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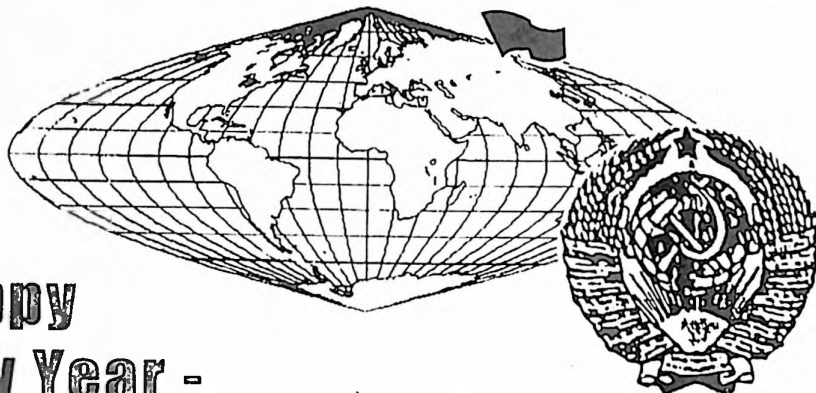
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Happy New Year - 2000!

Dear friends:

On this January, start of the new millennium for humanity, may we take this opportunity and wish each one of our readers health, personal happiness and may this new century also be the start of the reshaping of the world and a movement towards Socialism.

The upcoming struggles will be immense and the imperialist forces shall try hard to speed up their goal of world domination, headed by US Imperialism, which is on the verge of instituting a policy of fascism, as all the latest events in the world at the end of 1999 have shown.

We have tried over the last 8 years to present to our worldwide readers a desire to call a world conference in order to elect an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People.

The Organizing Committee plus the Editorial and Advisory Board of NSC, after consulting with all of our Soviet friends, decided that it shall be better to call this Conference in May of year 2001 in Minsk, Byelorussia. *Why the postponement?* The ongoing problems in the Republics of former Soviet

Union, plus the volatile situation developing on its territory and the uncertainty of whether there *SHALL* be a presidential election in Russia in July of year 2000, or also, whether there shall be declared a dictatorship under General Lebed, or even whether the presidential election shall be allowed to take place--all these uncertain factors prompted all of us to hold the International Conference on May 1-3 in Minsk, capital of Byelorussia!

We are in the process of a financial campaign to raise \$40,000 towards this Conference because, the logistics demand that it shall be conducted in English, Russian, French and Spanish languages.

There is very great interest in this upcoming Conference, since the danger of US Imperialism is growing; the unfortunate lack of a unified strategy of all the Marxist-Leninist and Communist parties within the Soviet Union and also in the international Communist movement, makes the holding and setting-up an International Council of Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People imperative!

***Best wishes to our
Soviet friends!*** □

SUPPORT IS GROWING!

Below we list the Communist parties, Socialist and Marxist-Leninist Parties, newspapers and journals, organizations that have adopted the "Call" to establish an International Council when the First World Congress is called in Minsk, Byelorussia in May of year 2001.

FROM THE SOVIET UNION-

- *All Ukrainian Movement for USSR
- *All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks
- *All Union Communist Party (B) of Ukraine
- *Arguments and Counter-Arguments newspaper - Russia
- *Bolshevik Platform - CPSU
- *Central Committee of Communists and Bolsheviks - Azerbaijan
- *Central Committee of the Azerbaijan Front of Left Forces
- *Central Committee - Party of Communists (B) of Ukraine
- *Communist Herald Journal - Ukraine
- *Communist Party of Russian Federation - Novocherkassk
- *Executive Committee of Congress of Citizens of USSR
- *"For a Soviet State" Movement of Ukraine
- *Georgian Association of Friendship with People
- *International Committee for Unity and Brotherhood of Peoples- Russia
- *Molniya newspaper - Russia
- *Orlov Region of AUCPB - Russia
- *Our Compass newspaper - Minsk, Byelorussia
- *People Movement for USSR
- *The Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine
- *Proletarian Gazeta newspaper - Leningrad

- *Proletarskaya Gazeta newspaper - Russia
- *Russian Communist Party - CPSU
- *Russian Communist Workers Party
- *Socialist Choice Movement - Murmansk, Russia
- *Social-Political Movement, Marxist Platform and "Enlightenment" journal - Moscow
- *Stalin Block - Trudovaya Rossia
- *Union of Communist Parties - CPSU
- *United Marxist-Leninist Party of Russia
- *Word of a Communist newspaper - Ukraine
- *Workers "Ukraine-Canada Society" - Ukraine
- *Workers-Farmers newspaper (AUCPB) of Ukraine
- *Workers-Peasants Russian Party
- *Young Communist League - Novocherkassk, Russia
- *"Zashita Truda" Trade Union of Russia
- *United Front of National Salvation of Kuban and the Adygeya Republic - Russia

FROM EUROPE

- *Circolo Lenin - Italy
- *Centre D'Etudes Politiques et Sociales - France
- *Communist League of Britain
- *Communist Party of Finland
- *Communist Party of Spain - PCE(r)
- *Communist Party of Sweden
- *Editions Democratic journal - France
- *La Forge newspaper - France
- *Kominform - Finland
- *Kommunistiska Partiet KPML(r) - Sweden
- *Lalkar newspaper - Great Britain
- *Marxist Labour Party of Germany
- *Michael Opperskalski, Editor of Marxist newspaper - Germany

- *New Communist Party of Britain
- *The New Worker newspaper - Britain
- *Parti du Travail du Belgique - Belgium
- *Proletaren newspaper - Sweden
- *Red Rebel newspaper - Scotland
- *Slav Committee, Prague, Czech Republic
- *Socialist Labour Party of Britain
- *The Stalin Society - England
- *Wales Section of the New Communist Party of Britain
- *Workers Party of Finland
- *Socialist Party of Romania
- *League of Polish Communists "Proletariat"

FROM NORTH AMERICA

- *Canadian Friends of Soviet People
- *Communist Progressive Alliance - USA
- *The Hammer magazine - USA
- *North American International World United
- *Northstar Compass journal
- *Ray O Light Group - USA
- *Stalin Internationalist Union - USA
- *Working People's News - USA
- *U.S. Friends of Soviet People
- *Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians - Alexander Duchnovich

FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

- *Central de Trabajadores de Cuba - Cuba
- *Chilean Committee of Friendship with Peoples of former USSR
- *Communist Party of Brazil
- *Instituto Brasileiro de Cultura Socialista - Brasil
- *Partido Comunista (Accion Proletaria) - Chile

FROM AFRICA

- *Rassemblement des Travailleurs Africains - Senegal, W.Africa
- *XAL WI - Journal du Mouvement et Populaire - Senegal

FROM ASIA

- *Workers Party of Bangladesh
- *Communist Party of India (ML)
- *Communist Revolutionary Party of Turkey
- *Ila Al-Aman newspaper of Syria
- *Indian Council of Trade Unions - India
- *National Democratic Front of the Philippines
- *Revolutionary Communist Union of Turkey
- *Revolutionary Democracy journal - India
- *Revolutionary Left of Turkey and Kurdiastan
- *Revolutionary Workers Party of Nepal
- *University of Mumbai - India

FROM OCEANIA

- *Marxist Workers Party of Australia
- *Marxist-Leninist Collective of New Zealand



If you really believe in friendship, socialism and building an international movement for the resurrection of the Soviet Union, then your party or movement should be listed above to take part in the forthcoming First World Congress in year 2001, Minsk, Byelorussia!

THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION'S BLITZKREIG AND "GLOBALIZED" CLASS WAR... INTENSIFICATION OF

Statement of the Organizing Committee for an
International Council
Drafted by Ray Stevenson

The WTO's savage State sponsored, assault of the hundred thousand or more dissenters in Seattle, representing the very broad spectrum of democratic opposition can be termed only as a re-declaration and intensification of class war on the workers and peoples of the world. It is a clear indicator of continuing plans by monopoly-capitalism (*now better described as Transnational Corporate Power - the TNC's*) to continue the savage, internecine and bloody war on those who stand opposed to TNC schemes for a world dominant position, backed by whatever means necessary to subdue their opponents. Years in the making, the Seattle savagery of Fascist thuggery carried on by State power can lead to no other conclusion.

In essence the TNC-monopoly "hidden agenda" we were treated to is the ongoing program of TNC powers to establish world wide, a complete CORPORATE economic, political and military brand of fascist control. This "agenda" will be persisted in regardless of the Seattle failures to reach "agreement."

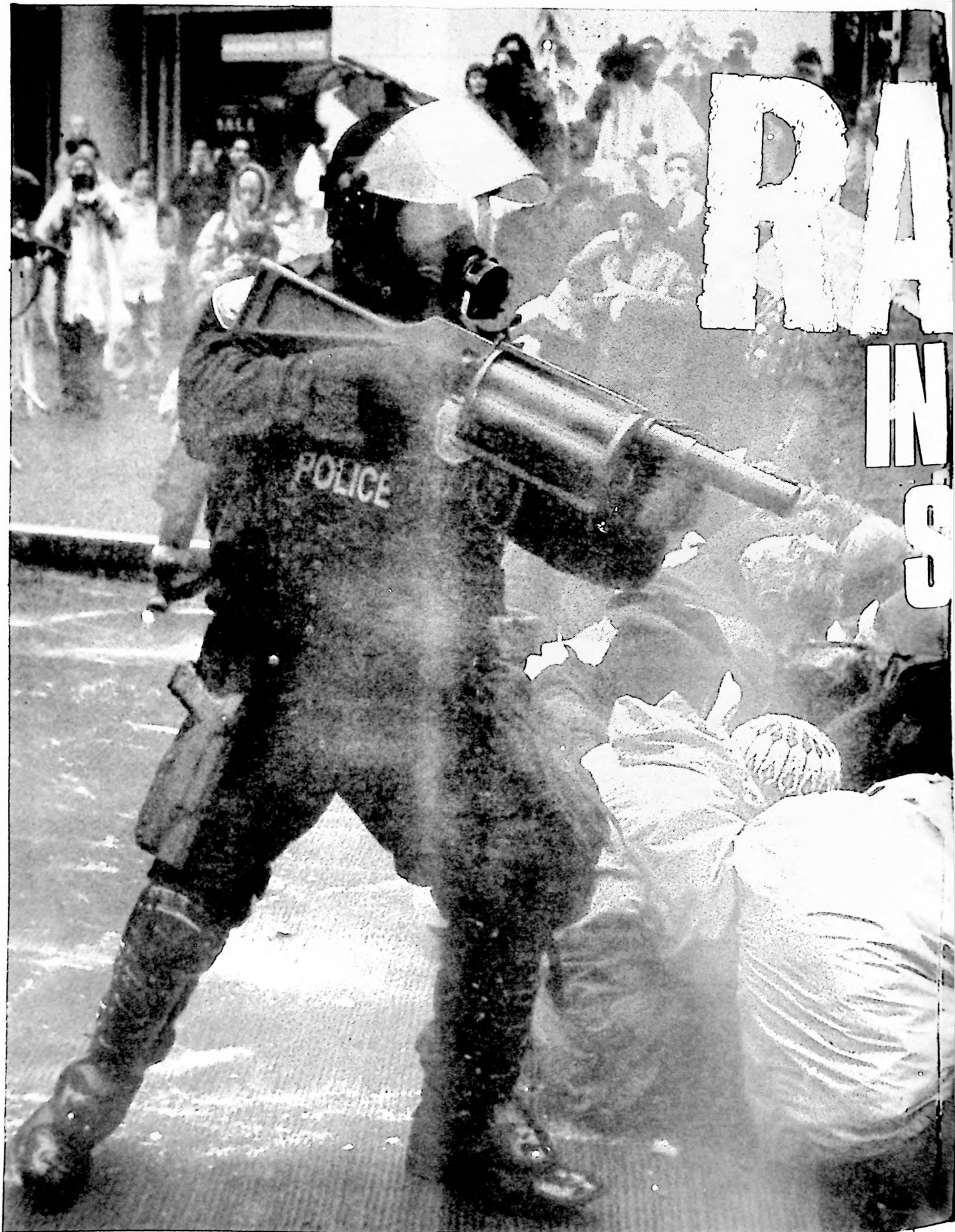
On the basis of "agreement" reached by Governments universally already under the economic control of TNC financial monopolists (who now control credits, thus maintaining a

"choke-hold" on the throats of all Governments) the proposals put forward by WTO in Seattle would to all intents and purposes totally destroy the last fading vestiges of every national sovereignty... whether it is "democratically" exercised or not. It may be difficult for citizens anywhere to recognize the brutal fact that "Credit Managers" -Standard & Poors or Moodys, acting on behalf of the financial giants of Wall St., the Bank of England, or Deutschebank etal, exert a larger measure of control over their standards of life than do their "democratically elected" Governments. The record however, verifies that to be true, for the simple reason that no Government can operate today without the blessings of these masters and manipulators of credits, debt, loans and investments. Policies and programs of all elected Governments conform to their demands on pain of withholding credits. The finance capital masters wield a hidden, but irresistibly effective whip hand in these matters. Governments must conform!!

At stake are all manner of often indefinite human, labour, ecological and/or democratic rights won in battles during years of struggle by workers and people everywhere. As the century ends, national sover-

Scores of protesters had been shot with rubber bullets as shown by this young man. The welts inflicted on the bodies of protesters were horrendous.







eignty and other rights are already severely curtailed by TNC dominance. Equally, the teeming majorities of the world where such rights never existed in reality suffer and groan under military, often corrupt rule (controlled in turn by the TNC's) and *super-exploitation of all resources, both human and natural*. Theirs is a new form of economic colonization at the hands of the TNC (mostly foreign) masters.

National sovereignty and self rule now teeter on the brink of destruction and elimination, whether in Malaysia, Europe, South America...or yes in Canada and the United States, the "home" of TNC "Free Trade" predatory actions. The TNC's in this world are everywhere, dominant and threatening, without mercy as the 20th century grinds to its poverty ridden and disease plagued end...the creature of monopoly capitalism.

INTO CENTURY 21... THE PEOPLE MUST RESIST...

Future promise by TNC mob was made crystal clear on the streets of Seattle as has been shown in cities and countries around the world during the 1990's. Ahead lies more savage, unremitting class war, brought by the TNC master on the backs and heads of humanity. Included, according to that menu will be war.... corruption, drug running, poverty and division of the people, all enhanced and multiplied by the total control of new technology, as well as the TNC control of of public information and research, news and cultural activity.

Only organized resistance nationally and internationally can, or will curb the insatiable appetites of the TNC's for dominance and total political control. There is

no other recipe or strategy that can reverse or halt the their mindless march to doom.

But if Seattle was a TNC re-declaration of class war, the heroic dissenters, including a refreshing "first-in-years" official presence of the U.S.-Canadian Trade Unions who joined hands with dissent and opposition to the TNC program around the world and encompassed literally tens of millions of people. Noteworthy was the West-coast shipping stoppage carried out by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. This is the same Union that during the U.S. war in Vietnam called for shipping embargoes on all war materials in order to end the war. They were then ignored by all and sundry in that TNC-backed slaughter. They are not now ignored or sidelined for obvious reasons.

If we were so bold as to prognosticate, we believe the internal contradictions of TNC "globalized-neo-fascism" that will explode in their faces early in the 21st cent., opening immense possibilities ahead for a new line of march by the people for the end of the decaying monopoly capitalist system with all its bestialities, inequities and horrors. TNC political and economic and "globalization" cannot other than create a new "working class and people's globalization, in spite of contradictory-difficult problems of the moment will blossom and flourish in undreamed forms of working class, peoples and international solidarity. That stands as the only real and possible road to survival of the species. The TNC alternatives have even now created a "late-in-the-day" scenario for humanity in terms of environmental and ecological survival. The fact of the internationally burgeoning concern and action by diverse groups world-wide brought to Seattle humanities demands to

reverse the current monopoly created **rape and jeopardizing of the only Mother Earth and home we have from suicidal capitalist activity.** All this points us in the right direction. There are other massive multi and transnational issues that in time will become focused and strengthen all struggles of the people everywhere. Seattle demonstrated that this "process" has already begun as many other incidents in past years and months. Of particular note have been the massive demonstrations of European, Canadian and other people in farming industries. For the vast majority of humanity, an exploration lies just ahead, (if it has not already come on the agenda) for development of a system of Socialism as the means of wiping from the world, (over whatever protracted time is needed and whatever means are required) the monstrously bankrupt, cynically violent "system" that dominated the past century...most often to agonizing pain and sacrifices by an overly patient world-wide citizenry. The watershed dividing humanity from TNC doom to Socialist survival stands just-off-stage. To the fore in this should stand a **united working class and people** of the Soviet land.

THE WTO AND CAPITALISM'S IMMUTABLE LAWS

The WTO is the successor to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, established in post World War II under the aegis of the historic victory over Nazism and the Axis powers. It was erected in those less fevered times of monopoly predatory actions, owing to the paramount role of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in that victory, and the progressive, forward looking presence

of the United Nations Organization to which the peoples of the world looked with profound hope. The purpose was to oversee, and where necessary regulate and influence, or curb predatory trade expansion and practice that was not beneficial to the member states. In fact for quite a long time it played something of a positive and constructive role, even under Cold War conditions and increasing international tensions.

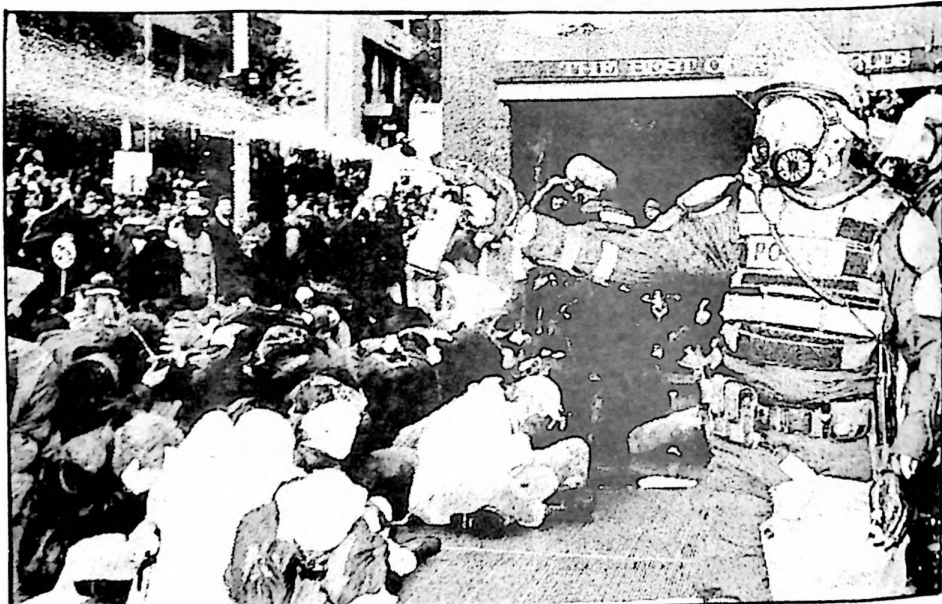
But the 1980's and 90's brought a reversal and diminishment of GATT's role and it was replaced by the WTO. By the 1990's, and following the treacherous sell-out and downfall of the Soviet Union, the key factor is the insane TNC aggressive program of today. No longer is their fear of socialism based on the existence of a world powerful Socialist state. That curb, they believe is gone.

Instead, in the capitalist world, attention has now turned to the central problem produced by their own immutable laws of development. The so-called "free trade" era was ushered in with trumpets heralding "monetarism" and "supply side economics", "free

market economics" etc. etc. in what has to be the "smokiest and murkiest smokescreening" barrage in all of history. Hidden behind the "smoke & mirrors" was the simple fact that capital accumulation had reached the level where new arenas of **investment and exploitation had to be "found" and/or created.** Failure meant capitalist crisis of unprecedented severity with resulting chaos and breakdown. Thus "free trade" had much less to do with trade and commerce than it had to do with opening up **New "Free Markets" for Capital Investment by war or any other means.** A broken Soviet Union or dismembered German Democratic Republic provided good possibilities for such investment, while the so-called "developing world" added a dimension for capital investment rarely, if ever, seen before.

The basic essential and **immutable law of development for Capitalism** even in its monopoly, TNC stage is that **it constantly, without fail must accumulate more capital.** Without non-stop capital investment expansion, dollars or gold bars, or even credits, become mere pieces of paper

U.S. Democracy at work! Police looked and acted like German SS storm troopers against the protesters.



or metallic dross. **Continuing, never-ending investment is the name of the game.** Otherwise **Capitalism ceases to be capitalism and economic anarchy reigns supreme.**

The resulting added impetus to capital accumulation through cheap labour and lower "unit labour costs" found in the former colonial world, the castration of the organized labour movements in the industrialized world falling incomes, plant closures, homelessness leading to job loss, falling, reversion of such countries as Canada to an **under-developed status** goes with this new "false and misnamed" "free market economy" and "free trade" era are the exact and irremediable *results* of the necessity of Capitalism (*as a Thirst-dying man needs water*) to ensure **expansion of investment opportunities.** It is a s a matter of **business necessity and a virtual religious**

faith, that such "rights" are proclaimed. "Invested dollars" carry the "sacred" if phony inalienable "right" (*according to the gospel of the Bilderberg Club and Trilateral Commission*) to the highest possible return available...regardless of the carnage and destruction of lives, health, societies, democratic rights...or anything else that can be named. It is, (*according to the pundits, hidden financiers, politicians owned by them, and even religious teaching, media moguls etc*) a matter of "faith in **"Our way of life"**. That too is part and parcel of the TNC class war on all peoples, everywhere - stupid as it sounds!!!

SO...WHAT ELSE IS NEW AND WHERE LIES THE RESPONSIBILITY???

The working class and the people are not the creators of

Capitalism. Truly, from the day that those who owned industry realized and created a relationship wherein workers and families produced "commodities for exchange and profit... (**their labour power given in exchange for the sole right to receive subsistence level wages to live and produce more workers**) they (*the owning class*) developed necessary means to subjugate and rule their restless work force. Truly, from the massacres of Lucknow, Peterloo, to the wars of famine and pestilence brought down on peoples world-wide, who sought the paths of resistance, **that subjugation has been largely successful.** But, it was not a matter of wars, guns and whips alone.

The revolutionary insights and theories of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin and other great masters of working-class leadership have from their in-

SEATTLE WAR ZONE! Police firing tear gas and pepper spray into thousands of protesters



ception been subjected to sometimes innocently set forth counter-theories or theories designed to rob and also to smokescreen the revolutionary edge and meaning contained in such phrases as "Working class is the grave digger of Capitalism" or the famous "Workers of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains! You have a world to win." It would be very naive in the extreme to conclude that aberrations and sidetracking of the revolutionary role of the working class and the people has been "innocent". Most often it has been done with deadly intent to divide, split and corrupt the revolutionary thrust of the working class and people. We could revert to the 1860's and the polemic of Marx and Engels against the revisionist theories of Lasalle and the Gotha Program. We could also pursue time and again the same struggles at the theoretical and practical levels...in country after country.

But most significant of all is the counter and anti-revolutionary theory and practice that sundered the historic drive of the Soviet people...the noxious weed of "social reformism" that held out prospect of "reforming" the capitalist system to become its opposite...Socialism. That was the road of Britain's Ramsay MacDonald, France's Blum, Germany's Schiedeman, Noske, Lewis and Bob Rae of Canada and on and on in an almost endless line of "reformists", all of whom hid right behind "Socialist" masks and in the end were all bound to fail. Most important it was the road of Gorbachev, Schevernadze, Yakovlev, following in the footsteps of Kautsky, Bukharin, Trotsky in the USSR drove the final nail into the Soviet State in 1989-91. Just as importantly this mantle of "reformism" descended upon and penetrated Communist

Parties world wide, creating splits, division and confusion. The essence in each case was the alienation and rejection of the revolutionary role of the working class. That is not a condemnation of honest, if sometimes confused elements in the Communist movement,(whether in the land of Soviets or elsewhere) who tried mightily to find correction to the blunders and disunity that has led us to the TNC onslaught.

But there were warnings of immense importance that went unheeded or were discarded. In the last years of his life, Stalin, speaking to the the Soviet lives. We cannot leave this without once again, as we have so many times in **Northstar Compass**, called for the re-uniting of the working class, the people and the widely differing Parties now

fighting within his own Politburo (*Central Committee or Executive*) against the intrusion of anti-Socialist economic theories that moved in the direction of commodity production and exchange for profit. and the alienation of the working class. With his death and the advent of reformist Krushchev and his cohorts, the slippery road to the total abandonment of the revolutionary role of the working class and the CPSU(B) was entered. It ended with the treachery of Gorbachev-Yeltsin et al and the re-introduction of both domestic and foreign capital investment and debauching of leadership of foreign Communist parties called upon them to "pick up the banner of the nation in your home countries". Today, we witness the result of failure to do that effectively. In those days he was



The Seattle protest was supported by many trade unions but it could have been better solidarity if the top AFL-CIO leadership did not make a behind the scenes deal with the city. Taking part in this deal was James Hoffa Jr.

Authorities were frightened by young protestors & solidarity.



operating there in a Marxist-Leninist movement to forever destroy the results of the **TNC and Monopoly Capitalist** interventionist counter revolution and **Restore Socialism**.

We are also reminded that as many as thirty years ago the "strategy chiefs" of the TNC world announced their intent to effect the present TNC program. George Ball, then Undersecretary of State for U.S.A. President Nixon, and not so incidentally the President of TNC Lehman Brothers International stated (*for all to hear*) "**Working through great corporations that straddle the earth, men are now able for the first time to utilize world resources with an efficiency dictated by the objective logic of profit...**"

"For business purposes the boundaries that separate one nation from another are no more real than the equator.

The world...is (but) an extension of a single market"- said IBM President Maisonrouge, about the same time.

Why the Communist Parties of the world, including Soviet Party ignored such very clear warnings but chose not to **alert the working class is a matter for debate**. Our inclination would be to believe that a growing influence of these "reformist" theories, that somehow the working class could live comfortably with capitalism, blocked a correct analyses of the situation. We suggest that such errors today are impermissible and must be avoided at all costs.

**NO TO
WTO!**

AIMS AND PURPOSES OF WTO...

By Wm. Pfaff-Journalist

(The following is excerpted from the Friday, Dec. 2, 1999 edition of the prestigious "International Herald Tribune" and the column of the above internationally known writer. We reprint them to give the reader materials on the WTO from a writer and journalist normally light-miles away from the viewpoints expressed by Northstar Compass. The breath of the opposition to the programs expressed in Seattle, and that caused the tycoons to temporarily fail, we believe is to be found in Pfaff's column)-Editor

"The(TNC's) treaty's intent was to do away with those national laws and practices that restrict corporate business practices...In the case of OECD's investment agreement each state signing the treaty would be obliged to grant corporations all of the privileges allowed any other treaty nation. **This claim was to be legally enforceable against governments. This would have been a major transfer of sovereignty from governments to the international business corporations.****...Today, rebellion against the new Seattle negotiations...is against the peculiarly ugly mutation of capitalism that has occurred during the past two decades....This, combines indifference toward employee welfare and community interest, with Executive compensation totally disproportionate...(except to) high quarterly stock valuations..."

*NOTE: the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development - a TNC Paris based think tank) drew up the treaty terms to be signed in Seattle under the WTO auspices. As we know they failed. ** All emphasis added - Editor.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear friends:

As a long term reader and supporter of Northstar Compass, I have come to recognize it as a priceless and very meaningful journal, the like of which is not to be found anywhere else. As a jewel of information and insight to what has and is happening in the Soviet land, it is truly indispensable.

While over the years I have forwarded bits and pieces of financial support, the time has come to become much more serious. When I note the wonderful support of our 90 year old Lydia Karhu and Dr. Thut and many others, whose dedication to bringing back real Socialism to the Soviet land and support to all the working people's progressive causes, clearly it is time to now "stir my stew" and send along a serious contribution. In doing so I am also moved to pay tribute to the indefatigable Mike and Helen Lucas for the sacrifice and dedication they give us. It reminds me of the heroism of the Red Army soldiers and Partisans who simply "**would not give up!**"

I therefore forward a still meager contribution of **\$1000** to go toward the January publication. I will forward a similar amount for the February issue of NSC edition. I am not a wealthy person, or I would send more. I also send it anonymously because I do not wish to freely add to the "security" files on myself and others.

Thank you for all you do, and I too challenge other readers to "**stir their stew**" a little to ensure that Northstar Compass will never miss a beat. *Let's fulfill the \$20,000 needed in year 2000!*

Signed
Anonymous, Toronto

**“MYSTERIES
INSIDE RIDDLES,
WRAPPED IN
CONUNDRUMS”...**

All uncovered in Conrad Black's "National Post"

The National Post isn't exactly our notion of unbiased, straightforward and upright journalism... chest deep mire of every anti-Soviet Anti-Communist junk that at times borders on hysteria in its McCarthyite garbage, tends to choke the reader. But an item, forwarded to us by someone unknown, has caught our attention. The headline is vintage sixty year old very imaginative and very anti-Soviet, anti-Communist and extremely anti-labour garbage.

“Evidence Grows Fringe (meaning Communist-Editor) Party Spied For Moscow” screams the headline. The story, based on an interview with our old friend Mr. George Moskal of the organization (AUUC) Association of United Ukrainian Canadians purports “revelations” that a bookstore (*Ukrainska Kniga*) in Canada, serving mainly a Ukrainian Canadian buyers, “made huge profits with a parcel business that had a monopoly to ship packages to the Soviet Union... The Soviets took a cut, and the rest was used to finance the Communist Party” he (Moskal) said. But no direct quote is used for that “information”. Stewart Bell, paid by the National Post, also bi-lines horror” story and we would suspect both he and his editor are either new and green at their hack jobs...or they are so steeped in the more than sixty and more year old anti-

Communist, anti-labour stuff that is left after the straw is removed from a manure pile, their journalistic reflexes are of a knee-jerk variety. The “story” first saw light three or four generations ago during the rise of Nazi-Fascism and the “red-baiting” genre of journalism went hand in hand with the utterances of (among others) Adolph Hitler, Mussolini, Al Capone and the most blood stained monsters of history

who fought like wild beasts to guarantee the “safety and well being” of capitalism. A little known fact is that Al Capone was a closely business allied accomplice and also foremost practitioner of the club and the gun to subdue Chicago workers when they tried to organize, and he said: “We must save the American worker from the toils of Bolshevism” he carried out his murderous gangland war against the working class.

As for our friend of yesteryear, Mr. Moskal (who studied in Kiev, Ukraine, supported by

Is this the future of all present and former Socialist countries?

This political cartoon was published in the biggest bourgeois newspaper in Canada, The Toronto Star, Nov. 16, 1999, showing the power of Multinational Corporations and their factual and possible conquest of countries in order to utilize cheap labour plus raw resources. When capitalist bourgeois themselves show their agenda, progressive mankind should pay heed and draw the proper conclusion! □



(the Ukrainian State) we don't know what has brought him to the doorstep of the anti-labour rag, but in any event he should be ashamed and retract his "revelations".

The Communist Party of Canada has denied the veracity or truth of the yarns and we can understand such being the case. Given today's "heated, anti-Red climate" when they say: "The Communist Party of Canada categorically rejects the accusation it has ever served as an agent or stooge for the former Soviet Union or any other foreign state", in the interests of cooperation between pro-socialist forces (which we are) we accept their statement.

However on another note, it would be refreshing indeed to suggest that if the Soviet Communists saw fit to lend assistance to anti-capitalist pro-labour forces abroad, that too we can both understand and give credibility to. Will anybody anywhere stand up and inform us that financial, ideological or any other assistance, including armies, has not flowed from the U.S. Government forces through the CIA or by other means in the BILLIONS OF DOLLARS to thwart and defeat the advance of Socialism or democratic Third World freedom everywhere in the world? If they do, we will simply call them damn liars or "liars of the first capitalist-TNC dimension busily protecting TNC capital expansionist interests.

Phone cards get religion

A company in Sarasota, Florida, USA is offering pre-paid telephone user cards with "never before seen" images of Pope John Paul II. The cards from Siesta Telecom bear four papal photos, plus the pontiff's autograph, official seal

and prayer messages.

"They have the look and feel of something that's very sacred," said Siesta's vice-president Dave Estep.

For every card sold - they cost \$15.00 each for 75 minutes of domestic-long distance calls - the Vatican will get \$1.00. Siesta expects to sell between \$300 and \$400 million worth of them in the next two years.

Added Ester: "Through our business people will be able to buy something that is very useful but they will be gaining a spiritual blessing through the messages sent by the pope."

COMMENT

We really wonder what would be said by Jesus Christ if he were present today...did he not chase these money lenders, exchangers and businessmen out of the holy places?

Of course Siesta people will be "praying to Pope John II" after they of course buy their own island in the Caribbean, just in case it rains...but not before they send the Vatican close to \$400 million also. Who knows, they might even invite the Vatican to hold its enclave on their island!

With thanks to J. Corlett, USA

DID YOU KNOW??

*There were many assassination plans by all nine US administrations between 1959-1998, with the aid of the CIA or Cuban exile based groups in the United States.

*At least seven assassination attempts that were foiled in the past 10 years.

*A plot was hatched and foiled when Castro visited Chile in 1972, with a gun hidden in a video camera.

*During 1960s, the American CIA planned to kill Castro by placing explosives in a seashell on the seabed in an area

where Fidel Castro might go scuba diving.

*Plans to kill Castro by Cuban exiles were discovered at the American summit in Cartagena, Colombia in 1994; another at the American summit in Argentina in late 1995; also at a similar meeting in Venezuela during 1997; and late in 1998 at the summit of Ibero American leaders in Oporto, Portugal.

*Altogether Fidel Castro has been targeted in over 637 assassination plots over the past 40 years.

The responsibility for all of these attempts on the life of Fidel Castro lies with the US government, all its agencies, including the CIA and terrorist organizations created, financed and trained by Washington.

With thanks to Kominform, Finland

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY RAY STEVENSON

To a staunch dedicated fighter for Peace and Socialism and a life-long friend of Soviet People!

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TESTIMONIAL TO GREG BILLINGS

By Ray Stevenson

Dear family and friends:

I extend my deepest condolences and sympathy to all the family, friends and Comrades of Greg at his untimely passing.

I first met Greg and his devoted parents, Rose and Joseph Billings at the end of World War II in early 1946. I recall the occasion with great nostalgia and feeling. I was in Sudbury as the Educational Director of the Workers' Co-op together with Eino Laakso, then the General Manager of the Organization. We were exploring the possibility of Co-op expansion into the area and our very first contact in that endeavor was very naturally the Billings family because of their long and devoted sacrifice and service to the working class and progressive movement in Northern Ontario in Timmins and Kirkland Lake where Greg's boyhood years were spent.

At the time he was a lad of fourteen or about so attending school. He displayed a youthful boyish keenness, enthusiasm and interest in affairs that has never escaped my memory.

After the initial, meeting, our paths crossed again in 1950 when, as a miner at Stobie-INCO mine I had again become closely associated with Joe, Rose and Greg, and to a lesser degree with Bernice, his younger sister. As Comrades and family friends we were much in each others company during those years. I fact I was

able to lend some assistance to Greg and a number of his young friends and associates in establishing a youth movement club that campaigned vigorously on a wide range of peace and other related issues. Among those young men and women was Greg's lifelong friend and associates the Sawchuk brothers - Orest and also Terry - and many others. It was a positive and healthy experience in which Greg played a significant part.

During those years, Greg went to work at the INCO smelter in the arduous and health destructive work as a "puncher" in the unhealthy molten spewing furnaces.

On graduation from high school, the question of higher education came to the fore and I recall many a resounding discussion as to the ethical and other parameters of such a course. Debated were many such questions as to whether or not young people should train to become simply faceless cogs in the engineering offices of INCO, or a supervisory personnel carrying out the edicts of faceless and hidden corporate masters.

Another part of the debate concerned the role of the National Research Council Director Solandt of the efforts of the Canadian government to produce more deadly poisons and gas for the extermination in war of civilian populations.

November 7, 1999

We would like to add that Greg Billings was active member of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and a subscriber to Northstar Compass, plus taking part in all of the Conferences that were held by our Association. □

VIDEOS TO SEE!!!!

Sometimes, seeing history and events that transpired scores of years past is extremely revealing. The perpetrators of wars, treason, sabotage and genocide themselves reveal all what they have done. Covered in anti-Communism and extreme anti-Sovietism, nevertheless, all the following videos, produced by the bourgeois powers themselves are a real shocker, if you really look and listen.

You can get all the following videos in your public library, in most countries.

THE COLD WAR

By CNN in 3 Volumes

- #1 Comrades 1917-1945
Iron Curtain 1945-1947
Marshal Plan 1947-1952
- #2 Berlin 1948-1949
Korea 1949-1953
Red in USA 1947-1953
- #3 After Stalin 1953-1956
Sputnik 1949-1961
The Wall 1958-1963

Also extremely revealing is the video called "The Fall of Saigon" a Memorial and a Nightmare by the Discover channel.

With thanks to Helen Long □

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Dear readers!

The Editorial Board of NSC requests that all the major articles not be more than 750-1000 words in total length. Our readers now demand much shorter and more hard-hitting articles from many different writers. We unfortunately now must have only 40 pages per issue and the luxury of long articles is not possible.

' I RESIGN '

Yeltsin begs 'forgiveness' for failed, hopes, dreams...

According to the scenario planned for maximum publicity and for world-wide outpouring of many platitudes by capitalist leaders, Boris Yeltsin has resigned just hours before the start of the millennium.

This 20th Century best known traitor to his people, to his country and to the working class of the world and, the most hated leader by the Soviet people (*whose popularity sank to only 3% amongst the people*) is now a has been, but not without billions of dollars that was stolen by him and also his "family" for a "rainy day" as December 31st, 1999 became!

His name is going to go down in history as a butcher of his people when he ordered the bombardment of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR in Moscow, 1993 and for bringing the USSR to colony status and also the tragic internal civil strife.

Northstar Compass right from the very beginning of its publication pointed out as to what was in store for the Soviet Union by some of these traitors, opportunists and also "reformers", such as Krushchev, Gorbachev, and Yeltsin, Yakovlev, Shevernadze, Krawchuk, Shushkewich and many other former CPSU members, who in actual fact were hidden enemies of the Soviet people.

How come Putin got the nod?

The absolute skullduggery, behind the scenes maneuvering, all was prepared already 4 months ago with the blessings of the USA and Russian bour-

geois regime and their helpers, produced the following - according to Associated Press, written by Mark Franchetti:

*An unprecedented deal was hammered out which stated that Yeltsin would step down in exchange for immunity for corruption. The deal was ham-



Boris (Vodka) Yeltsin

mered out, not in the Russian parliament, but in a private Dacha outside of Moscow.

*For months both Yeltsin and his daughter Dyachenko were under investigation for corruption, money embezzlement, foreign investments and offshore money laundering deposits.

Yeltsin was granted the following:

-He is immune from any prosecution for the crimes committed during his 9 years in office.

-He cannot be detained, or arrested and his premises (*many of them*) cannot be searched.

-He cannot be interrogated or brought to trial or subjected to a body search.

-He is given a pension which is 75% of his wages.

-He is assigned a bodyguard at state's expense and also for all of his family, medical care, a state residence, a limousine and a large staff of aides, all paid for by the Soviet people.

- To add icing to the cake, Putin has agreed with (also the backing of the government) to retain as advisors both Yeltsin and his daughter Dyachenko.

Just a Question?

How is it possible that the capitalist West has the inside dope on these unheard of arrangements, while the Duma "loyal opposition" of CPRF under Mr. Zyuganov seems to be oblivious? Unfortunately we know that these things could not have been arranged without the biggest "communist party" in the Russian Duma knowing about it and making a behind the scenes deal with Putin!

Even President Clinton of the USA could not get away with this crime. Even a bourgeois state would try someone as guilty as Yeltsin!

Where is the Statement by the leadership of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation? The same CPRF who did not want to join a proposed United Front to fight the election on December 19th - 1999 to the Russian Duma!

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS!



By NINA ANDREEVA
*General Secretary of the
All Union Communist Party
of Bolsheviks*

In the Russian Federation the elections to the Russian Duma ended, a game of chance for fools and all cheaters. As was predicted by the present regime, the democrats won the election, these cheaters, who brought on these devastating reforms themselves. Otherwise, how can we UNDERSTAND, that the YES vote for this block who "had no ideology or even a program" the block of Shoyga - the Minister for extraordinary affairs, who managed to support the most reactionary elements of Yeltsin and his protégé V. Putin, with tremendous financial support behind the scenes of the financial adventurer in shady maneuvering, B. Berezovsky, even with the public rating for Yeltsin of only 3%...but nevertheless for this regime's election block there voted over 23% of the electorate, over 12 million Russian people!?

Of course, the professional work of the media did their best work in promoting Shoyga and Putin, with the help of unbelievable amount of money that was spent from unpaid wages, pensions, plus personal fortune of Berezovsky - all this managed to get them the high vote!

In a post-election interview all the winning leaders of the

blocks (except Shoygu) stated, that the election campaign was the dirtiest compared to the previous ones and that there was over 8% of votes that were manipulated and had great irregularities. Even the bourgeois media made a statement that showed that during election day the candidates' leaflets were freely shunted from one polling booth to another where it was necessary to make certain that the candidate of the "state" had the edge. The election leaflets were printed all over the country, with no control on the contents or its inflammatory agitation against non-government candidates. It is also hard to believe that for the block of these enemies of the people, such as the Hakhamada, Nemtsov and Kirilenko, who compromised themselves even before the elections and guilty of the present situation in the country, but they received over 4 million votes! The lavish and boot-licking supporter of Yeltsin - Zhirnovsky who got into the Duma, received 3 million votes.

Capitalism is having a ball now and the Duma is just a fig leaf to hide their mechanization's. The place for all honest Communists is their newspapers, their journals and all public meetings among the working class, not in a bourgeois parliament - such as is the Duma!

not get over the 5% barrier, they received 5 million votes. For the CPRF which is a social democratic party and not really a Communist party, there voted 13 million voters, or 12.3%. In this way the votes AGAINST the present regime which had cheated and manipulated results and spent a fortune in money, in spite of all that, over 70% of the Russian people voted against the present regime and its policies. That is about the same per cent that voted back in 1991 to save the USSR, when the All Union Referendum took place in USSR in 1991.

Therefore the statements to the electorate by Yeltsin, Stepanshin and Putin that "there is no return to the past" is nothing more than a try to convince themselves of this impossibility.

The Communist blocks of Tiulkin or Anpilov did not get into the Duma--- in truth, they were not allowed to get in. We feel that this is a victory for the communists, since seats in the Russian Parliament are not for the dedicated Communists whom some think that they shall use it as a "tribune of the people". These are just lies to hide that these communists just only want to have warm chairs, good pay and all the perks given them by the regime to make them ineffective stooges. This is nothing but falsehoods,

Altogether there took part in the election 51.5% of eligible voters or about 54 million people. The elections were boycotted by 52 million voters, or 48.5% of the registered voters. Against all of the candidates there voted over 3 million people or 3% of the registered voters. For the Communist Blocks, who did not make

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Is there a lesson to be learned from the RUSSIAN ELECTIONS?

Yes, absolutely, a lesson must be learned and very quickly!

Northstar Compass, as a non-party publication, representing world-wide friends of Soviet people, has the right to speak its mind on the election that took place on December 19th, 1999. After all, all of us are the grandchildren of our parents and also grandparents who were the first to set up the "Hands Off Russia Committees" in 1918 and devoted our energies all these years in order to help the Soviet people to gain their freedom, to live a life under Socialism and to stop Imperialism which is again striving to "drown the baby in the cradle" as they try to do since the Great October Socialist Revolution.

On the previous page we have an analyses from our Soviet comrades, as they dissect the results of that election. Here, we're dissecting the results from across the ocean, basing ourselves on what the bourgeois powers say and also on what it does not state!

Here are some headlines in the daily bourgeois press that set the tone for this article:

- **Putin will win allies in Russian Parliament*
- **Yeltsin, back from the dead, again*
- **Russians endorse Chechniya war*
- **Russians gave a confidence vote to Putin and enhanced his chances to be the next President*
- **We, in the Duma, have boosted our possibilities and*

strengthen ourselves, said Gennady Zyuganov

Unfortunately some of the above headlines are the truth, while others are nothing but just wishful thinking.

The tragedy of the elections to the Russian Duma was practically a "repeat fiasco" in the election held in the Ukraine. The left forces were disunited, fought also amongst themselves, full of opportunism and forgetting that the enemy (*no matter how they pretend that they're divided*) is very united in one important goal...under no circumstances must the left forces gain the upper end.

Why was there a real need to have so many "Communist Blocks", all vying for the Duma seats? Why was it that the CPRF, the biggest party of the left, through its leader (Zyuganov) threw out all unity overtures from both Victor Tiulkin and Victor Anpilov, to join all together into **ONE MIGHTY ELECTION ANTI-YELTSIN REGIME BLOCK** and thus unite a majority of the Soviet people who (*even by the present world-wide bourgeois press*) state that over 80% of the people want the present regime out and to go back to socialism?

Another question: What has the CPRF leadership (*this is no reflection on any of the dedicated rank and file CPRF members at all*) done in the Duma for these many years? Did they manage to improve the life of the people? Did they really fought vigorously the Yeltsin regime as Communists

should? Why did most of their "Red Governors" in the regions of Russia cooperated with the regime? Many more questions could also be asked...but they all point to the "cooperative spirit and loyal opposition" by the CPRF members of the Duma with Yeltsin, a willing tool of Imperialism and a traitor.

The favorite defense of this "cooperation" is the answer that "*Lenin was for participation in the elections!*" But.. Lenin and all the Bolsheviks fought their class enemy and not ever cooperated with them! **There is a difference, no?**

Yes, the Communists (CPRF and some others) held their own. They now have about 140 or so seats out of the total of 450 in the Russian Duma! Can you imagine how many more seats the Communists could have won had they united into one single election block?

The CPRF, according to the newspaper *New York Times*, which wrote after the election, quoting Zyuganov: "We are now demanding that one of our elected members should get a high post, such as the Speaker of the Duma!" *Yes, of course...* but comrades of the CPRF, you had a well known CPRF member as the Speaker for the last 4-5 years! What did he accomplish?

Or were the elections to the Duma only to get a great warm chair, good pay, all the perks that go with it...? What about the resurrection of the Soviet Union and also of Socialism? What about stopping the robbery and rape of the Soviet natural raw resources? What about taking measures to stop the ethnic wars and the dangerous death rate, criminality,

narcotics, the total Mafia infiltration etc. etc.?

Is this not what **REAL** dedicated Communists should fight for?

It is no wonder that the Soviet people now look at the squabbling amongst all of the left-wing and communist leaders and stay away from voting, and in many ways the people do not trust some of the present so-called communists!

Yeltsin-Putin-Yakovlev and other traitors will offer pie-in-the-sky to the left-wing deputies in the present Duma...the questions will have to be asked



Prime Minister Putin leaves a voting booth. Is he next PM?

as to how many of all of these elected "Communists Deputies" now shall succumb to these offers and forget as to why they were elected?

There is much agitational work that must be done, first of all among all of the Soviet working class. Only the working class can and will bring about a necessary Second Socialist Revolution and sweep away the present regime and their supporters, be they from the right or the left!

We certainly invite comments, criticism. It would be a pleasure to have the CPRF itself write to NSC about this

article. After all, Lenin and Stalin taught us to have criticism and self criticism. After the death of Stalin, unfortunately this was forgotten and also buried under . When any of the communist party leadership divorces itself from the working class and deems to rule opportunistically...the oncoming gulf widens between the party and the working class, thus producing the contemporary results as we see in some of the former socialist countries.

UNITY of the left forces in Russia during this election could have paved the way for the future. If some comrades think that in year 2000, during the presidential election that there is a possibility of CPRF fielding a successful candidate alone, it is just sheer lunacy!

**UNITED WE STAND!
DIVIDED WE FALL!**

**ARISE YOU MIGHTY
LAND!**

WHO ELSE WAS AWARDED THE STALIN MEDAL?

When we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution and the coming of the 120th Anniversary of the birth of J.V.Stalin, our Communists in Ukraine, members of the Party of Communists (Bolsheviks) of Ukraine on October 25,1997 at our Plenum, adopted the decision to award certain comrades over the world and in the Soviet Union the Medal of Stalin.

On behalf of the Central Committee, the following comrades were awarded the Stalin Medal, the leaders of countries, parties and movements:

***Branko Kitanovich**

General Secretary of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia

***Fidel Castro Rus**

Leader of the Cuban Revolution and its Communist Party

***Kim Jong II**

Leader of Korean Workers Party and leader of North Korea

***Abdula Ocalan**

Leader of the Kurdish Workers Party, sentenced to death

***A.P.Rubiks**

First Secretary of the Latvian Communist Party

***Ludo Martens**

Leader of the Belgian Workers Party

***P.C. Milosevic**

Member of the Central Committee, Communist Party of Yugoslavia

***Aleko Pappariga**

General Secretary of the Greek Communist Party

***Saddam Hussein**

Leader of Iraq Socialist Republic

***Muamar Khaddafi**

Leader of the Libyan Socialist Dzhamukhirii

***Dzamil Kadri**

Secretary of the Syrian Communist Party

***Michael Lucas**

Editor of Northstar Compass journal, Chairman of Organizing Committee for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People

We again congratulate Michael Lucas, through the pages of the very popular journal Northstar Compass, with the Award of a Stalin Medal.

Y.Oyaperv, Chairman

R.Kosolapov

Academician, Doctor of Science

"PIRATIC VICTORY" of UKRAINIAN "DEMOCRACY"

A post-election analyses



The election in Ukraine is a perfect example of a bourgeois "democracy" that should be studied and proper conclusions drawn from it. How much dirt had been poured out on the so-called Soviet "Totalitarianism" and the so-called present day "democracy"! In the present Constitution of Ukraine, gathered segments from many other constitutions which were very irrelevant to Ukraine, it was trumpeted to the world that the "state belongs to the people!" In it the people have control over the "state" by the simple fact that they all take part in elections. Just because there are more parties, this in their eyes means more "democracy". In this way they proclaimed 24 hours each day that EVERY candidate has the "same opportunity". Lies, lies and more lies!

ASCENDANCY OF KUCHMA

Before, no one knew about this director of a small factory "Yuzhmash", whom Krawchuk catapulted into being the first president of this "independent" Ukraine. When all of presented "reforms" were not working after the break up of the USSR, Kuchma started his career by "opposing" Krawchuk. In the 1994 presidential elections he

became a big winner because he opposed Krawchuk so that people believed that he is opposed to the sell-out of the USSR. His election slogan was "I'll liquidate these parasites!" He went on then to "improve relations with Russia" promising to make the lives of the workers much better, etc. etc. The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Ukraine, instead of fully analyzing the situation and putting up their own candidate, told its members to vote as they liked. I myself now am admitting that I was one of the ones that voted for this prodigy of Judas, Krawchuk, who together with Gorbachev, and Sushkewich of Byelorussia sold the Soviet Union. I therefore thought that Kuchma would be a better candidate and will bring back the unity that was dismantled. Without the support of the Eastern and Southern Ukraine Communists, Kuchma would have never ever won!

What happened after he got elected? Not one promise did Kuchma and his regime ever fulfilled, but he did everything opposite in order to quickly get Ukraine into the hands of the West. The new rich cats got richer and the process of privatization got into a full swing. This Kuchma fulfilled all the demands of the traitorous bourgeois Ukrainian nationalist movement that is called Rukh and then immediately brought in legislation to bar Russian as one of the official languages of Ukraine, where more than 65% of the people in Ukraine call Russian language as their native mother

tongue. Kuchma also started the chauvinistic process of forcible Ukrainization Thanks to Krawchuk-Kuchma alliance, Ukraine fell from the first ten most highly developed industrial countries of the world to 102nd. The 3% of the population of Ukraine (the newly rich) had accumulated profits 7 times more than the total capital made in a year by the Ukraine state in total!

Ukraine is becoming a colony of the West and with each month the economic situation is getting worse and the living standards are catastrophically falling. Before the elections it was hard to believe as to who in their right mind would vote for Kuchma regime again! Our people, we were certain could not have forgotten that just a few years back the Soviet State was guaranteeing all their jobs, health care, schooling and all the necessities that the people required. Now it is only the upper 10% of the population that enjoys these amenities that everyone had free during Soviet times.

The voters, knowing all of these facts had the opportunity to vote for the representative of the left forces - Simonenko, Moroz, Vitrenko - but unfortunately the left forces could not see fit to unite all their forces against Kuchma.

MANMADE "MIRACLE"

Even though Kuchma was criticized both from the left and right - and even the Western mouthpiece, the Radio station "Freedom" did not totally support him, but Kuchma always predicted that he would win. **Why was that?**

The results of the first vote saw Ukraine split in half. In Eastern Ukraine, mostly Russian speaking population, more

than 70% voted for all the left-wing candidates. In the city of Lugansk 47% voted for Simonenko of the CPU, while Kuchma received less than 20%. Western Ukraine plus the city of Kiev gave Kuchma 36.5% while Simonenko received only 22%. Therefore the right forces got the victory. The former communist!? KGB chief in Ukraine, Marchuk, now a very vicious and rabid anti-Communist received 8%.

If you analyze these figures, then Simonenko could have won a total victory if all the anti-Kuchma left voters voted for him...meaning that he could have received over 45% of the votes. *But what happened?* After the first round of voting was finished, in the two weeks, until the second round of this election was to be held...Ukrainians never ever saw the likes of hysterical and vicious anti communist propaganda and anti-Russian chauvinism in all the mass media, 24 hours per each day! TV was filled for 24 hours with films about the so-called "Gulags", "Starvation" plus, they showed every anti-Soviet film that was ever made in the USA, England, France and Germany plus also in the Ukraine. Simonenko in those two weeks before the second round of elections, did not have a chance to appear on any TV, radio or in all of the main press. All the towns, villages and cities were plastered with leaflets of vicious anti-Soviet and anti-Communist propaganda, the likes of which were not even seen during the Fascist occupation. Thus, to our very great shame, Kuchma got a majority and we the people committed a collective suicide!

The the results were: as follows: Kuchma - 56% while Simonenko received only 38%.

Could we have foreseen much different results?

MIRAGE OF "BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY"

We could have foreseen the results, since the same process was followed in 1996 in Russia...this should have showed the Ukrainian people that the capitalist state pretends that there is equal opportunity for all candidates - but it's just a mirage. All around Kuchma there gathered the newly rich, the businessmen, all the former nomenclature of CPU party bosses, now having become extremely very rabid anti-Communists and also vicious Ukrainian nationalists. To keep this illusion alive, there were registered 14 candidates to run for president...as we know, only two candidates had any chance of real success, representing the two different classes. *Why was it possible that Kuchma who had only a 10% support of his capitalist class, was able now to beat Simonenko, who overall represented 90% of the population?*

It's very easy to see why! Kuchma had the state apparatus behind him, he had Western backing in millions of dollars, all governors of all the regions of Ukraine were his appointees, knowing full well that if Kuchma wins their jobs shall be secure. They forced all the doctors, teachers and militia for agitation purposes amongst the people - on the pain of losing their jobs! Even Radio Freedom had this interview broadcast with a woman who was part of the Official Election Commission: "I as a member of the Commission and saw with my own eyes that to me as head of the district polling booth, the Kuchma officials brought not only hundreds of

Kuchma election leaflets into the election building, but ballots that were all marked up so that it was impossible to see who voted for who...we were forced to count them as legal votes for Kuchma!"

Even members of the Ukrainian Parliament were not able to get the details adopted on "Laws during the Election" to study and be able to inform their constituents. This was an open and outright falsification and thus Kuchma was able to bring up his percentage from 36% to 56%!

Kuchma was able to appear over nationwide TV inside of a two week period 184 times. Simonenko, on the other hand was not able to appear only 15 times! Other candidates fared even worse. Even the European Commission of Parliamentarians who were sent to Ukraine to see how the election was conducted, stated that the elections were not conducted fairly or very democratically. But Kuchma did not concern himself with these observers, his stated motto was: "Nobody can put a winner into court!"

Most people who wanted to vote for the communists stated emphatically: "Yes, let's take a good look at these candidates, these are newly rich candidates...they were all former Communist bosses! We do not believe you anymore. Its the communists who dismembered the Soviet Union!"

It is sad and tragic, that the youth, who before were the vanguard of struggles for socialism, today they have become a reserve for all the right wing forces.! Why did all this happen?

In the last 8 years of "perestroika" there grew up a new generation, taught in the schools all the lies imaginable

and they do NOT know the real history since the Great October Revolution, since they were all brought up on a diet of vicious anti-communism! All of the school books were re-written from an Ukrainian nationalistic point of view, presenting the years since 1917 as years of gloom, doom, hunger, murder, no freedom etc. etc. Children are taught that the communists, the Russians (Moskali) herded children onto barges and then drown them together with the barges into the Dnieper River and sank the barges with all children aboard! The privatization of schools make certain that only the rich get their children schooled and thus children from most of the working class are kept out. Western culture of might, narcotics, robbery, sex and killing is the right ideology is permeating the minds of children from kindergarten right up to high school years. Even though a majority of young people are left without these things that their parents had, they still do not realize this and cannot as yet overcome all of the absolute mind bungling effects of this vicious anti-Communist propaganda.

Unfortunately we must admit that the present Communist parties have as yet not been able to do much effective work amongst the youth. The election victory of Kuchma I feel shall bring more reactionary measure and eventually cause the disbanding of the Supreme Soviet government of Ukraine and its replacement with a much more nationalist reactionary elements. There might be even an attempt to abolish the present Communist Party of Ukraine and other communist and left wing parties. The next step is to absolutely allow the sale of all land. The new

Codex for the working class leaves the workers practically without any rights as guaranteed by the United Nations.

This victory of Kuchma will soon take the blinds off the eyes of those workers who still have some unclear illusions that through the parliamentary means they shall again come back to socialism. The force of understanding will come only through a united class struggle which will allow the people to overcome this deadly road for Ukraine and its people.



This elderly women, neglected even in the Hospital, must procure her own medicine, bedsheets, food and wait for the old age pension that is always late by many months. This is the "Independent" Ukraine.

I want to give one very enlightening example as to how Kuchma utilized the technique used by Yeltsin and formulated by the top Ad Agencies in New York.

When the Second Round of the election came, Kuchma ordered all of the schools to close classes but the students were held in school where the present Kuchma regime had arranged free food, free drinks, free rock concerts with top performing stars from Ukraine and abroad. The directors of schools, Universities were told to present the students with placards, with posters and signs, proclaiming--- "Vote for Kuchma! Vote for your future!"

So much for "fair and democratic elections" where "every

candidate has equal opportunity!"

CONCLUSION

The results of the elections in Ukraine, Russia and in other former Soviet republics shows concretely that you cannot improve the lot of the people or the working class through bourgeois capitalist elections. The teachings by V.I.Lenin and J.V. Stalin about the bourgeois "democracy" is proven by history.

The ruling class, having the state apparatus in its hands shall not allow by any means, even "democratic" means to share power with its class enemy. They shall utilize all sorts of promises, mirages in order to subvert and make ineffective any unified struggle. Experts from outside our borders have figured out how much money it takes to run and get a place in the Russian Duma (same goes for Ukraine also)...it takes at least \$1-2 million dollars in the first round, and if needed for a second round, then its close to many more millions! Where does all this enormous sums come from? Of course from the section of capitalism that depends on the win for their profits or seats in government.

It is now a known fact that in 1986 Yeltsin, with a rating of only 4% was able to beat all his rivals by spending over \$8 million dollars, in this he was supported by the West plus the internal millionaire, the crook Berezovsky.

It is time to end this illusion of the Krushchev's policy, that through parliamentary means the Communists can come to power and establish socialism without a revolution to overthrow the capitalist class. More than that, because there is no longer now the USSR, able to stand on guard for the working classes, and now that NATO rules the world, for the Communist parties to bank on only a parliamentary path towards socialism is a terrible fallacy and danger. We must organize the working class, get UNITY of all the left forces and it is only by this method that any victory can be achieved! □

ANARCHY IN POLITICS RUSSIA and BYELORUSSIA

Gathered from Interfax and Internet by
JERRY MORSE

POLITICAL PARTIES IN RUSSIA AND BYELORUSSIA AND THEIR LEADERS

*YABLOKO BLOCK -Grigory Yavlinsky
*JUST CAUSE BLOCK-Yegor Gaydar
*FATHERLAND BLOCK - Yuri Luzhkov
*RUSSIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC PARTY BLOCK - General Alexander Lebed
* COMMUNIST PARTY OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION - Gennady Zyuganov
*LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY BLOCK - V.Zhirinovskiy

*OUR HOME IS RUSSIA BLOCK -Victor Chernomydrin
*AGRARIAN PARTY BLOCK - Mikhail Lapshin
*WORKING RUSSIA BLOCK - Victor Anpilov and Stanislav Terekhov
*RUSSIAN NATIONAL UNITY - Alexander Barkashov

There are some 150 political parties, blocks and other movements registered with the Russian Justice Minister

BYELORUSSIA

*PARTY OF COMMUNISTS OF BYELORUSSIA - Sergei Kalyakin and Vasily Novikov
*BYELORUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY - Y.Sokolov and V.Chikin
*AGRARIAN PARTY - Alexander Pavlov
*BYELORUSSIAN POPULAR FRONT - Levon Barshevsky
*CIVIC ACCORD BLOCK - Stanislav Bogdankevich
*LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY - Sergei Gaydukewich
*BYELORUSSIAN PATRIOTIC MOVEMENT - Anatoly Barankevich
*BYELORUSSIAN LABOR PARTY - A. Bukhvostov
*PARTY OF BYELORUSSIAN UNITY AND CONCORD - Dmitry Bulakov
*BYELORUSSIAN SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY - Nikolai Statkevich
*WOMEN'S PARTY - Valentina Polivikova
*GREEN PARTY OF BYELARUS - Liudmila Yelizarova
* BYELORUSSIAN SOCIALIST PARTY - V. Kuznetsov
* SLAVIC ASSEMBLY OF BELARUS - Nikolai Serbeiv
*BYELORUSSIAN CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRATIC UNITY - Peter Silko
*CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRATIC PARTY - Nikolai Krukovsky
*CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRATIC CHOICE - Valery Soroka

*PARTY OF COMMON SENSE - Ivan Karavaichik
*BYELORUSSIAN HUMANITARIAN PARTY - Yevgeny Novikov
* REPUBLICAN PARTY - Vladimir Belazov
*NATIONAL PARTY - Anatoly Astapenko
*NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY - Victor Naumenko
*PEOPLE'S PARTY - Victor Tereshchenko
*BYELORUSSIAN SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY - Stanislav Shushkevich

COMMENT

By the time you will receive this January issue of NSC, the Duma elections in Russia will be over and the results, even if the CPRF wins the majority, this shall not dislodge the bourgeois capitalist system at all...that is a factual certainty. And, with over 150 parties and blocks existing in Russia plus all the political parties-blocks we listed above existing officially in Byelorussia, it makes you wonder about the following:

-Ukrainian elections produced a win again for the Ukrainian nationalist Kuchma as the president. This was due unfortunately to the fact that the Communist parties in Ukraine did not join into a solid United Front in the First Round for the presidency and, given the cheating and also terror during elections, of course the reactionary forces won.

We hope that our Byelorussian comrades learn from the fiasco in Ukraine and also to a certain extent in Russia, thus guide themselves into a United Front for the year 2001 elections in Byelorussia! □

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THIRD WORLD CRISIS, THIRD WORLD WAR, THIRD WORLD REVOLUTION

INTRODUCTION -

On September 10, 1993 in the Sevastapol Technical Institute there took place an International Scientific Conference on the topic of "International crisis and the future of nations". There were delegations from Russia, Ukraine, Poland and other countries, represented by their sociologists, politologs, philosophers. One of the papers presented was by myself, titled "World Crisis and future of nations in former USSR".

Basing myself on my conference paper and research materials, I also wrote an article on September 15, 1993 which was published in the newspapers "Zavtra" (Moscow 1995), "Flag Rodinny (Sevastapol, 1995) and "Duel" (Moscow, 1997).

World Crisis, American Perestroika and Gorbachev's future for Clinton

The situation that is now flowing in the world, comprises itself in this way, that the future of the planet and its people is dependent upon today's factors...one of them is the crisis of the development of society.

Today's crisis of development - is a large combination of complex crisis affecting all sides of our lives, the developed and undeveloped countries. Therefore in order to conclude and resolve this crisis by old methods is impractical now., because all the methods used by Western capitalist world now is ineffective and

there is also no cure. The main cause in the Western capitalist developed world is the internal conflicts inside all of the "consumer societies" which has permeated the whole psyche of Western civilization, where the high standard of living was attained at the expense of other parts of the world and also the crisis becoming acute of many shortages of raw resources due to complete exploitation in this consumer oriented society. As an example, during 1980s the demand for consumer goods was twice as high as the capacity to produce these goods. The only explanation of this paradoxical situation is the parasitic exploitation of all raw resources available and the exploitation also of the available manpower resources.

It is understood by friend and foe alike that Western developed capitalism could not forever keep up this tempo of consumerism and exploitation, thus going on the road to its downfall. So... the "consumer society" is not the question of coming to a dead end, this is a danger to the rest of humanity, since, according to scientific studies, if all of the world countries would be on this dead-end consumerism course and "unrestrained consumerism" of the developed capitalist world, then the raw resources that now remain in the world today would only last from 50-70 years!

The way out is for the world community to rationalize and control the raw resources for

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the benefit of all mankind. But the crisis in the capitalist world is affecting all the countries of the world. Thus, "perestroika" was initiated by the West through Gorbachev in order to make it much easier (without any war) to get into Western hands the Soviet Union very cheaply, and plus the availability of the cheap labour force that is also qualified to produce for the West. What is very interesting is that this global crisis is being felt very substantially in the most developed country that is plagued by the "consumerist consumption" society.

What does the USA represent at this time?

America is not a state, Americans are not a nation in the full sense of that meaning. It is a very large territory where there live people from all corners of the world, all united by consumerism and exploitation of other countries resources and labour. At the present, USA has only 5% of the world territory but uses over 40% of the planets manufactured resources. Every USA citizen consumes 8 times the resources of an average world citizen or 20 peoples needs of the Third World. A question must be asked: can anyone believe, that such a high standard

of consumption is due to the production capacity of each American worker or his output? This is a false assumption about the mass productivity of Americans. Unfortunately this is still being believed by unsuspecting people. But the statistics available through UN and USA's own statistics show otherwise. During the 1980's the total rate of consumption demands were twice as much as the rate of productive output and capacity.

The facts are these: Over 40% of the working force in the USA does not work full time at all; 10% do not work a full working day while 5% of the US population depend on the handouts of the State or private institutions who help the needy. Ninety Percent of the people that work are the illegal immigrants or foreigners.

In this picture, this is clear that the consumer needs are produced by the following

*There is in motion a fictitious capital outlay by the speculative course of the dollar, utilizing and also speculating with foreign currency, which produces the dependence on the American dollar as the only "official" world currency.

*The credit mania in USA - everyone practically lives on credit, as in the State itself and in the population in general. This brought the USA in 1993 to over 4 Trillion 559 million dollars in debt for the whole of USA.

*This bondage owing system of developed countries to the USA, has reached at the beginning of 1990s over 1.3 trillion dollars, which means that every year the payment of percent is more than the actual sum. Therefore the owing of money has grown to 25-30% of total sums of exports of the industrial developed countries.

*The accumulation of all products such as raw materials

and oil and gas at outrageously low prices by the USA from the developing countries, is another aspect of the crisis of capitalist system in the developing countries. All this is accomplished by tariff barriers put up by the USA to the detriment of the supplier countries. The result of this is that the exporting countries (*under pressure from USA*) are exporting raw resources that never return for the benefit of the exporter country...besides, the USA monopoly lowers more and more all the prices, while charging more and more on the home market or on their exports.

This is bringing many countries into bankruptcy and we have seen the beginnings of stock market crashes, devaluation's and economic instability. The coming changes will depend on the psychological makeup of the US population, their attitude and their understanding as to the economic manipulation by the bourgeoisie. Their own "perestroika" is coming. In all likelihood the possibility of civil strife is not out of the question as "war of all against all" and the possible break up of USA as a unified state, the splitting and cessation of its territory into small and middle states.

This can come to pass because of the following factors:

1. As opposed to the majority of countries, the picture of American life is based on individualism, and in this the "social discipline" of Americans is very weak. Let just any disruption and crisis come, it is enough to cause unforeseen circumstances. If we remember during the summer of 1976 in New York, one night when New York was left dark for a couple of hours with no electricity, there was a pogrom of people. Over 500,000 peo-

ple went on a rampage and the police by morning were not to be seen on any of the streets. The damage caused in just a couple of hours was over \$10 million dollars.

2. The free selling of guns, ammunition for over 200 years in the USA and guaranteed by the Constitution...has shown that over 200 million guns and rifles are in the hands of the people. There are over 1000 privately owned tanks, military cannon carriers, machine-gun mounted jeeps, over 300 rockets-missiles, fighter planes, bombers (*all privately owned and sanctioned*) plus scores of military helicopters...all these, at a given moment can be put to use and thus bloodshed is guaranteed.

All these figures are part of the USAs own "perestroika" and shall bring untold carnage, suffering and the possible liquidation of the USA.

CONCLUSION-

In 1993-1996 the first world crisis was looked upon by many as only the first sign of American "perestroika". But the crisis in 1996-1999 took on a global crisis when the amalgamation of USA Chrysler and German Daimler (Mercedes) monopolies that joined forces, which points to the fact that epic-center of the world crisis will be the Western World.

It is obvious that this crisis and future capitalist crisis was pushed further on by the collapse of the USSR in 1991- thus undermining the whole financial stability of Capitalism.

At the beginning of 1970s there was put into effect the state policy of "social peace" when all the consumption was twice as high as the productivity. This was done during the time when there was still the capitalist world and the socialist world. This lent itself to stabilizing the Western world

synthetic manipulation of currency, economy and existence.

After the collapse of the USSR and the strengthening of the process of globalization, the process began unraveling all the manipulations of the American dealings through its monopoly of the dollar, all over the world.

At the beginning of the 1990s until now, this high consumer consumption of Americans was able to be propped up by the grabbing of the rich resources of the USSR and by exploitation its working forces, as well as of other former socialist countries, plus China. But, by the end of 1998 this heyday of exploitation of the rich natural resources of the USSR was coming to an end. This then presented the American monopolies the idea to start the process of lowering the standards of living of their own people.

Beginning this lowering of the standard of living for Americans was started through already established capitalist institutions, such as political, social, trade unions, churches and others. All this had its reflection in all Western capitalist countries, such as France, Germany, England, Italy...and coming unto the political stage were the "new socialists" in 1997-1998 and even in USA, where Clinton was re-elected again as a "socialist democrat". But at the end of 1998 this venture produced a collapse. Social reformism did not solve and will not solve the ills of capitalism and imperialism.

Therefore it was decided to bring about the lowering of living standards and thus guarantee future profits as before, through many "other means" - meaning to start the process of getting rid of all the gains that the working class was able to achieve before this crisis. The petty bourgeois and all the small businesses must be ab-

sorbed, liquidated and only the monopolies must rule the world. This could be accomplished only by an economic crisis in the world or by a world war or even by a worldwide revolution.

The first act was the troubles in Indonesia in 1997-1999. The Indonesia's stock exchanges were undermined purposely, then followed the devaluation of their currency, the living standard of the Indonesians were causing massive unemployment. In two years there were changed two presidents, and now the country is breaking up into pieces, so that it is easier to conquer and exploit by Western Imperialism. Instead of one mighty state of Indonesia, there now appears about 10-12 small regions of independence. This then shall be easier to exploit and govern by International Monetary Fund.

As to the prospect of a World War Three, its basis is already laid and also ready. In Pakistan the military came to power, aggressive war lords, while in India, also armed with nuclear weapons had the elections in which the right wing forces got the upper hand. The probability of total war between Pakistan and India is certain, which then shall involve China in this conflict. Under this very tense situation, there shall be decided one more important question, the so-called "**overpopulation of the planet**"!

The people of the West are left to await that "Black Day" of the New York Stock Exchange! □

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ROBBERS!

When the "democrats" were racing in order to get into power, their favorite slogan was: "Party, give us a chance at the helm!". The people were made to really believe that these "democrats" are going to make their life "heaven on earth".

But it wasn't long before even the believers were made to quickly realize that they were hoodwinked, or as it is now being said: They all were thrown out of the picture! To these "democrats" the aim was to get into power and to start the process of turning Russia into a supplier of raw materials on behalf of their across the ocean masters. And in payment for this, they received the opportunity to enrich themselves, to grab the resources and the accumulated riches that were made by the people of the former Soviet Union and thus the country's gas, oil and other raw resources are in the hands of the local and foreign bourgeoisie.

The democratic state in Russia has in fact become a totalitarian state in the worst meaning of this word. There is some differences between these different home grown variety of "democrats", but their unifying glue is the enrichment of themselves. No amount of demands by the population that these robbers should stop this economic and financial genocide for the people, has any effect. The people know that they must sweep these robbers out into the ashcan of history with a steel broom.

How can the people vote for these "democrats" if in the last 4 years of these "reforms" the production of all goods in the country has decreased by over 20%? The present bourgeoisie are daily struggling amongst themselves, trying desperately to put the blame on each other.

The billions of dollars (US) which found their place into the hands of Yeltsin, Chernomyrdin, Chubais, Berezovsky, Sabramovich etc. etc. and on and on, should not amaze us, since all of these "reforms" were meant to dismantle the economy of USSR (Russia). At the end of 1999, instead of our economy growing at least by 2% per year, it took a nose-dive and fell by 60%!

In these 8-9 years of "reforms" or "perestroika", the robbers took into their hands over \$3 trillion 976 billions of dollars! In the City of Leningrad this process was started by former Mayor Sobchak (*a former member of CC CPSU - Editor*) who recently has just returned from his chateau in Paris, France in order to take revenge on the Leningraders for his former defeat. At the discussions with his across the ocean masters, Mr. Sobchak has made deals for further devastation not only of Leningrad, but of Russia as well.

As always, in order to dismember and control the economy, their came and solidified their positions different clans of the Mafiosi. The victims of these Mafiosi Clans are really the very people who had opened up the bottle and let the genie out. They kill each other and then hold very rich and also very sumptuous funeral processions.

These clan killings are for the spoils of the riches that were made by Soviet people over the

last 70 years and they're not to be mourned by the people - the victims of this capitalism.

The Mafiosi Clans are ruling Leningrad! *But for how long?* □

AN APPEAL FROM "INDEPENDENT" UKRAINE!

Dear comrades of NSC:

On behalf of myself and on behalf of the Donbass Miners we wish you success in our common struggle with the present bourgeois fascist regime that we have here in former Soviet Union.

I am sending you some photographs, where in one of them I am surrounded in solidarity with Internationalist Fighters, Communists from Afghanistan on the day of the Great October Revolution, November 7th near the (still standing) monument to V.I.Lenin in the city of Krasnyj Lutch. I as a Bolshevik, member of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, have already ap-

pealed through the pages of Northstar Compass to help me in my dire straits since I am hounded, tortured and already for over 3 years am forced to go from to court to court, trying to clear my name and get my job back as Safety Inspector from which I was dismissed for looking after the safety of the miners, in this privatized coal mine.

Police hooligans invaded our home, they brutalized my mother, tore off her clothes, butted their cigarettes on her body, threw us into the street, while my sick father, a Bolshevik, veteran of the Great Patriotic War was manhandled and through this shock he died.

Court cases against me are going from one court place to another, trying desperately to hide the facts and I and other patriots are being hounded by these present day Ukrainian nationalists and their militia-police.

Here comrade Knyshow gives pertinent details of his many court appearances and how he has to pick up scrap metal to try and feed himself and his

Knyshov (centre) together with Afghanistan Bolsheviks with a sign: "Long live the 2nd coming of Socialist Revolution!"



Mother. Those details (with a photo) we already published in the previous issue of NSC.)



Knyshev here is shown at the grave of his father who suffered a heart attack brought on by the police of the present regime.

He concludes his heart-wrenching letter with this appeal: "Please help me to sustain myself and my Mother. If readers of NSC could help me to get an electronic computer that translates from English into Russian language, my main task would be to translate the articles into Russian from Northstar Compass...so that our people know that we have friends and comrades in many countries of the world.

Comradely
I.V.Knyshev
Member of AUCPB

Dear readers: Those of us that can help, please send your donation to NSC and we shall forward them to him. Regarding the computer that translates from English into Russian, we certainly would like to get some help on this important matter to our persecuted Bolshevik, now living in this "independent and free" Ukraine! □

Lessons from the Ukrainian Presidential Election

As of now, the batteries of the presidential election in this "independent" Ukraine now ceased their salvos. Kuchma, according to official results has now been declared a winner... with 56% of votes. For Peter Simonenko there voted over 10 million voters, which was 37.8% of voters who took part in the election. What lessons can we learn from these elections?

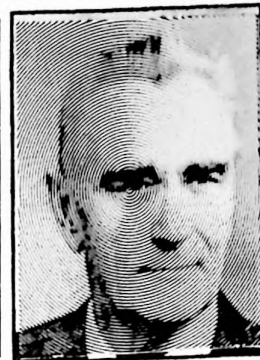
FIRST: The sympathizers of the socialist road to development are still not in the majority in our society. This is the time of rabid anti-Communism. This is basically the hysteria in Western Ukraine. As an example, in the Volyn region there was 76% who voted for Kuchma, in the Ivan-Frankovsk region over 92% voted for Kuchma, while in the Carpathian region it was 83%.

The role of falsification and irregularities was evident even to foreign observers. As an example, in the Lvov region there was uncovered facts, where the voters who were known to the scrutinizers, received 3-4 ballots each?!

In spite of all this, the majority of people gave their votes to Kuchma. One of the foreign observers (from Denmark) stated: "This is not a normal country, the economy is in shatters and getting worse with each month, but the people still elected the same person that caused this devastation!"

SECOND: The Kuchma presidential campaign was due to all the efforts only around him. The country was subjected to unheard of vicious anti-

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Communist hysteria The full support to this self-styled "leader of all the people" was given by all TV, press and radio media. Different methods of buying voter support were utilized. After months of not receiving payments, pensions or student stipends, Kuchma opened up the purse strings, just before the elections. Old age pensioners, striking workers, students received their due moneys. International observers from UN uncovered many falsifications, unparalleled use of the state money and "free media" 100% devoted ONLY to Kuchma. Even these foreign observers noted that directors of enterprises, school principals and elected bodies of government were under threat of producing results or of losing their jobs.

Can we really say that Kuchma received unquestionable loyalty of a majority of people? If the elections were held without this hysteria.. manipulations and open lying, the results of course would have been much different.

THREE: The complete support to Kuchma by the church was astounding in their methods. The church and Kuchma himself utilized in his campaign posters and literature that it was the "Word of God". All church servants, dignitaries and priests were mobilized. The church sermons were constantly agitating the believers with: "do not allow these atheist heathens of the past to come to power". The present Ukrainian nationalistic state

utilized the communist ideology that there should be a separation of church and the state. Even amongst the believers there are many who support the Communist ideology, since Christianity before was based on such principals. Communists always have sought cooperation with religious people - but the state and religion must be a separate entity.

The question of cooperation has still to be resolved in the present state. The believers are in many cases our mothers and fathers and friends.

FOURTH: The election campaign also showed the people Kuchma's intellectual capacity



Elder people are forced to beg or plead for their old age pensions!

or lack of it. This is shown by the fact that Kuchma refused a debate with Communist candidate Simonenko.

Before the election, Kuchma hardly ever traveled amongst the people, did not even show his face to the electorate. But during the elections (at the advise of foreign "friends") he constantly traveled to all parts of the country, warning people

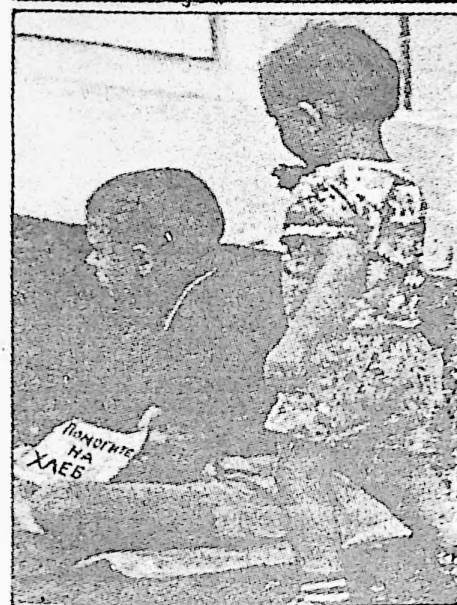
what terrible consequences awaited them if the "Red revenge seekers" came to power! But Kuchma himself climbed the ladder to the top in the Communist Party of Ukraine. Facts are, his studies were less than mediocre and his marks were in the lower 40% and you know what students call some that receives D or C on their report card!

Whatever the marks Kuchma received in his party school, while opportunistically he was climbing the CPSU ladder, he managed through means already written about to buy out many voters, utilizing his across the ocean public relations people. He was able to fool his supporters so, that they did not even realize that his election platform this time was exact repetition of 1994. That this leader is a "tool" of foreign and internal bourgeois, did not seem to have penetrated these voters minds.

FIFTH: Now, Communist ideology is still a mass factor amongst the Ukrainian population. Ten million strong Communist vote is a huge army fighting against capitalism. Even in the Volyn district where Kuchma was a winner, over 122,000 voters voted for the Communist candidate-- which is 19%. In the Liubeshovsky district the Communists received 32% in spite of the vicious hysteria. Peter Simonenko won ten regions of Ukraine. In the Vinnitsky region he received 59%, Poltava region -58%, Chernigovsk region 56% and in Lugansk region - 54%.

SIXTH: Kuchma and company see a danger from the working class, of course. It is foreseen that Kuchma and his masters can bring in legislature to outlaw the communist parties and other left movements...I just hope that I am proven wrong!

SEVENTH: The election showed dramatically the des-



Top: This is the bed of a WW2 veteran. Below: Youngsters are forced to beg on the streets.

perate need of unity amongst the left forces. The terrible danger and threat to this unity is opportunism and double-dealing. The most important aspect of a revolutionary party is its attitude to the ownership of the means of production. Socialism is only possible if the means of production is owned by the people. Socialism abhors any vistages of exploitation of man by man.

EIGHT: Time is long due for all the left wing parties to do more effective work amongst the working class. A foreign observer has called our country "abnormal"! Of course, our country is not ours now! The structures of these Mafiosi structures in our country must be exposed more. So far, the

left forces have not concentrated on this extremely important aspects as the cause of our ills. Many people now are in the camp of anti-Communism. They do not fully understand the cause of the present catastrophe. Some segments of the population are still waiting the coming to power of a "clever president". Then the promised capitalist "heaven" shall arrive. This kind of thought brings to mind the historical past in Russia when people pined for a "good Czar". The reasons for this calamity goes deeper than "personalities", the basic fault is with the bourgeois state!

The mass-political work amongst the masses must be dwelt into, looking at the aspects of the workers, farmers,



Kuchma even forced the militia and police cars to broadcast and carry pictures of him and daily tour the city. This on top of outright falsification.

students, teachers, army personnel and other strata of the population. More work must be done to develop dedicated and well taught political propagandists and agitators, capable to bring the truth to the people. Schools in this respect must be organized as they were before 1953 in order to bring up such dedicated cadres.



Young Agitation groups are springing up all over Ukraine with their message of struggles against the present capitalist regime!

EIGHT: Parliamentary path must be looked upon as only one of the methods towards socialism. Bourgeoisie is very tricky and underhanded in its methods. In a critical moment of its existence they abandon and overlook any Constitution that is in force. Perfect exam-

ple was the methods used in the parliamentary presidential election in the Ukraine in 1999. The most open example of this "bourgeois democracy" was the terrorist bombardment by Yeltsin of the Supreme Soviet of Russia in 1993. □

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ADDITIONAL ELECTION INFORMATION CAME IN.

The results in Lugansk region for the presidential election is a mixed reaction unfortunately. I had my principal of the High School where I also taught, cry when telling me how the regime of Kuchma forced her to make the students vote right at the school, under the eyes of the staff, amongst whom many are Ukrainian nationalists. She was told either she fulfills this demand or she will lose her job. The other teachers were also thus threatened.

In spite of these threats, in Lugansk the vote was for Simonenko of the CPU 53% while Kuchma received only 34%. This is hardly surprising, since Lugansk is known as *Red Ukraine*.

On the other hand, it is devastating to comprehend that the Coal miners that were on strike for many months, blocking highways, having gone without pay for way over 11 months, with suicides and terrible hardships...during the holding of

the Second Round, voted for Kuchma in their majority!

Workers in the *Belly of the Beast* of Imperialism in the USA or even Canada, first of all would never put up without their pay for all those months...they would rebel and would definitely strike and also cause the capitalist class to have second thoughts. And, they **CERTAINLY** would not again vote for the party that did that to them!

Was it the pressures of the media, threats or what was it that did convince these coal miners to vote again for these bourgeois Ukrainian nationalists? Obviously all these coal miners have a very bitter lesson ahead of them in their struggles in the very near future, then they certainly cannot expect other workers of the world to have too much sympathy for them! *It must be said that the work of the communist parties amongst them was not very effective!* □

A milestone for the Czech and Slovak Nations

From "Dialog Otazky Odpovedi (Dialogue Questions & Answers) a Czech independent Communist Monthly.

By Vratislav Santroch

61 years of the Munich betrayal and capitulation!



The Munich betrayal which took place in September of 1938 takes on a very special significance today when the present day reactionaries with open government support from the ruling Social Democrats, is again betraying the national interests of this country. It is essential that the young generation be reminded that it was the workers and the farmers, tradesmen and progressive intelligencia, who together with the Communist party struggled against fascism. They stood for the defense of the Czechoslovak nation during 1930s, the Munich betrayal and the Second World War. They also actively participated in the resistance movement during the Second World War, against the Hitlerite Fascist occupation.

It was 61 years ago that Hitler, with the active support from world imperialism, more specifically from England and France, who were accelerating

his preparations for the occupation of Czechoslovakia and the launching of the Second World War. These events were fully supported by the reactionary elements of the Czech and Slovak bourgeoisie and a majority of the German population residing in Czechoslovakia. The fifth column Henlein (name given to the Fascists in Czechoslovakia) putsch in the month of early September 1938, legalized the terrorism which would be unleashed against Czechoslovakia, thus immediately was the beginning of the wholesale murder of all anti-fascist Czechs and Germans.



Nazi propaganda material seized by Austrian police includes guns, ammunition and recordings.

HERMANN WALKOBINGER/Associated Press

Standing at the head of all of these actions, were the Communists. It is worth noting that both then and now, the betrayal of the nation was perpetrated by the most reactionary segments of the bourgeoisie, with the active support of the right wing Social Democrats. Both England and France betrayed Czechoslovakia. Their representatives in September of 1938, in conjunction with Hitler and Mussolini, decided, without Czech consent or consultation to allow the annexation by Germany of the borderlands dividing the two nations. Only the Soviet Union was willing to honor its treaty obligations and come to the aid of Czechoslovakia (the other signatories such as France and England chose to renege on all their obligations). Our nation shall never forget that our regained freedom on May 9, 1945 was the result of the heroic struggle waged by Soviet people and their Red Army in the Second World War. They carried the biggest burden in the fight to liberate humanity from Fascist slavery.

Comrade Gotwald on October 11, 1938 in this crisis, rose in the Czechoslovak parliament to accuse the ruling bourgeoisie of having surrendered the country without a fight, in spite of the fact that they did not lack the means with which to defend themselves.

He pointed out that both Ethiopians and the Spaniards had fought Fascism and that the Chinese were still continuing to fight. "Believe me", he went on to say: "I, as a Communist have always been proud of my Czech heritage with its Husite traditions. However, as a dedicated Communist, I cannot be proud of the actions taken on September 30th by this Government and of the

resultant situation. All those, who have even a small part of self-respect within them, must feel ashamed of this action by this government." When comrade Gotwald concluded his remarks, then the parliamentary vice chairman, Soukup, a Social Democrat rose to deliver his response.

"As vice chairman, I feel it incumbent on myself to express my very deep regret that MP (Gotwald), in the darkest hour of the Czechoslovak people and state, has chosen this moment to give voice to his attack and to censure this government. His attack, perhaps the most severe that he has ever voiced, accuses both levels of the present government and blames it in a most astonishing nature. His remarks are of such nature as to endanger the public tranquillity of this land and lead further to serious international conflicts. Therefore am obliged therefore as chairman to call to order MP Gotwald for his attacks and accusations and to reserve for censure his entire speech by the presidium of this assembly."

The reactionary circles in this country were afraid of arousing the workers and so proceeded to outlaw the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia (KSC). During the years of German occupation, the Hitlerites violently murdered over 360,000 Czech patriots of which over 25,000 were leading Communists. This testifies to the fact that Communists, even in the darkest hours of this country, struggled to defend the interests of the working people and the nation as a whole. At all times it was correctly emphasized by Zdenek Nejedly, that the Communists were the inheritors of the progressive traditions of this nation. It is the Communists who

are showing the way and direction to go in order to get out of the capitalist system and its exploitation. The dedicated Communists expose all the reactionaries and all collaborators who are trying to create a new Munich Pact betrayal on our nation.

COMMENT

According to the Associated Press based in Vienna, the following news item appeared in the capitalist press:

"A neo-Nazi group seeking the overthrow of the Austrian government has been uncovered. Over 60 of its ring-leaders have been questioned (not arrested or detained). This follows the right-wing revival in Austria. The present Austrian government is not too keen to make a big issue of this and trying to belittle its significance. All of these suspects have close contacts (according to the materials seized) with Nazis in Austria and specially with the formerly convicted Nazis in Austria and, Germany. They cooperate

with organized groups now in Germany, Britain and United States. The Austrian group, in cooperation with the above named countries had plans to set up training camps in the Czech Republic all in order to prepare for a "political coup". This is happening because of the Austria's right-wing government under the leadership of Mr. Haider and his Freedom Party, plus the political stance of the Vaclav Government in Prague."

COMMENT

The above item should awaken the Communists in the Czech Republic to the danger. They cannot let history repeat itself! The Communists of the Czech Republic should already now be demanding the abolishment of these Fascist groups. Getting into the Parliament is one thing, but nipping in the bud the approaching Fascists is a priority that should be number one item on the agenda. The spirit of Gotwald must be the number item on the political agenda! □

INTERNATIONAL SLAV COMMITTEE MET IN PRAGUE

During September of 1999 the meeting took place of all representatives of Slavic organizations from many countries so that they could discuss and adopt materials for its future work. The discussion and decision was also made when the VIII Slavic World Congress shall meet again, and it was decided to meet in June, year 2000 in Minsk, Byelorussia.

The actions planned in year 2000 in honour of the VIII Congress are varied and many. There will be an anti-Fascist conference held in city of War-

saw, Poland in year 2000 to commemorate the victory of the Second World War. Slavic organizations also organized in Berlin the meeting of protest against the USA genocide actions in Yugoslavia. This Conference also gave the task to the World Slavic Congress to take all measures necessary in order to struggle against the world policies of NATO, which has trampled on all international laws in its aim to destroy the Slavic peoples. The Congress gave its support to the heroic Serbian people in Yugoslavia, against whom now there is being put into effect a

campaign of drastic economic embargo.

The International Congress of Slav Committee has declared its support to the Russian people against banditism in the region of Caucasus, which is abetted and supported by International Imperialism and to take steps in order to help all of the innocent people caught in this terrorism.

Next year we are planning many cultural events in the Slavic lands. There is being planned an important Festival of Slavic Music in Moscow, while another Festival of traditional folk Slavic music is to be held in Minsk, Byelorussia. An important Slavic Youth Congress is planned to be held in Yugoslavia. Besides all of this, we are planning conferences on the "History of the Slavic People" in Moscow and in the near future we are also planning to call a Conference on the possibility of integration of economic ties between the Slavic peoples as they existed during the Soviet Union ties and COMECOM. Topping all this off is the planned Symposium on the theme: "Ten Years without the USSR" which shall have many political overtones. The Interna-

tional Slavic Committee also supports and will try to make it a realizable goal of establishing an International Slavic Information Center, as was proposed by the recently held conference of all Slavic newspaper Editors. □

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SYRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

The 75th Anniversary of the Syrian Communist Party took place on November 28, 1999, and this party, known for its rich history of struggle against imperialism, was the first political force in Syria to introduce Socialist ideology.

We have an old parliamentary tradition dating back to 1954 when our comrade Khaled Bagdash was first elected to the Syrian Parliament and thus becoming the first Communist MP in all of the Arab World. Our Syrian party is still represented in parliament.

CC International Department
Syrian Communist Party
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NSC and Org. Committee for an International Council have sent fraternal greetings to our comrades in Syria. □

horses, charities and athletics. Socialized at all their parties, dined at their tables, slept in their bedrooms - even I must confess, with some of their women. And none realized that I was a dedicated Marxist. If they had I'd have been kicked out on my butt. These folk don't look too kindly on those who, like myself, feel that the working class has a right to a bigger, if not major, share of the national wealth they produce. That's what Marxism is all about.

So I kept my thoughts to myself. But my ears and my eyes I kept open. And in the course of those 25 years I discovered many surprising, and yes, even frightening and unbelievable things about America and that elite which owns and runs it.

Moreover, all of this very germane now because of the defeat in the USSR, of the first great attempt to build a socialist society. And it's particularly interesting to me right now that I'm out of the political closet with my new book, CLOSET RED, which incidentally, is my fourth book, all of which are in the New York Public Library and other libraries. Because now that I'm out of the political closet, I always openly wear on my lapel a beautiful portrait of Vladimir Lenin and other Marxist leaders.

And people, especially those who've been subjected to years of capitalist demonization of socialist leaders... and these people say to me: "You are wearing a portrait of Lenin?!!! Why, the man's now an outlaw in his own country! They're pulling down his statues and that of Stalin! Haven't you seen those pictures of Lenin with a rope around his neck? That's the end of socialism!"

To which I then reply: "Yes,

OPEN FORUM

Is Communism really dead?

BY BERNARD LIVINGSTON

I'm an acknowledged Communist, a Marxist, a "Red" if you will. But I wasn't always public about it. That's why one of my books is called **CLOSET RED, a Marxist's Adventure Inside the Ruling Class**. I was in the political closet.

For 25 years, as a photographer, a film maker and author, I moved inside the private worlds of all the Kennedy's, Whitney's, all the Rockefeller's, Dukes and other ruling class elite. I even photographed their gardens, race-

Lenin is now an outlaw in his own country. But do you know something? So was also Jesus Christ an outlaw in his own country. And when the Roman Empire, which was also a slave system, pulled him down from the cross, they too thought that it was also the end: the end of Christianity, just as the American Empire, which is also a wage-slave system, applauded the destruction of Lenin's statues as the end of socialism. But real early Christianity, which was a progressive force in the beginning, came back, and even expanded. And, in 200 years all of the Roman Empire was gone, completely and for good.

And so with Socialism. Socialism was young, only a few decades old in the Soviet Union, a baby, so to speak. And that baby fell in its first attempt to start to walk. But a baby falls many times before it masters walking. And on its next try the socialist baby will succeed.

Other people explain: "You are comparing Lenin with Jesus!!!" And I always reply, "Yes, there is a similarity. Jesus said, according to the Bible, Matthew, Chapter 19, Verse 24, 'A Rich Man Can As Soon Enter The Kingdom Of Heaven As A Camel Can Pass Through The Eye Of A Needle'. And Lenin, like Jesus, also stood for a society *No Rich, No Poor*. Lenin would never have tolerated a society where a Bill Gates has \$100 billion dollars, while millions live below poverty level, and millions more sleep on the street. That's why the rich... the present elite ruling class..so ardently hate what V. Lenin stood for, and spent trillions of dollars trying to destabilize the Soviet Union."

And the U.S. **did** spend tril-

lions of dollars trying to bring down the Soviet Union. U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, Robert Strauss, said in testimony before the U.S. Congress. You can read his words in the New York Times newspaper. And it finally succeeded. What Hitler couldn't ever accomplish with history's greatest military machine, unfortunately U.S. capitalism accomplished with dollars and treachery of men like Gorbachev and Yeltsin. And Gorbachev is now being chauffeured around in Malcom Forbe's plane, aptly named "Capitalist Tool", while Yeltsin's criminal clique, yes, especially his daughter, laundered billions of stolen dollars in a New York Bank, a Castle in Germany and a Mansion of the French Riviera.

But crushing socialist revolutions is also nothing new. The capitalist crushed the first socialist revolution in Germany way back in 1848, and said: "That's the end of socialism. Besides, socialism doesn't work."

But socialist revolution came back in 1871 with the Heroic Paris Commune. And capitalism again crushed it in blood. "That's now really the end," they said. "Besides, it doesn't work, doesn't work."

Nevertheless it came back in 1917 with the Russian Revolution. Then Winston Churchill of Britain declared loud and clear: "The communist infant must be strangled in its cradle." and fourteen nations sent armies too strangle the Communist baby infant. "Besides, it doesn't work, doesn't work," they all stressed. **"This will definitely be the end."**

Not only did the Communist infant not die in its cradle, it lasted over 70 years and fed and housed all its people, despite the unbelievable destruc-

tion of two world wars. It also guaranteed everybody a steady job, free education, and also under Joseph Stalin, it destroyed Adolph Hitler genocide and fascism and then opened up the space age. Moreover, other socialist revolutions inspired by the Bolshevik Revolution, came forth in China, Cuba, Viet Nam and Korea, plus the emergence of a Socialist Commonwealth of Nations in Eastern and Central Europe. The only thing that (quote) "didn't work, didn't work", was the production of billionaires, some of whom, like Bill Gates, own more wealth than the combined wealth of many nations.

Over the centuries, many other creative efforts by mankind were also hampered by cynics and enemies, all to the chorus of "Won't work, won't work!"

One of these efforts was the attempt to finally achieve human flight. In Greek mythology the inventor, Daedalus, created for himself and his son Icarus, wings of feathers held together by wax, to fly from Greece to Sicily. Together they flew away. But Icarus went too close to the hot sun, the wax melted and he crashed into the sea. Daedalus, however, kept his distance from the sun and escaped to Sicily.

The myth records the ancient Greek belief that human flight is possible if it is managed correctly. Daedalus managed his flight correctly. Icarus did not and failed. But for millennia thereafter the achievement of Daedalus was underplayed, while the failure of Icarus remained dominant in the human psyche. "Won't work, won't," the cynics continued to chorus, helped in this by the religious fanatics and dogma!

That is, until the Wright

Brothers in 1903, managed the first sustained human flight in history.

As with the idea of human flight so with the idea of Socialism. Despite all the efforts to bury socialism over the generations ("Won't work, won't work") it has somewhat always seemed to return. And let me reinforce the proposition that a good idea does not die, with an example somewhat less lofty than that of human flight. I speak of the lowly cockroach.

For thirty years I have been trying to destroy all of my cockroaches in the same way that world capitalism has tried to destroy socialism. I threatened them with the Black Flag bombs, I also gassed them with DDT, I ensnared them in Combat traps, I enticed them into poisonous roach motels. I even tried to starve them, (as the U.S. does Cuba with a food embargo), by going away for weeks and leaving no eatables around the house.

No good. Like Socialism, they always managed to come back. But last night, after an insecticide "carpet bombing", almost as intense as Clinton's bombing of heroic Yugoslavia. I thought I had seen the definitive demise of all these creeping cockroaches.

And what do you know? Right across the top of my desk this morning paraded a lusty arrogant fellow, I was so shocked that I could have sworn that the cockroach had a prophetic arm pointed toward the future, like those statues of V. Lenin which the "Yuppie" Russian youth now, who follow Yeltsin are so blindly and assiduously tearing them down, as though they regret having been freed from Tsarist tyranny.

I hope that those socialists (communists) that are still

around don't take umbrance at my comparing real socialism and Lenin with the cockroach. They needn't, really I say. The cockroach is actually an admirable little fellow. He's clean, doesn't leave a mess around as do some household pets. He's very polite. You come into the kitchen and turn on the light, he quickly and politely gets out of your way.

Even if you swat him with your hand he doesn't leave an icky residue on your palm. All in all, the cockroach is one of the most respectable creatures around. And nothing, not even nuclear radiation, can destroy him. After all, he's been here longer than we have and likely will be here after we've gone.

That brings me back to the temporary defeat of socialism. World's capitalism, following Churchill's 1917 advice that "the communist infant must be destroyed in its cradle", unceasingly strove to do just that. And, yes in 1990, they finally succeeded in bringing down socialism in some countries. Like the cockroach, however, socialism is sure to return. A capitalist system that in the U.S., for instance, can't provide jobs for millions of its people, or homes for millions living in cardboard boxes on the street, millions more on drugs, to say nothing of more millions in jails and 35 million in poverty, assures the eventual return of socialism. **It's Capitalism that just doesn't work!** Facts cannot be hidden. Sure, it has lasted 300 years, with the help of wars and exploitation. But in the long term it doesn't work! It can't, because of its internal contradictions, as Marx pointed out 150 years ago.

The question is simple, just as Einstein's equation for the workings of all the universe,

$E=mc^2$, is simple. If you have a system where 100 workers, that is, the total **workforce**, produce commodities whose value is \$100, of which the capitalist, that is, the **owning force**, appropriates \$50 for himself, giving only \$50 in wages to the **worker**, that is, the **consumer**, how will the consumer buy back \$100 in products with only \$50? Can't be done! Excess products pile up over the long run. You have then a depression. All the products must be dumped in the sea as was done in the U.S. in the 1930's. Or many wars must be started to shoot up the excess or capture new markets as, for instance World Wars One and Two and to the present day wars. We've had reached near those flash-points many times and will again. It's inevitable.

And next time around, socialism (where the workers get the full value of the wealth they produce, with it consequent full buying power) socialism will have learned from Icarus how to correct its mistakes. Like Daedalus it will know how to manage.

Then, perhaps not too many years down the road, we shall see the total demise of capitalism when it is buried, just as feudalism buried slavery and capitalism buried feudalism, at last come true.

$E=mc^2$. So my advice is:

**THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU
SWAT THE NEXT
COCKROACH!**

We can only add to this excellently written article one fact-Judas, who sold Jesus out, had the courage to hang himself for his crime, but Gorbachev, the Second Judas, just keeps on collecting his 30 pieces of silver!

The Editor □

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COMMUNISTS IN CONGRESS

I spent the week-end of the 27th-28th November 1999 at the 12th National Congress of the New Communist Party of Britain, which I attended as a delegate from the Brighton Branch. I am proud to be a foundation member of the New Communist Party and of having present, in one capacity or another, at every one of the 12 biennial congresses that have been held since the foundation of the party in 1977. These congresses have always been an inspiration but never before has there been quite such an air of optimism among delegates and visitors alike.

We are still a small party but growing in influence and just now we are beginning to recruit many new members. Our weekly newspaper, the *New Worker*, of which 1080 issues have appeared in the past 27 years, is beginning to find new readers. In fact, it has never been easiest to sell - at meetings, on demonstrations and, in some areas, on the streets.

That the New Communist Party is recognized as an important part of the international communist movement was borne out by the procession of many fraternal delegates from overseas communist and workers' parties that addressed the Congress throughout the proceedings. There were fraternal delegates from the Workers' Party of Korea,

The Communist Party of Vietnam, the African Liberation Support Committee, The Communist Party of Greece, the Communist Party of India (Marxist), plus the Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain, the New Communist Party of the Netherlands, the Communist Worker's Party of Russia, the Communist Party of Germany, as well as the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) and the Communist Party of Scotland, both of which hold regular discussions with the New Communist Party of Britain on the subject of needed Communist unity. There were also a large number of messages, too numerous to mention, from communist parties and progressive organizations worldwide that were unable, for one reason or another, to be able to send delegates. These included a well-received message of good wishes from Northstar Compass and another from the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist). They also included messages from many organizations as far afield as China, Finland, Japan, Mexico, Nepal and the Ukraine.

Opening the Congress, Eric Trevett, President of the New Communist Party of Britain, said that he was convinced that the next century would see "the triumph of socialism throughout the world." Reporting and commenting on his speech, the *New Worker* considered that his judgment "was fully justified by the two days of non-stop discussion on the capitalist crisis in a world where the alternative of socialism continues to make an indelible mark on human progress."

Said Andy Brooks, General Secretary of the New Communist Party of Britain: "The British ruling class and the rest of the pack tell us that socialism is dead. They tell us that the counter-revolution in the

Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe in 1990 ended forever the specter that is haunting Europe, as Marx and Engels put it, but they are wrong. We are constantly fed a diet of pseudo-documentaries on the television, which denigrate the October Revolution and the leadership of Lenin and Stalin. They wheel out again the Dalai Lama, the exiled "God-King" of Tibet, who tours Western capital to preach his own reactionary ideas, ideas that have long been rejected in Tibet and in the rest of People's China."

Coming nearer to home, a number of delegates raised the question of whether communists should continue to vote Labour in the forthcoming elections. "At the last General Election," said Eric Trevett, "our party saw the priority of getting rid of the Tory Government. In that event, the election was won on an anti-Tory vote. It was not a vote for socialism." What workers in some foreign countries, particularly in the USA, do not realize is that the British Labour Party is still basically financed by the trade union movement and that trade unionists, either by virtue of their individual membership or by affiliation of their unions still comprise the bulk of the Labour Party membership. As Robin Smith said in his contribution to the Congress: "There is no doubting the working-class base of the Labour Party. Three million trade unionists pay the political levy and Tony Blair knows he is as much where he is today because of them as for any other reason."

Said Eric Trevett: "We must be wary of all fresh moves to weaken and break the link between the trade unions and the Labour Party. Nor must we go along with the idea of creating organizations in the Labour movement, which will inevitably lead to fragmentation."

The contributions of rank and file members of the New Communist Party of Britain from all over the country, showed that they were under no illusions as to the role of the Labour Party in Parliament, but that we could not afford the return of the Tories to power. On the few occasions when the Labour Party has been put under serious pressure, they have made concessions.

Obviously, the answer is to exert more pressure and in the meantime to prepare for future courses of action by building up the New Communist Party of Britain as the vanguard party of the working class.

The pensioners, whose organizations are now growing in strength and militancy, have gained small concessions and are hungry for even more. Their main demand is for the restoration of the link between average earnings and the state retirement pension, which was broken by the Thatcher government in the seventies. It has been estimated that a pensioner who had been drawing his or her pension for the whole of the period since the change, would have a total of 30,000 pounds! And that every pensioner today would have been 30 pounds a week better off if the link had not been broken.

Other delegates dealt with such problems as unemployment and the National Health Service, racism and violence, the environment and above all the prospects for peace and socialism. "Have you ever heard anyone talk of 'peace and capitalism'?" asked Pat Abraham.

On the question of Ireland, the delegates welcomed the Good Friday Agreement but noted, as Theo Russell explained, that "the peace process is not a settlement; it is a new phase in the struggle for a united Ireland."

A measure of the unity of



Brends Lee, Andy Brooks and Eric Trevett on Presidium

purpose of the delegates present can be gauged from the fact that only one issue, and that was a minor one, were the tellers called upon to count a vote. All other reports and resolutions were accepted, after much discussion and also sometimes after amendment, by unanimous acclaim. A great deal of this unanimity is due to a rule in the constitution of the New Communist Party of Britain that forbids the mandating of delegates. Delegates have to make up their minds as to which way to vote after having heard the points of views put forth by all the delegates in open discussion.

A collection taken on the second day of the Congress, realized the sum of 1,134 pounds, a useful boost to the *New Worker* Special Appeal Fund. The Congress ended with a lusty rendering of the *International* on the part of delegates and visitors alike.

I and another delegate from Brighton had traveled to North London for the Congress with a visitor, a former member of

the old Communist Party of Great Britain that has since degenerated into the Democratic Left. At the end of the Congress the visitor told me he had decided to apply for membership in the New Communist Party. "It's good to be among real communists again," was his parting words. □

CANADIAN SLAV COMMITTEE IS REBORN!

At the Conference of the Editorial Board of NSC, the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and the Organizing Committee for an International Council, it was unanimously agreed upon to resurrect the Canadian Slav Committee. There exists a World Slav Committee in Europe dedicated to struggle against NATO and Imperialism.

**Michael Popovich, Chairman
George Hess, Secretary**

A REPORT:

BY RAY O LIGHT

On November 30th, 1999, for the first time in 50 years, a significant section of the organized labor in the USA demonstrated opposition to important international policies of the US ruling class. The occasion was the scheduled first day of the new "Clinton round" of negotiations of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The USA president had initiated the convening of government officials from all of the 135 countries with the largest ever gathering of top corporate executives. The site was Seattle, Washington. (80 years earlier, the city of Seattle had been the site of the first of only two general strikes in the twentieth century in the USA.) On November 30th, perhaps 35,000 members of the Steelworkers, Teamsters, UNITE (garment and textile union), Machinists and other AFL-CIO unions took over the streets of Seattle along with newly found allies among the environmentalists, anarchist youth, anti-imperialists, and trade unionists from countries all over the world. As a result of this, the representatives of the world's elite were unable to meet that day!!

Clinton and the international finance capitalists had thought that the working class and the masses would provide no obstacle to the growing domination of their new world order. After all, a panel of three corporate honchos has the power to overthrow the laws of any country if such laws are found to be in restraint of "free trade"! This is how, for example, recently, the USA, on behalf of the US meatpacking and beef industries, was able to compel the European Union countries to accept US beef

FROM THE BELLY OF THE BEAST

NO TO WTO- THE US WORKING CLASS TAKES A STEP FORWARD IN SEATTLE

(with all the growth hormones they contain) into the markets of Europe and into the bodies of the European peoples, despite the EU to bar such beef. This was also how Venezuela, whose powerful oil industry opposed the US Clean Air Act with its mandate for cleaner air from their refineries, brought this US law before the WTO which decided that the US law did indeed impede the free trade. The US Environmental Protection Agency was forced to back off to where they admit that there is an "potential for adverse environmental impact."

While on the surface this latter example seems to represent another country finally getting the better of the USA's imperialists, in reality, international finance capital, with the US in the lead, is quite content to have such US laws overthrown in the interests of maximum profits for the "free traders" of WTO. In the 12-27-99 issue of publication *The Nation*, William Grieder observes that, "In Seattle the developing countries were blamed for the rejection of labor rights and environmental protections..." William Grieder points out that the media "ignored the plain truth that India, Brazil, and Pakistan could not prevail alone but were joined in opposition by the largest multinationals as the *Wall Street Journal* admitted, "behind the scenes the US runs the show along with its sidekick the European Union." In other words, *US based* companies are behind the so-called opposition to workers rights. However, this is "fronted" by

the United States of America dominated but also nominally "independent" governments of oppressed nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

This Seattle meeting was intended "to launch the second round of WTO negotiations with the aim of further liberalizing global commerce" as the *Wall Street Journal* described it on the eve of the Seattle meeting. The previous round of negotiations had taken seven years to complete, though they were anticipating completing this round in three years. Certainly, the contradictions among all of the rival imperialist powers, banking and financial groups, etc. makes any "liberalizing" of global commerce a difficult process even when conducted secretly and in the absence of working class and anti-imperialist opposition. The mass show of opposition in Seattle guaranteed that nothing tangible would be achieved by international imperialism at the Clinton initiated Seattle summit meeting of WTO and has "launched" the Clinton round with a big thud!

Among the significant positive developments for the world proletariat and the world-wide anti-imperialist movement were the following:

1. "The cat is out of the bag". The World Trade Organization which was unknown to most of the international working class, has now become a household word thanks to the Seattle protesters.
2. The AFL-CIO union members who protested in Seattle may have come there with great nation-chauvinist and projection-

ist prejudices. Yet they applauded the many militant speakers they heard representing the working class of all the oppressed nations, including South Africa, as well as of Canada, Europe and Japan. For most of these US workers it was their first glimpse of the power and greatness of **proletarian internationalism** as well as the **burning need for it**.

3. The political strike of members of the large International Longshoremen's Union (ILWU) shutting down the Seattle docks (and docks up and down the West Coast of the USA) was the highlight of the anti-monopolist demonstration in Seattle.

4. The gauntlet has been thrown down by the international capital. US imperialism was forced to take off its gloves to deal with these US workers. Once the protesters seized control of Seattle, the only way that the USA imperialist bourgeoisie was able to regain control of the city and attempt to begin the opening WTO meeting was through brutal police violence - the violence of the US state apparatus. Will the US working class draw correct revolutionary lessons about the need to prepare for dealing with the state violence of the US capital?

5. What had formerly seemed to be so overwhelming in its power that it seemed to be inevitable, namely, the expansion and encroachment of the absolute power of international finance capital into every nook and cranny of the world economy was shown to have feet of clay. As the Wizard of Oz says to Dorothy when she notices the little man behind the curtain. "*Ignore the little man behind the curtain.*" A barely organized band of perhaps 50,000 people, under the half-hearted and seriously compromised leadership of John Sweeney and the AFL-CIO

took over Seattle and stopped the imperialist rulers and their international henchmen in their tracks!

6. This also demonstrated the power of the working class when it begins to struggle against its real enemies. And there is no doubt that the organized section of the US working class which has tragically broken away from the rest of the international working class for the past half century and has been allied with its own native imperialist bourgeoisie instead, has begun, at long last, with the anti-WTO struggle in Seattle, to break with its own bourgeoisie and make links once again with the rest of the international working class.

7. This still relatively privilege section of the US working class has discovered allies among the environmentalists, the anarchist youth, and the representatives of trade unions from other countries whom they cheered. Now that their eyes have begun to open, the main task of the workers vanguard is to deepen all these alliances while clearly concentrating on the solidarity among the international working class as the **focal point of the alliance**. For the WTO represents in the first place, the effort of the international capitalist class to exercise dictatorship over the international working class. And the international working class must answer with its own international struggle for power.

The question then arises, will the international proletariat take up the fight in the world international proletarian unity? As Karl Marx taught, where capitalists are better organized and united than the working class, they win. Where the working class is more united and organized than the capitalists, we win. Whatever the zigs and zags of the struggle, henceforth any sell-out

trade union leaders - in the USA, Europe, Japan or anywhere else in the world - will have much greater difficulty openly opposing and red-baiting those of us in the trade union movement who agitate and organize around proletarian internationalism. Concrete trade union links, along the lines pushed by the KMU, the leading trade union movement in the Philippines, are on the order of the day.

In conclusion: the struggle continues on *both* sides. There is no doubt that US led international capital will continue to desperately negotiate among themselves in order to try to achieve maximum unity of the exploiters over the exploited.

Will the working class of the USA be won back to the side of Clinton and US imperialism on the basis of protectionism, legalism, and great-nation chauvinism? Or will the US working class continue the journey, only just begun, away from the fatal embrace of their own imperialists and into the arms of their brothers and sisters of all lands - the international proletariat?? Or will they be stalled half-way by vacillation of petty bourgeois present leaders of organized labor (Sweeney et al), "the labor lieutenants of the capitalist class", and the petty bourgeois milieu of the environmental movement??

Henceforth, and also, national sovereignty will be inexorably linked with the growing proletarian struggle for power against international capital. And such proletarian power will only be victorious to the extent that it is fought for on a dedicated proletarian internationalist basis!

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it into the Duma, or that did parliament will now or eventually break up their party and weaken the Communist movement.

I feel that the lesson, given by the bourgeois government to our communist leaders, shall open up their hot headed heads and brains about these parliamentary illusions. Of course, it is a crying shame that the hard-earned money given to these leaders for the election campaign as a deposit is lost now. It would have been better to have put them to good use - to help the striking workers, the striking committees, their leaders, who are now without work. At the end of this election campaign the "democrats" were happy, that the money deposited (by law) of those that did not get into the Duma, they're not returnable and thus these democrats are going to utilize these moneys that were deposited by the unlucky candidates for covering the costs of their own campaigns. The democrats have stated that these Deposits now total over 230 million rubles, which is about \$10,000,000 US dollars...

In this instance the bourgeoisie was not able to throw out the CPRF from the list of candidate for the two party system, ala US style parliament. These "democrats" have themselves brought on this "situation" where they tried to get the block "Fatherland-All Russia" that was the home of Primakov and Luzhkov which would have served their own ends, instead this mistake allowed the CPRF to slip in.

But, we must realize the demagogic election program of the CPRF during this election. Far from being pro-Stalin in

the least, they utilized the Stalin image for their own ends. Being rabid anti-Stalinists, they cleverly used Stalin and his historical successes in order to get the votes of the people who still and always will believe in Stalin. As a result of this demagogy, the CPRF received over 13 million votes, or 24% of the Soviets who voted.

Analyzing the results of these Russian elections, we are confident, that by not being elected to the Duma of dedicated communists and all their parties, they shall, in the end start working WITH US! Otherwise, whether they like it or not, history shall throw them aside. We or no one wants this to happen!

JUST IN!!!

Before we went to press the media reported that Boris Yeltsin resigned as President of Russia and gave his authority to V. Putin!

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If in 3 months the presidential election takes place and the CPRF leadership did not learn from the elections in Ukraine and Russia to unite ALL left forces for this struggle, then the blame will be on their shoulders as opportunists. They might get their 30 pieces of silver as did Judas when he sold out Jesus, but at least Judas hanged himself! Will Zyuganov have the courage to do the same? We doubt it!

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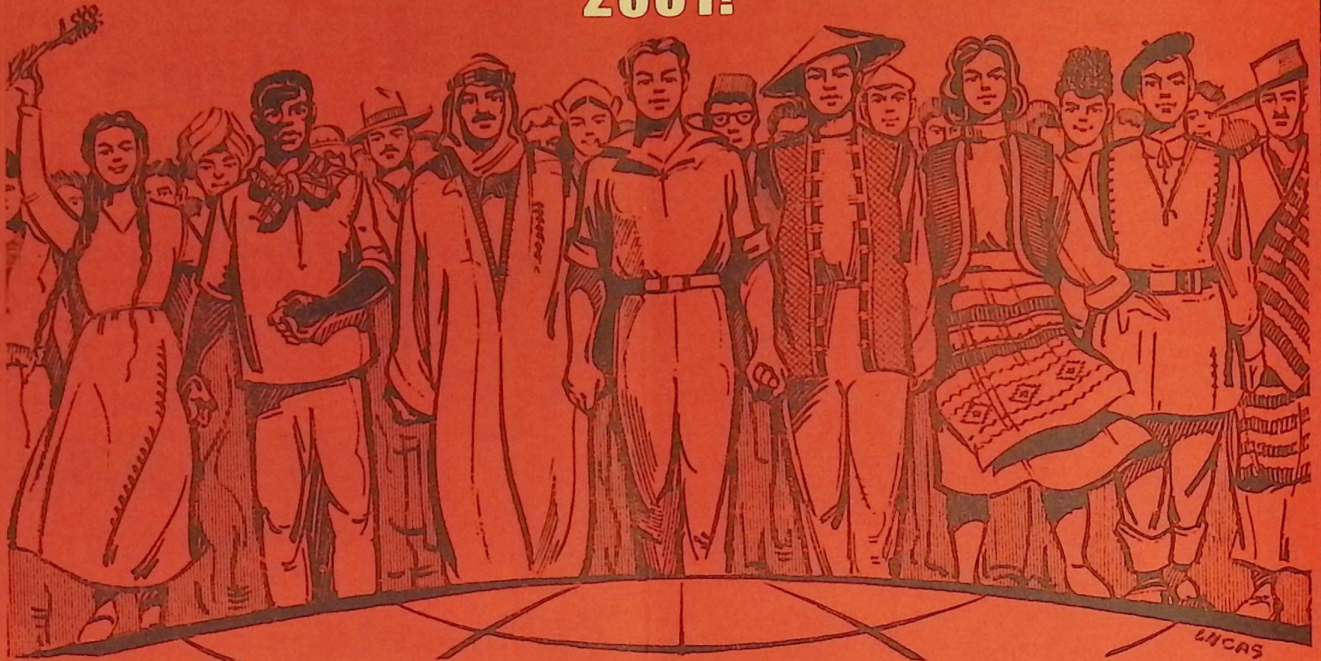
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