankovsk, stood up to protest this travesty of justice of even allowing such items and questions to be spouted in the Deputies Session ... and he left the session in protest. As all debates are transmitted through loudspeakers especially to outside elements that are organized by the nationalists, a crowd of nationalistic minded supporters was waiting for Deputy Volkov to emerge from the building. Another nationalistic deputy V. Capovich cried out to the crowd, "Moskali (Russians) get out to Moscow", and "Jews go to Tel Aviv".

Deputy Volkov was attacked and beaten and his family threatened. Where was the militia?

Nikolaj Musinenko

Ivano-Frankovsk, Ukraine

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COMMUNISTS OF UKRAINE SPEAK

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In the heart of Ukraine, in the Cherkaska region (between Kiev and Uman) there is located the industrial and agricultural centre of Monastyrysche, that produces sugar from sugar beets and heavy machinery, boilers, etc.

An important statement appeared recently in the local newspaper and a clipping was forwarded to NorthStar Compass. This will be of great interest to our readers considering the critical situation that is developing there. Again, for security reasons, we withhold our correspondent's name. The statement follows:

IF YOU REGARD YOURSELVES AS COMMUNISTS

Dear Citizens of Monastyrysche:

Total impoverishment of the people, crippling industrial development and paralyzed transport, open and hidden unemployment, shortage of food even with a fairly rich harvest, coldness for lack of fuel, unheard of wilful damage to property, widespread corruption, thievery cheating and widespread speculation is reaching the end of tolerance.

The farmers in the villages have not received any wages for the last three months, and the Collective Farms gave away practically all that they have produced and worked for, and now find themselves on the verge of poverty.

The workers in the plants in our district are unemployed and deprived of the means of existence. The wages of those workers receiving the highest level of wages is below 300,000 coupons per month, while the ever-increasing prices and the cost of living require a minimum wage of between

2 to 3 million coupons per month.

The educational system is in a crisis – drastic lowering of education levels, in arts, sciences and culture in general.

The present State leadership of Ukraine is doing nothing to resolve the crisis. The running of the country and government is relegated to presidential structures and the people are deprived of their rights and freedom!

This state of affairs is bringing realization to millions of our people the urgent need to halt the present harmful course of development and to uphold the political, economic and social gains attained during the years of Soviet power.

To lead the people out of the present shocking situation is the responsibility of all Communists. But not those who, above all, aspired to promote themselves and entrench their own personal careers – hiding behind laudatory party phrases, but who never had solid ideological convictions. It is very unfortunate that because of them, people judge other communists in the same light.

The real and true communists did not abandon their ideological conviction and their dedication to socialism. Today, together with the masses of people deprived of their savings, their future and hope, they are resisting the present harmful and blind policies of the State leadership and are defending the interests of all common people.

We are appealing to all sincere people -- to those who were members of CPSU, or wish to belong to the Communist Party of Ukraine, which regards as its main task – that of building an independent sovereign Ukraine, assuring its all-around development, and foremost, to protect and defend the interests of workers, peasants, intelligentsia, pensioners and the entire population – all those who share and uphold the ideals of

socialist renewal to unite. And with this aim, to hold statutory party meetings in all areas with the task of renewing party organization, to elect party secretaries, committees, and to conduct a re-registration of all communist party members, who will solemnly declare their readiness to be members of the Communist Party of Ukraine.

At these meetings, to elect delegates to the regional party conference, the convening of which is being planned in the nearest future.

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE
Monastyrtsche □

From Bolshevik Newspaper

HIS NAME WILL LIVE FOREVER

From a long article in the newspaper, "Bolshevik", we give just a few paragraphs which are enlightening and printed here for the first time in Canada.

This all started with Khrushchov, after the death of Stalin as related by V. Molotov, long time Foreign Minister of USSR. Molotov wrote: "When Khrushchov asked Marshall Rokossovsky (Hero and deputy to Marshall Zhukov – Editors) to write some defamatory remarks against Stalin to be used by Khrushchov, the Marshall replied: 'Comrade Stalin is sacred to me!' Next day, when Marshal Rokossovsky came to his office and his desk, Marshall Moskalenko was sitting behind his desk and gave Rokossovsky papers that he is fired!"

S. Anoshin
City of Narva □

APPEAL TO OFFICERS!

From: Newspaper
BOLSHEVIK
Murmansk

If you remember, you were an officer of the Soviet Army, the mightiest force on earth, that your former idols and heroic figures were Frunze and Zhukov and not Petlura or Bandera;

If you see that our Motherland is being torn apart and dying, the top ruling class is getting richer from the people, while you and your family are suffering economic hardships while your neighbours are having a hard time to make ends meet;

If you understand that you are now serving and defending the Mafia-bought and supported by foreign transnational corporate power administration for your monthly pay – you are saving them from the wrath of the people;

If you are demanding and striving for a mighty country, law and order and the land where workers are in control;

If you cannot just sit with folded arms, but do not know what to do and where to start –

**COME TO US! WE HAVE
ENOUGH WORK FOR EVERYONE!**

All Union Young Guard of Bolsheviks
Army-Patriotic Branch
Kiev Committee of the
All Union Communist Party of
Bolsheviks □

From Newspaper
"PRAVDA"
No. 194

S. UMALATOVA "THIS WAS EXACT UNDERWORLD ..."

The President of the Permanent Presidium of Supreme Soviet of Russia, Sazhi Umalatova and member of the Supreme Soviet of Russia, Ivan Shashvishvili will not contest (did not contest – Editors) the elections of December 12th. They made these statements at a press conference.

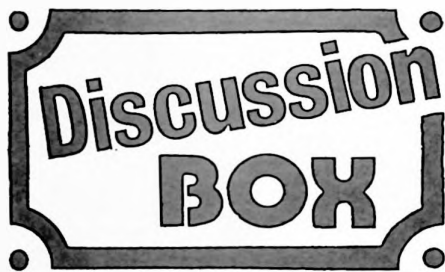
They said that "after the bombardment of the Parliament building

where they were until the last minute, after numerous arrests and blood spilled, the orgy of killing and brutality, we cannot give our consent to take part in these "pseudo-elections" even though we were nominated by our districts. The press is in complete control of Yeltsin's clique and the less known fact to the electors and the foreign press is the fact that it is only necessary to have 25% of the eligible voters to vote to have the present regime declare that it's the 'majority' that voted. This is not democratic or people's rightful choice."

They reported seeing the Head of the Supreme Court Commission, Oleg Ryumancev, being terribly beaten. Under the blows of OMON bandits, he yelled, "What are you doing? I represent the Supreme Court!". This did not help him at all.

It is obvious that if the electors do not agree to the President's variation of the Constitution, he will disband the elected representatives.

Alexander Golovenko
Pravda correspondent



LET STALIN SPEAK

By Max Rinnes –
Member, NSC Editorial Board

The following will bring the readers' mind to perhaps a deeper understanding of the role of Stalin, particularly immediately following the victory over German Nazism. His heart-felt tribute to the Russian people is honest and takes a step higher than praising an individual hero. It has nothing in common with the "Russian Imperialism" that has been used to slander by ignorant lying Doctors of Philosophy have used! Stalin expressed

the highest praise to the Russians in a true internationalist way. Stalin, it should not be forgotten, was a Georgian.

We all know that Stalin was badly reviled. He made mistakes, but in order to undermine the great accomplishments of the October Revolution, accomplished with such great devotion and sacrifices ... the establishment of the first Socialist Society; in order to demean Lenin's courageous, precise teachings and leadership, the enemies of this new society exaggerated and lied about the mistakes – yes, added lots of lies. Here is a speech this great leader made on May 24, 1945. It shows how sincere, modest, straight-forward, honest and clear-minded he was.



The occasion was the gathering in honor of the leaders of the Victorious Red Army:

"Comrades, permit me to raise one more toast, the last one toast. I would like to raise a toast to the good health of our Soviet People, and first of all, the Russian people. (Stormy and lengthy applause, shouts of Hurray!).

I drink first of all to the health of the Russian People, because it appears as the most outstanding nation of all the nations that are part of the Soviet Union.

I raise the toast for the health of the Russian People because it earned

in this war the general recognition as the leading force of the Soviet Union amongst all the peoples of our land.

I raise this toast to the health of the Russian People not only because it is the guiding nation, but also because in it abound clear minds, staunch characters and patience.

In our government, plenty of mistakes were made, there were with us moments of desperate situations in the 1941-1942 years, when our army was retreating, abandoning the native, dear to us, villages and cities of the Ukraine, Belarussia, Moldavia, Leningrad province. The Baltic, Karelo-Finish Republic – abandoning because there was no other way out.

Another people could have told the government: 'You have not followed our expectations, go away – away – we will place another government which will establish peace with Germany and will assure us tranquillity'. But the Russian People did not go for that, because it believed in the correctness of the policies of its government and went towards sacrifices, so as to assure the destruction of Germany; and this trust of the Russian People in the Soviet Government proved to be that decisive force which guaranteed the historical victory of humanity over fascism. Thanks for that – Russian People – for the Trust!

For the health of the Russian People!" (Long, stormy prolonged, applause). □



PEOPLES' HUMOUR

In spite of the tragedy that has befallen Russia and former Soviet Republics, people still are able to biting present their

thoughts in bitter humour. Here are some from *Andropovskaya Pravda* newspaper.

"We, as 'Democrats' do not sell ourselves for money. Our masters here are paying us very well!"

"Father asks his son: - Yuri, where do they love our president? Son: In the Kremlin! ..."

"Colours of the present Russian flag?"

White - patriots

Red - Communists

Blue - Democrats" □



EDITOR'S NOTE: we reserve the right to edit materials of a slanderous or libellous nature, and to publish unless otherwise indicated by the writer.

From: New York, USA

Dear Michael:

Am sending you a cheque for \$75.00 which includes renewal to NorthStar Compass, the rest as a donation and if you can get to me some newspapers regularly from Slovakia and from Russia and Ukraine. You publish much valuable materials in the NorthStar and if you can, send me the copies of those newspapers so that we can utilize them here in New York.

People of good will, fighters for peace and brotherhood in the world, may the skies be clear and bright above your heads. We wish you success in your hard but necessary work!

WE SHALL OVERCOME!

Michael Logoyda

Your wishes Michael are the wishes of all the humanity. We express our thanks to you. Yes - we shall overcome!

From: Ottawa, Ont.

Dear friends:

Enclosed, please find a cheque for the videos that I'm ordering that were advertised in the NorthStar Compass.

V. Hussein

We hope that you will find them interesting and that your close friends will enjoy them also.

From: Burnaby, B.C.

I would like to subscribe to NorthStar Compass and get the October issue as well. Please send me the text of Erich Honecker's speech also.

John Mini

Everything is on its way to you and we thank you for joining our ever-growing family of readers.

From: Detroit, Mich., USA

Please put me down as a subscriber. Enclosed is my cheque.

Bernard Barth

Our USA readership is growing with every issue. Welcome on board.

From: Bronx, NY, USA

I enjoyed my subscription so much, I'm sending in my 1994 subscription now.

Respectfully yours,
Doris Murphy

Keep promoting our "little gleam of light" and we shall do our best to be worthy of all the subscribers.

From: Castlegar, B.C.

A big thank you to Paul Harmon for asking you to send your publication. It is full of truth. Carry on your good work! Enclosed is a cheque for \$50.00 for a sub and the rest as a donation.

Enclosed is an address or my friend that you should send the next issue to.

Peter R. Samroden

Sincere thanks Peter for your kind words, donation and for promoting our publications to your friends. We ask everyone to try and follow your example.

From: Guelph, Ont.

Dear Helen:

Am sending you a cheque for two subscriptions. I hope that you and Michael are keeping well and I wish you all Happy Holidays.

Dr. A. J. Thut

It is always a treat to hear from you, Dr. Thut. Your dedication, your understanding and help is appreciated and never forgotten over these many years that we were involved together.

From: East Sussex, England

Dear Michael:

Yesterday, I posted seven books of mine to you and the Association which I hope you will find useful.

I would like to write an article for NorthStar Compass, but like you, I'm tied up with writing, publishing, stacking, wrapping, mailing, etc., etc. On top of that, I'm a delegate to the upcoming 9th Congress of the New Communist Party of Britain.

As far as NorthStar Compass is concerned, you are in touch with the New Worker newspaper. Ask them to publish your address for new subscribers.

With very best wishes,
Ernie Trory

We certainly appreciate your work, advise and we shall in future issues, popularize your tremendously interesting and timely books on the present situation in the progressive movements in the world.

From: Watertown, MA., USA

Enclosed is my subscription to your NorthStar Compass.

Dick Kishishian

We welcome you to our subscribers. As we mentioned before, our US friends are more and more becoming subscribers and promoters of our publication.

From: Del Mar, CA., USA

Hi:

Read an article about your magazine in a recent People's World, and it sounds very interesting. Enclosed is my one year subscription.

Diana Marcus

Thank you and many thanks to the People's World, USA.

From: Toronto, Ont.

Dear Concerned friends:

Please send a subscription to my friend, Ben Savage, in New York. Find enclosed \$50.00 which I hope will cover part of the cost. Also, send the October issue to him.

Yours,
Harold Bates

Harold Bates, our Poet Laureate, is always on top of things and a great contributor not only in Poems which our readers enjoy, but also, a great friend when it comes to help financially. Keep on writing poems, Harold - the world needs more poets like you.

From: Ottawa, Ont.

Thank you for putting out your NorthStar Compass which is unique in its dedication to covering the real events in the former USSR.

For peace and socialism,
Darrell Rankin

Your sentiments will help us do even better to struggle for peace and socialism.

From: Australia

Let's hope the international situation improves soon, especially for our friends over in the Soviet who are living through such turmoil. Keep up the good work with the NorthStar.

Professor June Hearn

We are optimistic that the situation will improve and reaction will not have it its way.

From: Beacon, N.Y., USA

Comrades:

I saw the article in the People's Weekly World about your magazine, and it looks very interesting. I am enclosing a check for a year's subscription.

Please be sure to include my prison identification number 78A-1767 on the address label.

Richard T. Vineski
Fishkill Correctional Facility

No one can ever say that NorthStar Compass does not reach our readers in every corner of the world. We certainly will send you our publication as per your request, with the identification number as you requested. We hope that your friends there will find our publication enlightening.

From: Tucson, Ar., USA

Your publication is unique, providing perspectives that I don't find anywhere else. Please find enclosed my check for \$20.00 as a renewal.

Clyde R. Appleton

We thank you and hope that you will tell your friends about our publication.

From: Boulder, CO., USA

Dear Comrades:

We just received our first issue of your magazine, including Honecker testimony. Very much appreciated and we are recommending friends also take out subs.

Enclosed, cheque for following videos.

Cord MacGuire

We appreciate your idea to promote our magazine to your friends. That's the highest compliment that any publication can get!

From: Riverside, IL., USA

Please send us the 6 videos we ordered. Enclosed is a cheque for \$100.00 which includes postage and a donation towards NorthStar Compass.

June S. Meka

Your donation will help us with other donations to do what must be done to bring the truth to our readers and their friends.

From: Washington, DC, USA

Please accept my cheque to be a subscriber to your magazine.

Laurent Ross

We hope to receive more subscriptions from Washington. Maybe, just maybe, one of our numbers will find its way to the Oval Office in the White House! We have given our Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Jean Chretien a complimentary sub.

From: Brooklyn, NY, USA

Keep up the good work with NorthStarCompass. Here is my subscription.

May Fisher

We shall take your advice seriously. Welcome aboard.

From: England

Dear friends:

I would like to thank you for the information received, enclosed please find my sub to NorthStar Compass plus an order for videos.

Len Major

P.S. I well remember my visit to the Leningrad Seige Museum and to Lenin's Haystack where he hid out!

We thank you for your sub and your interest in our Compass. We hope that you will enjoy our videos.

From: Albuquerque, NM, USA

Please send me the full back issues of your magazine. Enclosed, please find my subscription.

William C. Rohn

Unfortunately, we cannot send you all the back issues, since we have run short of them. We send you whatever we can. We shall try to fulfill your request later.

From: Mississauga, Ont.

Please find enclosed \$50.00 for subscription renewal plus a donation to help you along.

Lloyd Redstone

Many, many thanks for your help now and previously. Every bit helps our "little gleam of light".

From: Great Britain

Enclosed is my subscription to your NorthStar.

Yours,
Olive Olynyk

Welcome to our growing family of readers in Great Britain and other parts of

the world.

From: Victoria, B.C.

Dear Michael:

I have been reading about the Ukrainian "Three Zub" symbol that is now on the State Emblem of Ukraine. This emblem was created by Lithuanians during the occupation of Ukraine about 1480-1519 century. So much for the "originality" of the Ukrainian emblem!

Those "Moskali" as the Ukrainians called Russians, chased the Lithuanians all the way to the Baltic Sea and their allies the Tatars. There were not too many Ukrainians left at that time in Kiev, because of the massacre by Lithuanians and the Tatars. That is what history writes.

Now this "cleansing" put into some minds by the SS of fascist Germany has affected some Ukrainians and Croatians, utilizing the old Napoleon technic of putting minorities against the majorities. History of the revolutionary days is bloody with the Ukrainian Regiment under the Tsar being used to kill revolutionary Russians.

It is sad that some segment of Ukrainian people has not learned from History and have forgotten what the Banderites did to their own people. Now again, the Ukrainian nationalists want to "cleanse Ukraine from the 'Moskali'." I believe that these people have some screws loose in their heads.

I fear when I read that these people are again running loose in the Ukraine, Russia, Croatia and other places.

Yours,
Olga Krimtschenko

From: Nova Scotia

I'll be most interested to read in Compass what you can tell us about the so-called Russian elections. The outcome certainly didn't inspire one for the future, although Yeltsin had it coming to him. But things can possibly

get worse yet if they go for a sort of National Socialist fascist. Even Americans will get more than they bargained for. Anyway, who knows where it will all end. The whole world seems to now follow the same script - privatize everything according to the Corporate Agenda. They might as well privatize the government, for they don't seem to have any power left except over trivial issues. Sad state of affairs.

My old company I worked for in Winnipeg has pretty well dismissed all my former colleagues, some with 30 years of service. Looks like I got out just in time or I too would be joining the ranks of the unemployed. And who said that the dirty thirties were gone for good? Looks like they're back with a vengeance.

Anyway, we'll keep the faith that someday, things'll turn around for the better. Hope you have pleasant holidays and the very best wishes for the new year.

Yours,
Vic & Norma Ratsma

From: Core St. Luc, Quebec

This card was received by Andy Durovecz, member of the Editorial Committee and he sent it to us - we're glad to publish excerpts from it.

Dear Andy:

Thank you so much for sending me the NorthStar Compass and other materials. I have been in hospital off and on with a broken wrist. I could not write, but your mailing to me helped me to keep my sanity.

Could you send me the book "Stalin" by Cameron plus the video "April Revolution".

Best wishes for the New Year.

Paulette Buchanan

First of all, we wish you speedy recovery and thank you for ordering the video plus

the book you requested. We also thank Andy Durovecz for being so kind with his correspondence. We also wish him speedy recovery.

From: Winnipeg, Man.

Dear friends:

I HAVE RECEIVED THE NORTH-STAR COMPASS FOR CLOSE TO 2 YEARS AND I FIND IT EXTREMELY INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE.

I enclose a cheque for \$54.00 – renewal and a donation to help your valuable publication. Keep up the good work!

Olga Botan

We appreciate your long devotion and your financial help every time when the need is great.

From: London, England

Dear friends:

Enclosing a cheque for my renewal and a donation to cover the high cost of postage.

Thanks for keeping on with the publication. Judging by the election results there, much more will be said in the days ahead.

Greetings to all, along with wishes, hopes and efforts for assorted victories in 1994.

Jim Leech

Thank you, Jim Leech, former editor-in-chief of the Canadian Tribune. There is "much-much" more to be said and we would welcome your professional skills on any regular (or even "irregular") basis.

From: Sudbury, Ont.

Dear friends:

Keep up the good work, NSC. NorthStar Compass exposes the lies Yeltsin and the mind-numbing capitalist media selectively filter and distort. I would be honored to be a member of

the Concerned Friends of the Soviet People – please put my name down with my subscription.

If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to ask. It is readily apparent that humanity and the planet are in serious peril without Socialism.

Yours in Solidarity,
Peter Hudyman

Welcome to our fighting for socialism family. Yes, we need assistance and we would appreciate your input and future cooperation. Become our booster in Sudbury!

A CORRECTION AND AN APOLOGY

A reader has informed us we have mis-spelled the name of our great friend and Comrade, George MacEachern whose passing we noted in our Vol. 2, #1 edition. We extend our most sincere apologies. Comrade MacEachern's immense contribution to the working people of Nova Scotia and Canada is highlighted in the "Coastal Courier", page 4, in a fine tribute to him by D. Victor Tomiczek of the CBRT.

"The labour movement needs people of George MacEachern's calibre. He was one of the breed of people who helped shape Cape Breton as a leader of the labour movement. He never asked anything in return", Brother Tomiczek writes.

We thank our reader for drawing the spelling error to our attention and we are pleased to make this correction with deepest apologies to particularly his wife, Dorothy MacEachern, as well as friends and associates who may have been distressed by our lapse of accuracy. □

From: Brookdale, Manitoba

Thank you for Season's Greetings, New Year's Wishes and my membership card. I am pleased to see that there are people in the world who see the faults of a money-driven lifestyle. Even the rich are unhappy and often, the

source of social problems. It seems to me there could be few social problems if we were to compare each other on the basis of happiness and social (respect for self & others) responsibilities rather than on the basis of money owned or wages earned.

Even in an atheist world, this idea of a socialist state is closer to a Christian ethic than Capitalism is in the so-called Christian States in whatever country you choose.

Wealth does not necessarily bring happiness, but happiness brings a rich life.

Sincerely,
Fred J. North

Dear Fred: You said it so eloquently that your letter should stand on its own. Thank you for the support. □

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