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IN THE CLUTCHES OF PSEUDO- DEMOCRATS!

When everyone talks about the freedom of mankind, does this not mean freedom to receive information? This question seems trite. But this important question in the minds of our present rulers causes another logic of interpretation. About this, I would like to comment with facts that are indisputable.

Here, I am sending your Editorial Board very interesting number of newspaper, "Independent Communist Digest". Unfortunately, this is the last number published. The brown hand of Ukrainian bourgeois-nationalism, now at the helm of the Government of Ukraine, has strangled this newspaper. How was this possible? Does this make any sense? The economic pressure, political ban, physical attacks against the journalists of the newspaper – now all this is an every-day occurrence, in order that the truth should be turned back and hide the truthful information.

It is already three weeks since I am not receiving the newspaper, "Pravda". This newspaper, even before, came very late and sometimes not at all. The authorities used to make excuses that it was due to the lack of newsprint in the Ukraine?! In the kiosk of my district or in other kiosks where newspapers are sold, "Pravda" was not sold for already close to three

GUEST EDITORIAL

OPEN LETTER TO NORTHSTAR COMPASS



By Vladimir Harasymchuk, Dean
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years. During the Yeltsin counter-revolution, they banned "Pravda". But somehow, this newspaper managed to come out. But again, something has happened to the newspaper. It seems that our pseudo-democrats want to take "Pravda" by the throat. Nowadays, lies and slander are put on a pedestal.

I think that even in our so-called "bourgeois democracy", what is happening in my country is unbelievable. Here's an example: I subscribed for 1993 the newspapers "Sovietskaya Rossia", "Glasnost", "People's Truth".

Where are they? I did not receive the newspapers and I also did not receive my money back! The post office took the money for delivering the newspapers. Well, that's how it is.

Last year, I also subscribed to the Byelorussian newspaper, "We and Time" (our readers saw many articles from that newspaper in our publication – Editors) because this newspaper had many interesting articles about the struggles and fight-back of Byelorussia for their rights. Now, this newspaper is even left out of the official catalogue of publications.

During the Soviet times, working as a teacher in a Secondary School, I received numerous publications from other countries, other Republics. Professor in a University, I have no opportunity to read not only foreign press, but the press of our sister Republics! I do not have enough information about events in the world, as a Professor, that I can teach my students. Even in the present newspapers that are controlled by the present authorities, these periodicals write very little about the world events. I cannot read anything about Canada or the American continent, Africa or Asia.

Of course, news about the "Heaven on Earth of capitalism – USA", there is constant news about the "high quality" of life! These news items are for those that are unread or completely not interested in events. In these newspapers, we are told how to "live in a market economy", how to

make and gather money through Mafiosi-speculators' structures and lots of sex stories. This is all we get on the pages of our press. But, what about the realistic day-to-day life of the Soviet people? It seems that in the market economy, these elements look at the people as unprofitable.

But history, fortunately, always moves forward. Struggles continue. Democratic fascism will be defeated. Work of mankind and its struggles always will overcome capital. Press of the peoples will never be silenced. I'm happy that in my own small way, I can help the "NorthStar Compass" take its rightful place among publications dedicated to Socialism and the rebirth of my Motherland.

Dear comrades! Our fight is correct – we shall win!

EDITORIAL BOARD – With his permission, we would be honoured indeed, to have Professor Vladimir Harysymchuk become an Honorary and Associate Editor of NorthStar Compass, and of our Editorial Board. □

FEATURE ANALYSIS

Editor's Note:

We welcome to our pages Hans Herzberg of Berlin Germany, who has forwarded at our request, the following insightful and timely article concerning the directions of Germany's foreign and military policy. He is a fifty or more year veteran of anti-fascist struggles and brings to his article the keenest insights, in part, no doubt derived from his lengthy career as an activist. We express our deepest appreciation to him for this excellent article and his "on-the-spot" insights.

AMID A GROWING WAR DANGER – WITHER GERMANY?

By Hans Herzberg

The above question may well be asked in the light of events and official statements, connected with both German home and particularly foreign policy.

The country is suffering from the worst economic crisis and the highest unemployment since 1929. Against this background, it has not been difficult to stir up hostility against foreigners. Physical attacks, brutal murder or arson are almost daily occurrences. German conservative and also other politicians, labour included, operated with the argument "The boat is full". This created the atmosphere to pass an anti-immigration law which practically stopped the influx from even less fortunate countries.

But that seems to be only the prelude. In a Christmas-Letter (sic) to the Christian-Democratic and Christian-Social Party MPs, their parliamentary chairman, Herr

Wolfgang Schäuble, claimed: "The borderlines between internal and external security are increasingly being obliterated in an age of worldwide migratory movements and international terrorism. That is why we should contemplate whether the Bundeswehr (armed forces) should be made available at home as well, in cases of major threats to security." The respective article of the constitution does not, however, lend itself to such an interpretation. It would have to be changed. As yet, opposition is strong enough to prevent such a move which inevitably would be an inroad on democratic freedoms.

FOREIGN DEPLOYMENT OF GERMAN BUNDESWEHR

On the other hand, there is no reason to make light of the matter. In more recent times, the basic law, time and again, was side-stepped or even changed if it suited the current government and its parliamentary majority. Take Article 87 (a) for instance. It is quite explicit that the armed forces may be used for defence and within the Western Alliance (meaning

HITLER TO GORBACHEV!

This medal is for carrying out that, which even I was not able to accomplish!



NATO) only, and very definitely not "outside of that area". This clear-cut stipulation has been subjected to Salami tactics which has punctured its spirit and letter:

In winter 1991 – during the Gulf War – German mine sweepers operated in the Eastern Mediterranean; in spring 1992, ambulance corps were sent to Cambodia; in summer that year, German destroyers and naval planes were sent to the Adriatic Sea off shore of former Yugoslavia; and over that country, German crews are participating in AWACS operations since spring 1993; in Iraq, German military helicopter crews are flying as UN-inspectors. Despite considerable parliamentary and extra-parliamentary opposition, 1,700 German troops were dispatched to Somalia in the summer this year (1993).

The Social Democrats and Free Democrats took the matter to the Federal Constitutional Court. The judges there are so overburdened with work that they can say no earlier than autumn 1994 whether or not the sending of German military to Somalia or elsewhere "out of area" is constitutional. By then, the troops will long have had to return home owing to the failure of the UN-mission. The German expedition was to have given logistic support to other UN-units which, however, never came. The estimated cost is 340 million German Marks. This is money down the drain for an abortive action, you may well say.

But all the above ventures served the long-term concept of conditioning the public to German military engagement far beyond the borders of the country or the alliance. And the Federal Constitutional Court when it finally pronounces judgement may easily give its belated blessings and thus the green light to further blunting of the constitutional edge and to fresh military adventures.

Gone are the days when the

frequently proclaimed principle of German policy and German military doctrines was that peace only and "no more wars" should start from German territory.

A NEW DEFINITION OF GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY IN THE MAKING!

Three years after the incorporation of the German Democratic Republic



(East Germany) and the breakdown of the old world order, now a new definition of German foreign policy and German military doctrine are said to be required in correspondence with the increased political weight of Germany. A new gripping militancy is the order of the day.

In this process, foreign and military policies are of course twin brothers. And like brothers, foreign minister Klaus Kinkel and defence minister Volker Rühle are vying with each other and at times, quarrelling about who "comes first", "who and what" is better.

The sights are set high enough. Sending German officers and men to Somalia was no end in itself. Not designed primarily to help "pacify" Somalia, or to help Somali reconstruct (the latter could have been done much more effectively and cheaper by civilian aid organizations).

No, it was done to demonstrate: That from now on, Germany would "completely fulfill its obligations as a UN-member", that it would no longer "hide on the visitor's tribune" (Herr Kinkel): to show that in their present structure, the United Nations "are not up to their tasks". And finally, that as a powerful European country, Germany could rightly claim a permanent seat in the Security Council, including the right of veto.

To rise to such altitudes, strong boosters are wanted. The blueprint as designed by the foreign minister looks as follows. (1) NATO should be "refunctioned to become – if necessary – a peace making instrument" and there should be a joint European UN-policy. (2) The "reform states" of the former Warsaw Treaty, the Baltic states and even the US states are "to be brought into Europe". Russia is considered the most important power keeping order in the East (although this is not at all music in the ears of Russia's next-door neighbours). (3) German diplomacy must pay more attention to Asia, "that is where the music is playing". This, above all, means China – for sound economic reasons. (4) Watch out who comes out on top in the Islamic world; Turkey being most favoured by German diplomacy.

"NEW" MILITARY DOCTRINES AFOOT ...

New tasks in foreign policy must have military backing, including military intervention, says Herr Rühle, minister of defence. The defence-political guide lines of his ministry were already out in November 1992. Plain speaking, they are not beating about the bush. They postulate as Germany's "vital security interest the maintenance of free world trade and unhindered access to markets and raw materials the world over". The paper is not shy to say that there are

limits to any alliance: "Despite agreement in principle, German interest will not, in each individual case, be identical with those of the allies and other partners. Therefore, the national interest is also the vantage point of security policies ..."

The German armed forces are given this directive: "Following the end of East-West confrontation, Europe has entered a phase in which peace can be upheld less than before by the prevention of war ... The forces should also become the means of preventative diplomacy, not merely serving defence."

Federal Army Inspector-General (the highest ranking German general) Klaus Naumann made the meaning of all this crystal clear. Lecturing in July 1993, he was quoted as saying: "The young soldiers joining the Bundeswehr today must know that for them, the probability of action in war is high, higher anyway than was the case previously."

VIGILANCE CALLED FOR ...

UN-Blue Helmets are merely the magic hood in the salami-tactics to eventually allow world-wide actions of the Bundeswehr. The government coalition in Bonn has drafted a change of the constitution which would allow German combat actions even completely outside the United Nations.

This draft is not law yet. For the time being, it is not likely to get the required two thirds majority in parliament. According to public opinion polls, there are no majorities for any form of combat action. So things are not cut and dried yet. But the political pressure is strong and unrelenting.

Unfortunately, the opposition, generally speaking, is not so united, not so consistent, not so strong to rally the potential of sober-minded and peace-loving people. The Social Democrats (Labour) under their leader Herr

Rudolf Scharping have repeatedly knuckled under the pressure in defence and other questions.

Therefore, it is timely if the Party of Democratic Socialism, the Green Party, the more consistent Social Democrats and the many non-party democrats are vigorously opposing all moves to militarize foreign policy in Germany and in Europe as a whole. Vigilance elsewhere would not be amiss.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We publish the following brief news item of December 20th following Hans Herzberg's article for obvious reasons: Headline: "Neo-Communist Runs Strongly in East German Vote", New York Times, Potsdam, Dec. 19th, 1993, Byline - Steven Kinzer. "A joint campaign by Germany's traditional political forces succeeded IN PREVENTING THE ELECTION OF A FORMER COMMUNIST AS MAYOR OF POTSDAM TODAY BUT HE TOOK 45% OF THE VOTE. Rolf Kutzmutz, the defeated candidate, "promised to lead a tough local opposition. Kutzmutz's strong showing was among the greatest surprises of the first round of local voting in Brandenburg ..." (emphasis added - Ed.) □

THE U.S. TRAIL OF MILITARY TERROR ...

By: Dan Ross

With the downfall of the Soviet Union, the U.S. Government feels all restraints have been removed from its ambitions for world domination. In a statement following the NAFTA deal approval, the Senate Majority leader gave voice to this when he declared, "With the passage of this agreement, Congress affirms the leadership role of the United States both in this hemisphere and in the world". Together with this, there is now an intensification of U.S. military adventures in Somalia, Bosnia,

Haiti and elsewhere and renewal of their intervention in Angola and El Salvador.

In Angola, the violent, C.I.A.-backed "civil" war between the Government popular front (M.P.L.A.) and the right wing dissidents of (U.N.I.T.A.) has been rekindled after a break in hostilities since 1992 when a "cease-fire" agreement was reached. Casualty estimates now run as high as 1,000 per day. The right wing forces of Julius Savimbi have been trained and financed by U.S. government funds. In El Salvador, the fascist right wing army of Alfredo Christiani in that bloody civil war came to another agreement with the Government forces in 1992 after 75,000 were left dead and more than \$4 billions had been poured into the conflict by the U.S. That peace treaty has recently been broken by the rightists and it is now revealed that U.S. military advisers were training a wealthy militia linked to the "death squads" of the right wing, three years ago.



North Korea has recently been warned by the Clinton administration that if they do not comply with a U.S. demand for military entry into that country for so-called "nuclear arms inspection", they could be invaded.

More recently, Clinton has called for the deployment of nuclear war-headed missiles on North Korea's borders. Simultaneously, Russia has announced it will abandon its no-first-strike treaty signed by USSR President Brezhnev in 1982. It is interesting to note that the U.S. never made a similar pledge. The question therefore arises: "who determines who is obligated to honour such a pledge and by what right does the U.S. demand North Korean compliance?"

AND ANOTHER TRAIL OF ECONOMIC FOLLY

In the beginning, there was the FTA (Free Trade Agreement) between Canada and the U.S.A. This has resulted in the closing of hundreds of American branch plants in Canada, throwing thousands (some say tens or hundreds of thousands) out of work. Then came NAFTA that is beginning to drive literally more tens of thousands of Canadian jobs into the low labour cost areas of Mexico. Then came Mitchell's statement, noted above.

But the ink was barely dry on the infamous NAFTA deal when the U.S. called a further meeting of Asian-Pacific-Rim countries to present proposals for yet another "Free Trade" agreement with those countries, which of course includes Canada. Immediately, U.S. and Canadian business delegations were rushing to China to get on board this "new" gravy train with still cheaper labour costs in the newly discovered "land of opportunity".

A recent news item informed the world that some 81 women in a handicraft factory in China had burned to death. Apparently, there were no suitable fire precautions, the wages were \$5 a week of 12 hour days for a seven-day week. The "dolls" produced came to Canada and the U.S. to be retailed for \$20.00 each, and upwards. If we look even a bit into the future,

we can plainly see a "Global Village" where all trade barriers will be down and competition among producers and retailers will inevitably end at the "lowest labour cost" area, wherever it might be ... China, or elsewhere in the TNC dominated world.

In the meantime, we must ponder this item as well ... In Brazil, many thousands of 12 and 14 year old children walk the streets as prostitutes, their "fee" a minuscule few cents, in the gold mining towns. They barely escape starvation and sometimes support families, but of course, are subject to rampant disease and violence. In Ghana in Africa, children "work" for eighty five cents a day, while in India, young girls still toil in the match factories for twenty cents a day less ... 65¢ for a day's pay.

It is far past the time when we must cry out, "enough is enough" and the invasion of countries stopped, where ancient cultures, more than 2,000 years old, are destroyed and where people are treated as "infidels" and used only as massive sources of the "cheapest" labour and child labour, while we smugly await the development of a "Western style" (predominately U.S.) culture and life-style.

Demonstrations growing!

RETURNING CHICKENS WILL BLACKEN SKY ...

One day soon, the chickens will blacken the sky, coming "home to roost" in the form of intolerable unemployment and competition in an internationalized market place of labour. The conscience of humanity demands we end these degrading practises and abandon TNC plans for a "Global Economy" or a so-called "melting-pot" world society. It must be noted that in the military and economic ventures outlined in this article, Canada has played the role of a servile lackey to U.S. expansionism. Surely, we as Canadians can break with that neo-conservative folly and begin to play the role of international friend, in solidarity with all our fellow humans on our whirling "space" ship.

There are a couple of "late news" events to be added. In Haiti, a few military police are maintaining a reign of terror with "routine" and relentless murdering of any opposition. The poor, the vast majority, are the helpless targets of para-military death squads referred to as FRAP (Front For the Advancement of Progress). These units are mostly remnants of the dreaded "Tonons Macoutes" ... the police force that terrorized the people under the Duvalier family



dictatorship. Originally led from 1957 to 1971 by "Papa" Doc Duvalier, they held supreme power until the military overthrow of the son, Jean-Claude Duvalier, in 1986. The U.S. gave its support and blessing to all this and at present, in a farcical twist of events, keep the democratically elected President, a Roman Catholic priest, Father Aristide, helpless in Washington while his former "Macoute" opponents ride high, oppressing the Haitian people.

In Somalia, as many as 10,000 Somalians may have been killed and wounded between June and October last year, 1993, by the so-called "humanitarian" forces of the U.N. This was a recently made statement by former U.S. envoy to Somalia, Robert Oakley. As recently as the week of January 23rd this year, another assault with military firepower by U.S. forces on Somalians has added to that total by another eight killed. Of course, the role of our Canadian troops there in murder and mayhem is before the military courts at this time. I repeat, when is enough, enough? But then, you have the unfolding saga of privation, death and mayhem among the Chiapas Indians of Mexico under the armies of our new Mulroney spawned and Chretien accepted trading partner, side-by-side with President Clinton. That is another outrage spawned on the altar of international finance and the so-called "free market economy" and the "freedom and democracy" of the gangsters. This story doesn't end here. More later! □

A PORTRAIT OF GENERAL GRACHEV ... THE MAN WITH THE GUNS ...

Since the downfall of the Soviet Union, General Pavel Grachev has demonstrated his loyalty in no uncertain terms to President Yeltsin. His crowning act of "loyalty" was during the October bloodbath and destruction of the Russian White House, seat of the Supreme Soviets, by bombardment and fire. At age 45, Grachev has climaxed his upward climb to power, by his appointment in June 1992 to Minister of Defence of Russia by Yeltsin. He thus gained supreme command over what remains the largest troop concentration and the heaviest conventional and nuclear firepower in the world with the sole exception of the United States of America.

Only Yeltsin stands above him in constitutional authority, and as was made clear in October last year, had Grachev rejected Yeltsin's Presidential authority, only a breakdown of the military command, an unlikely possibility, could have stopped him from ascendancy to an open military dictatorship. But for his "loyalty", Yeltsin rewarded him with the highest available decoration and a hug, disgusting as that may seem.

Questions arise: what does it take for a top military Commander, trained in the proudest traditions of the defence of the Socialist Soviet Union, to reach a point of moral isolation or depravity that he would order Russian troops to gun down, as though they were mad dogs, citizens of his own country? There was such a thing as "Socialist legality and morality" in which Grachev was trained. Perhaps only Grachev can answer that question,

General Grachev and Yeltsin - both with blood on their hands.



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for involved must be the highest levels of personal ambition, of a total rejection of all that had supposedly been drilled into his psyche in years of rigorous training in the traditions of socialism and the traditions of the former Red Army, later to become the Soviet Army. Lest it be forgotten, that tradition included the heroics of a myriad of Generals and Soviet citizens from Zhukov to Rakovsky to Budyenny, Timoshenko, Vatutin, Zoya and Shura et al., in the heaviest and most complex war the world has ever witnessed. The supposedly "invincible" military force of the Hitlerite Third Reich fell before them, all 250 or more divisions, in a savagery of killing over a two thousand mile long front, in four years. But Grachev turned his back on all of that to become the "gunman" to defend the Yeltsin-G-7 forces that seek the total destruction of everything the Russian and Soviet people stood for and built over seventy and more years of construction, wars, embargoes and diplomatic and cultural isolation, imposed by the hostile financiers and monopolists of the Western world.

It seems obvious that Grachev has personally placed his personal ambitions and what seems to have been lust for power, before any principled defence of the citizens of the former Soviets. That is not new in history, not even Soviet history, when one recalls the treachery of General Vlassov during World War II and his going over to the enemy at the mortal expense of the people he had sworn to defend. So now, it appears that General Grachev has accepted the blood of his fellow citizens on his hands in his "going over" to defend the interests of those forces that would demolish his country and force his fellow citizens into a form of colonial existence. That is of course, providing the "enemy-within-the-gates" succeeds in their aims (which most people believe to be an impossibility).



Just look at the hate of the OMON thug as he raises his club on the defenseless Moscovite! This is Yeltsin's fascism!

Writing in the January 14th - 20th European, Askold Krushelnycky says: "His loyalty to the Communists was complete and unquestioning ..." during earlier years. That is something he seems obviously to have replaced with his "loyalty" to Yeltsin at this juncture of history. Two weeks before the NATO summit (during January) Grachev almost casually announced that he intended to create an Army of at least 2.1 million men ... 600,000 more than the cuts approved by the old Parliament and that had been announced by himself ... Many observers believe the shift was part of a reward demanded ... for siding with Yeltsin in last October's coup attempt by Communist hard-liners", Krushelnycky writes. "Not surprisingly, NATO planners are also wondering what other debts Grachev will now call in," the article says. Speaking before the high military Royal United Services in London, Grachev lifted the enveloping mystery around himself ever so slightly by telling his

audience that "We are convinced that we will witness a revival of a Great Russia which will take its place in the list of great nations." But he made no gesture towards explaining more than that, and left all other major questions dangling in thin air.

It can easily be suggested that if General Grachev harbors some notion that G-7 monopoly financial investment and penetration into Russia will achieve "a great Russian" nation, he perhaps should embark on a serious study of where that "monetarist" and neo-Imperialist grouping is pushing the entire world at a gathering speed. We suggest careful and intense study of the actions of this man, who clearly is the essential prop holding up Yeltsin and his Presidential dictatorial power under the illegal constitution imposed by the illegal elections of December 12th and that drew a bare (if that) majority of voters to the polls.

With the blood stains still showing on his hands from October, it is difficult to give any positive assessment to a

man who has placed his ambitions and lusts for power ahead of the principles of service he must have been taught as a fast rising member of the proud and victory decorated Soviet Army that won its place in the defence of the people of Russia, and the other Soviet Republics. □

THE RUSSIAN "CRISIS OF MONETARISM" WITHIN THE WORLD CRISIS ...

By Ray Stevenson

Heard loudest among the anguished cries from the world's financiers and Cold Warriors in the laments over the downfall of the U.S. and G-7 sponsored "whiz kids" of monetarist reforms in Russia, was the voice of the New York Times. This is not surprising, given the Times' many long years of unswerving support and acclaim to aggressions and policies of monopoly capitalist greed and against all things Socialist, Soviet, working class et al. Consider the following:

On January 24th, their lead editorial headline read: "Russian Economic Reform Barely Breathing". This was immediately following the resignation of "reformer" Gaidar. They were trying to defend the indefensible, namely, the monopolist spawned monetarist theories of Milton Friedman. These were the camouflage "theories" used by Ronald Reagan and his cohorts to beset the American people with years of the worst monopoly plunder of their economy in history that brought the country to near bankruptcy. These were as well, the "theoretical" basis of the "market economy" replacement of Socialism that Gorbachov, Yeltsin, Scheverdnadze and Yakovlev used to

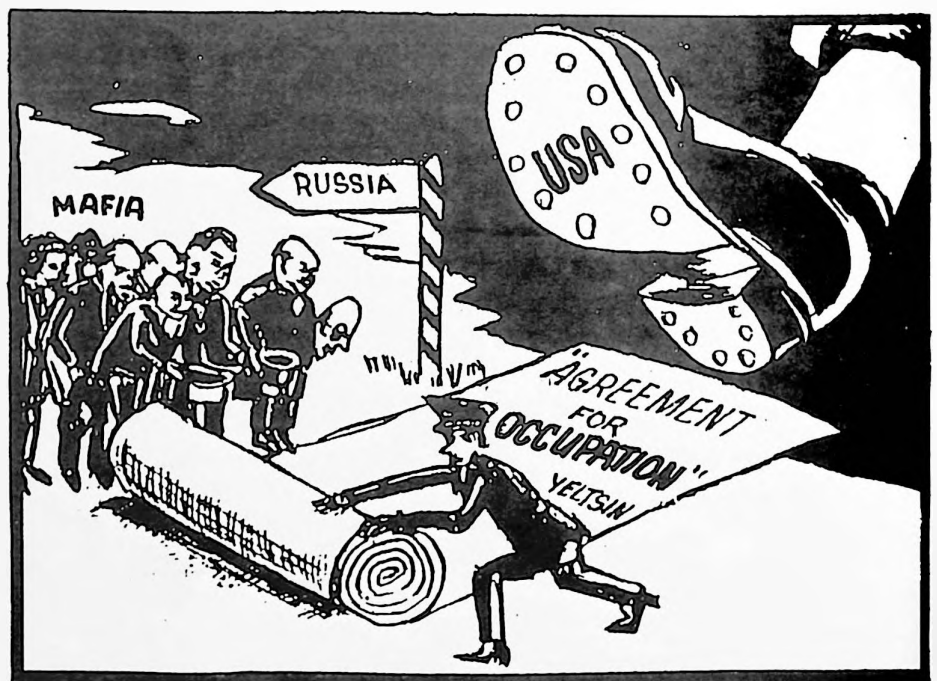
subvert and bring down the Socialist Soviet Union. These notions, spawning "total greed" as an ideology, were well hidden under a veritable blizzard of "buzz words" ... "freedom and democracy", "market economy", "privatization", "globalization", "restructuring", and now, as the TNC monopoly economic chickens come home to roost, "down-sizing" and the "new, lean and mean look", etc., etc. These are now "official" cover-ups for plundering of people everywhere in the world by the neo-Imperialists.

The Times editorial bitterly complains that with Gaidar, Fyodorov and Harvard's "own" Professor Jeffery Sachs, having been packed off with their phony "monetarist" theories, the new Cabinet of Chernomyrdin "wants to keep the economy under control ... more steel won't feed the hungry" they opine in all solemnity. Obviously, what they are saying is again, not surprising ... they and their U.S. TNC banker friends would prefer that the I.M.F., the World Bank, the European Bank of Reconstruction, etc., should have a "lead" period of economic chaos and anarchy in Russia, and other former USSR republics, in which they could seize economic control of the

destiny of the former Soviet people. They already have the Yeltsin-Grachev "guns, constitutional" and Presidential dictatorship to fall back on politically, should the "reformers" stay fired.

The current near collapse of the Russian economy is the sole and direct consequence of the counter-revolutionary "reformers" deliberate wrecking of what was left of the former Socialist-Soviet economy when Gorbachov-Yeltsin, etc., had finished their particular wrecking job on it. The post-Soviet aim of the "reform-wreckers" was the closure of Socialist built plants so their G-7 backers could move in with replacement capital investment at their will and according to their dictates. Demolition and closure of the Soviet built plants inevitably would create more social unrest and havoc in the Russian public and body-politic but that too is in the perceived interests of the G-7 financiers at this time.

It is reasonable to assume that these perfidious schemes are at the very core of the Gorbachov-Yeltsin-Scheverdnadze-Yakovlev treachery and sell-out. In these neo-Imperialist schemes, we believe, will be found the



hidden reasons why they, with the help of Reagan-Bush-Thatcher-Major-Kohl-Mulroney et al., destroyed the Soviet economy and standards, as well as the Communist Party of the Soviet Union that had led the Soviet people in Socialist construction for three generations. Literally speaking, they had boot-strapped themselves to victory through wars aimed at their total destruction, and economic and diplomatic isolation. They had come to a world position of leadership under a socialist system led by Communists. In this sense, "Glasnost" and "Perestroika" could well be pointed to as the smokescreens, together with "monetarism", used to hide from the people the destruction of the Soviet Union and Socialism until too late. The pain in the hearts and bones of the Soviet people, from the ensuing and current economic, political and cultural break down, needs no retelling here. The "beneficiaries" are a few "Westernized" millionaires together with their Mafiosi and gangster

friends. But of course, the main and central "winners" at this stage are the Western neo-Imperialists and the TNC's. In their arrogance, they "celebrate" their Cold War "victory".

THE THREAT OF G-7, U.S. CONFLICT AGAINST RUSSIA IS REAL ...

The day following their editorial lament, the Times returned to their theme, this time, in a truculent front page story, headlined, "U.S. Issues Warning To Russia To Keep Reform Going". In fact, it read more like a 17th century British Colonial Office directive to "underlings" in the Punjab in India, ("Jewel Box of the British Empire") after the massive slaughters at Cawnpore and elsewhere. Strobe Talbot, now garbed in the robes of "U.S. Ambassador at large to Russia", (surely something also "new") talked "tough" and told the Russians they should back off their new cabinet, and restore the whiz kid "reformer-

wreckers". "The new credo is more reform, more assistance", he intoned. (read "investment" for the buzz word, "assistance".) In a clear ultimatum, Talbot told the Russians to restore these people or they would be cut-off ... or worse, isolated in Europe and left facing a U.S. and German dominated NATO military force. While this was not explicitly stated by Talbot, given President Clinton's 'tour de force' at the recent European NATO meetings, it is implicit in the hardening U.S. position. And in Russia, there are politicians and army officers "for whom the possibility of an eastward shift is another proof of the aggressive nature of the Western alliance" (see News Digest & Comment).

Prime Minister Chernomyrdin and his new Cabinet seem to be embarking on their "slow road to capitalism" on the basis of renewed production from the Soviet built plants ... at least for the time being. While wavering, they apparently reject the monetarist plan to close

THIS CANNOT HAPPEN IN THE U.S.A.?

Homeless people huddle under snow-covered blankets on park benches along Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington.



these plants and the immediate arrival of the Western investors. This way, they suggest they will lessen the massive unemployment that would be created and growing social and political unrest. It seems that more importantly, they seek the creation of a "new" Russian capitalist class ... something that happily under Socialism was missing from the Russian scene for 75 years. They still will operate under the constraints of the "guns and constitution" dictatorial powers of the monetarist backed Yeltsin-Grachev team. But this new "slow road" policy, they probably think, will create for "their" capitalist Russia, protection for the "sovereignty" of Russia and they will enter the 21st century free of a G-7 imposed colonial status. But "bourgeois", or capitalist nationalism and "sovereignty" does not unite the people. It divides them, firstly on the basis of class. In any long term sense, this "road" will not succeed without the imposition of fascist dictatorship, and then, only temporarily. At best, only danger and instability will be found on that "slow road". The neo-Imperialist policies to create "their" global economy can be defeated only under Socialism.

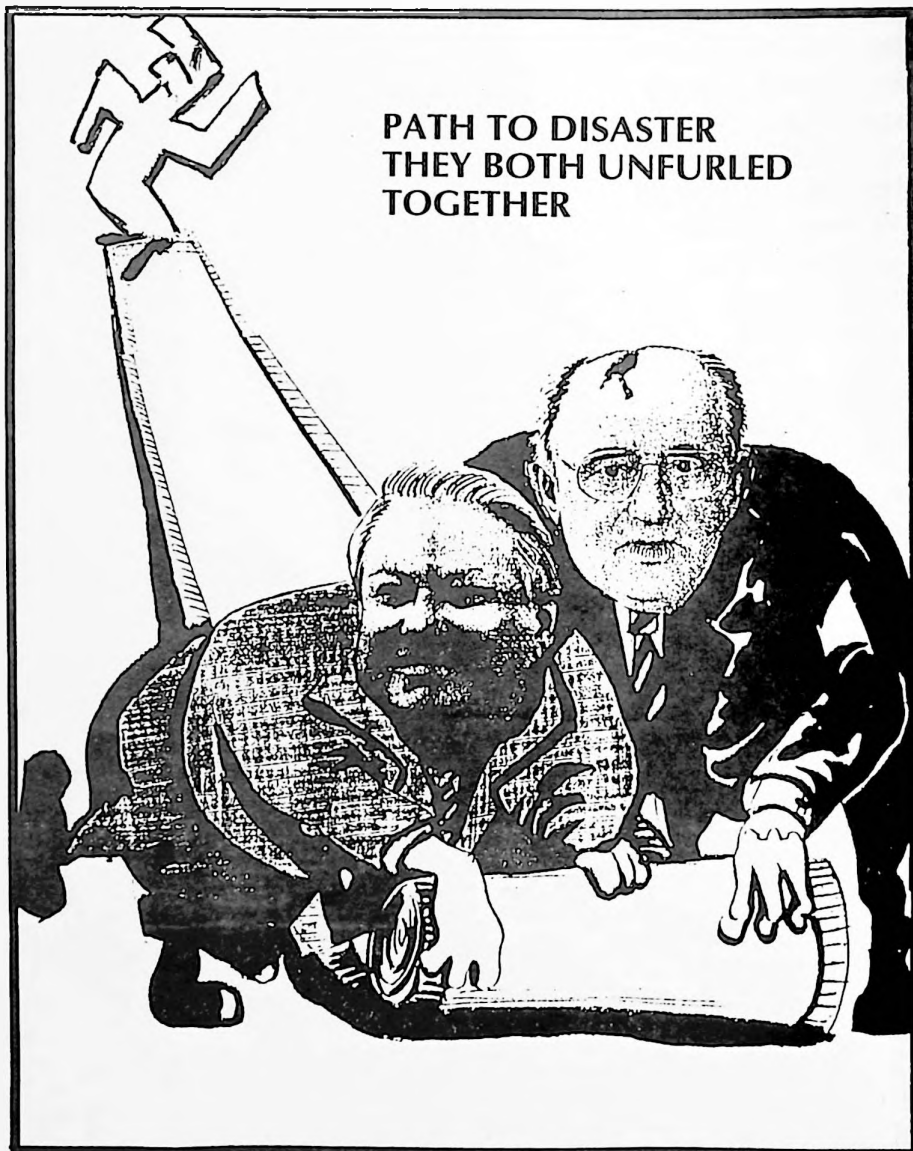
"MONETARISTS" CRISIS AN IMMEDIATE THREAT, WORLD WIDE ...

The tenuous "defeat" of the monetarist power play in Russia is important for those Russians who see their future in capitalist colors, if much less so, for all other Russians. But if preserved even for a time, it has taken place within the context of a runaway, world wide fiscal and monetary crisis, coupled with dropping levels of the production of values and commodities that fulfill real, broadly based human needs. Like drunken drivers, the TNC monetarists are careening hell-bent into a fiscal and monetary crisis that

is of their own making. We do not predict in what precise time slot this will come to full bloom, although it has already intruded sharply into human affairs world wide.

The economic insanity of monopoly's total control and use of credit and capital accumulation, at the expense of real production and productive capacities to care for the world's people, (and as has happened already in the G-7 countries themselves) is a certain recipe for disaster. The monopolist credo that "what is good for finance capital is good for the world" is retrograde, incredibly reckless and insane. Using the twin "hammers" of "interventionism" to threaten, and where deemed "necessary", overthrow

sovereign national governments, and by "credit strangulation", they have already reduced the majority of national and senior Governments in the world to mere cyphers of their former stature. That the military arsenals for "mass persuasion" stand at the "ready" is evident from "Desert Storm", Panama, Grenada, Somalia, the Dominican Republic and elsewhere. Their "efficiency" during the recent Russian White House bloodbath, the promised bombing raids over Serbia by NATO, and U.S. President Clinton's offers of "joint war planning and war games" to some former Warsaw Pact countries but pointedly excluding the former Soviets is also instructive in this regard.



If all of this might seem exaggerated, we call to witness the Canadian Federal Government, (as well as all other Governments of the country) who are not only broke and in debt to foreign banks and bond holders, but as well, must beg for "economic mercy" before the "Holy-Bond-Holders" altar against the loss of credit ratings at Standard & Poor, Moody's, etc., in New York City. Also relevant is the fate of the Canadian "peace-keepers" in the U.N. force in Bosnia-Herzegovina where a U.S. and NATO bombing run could be the precursor of yet another U.S. and European armed conflict, and possible world war. Added, we have Clinton, and his "military", deploying nuclear warhead weaponry on the borders of the Republic of North Korea; continuing military and subversive assaults and threats on Cuba; and new "monetarist" "diktats" being enforced on the Chinese Government. We are all living in an unbelievably dangerous "globalized" course of ghastly absurdity, created by TNC monopoly capitalism!

At this stage of historical development, and before the awesome threats emanating from the neo-Imperialist-monetarists, the struggle is for survival. The insane economic, political and military practices of this concealed gang, that confronts the world's people with possible annihilation, (or possibly something just this side of that) challenges all humanity as never before. Without challenging and reversing the very probable catastrophic direction of the TNC's "destruction road", the future assumes grim and foreboding features. Change, there must be, of a fundamental nature. In short, the job is to get on with the rebuilding of people's democratic rights and a socialist future, in country after country, assisted forward by an indispensable international solidarity and friendship between the people. A new socialist future is possible only if free of the

corruptions and short-falls of bureaucracy that helped the Cold Warriors bring down the Soviets and removed political power from the Soviet people and the working class. The concept of "throw-away people" as the victims of the Juggernaut of TNC-neo-Imperialist power is unacceptable. There is no "inalienable right" for such "rule" by the mostly hidden wealthy of a TNC dominated world.

It is within this context, and as a foremost part of that world struggle, that our friends and neighbors of the former Soviets live now ... to day. Humanity, whether in Russia, Ukraine, Canada or wherever in our world, cannot surrender our little space ship we call "Mother" Earth to unite both nationally and across international borders, to achieve a future of new freedoms and security. That is not an idle dream. That is the urgent and practical necessity of our age! □

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**NEWS
DIGEST
COMMENT**

New York Times, Jan. 20th, 1994

**Headline: "EX-RUSSIAN
AIDE EXONERATED"**

Moscow, Jan. 19th (AP) – "The former Vice President of Russia, Aleksandr Rutskoi, was cleared of all corruption charges after documents used to demonstrate his guilt were found to be fakes ... an investigation has begun to determine the source of the charges made last summer by a Commission appointed by President Yeltsin ... Rutskoi had a suspicious Swiss bank account in which large sums of money had been deposited ..." (according to the faked charges – Ed.)

WE COMMENT – On more than one occasion, NSC has pointed sharply to the corruption at high levels in the Yeltsin entourage. One Iakabowsky who lived in a \$5,000,000 mansion in Toronto's north end, and was pictured as a "friend" with then-Canadian Prime Minister, Kim Campbell, also carried an unexplained "landed immigrant" status in Canada and was supposedly shot at in Toronto. He was spirited back to Moscow last summer to "investigate" eight mysterious suitcases of "secret" documents allegedly relating to crime and corruption and was named as the man who "uncovered" the Rutskoi "corruption" and "Swiss" bank account. He then had to "flee" Moscow at the end of this "investigation" and is now once again serving in the Yeltsin entourage in some capacity or other, according to press reports. Now, it is revealed the suitcase documents were faked. Apart from the

immediate "curiosities" tied to Iakabowsky,, (including possible Mafia links) another even more important question comes to light: If these documents were faked, how many others used to defame everything Soviet, that surfaces almost daily in the Western press, are also based on faked documents and forgeries? We suggest that the former Soviet Ambassador to Canada, Alexander Yakovlev, who helped mastermind "horror and atrocity" stories through his special, Gorbachov-appointed Commission, could very probably give us answers. We know that whether based on "faked" or "half-faked" and "well baked" documents or not, Yakovlev's output of Socialist and Soviet destroying materials ranked very high in the ranks of anti-Sovieteers. He fed the mills of the most virulent, fascist reactionary elements in the West with an unending supply of "hate the Communists and the Soviets" materials. A very large percentage of these, perhaps none, were ever substantiated by any public scrutiny or judicial process. So much for fakery, admitted or not! □

Toronto Star, Jan. 2nd, 1994

Headline: "CANADIANS HELP TO REBUILD EASTERN EUROPE"

Byline – April Lindgren

"Their hearts, heads and passports are Canadian, but their jobs range from Minister of Energy for Estonia to selling Ukrainians on the virtues of a free and open legal system ... As Estonia's Energy Minister ... one of Arvo Niitenberg's responsibilities is to re-install natural gas meters ... now that the subsidized Soviet energy supplies have dried up and the country must pay world prices" ... "five years ago the Soviet Government deemed natural gas too cheap to measure ..." Niitenberg, a former Vice-President of Ontario Hydro, said ... he spends much of his time explaining to Estonians why gasoline prices are

750 times higher than two years ago ... In Ukraine, former University of Alberta professor, Bohdan Krawchuk, runs a one-year training program for 114 new public servants while the economy collapses around them. Inflation of more than 4,000% in the last ten months makes it impossible to plan, schools are closing because of energy shortages ... Krawchenko, whose institute will receive \$4.5 million worth of aid from Canada over three years (says) "the difficult part is to prevent students from stealing the light bulbs and teaching them not to be rude to each other" ... In Latvia, John Eichmanis also practises crisis management while on secondment (??? – our Concise Oxford dictionary does not enlighten us here, but we presume, "on leave in a second position") from the Ontario Public Service ... Halnya Freeland's job in Ukraine is to fill the void where the

country's legal system should be. The need is urgent (she says), noting that the economy is crippled by its lack of contract law. Mortgages don't exist because there is no legal frame-work to ensure people will fulfill ... commitments ..."

WE COMMENT – Now we know ... as with the top drawer instruction to "monetarist-reformers" Gaidar-Fyodorov & company, so carefully tutored by Professor Jeffery Sachs, the Harvard "monetarist" doyen (dare we suggest C.I.A. as well?). Canada also has its own "whiz kids" in the former USSR teaching these people how things really should be done. Yes sir, that's the Mulrone Tory way, for as we revealed some time ago in NSC pages, mysterious allotments, never explained to the public, were handed over to make sure the peoples of the Soviet Union got the benefit of our monetarist ways that ran our national debt out of



sight in no time at all. That was so like Brian, the boar hunter! Questions still unanswered however: If gasoline has taken a 750% hike and natural gas meters are now needed to keep track of the capitalist gas-meter fortunes of Latvians, why don't they import Morris Strong, appointed to head up Ontario Hydro and who now has that formerly perfectly operative public utility headed for "privatization"? Or again, since the sidebar story under the heading, "Immigrant Ties Draw Canadians To Ukraine and Baltics", informs us that "Eighteen months ago, the (Latvian) Government approached Ontario Premier Bob Rae about borrowing his services full time ..." why didn't he go and take his "Social Contract" with him, and stay there? Well, we suppose you can't find happiness everyday! As for "mortgage law", can you imagine a society where none was needed because land and property sales were "private" and not judicial matters? □

New York Times, Jan. 25th, 1994

Headline: "NATIONALIST VOTE TOUGHENS RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY"

Byline – Celestine Bohlen
(Special to the Times)

"In recent weeks Russia has denounced talk of bringing the three Baltic countries into NATO and restated claims to special peacekeeping rights in the former Soviet Union ... in the lower House of Parliament ... a majority of lawmakers called for the lifting of sanctions against Serbia ... Even before election gains by the Communists and nationalists (on Dec. 12th) the Russian Government was speaking to the West and its neighbors in more aggressive tones ... about 25 million Russians live outside Russia's borders (in former Soviet Republics – Ed.) and Moscow feels obliged to defend their interests

... Recent events such as the strong showing of ultra-nationalist leader Zhirinovskiy and resignations last week of top economic reformers ... have alarmed them ... (i.e., Russia's former Warsaw Pact partners – Ed.) ... as the elections showed, nostalgia for the old empire is a potent issue ... with many Russians disillusioned by what they see as a string of unfulfilled promises from the West ... NATO membership, or at least the promise of it (for East Europe's former Warsaw Pact partners with the Soviets – Ed.) has the added attraction of linking their fate to a trans-Atlantic alliance that would allow the U.S. to counter German influence in Central Europe ... Pavel Felgengauer, an analyst of Russian military affairs (said that Clinton's) compromise formula could also aggravate mutual suspicions. "The compromise decision reached in Brussels will only stimulate those Western European politicians who want to once again TURN RUSSIA INTO AN ALL-EUROPEAN ENEMY", he wrote. "And in Russia there are politicians and officers for whom the possibility of NATO shifting eastward is JUST ONE MORE PROOF of the aggressive nature of the Western Alliance". (All emphasis added – Ed.)

WE COMMENT – Why does President Bill Clinton want former Warsaw Pact nations jointly planning military programs and executing war games together, to the exclusion of Russia? We believe the long term political thinking here involved is that with an as yet uncertain political direction before the Russian people, and a very real possibility of the rejection of the "Westernized" capitalist mode that G-7 and Clinton seek to thrust on them, and even a possible eventual return to a new and developed Socialist and planned state. NATO has now been readied for another war of intervention just as the Imperialists of 1919 brought war down on the infant Soviet revolution. Macabre? Yes, very

macabre and horrifying. But this is a reality not only the Russian and former Soviets must now contemplate, it is a potential and terrible danger the entire world must contemplate, and prepare to deal with. History has never permitted humanity the luxury of being able to entrust their future to the minds whose sole contemplation has been, and remains, the ghoulish violence ridden pursuit of power and profit. The Clinton proposal, now adopted by NATO, to bring Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia into the military alliance, in fact, leaves Europe and the world precisely where it was (geo-politically and militarily speaking) at the time of the Munich agreement. The overriding exception is that Russia and the former Soviets are gone. Yeltsin and the other sell-out artists now "lead" the Russian people. In place of the stable Socialist world power that won the war over German Nazism, there is now a vulnerable mass of relative instability. Ominously, they have possession of a vast nuclear inter-continental weaponry. The parameters of that problem and the solution must now rest in the hands of the former Soviet people, together with the peoples of the Western world. Peace is now so decisive that as had been said before, "it must not be left in the hands of the Generals and the contending 'statesmen' of the neo-Imperialist TNC powers." □

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Toronto Star, Jan. 29th, 1994

Headline: "ZHIRINOVSKY MAPS HIS VISION OF FUTURE EUROPE"

Paris – Reuters

"Russian ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy has his own vision of Europe – without Austria, Slovenia, the Baltic States, the Czech Republic and Bosnia ... Le Monde (Paris) yesterday printed a copy of a road map altered by Zhirinovskiy which shrank the size of Poland and Romania and split the former Yugoslavia between the Serbs and Croats. A retired Swedish diplomat passed on to Le Monde the copy of the road plan, signed and modified by Zhirinovskiy, with the words, "U.N. Out" over the former Yugoslavia ... Germany would get the city of Gdansk and Silesia and Russia, some eastern territory. The Lviv district of Western Ukraine would go to Poland ... Russia would get all three Baltic States ... Germany would control Austria and the Czech Republic ... Kaliningrad would revert to Germany ... Bosnia would disappear ... Hungary would take Transylvania from Romania ... a greater Bulgaria would take huge chunks of Greece and Romania, including Bucharest and European areas of Turkey ...

WE COMMENT – It would be tempting to pass this off as the ravings of a Nazi lunatic and they well may be ... Zhirinovskiy "Uber Alles" sort of thing. But in the first place, are these simply "mad" ravings? Secondly, other news reports indicate that Western capital, particularly through Denmark or the Netherlands, helped finance the election campaign, well heeled, of this apparently "mad Nazi hatter" of Moscow. The international boundaries of Europe were drawn in blood in WW II when more than fifty millions died, world wide. That this provocateur would now release "a road map" that was passed on by a

"Swedish diplomat" to Le Monde stretches credibility more than a little. Could it be that such stuff is being planted by forces wanting to delude the Western public into believing that Zhirinovskiy is a real Nazi Hitlerite menace and that a war, emanating from Russia is only a step or two away? Our loathing and rejection of what we believe to be genuine Zhirinovskiy utterances is total. We also know that throughout history, the role of the faked provocateur – such utterances and printed words have sometimes played a critically dangerous role in "shaping" public opinion. Is Zhirinovskiy being groomed by Western influences as a war provocateur? Time and the Russian people will eventually tell us the truth. We await that. □

Selling out for the Yankee dollars!

Toronto Globe & Mail,
Jan. 19th, 1994

Headline: "U.N. CHIEF ORDERS PLANS FOR AIR STRIKES ON SERBS ..."

Reuter & AP – Geneva

"The special United Nations representative of the former Yugoslavia was asked yesterday to draw up plans for possible air strikes on rebel Serb forces as a new round of peace talks made no headway ... U.N. sources said Secretary-General Boutros-Boutros-Ghali had asked his special representative Yasushi Akashi, to draft detailed plans for possible military action ... NATO leaders last week threatened air strikes to allow Dutch peacekeepers to relieve 150



Canadian troops ... A U.N. spokesman said Mr. Karadzic informed Mr. Akashi that he had no objection to the Canadian troops being replaced and the rotation was expected in the second half of February ..."

WE COMMENT – To our knowledge, this is the first time in U.N. history that a Secretary General has assumed a military role. Could this order be a precursor of a bombing run that could ignite W.W. III? This damnable war has seen the revival of the bloodstained Croatian 'Ustachi', the collaborators of Clerico-Fascist Pavelic with the Nazi forces in W.W. II and now, through the Croat government of Tudjman, is still allied with the German Government of Helmut Kohl. The destruction of the former Yugoslavia generated by the secession of both Slovenia and Croatia, is immensely dangerous to the peace of Europe and the world, in part, because the Serbians have the support of Russia, while the Muslim Bosnian Government, Croatia and Slovenia have the support of the Western powers, including Germany, Britain, France. A "powder keg" awaiting its moment to explode! □

**The International Herald Tribune,
Jan. 21st, 1994**

**Headlines: "UKRAINE'S
GO-SLOW LEADERS HURT
THEIR OWN CAUSE" and,
"DON'T PUSH KIEV,
HELP IT"**

The authors of these two stories are, respectively, Senator Sam Nunn, Chairman of the U.S. Armed Services Committee, and Ian J. Brzezinski, Director of the international security programs at the Council of advisers to the Ukrainian Parliament. He is the son of Zbigniew Brzezinski, former National Security adviser to U.S. President Carter, adviser to the C.I.A. and eminence grise of the Cold War crowd. He published a

lengthly article in Foreign Affairs which NSC republished in part under the title, "Bragging of a Cold Warrior". In it, Brzezinski Sr. suggested Ukraine was a strategic centre piece for the total domination of the former Soviet Union. That policy appears to be "snagged" in the underbrush of post-"Cold War" TNC dickering –

Senator Nunn writes in part:

The Ukrainian Government has pursued short sighted policies that have brought the country to the verge of economic and political collapse ... Under U.S. law, Ukraine will not be eligible for nuclear dismantlement assistance unless it can certify that it remains committed to fulfilling all its arms control obligations (to President Clinton) ... The U.S. will purchase warhead uranium from Russia for re-processing and sale for eventual use in U.S. civilian reactors ..." In turn, Brzezinski Jr. writes: Kiev – "In response to Kiev's conditional ratification of the START Treaty, the West, led by the United States, has initiated a policy of isolating Ukraine. This policy will be counter productive ... Ukrainians see the West as passive towards Russia's aggressive policies and indifferent to Ukrainian independence ... Comments at the NATO ministerial meeting... were even more disturbing: State Secretary Warren Christopher said the U.S. would condition economic aid on Kiev's ratification (while) the Belgian Foreign Minister claimed ... the U.S. plan to deepen NATO ties with eastern Europe and Russia – would not be extended to Ukraine on the same grounds. The policy of isolation undermines the West's interest in Ukrainian reform. Ukraine is in an economic crisis so severe it could endanger the state's independence..."

WE COMMENT – So the thieves fall out. We advance another really "revolutionary" proposal: "Get out of Ukraine, and let the people there decide their fate,

utilizing the vast experience they have living on that land." They do not need Sam Nunn, Brzezinski's of whatever vintage to tell them what to do. Their history, their experience, their immense sense of survival and life will tell them what to do, when to do it. Free of all forms of "domination" from whatever source, they will find their way to a new, more flexible, more just Socialism that will accord them a life of bounty and good neighborliness in a world at peace. Insofar as Senator Nunn's suggestion that Russian warhead uranium will wind up in U.S. civilian reactors, the question arises: why does not the U.S. dismantle some of its own bulging stock of warhead uranium now in nuclear weapons and ICBM's and use that in "civilian reactors"? As for Brzezinski's worry about the "isolation of Ukraine" with the downfall of his monetarist-reformer-wrecking friends in Moscow, it appears that Russia is destined for greater and greater "isolation" as well. This leaves everybody east of the Polish-Baltic Sea line more and more confronting a hostile NATO and West. □



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ITEMS from ABROAD

A LETTER FROM MOSCOW

Dear friends:

Am sending you a clandestine copy of the newspaper "DEN" which had to be published in Minsk, Byelorussia, under the title of the local paper, "We and Time". Newspaper (Den", "Soviet Russia" and "Glasnost" are banned. Newspaper "Pravda" was banned but due to international protests, the authorities got frightened.

Am enclosing an interview with Yuri Lodki, Parliamentarian and how he suffered during the events at the "White House" (We had this interview published in the January issue - Editors) plus the leaflet, "We have not surrendered" (this was also published in the January issue - Editors).

This leaflet was also distributed at the Memorial Church Service on November 13th, the 40th day of the death of all those who died defending the Supreme Soviet. At this gathering, there were over 50,000 people with a group of Russian Orthodox priests leading the service. At the end of the service, the names of all those that are known to have died were read - their names and their ages - only about 400 names were mentioned at that time. They were mostly young - 17, 18, 20, 21, 22. One of the boys killed was only 14 years old. Very few people were in their 40's or 50's.

The authorities conceal the number killed. The other day, Yeltsin said on TV that there were only 142 killed.

But the press, even the so-called "democratic press", puts the figure of over 1,500 and that does not include thousands that were wounded. There were only several police or soldiers killed.

These police-soldiers were buried with honours and many are decorated with medals for their killing. It is a known fact that they shot people that they took prisoners. The truth is only now coming out. At a Stadium nearby, the OMON killed prisoners - reminds you of Pinochet in Chile!

Near the Stadium, there always are fresh flowers, photos of the dead martyrs. Even a priest was butchered while trying to stop the killing with a cross in his hands! After the priest was killed, OMON armoured carrier ran over his body!

The new parliament that was elected is not legitimate. This is another platform to fight the regime. We collected 446,000 signatures for the CPRF despite the ban.

They closed the Lenin Mausoleum, but we'll be struggling.

Received your latest issue of North-

StarCompass. Thanks for everything.

My best wishes to my friends, health and success to all of you. Thank you for what you are doing for us and for our common cause.

Your friend.

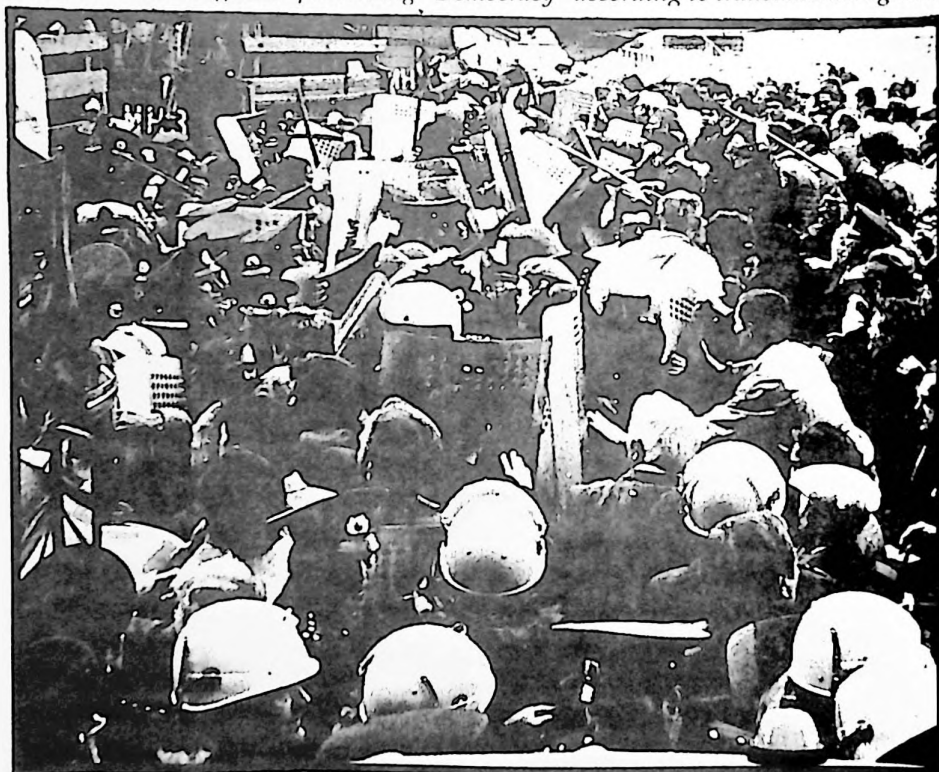
(We withhold our informant's name for security reasons - Ed.) □

UNWELCOMED GUESTS IN THE OFFICES OF DEN!

Our newspaper during those days in October found itself in an untenable and critical position. We were in the midst of the action, trying to report to our readers what is actually happening and why did Yeltsin unleash his bloodshed. Our building was shot at by cannon and artillery. There was also harassment of our editorial workers and staff.

During the night of October 4th when Parliament building was under attack, in my office I received an

Yeltsin's OMON goons practicing "Democracy" according to transnational agenda!



anonymous telephone call from the Ministry of Interior (a friend, it was later ascertained), warning me that tomorrow morning there will be an attack against the offices of our newspaper and an attempt to lynch the Editorial staff.

We telephoned all of our colleagues not to come to work tomorrow morning due to this warning. Nevertheless, most of them showed up just the same.

In the morning, there was a rush into our offices of at least 30 young hoodlums with automatic rifles in their hands – none wore any uniform of militia or OMON or Army – all in plain clothes. They ransacked the offices, all drawers, all filing cabinets, safes. They tore into our files, our letters and correspondents and our mailing lists. They took over the whole complex of offices, had us covered with guns while they rummaged through. What was interesting, but not unexpected, was the automatic appearance of the yellow-journalists with video cameras from “Komsomolskaya Pravda” (the bootlicking newspaper of Yeltsin – Editors). Somehow, we managed not to get lynched this time.

The happiest man in Moscow about our fate was Alexander Yakovlev, who even in 1991, called us on national TV, newspaper of the “PUTSCHists” and accused us of planning the PUTSCH, leading the fight and agitating for the overthrow of Gorbachev. Now, taking the place of Yakovlev is the younger Shumeyko who asked the Attorney General of Russia to arrest the 5 editors of DEN newspaper.

The actions of Moscow Komso-molets and its stooges can support Yeltsin and his policies all they want, but the support of the newspaper DEN from readers is beyond belief. Offers of help, offers to defend the newspaper, these things we shall never forget.

Today, DEN is banned, but our dedicated staff and our dedicated

readers are sure that we shall publish again and soon. The voice of our working intelligentsia will be heard again. The suppressed voice of our people will again be heard. The ideology of the newspaper DEN will not be broken.

Dear readers:

We cannot publish all of the articles contained in this valuable issue because of space problems in NorthStar Compass, but we do publish the photographs of the events in Moscow on those horrible days on October 4-5th. These photographs were never published in Canada. Even though the reproduction will not be of the best quality, nevertheless, it shows the brutality of OMON goon squads and the bravery of the Soviet People – Editors. □

UKRAINIAN YOUTH SPEAKS OUT!

Below are details in a condensed form about the situation in Ukraine, compiled by the Young Guard organization.

- Only 5% of the population of Ukraine is able to get medicines for their immediate needs.
- Young people are losing hope

in their future. On the TV, movie screens, radio and press, there appear only sadism, pornography, narcotics. Youth are urged only to “trade”: girls are urged to sell their bodies.

- Crime by children, forced into the streets by economic conditions of their parents, has grown by 100%.

- In consumption of alcohol and narcotics, Ukraine is number 1 from among former Soviet Republics according to “Evening Kiev” newspaper, June 13, 1993.

- Consumption of alcohol since Ukraine became “independent” has risen by 40%.

- Birth defects in new born babies has grown to 96,000 ... and it's still growing dramatically. Our nation is slowly dying.

- Sexual degradation, advertising and publicity has overstepped all bounds of laws and human dignity.

“Spend the night with girls” is publicly advertised by firms “Diana” and “Lancer”, aside from hundreds of other brothels without names. According to official government figures, there are over 20,000 bordelos operating. The epidemic of AIDS and syphilis disease is spreading like wild fire.

All this is the result of a “cultural counter-revolution” which is “Ameri-

From Newspaper, “FOR USSR”, Kiev, Ukraine Organ of All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks and All Union Youth Guard of Bolsheviks

WE DEMAND:

- FREEDOM FOR SOVIET “CHE GUEVERA” – VICTOR ANPILOV, LEADER OF WORKERS RUSSIA!
- FREEDOM FOR I. KONSTANTINOV, LEADER OF THE FRONT OF NATIONAL SALVATION!
- FREEDOM FOR S. TERECHOV, LEADER OF THE UNION OF OFFICERS!
- GIVE BACK THE PROGRAM “600 SECONDS” TO ALEXANDER NEVZOROV ON RUSSIAN TV!
- PUT ON TRIAL BLOODY BORIS FOR 1,500 KILLED AND OVER 2,000 INJURED ON OCTOBER 4 IN MOSCOW! □

canizing" our people and country. Even in America or Canada, such pornographic films and videos are not allowed to be shown to the general public on screens or TV.

WHERE IS THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF UKRAINE?

- Religion is being forced more and more on the children in schools whether parents like it or not. There should be rights for people to believe or not to believe (as was during Soviet times).

- Where is the Church on these questions?

UKRAINE MUST NOT BECOME AMERICANIZED! □

From Newspaper

"FOR THE USSR", Kiev, Ukraine

DID YOU KNOW?

When Yeltsin gave the order to bombard the Supreme Soviet building in Moscow, resulting thousands of deaths, he showed his hidden hate towards Russia, towards the Soviet people and towards Socialism as did his father before him!

Yeltsin is a son of a former rich landowner who was sentenced to many years in jail for counter-revolutionary activities. This is why Yeltsin swore in Washington that he will "finish with Communism forever!"

In Toronto, Canada, at the end of 1993, there was a Congress (which purposely received very little press coverage - Editors) of Ukrainians with attendance from nationalist-chauvinists from Ukraine. This Congress decided to set up the "Commission for helping democracy and statehood in the Ukraine, with its centre in Kiev". Zbigniew Brezhinski had agreed to be the Honorary Member. This Committee has already in its hands over 4 million American dollars, which our Minister Drach called, "guarantee to success of

the upcoming elections in the Ukraine"!

NO COMMENT NEEDED ON OUR PART - except the Toronto Star of February 4th announced a further grant of \$2.5 millions to these people - Editors. □

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS OF THE KIEV COMMITTEE OF THE ALL UNION YOUTH GUARDS OF BOLSHEVIKS

WORKERS! Strike for better working conditions, but do not forget political demands!
FARMERS! Defend the collective farms!
INTELLIGENTSIA! Read Marx from cover to cover!

SPECULATORS-BUSINESSMEN! Don't swear that you won't land in jail!
"DEMOCRATS" AND NATIONALISTS! Time for you to emigrate back to Canada! (Canada - We don't want them - Editors)
BOYS OF UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION! Maybe you will go and leave for Saturn in order to defend its rights!

YELTSIN! Don't fret, we shall get to you yet!

CLINTON, KOHL, MAJOR! It's too early for your happiness, we'll get to you soon enough!

RED GUARDS! Be on guard! □

From Newspaper

"COMMUNIST DIGEST" Kiev, Ukraine

GORBACHEV'S "STEEL" IS TEMPERED! WITH RED HOT MONEY

We are informed that again, Gorbachev is going to make a trip to Japan, although he was there only a year ago.

He will meet officially with the leaders of Government for less than

30 minutes! What with time it takes to translate the speeches and niceties, not much can be said or agreed upon, besides how are you, what's the weather, what would you like to drink?

Which means that politically, Gorbachev is a "has been"!

Then, what is it that draws Gorbachev to Japan like a magnet? It becomes clear that there are lectures, talk shows, interviews all arranged by the right-wing forces in Japan. According to our sources, this visit of Gorbachev will fatten his already bulging bank account in foreign banks! The two largest Japanese newspapers, "Asachi" and "Ioumuri" are offering Gorbachev \$500,000 American dollars per interview. Not to be outdone, the religious leader of the Japanese sect, Daisaku Ikjeda, is offering much more.

This is a commercial venture, no if's or no but's!

It is obvious that the retinue of people that travel with Gorbachev, they're all spread out through Japan with one voice... "If you want to meet Gorbachev, shake his hand, you must pay for every meeting or audience"!

COMMENT - Isn't it nice and profitable to be an ex-communist, traitor, demagogue and a businessman? This illustrates "The High cost of pay-off to a counter-revolutionary". □

ANTI-DESECRATION MOVEMENT OF LENIN TOMB KREMLIN WALL GATHERS FORCE

From a Leaflet Distributed
All Across Moscow

MOSCOVITES!

Let us not allow the besmirching of the body of Lenin.

We are not going to allow the liquidation of the Mausoleum!

WORKERS, WORKING INTELLIGENTSIA, SOLDIERS OF THE

MOTHERLAND, YOUTH AND VETERANS—all for the defence of the Mausoleum! Only you can disrupt the thoughts of the political pygmies, unconstitutionally giving themselves the right to decide all questions on behalf of the people.

ORGANIZE PICKETS, STAND AND VOLUNTEER FOR THE HONOUR GUARD TO GUARD THE LENIN MAUSOLEUM! LET US GUARD LENIN AROUND THE CLOCK!

We shall not allow their paws to reach the shrine of all of the people of the world!

BE ON GUARD! □

From Newspaper "TOVARISH" Kiev, Ukraine

Dear Concerned Friends of Soviet People:

Thanks so much for sending us an October 1993 issue of 'NorthStar Compass'. The main point is the unanimity of yours' and our readers' opinions on Moscow October's events.

We are glad to see our publications mentioned and drawings reprinted.

Hope, we'll maintain close contact with you. We shall be very grateful if you mail us your excellent magazine sometimes. And what is your opinion on possibility of 'NorthStar Compass' - 'Tovarish' (and our readers, especially) co-operation?

Best wishes and good luck.

Enclosed, 'Tovarish' #50, 1993 with a review of readers' letters on Moscow events, two latest issues of our paper, and a good-will message from one of our youngest supporters.

Sincerely,
Anatoly V. Chernikov
Editor-in-chief □

**We Do Produce Totally By
Volunteer Labour.**

From Newspaper "PRAVDA"

KRESHCHATIK IN KIEV NOT FOR THE "REDS"!

More than 50 years, the fate of Kiev has combined two dates - Day of Liberation of Kiev from fascist occupiers and the Anniversary of October 7th Revolution. If today, one of these dates is a Jubilee, - the other date now is not recognized. November 6-7th is closely related not only by the calendar, but in the minds of the people as Soviet, as heroic and honourable.

On the Day of Liberation for over 50 years, the population met the greying veterans-liberators with flowers and a parade on the Kreshchatik Avenue in Kiev. Veterans and their families came from all across the country as one common Soviet people. This was an elegant, meaningful holiday. Then on November 7th, the people remained and marched in unison through Kreshchatik to celebrate the Great October Revolution ... going from the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier to the Arc of Friendship on the shores of the Dnieper River.

But this year, the present clique ruling Ukraine did not allow the veterans and Kievites to march through Kreshchatik.

Now the liberators of Kiev are barred from parading on their OWN Kreshchatik! Tell us then, when was Ukraine "Independent"?

Victor Drozd □

From Newspaper "TOVARISH", #42 ALARMING SIGNAL!

One of the readers of our newspaper sent us a newspaper clipping from a local newspaper, "Makarivski Visti" of Ukraine. Here, we publish a photo-copy of the article in that newspaper and we can tell our readers that the Veterans organizations of Ukraine are vehemently protested this creeping fascist-nationalist upsurge, which is flowering while government organs are not doing anything to stop this cancer.

Here's the article:

"On September 4th at 10 a.m., the Ukrainian Orthodox Church is going to celebrate the day of birth of Dmitry

Adaptation from cartoon in newspaper Tovarish.



Tuptala, who was a close collaborator of Hetman Ivan Mazepa. (Mazepa was the traitor who sold out the Ukrainian people long ago to the Kingdom of Sweden – Editors.)

During these times when Ukraine is in dire danger, when she is under attack by the new moskali-bolsheviks from Russia, we are asking every able-bodied man, who is ready with guns in their hands, to save our country, come down to the church (in the park of St. Makariv), and bow their heads to our countryman Tuptala and have their knives blessed by the Bishop and other Cossack armaments that you might have. – Orgcommittee." □

**From Newspaper
"POZITSIA"
Moscow, #39**



More and more facts are now emerging about the bloodthirsty attack on the "White House" by Yeltsin's OMON goon squads. We publish here for the first time anywhere in Canada or maybe even in the USA the following facts as compiled by the "American Committee to Defend Journalists". This Committee is collecting finances, demanding an enquiry and wants to take Yeltsin authorities before the UNO and International Court, due to the following terrible facts below – Editors.

**PLACES WHERE JOURNALISTS
WERE ATTACKED AND HOW
MANY, BY OMON POLICE**

- Ostantkino TV Tower – 18.
- Supreme Soviet Building vicinity – 21.

- Metro Barrikadnaya – 5.
- Krasnopresenskaya Station – 8.
- 1905 Avenue – 2.
- Byelorussian Station – 2.
- Smolenskaya Subway Station – 2.
- Rizhskaya Avenue – 1.
- Georgian Street – 1.

**JOURNALISTS COVERING THE
BLOODBATH WORKED FOR
THESE COUNTRIES**

- Russia – 33.
- USA – 9.
- France – 4.
- Japan – 4.
- Germany – 1.
- Italy – 1.
- Baltics – 3.

Plus 9 photojournalists representing International Press Agencies.

THE DETAILS ...

- Journalists killed by OMON police – 9.
- Seriously wounded by machine-gun fire – 13.
- Seriously beaten by batons of OMON police – 35.
- Seriously beaten by Yeltsin's "civilian guard" – 6.

THE PAPER GIVES NAMES OF THE JOURNALISTS KILLED, WHAT NEWSPAPERS THEY REPRESENTED AND WHAT COUNTRIES. USA, GERMANY, FRANCE HAD JOURNALISTS KILLED – BUT NO OFFICIAL PROTEST – EVERYTHING WAS HUSHED UP! (Editors)

*** On October 3rd at 10:30 a.m., the foreign correspondents prepared a package of photos-films to be taken by plane to Paris. They received permission from Minister Yermolenko for this package as guaranteed by protocol regarding correspondents. There was exactly 100 cassettes of videos and photos of the blood letting. Five minutes before the flight to Paris was to take place, a civilian came to the Minister Yermolenko, told him

that the package contains a bomb. The package was taken out, destroyed. The correspondents found out that Yeltsin's secret service sent their agent and they destroyed all of the evidence of the brutality and terror perpetrated by Yeltsin's OMON goons. □

**From Newspaper
"SPRAVEDLIVIST",
Volyn District of Ukraine, #49
APPEAL OF COMMUNISTS
TO WORKERS OF LUTSK**

Economic crisis in the Ukraine is deepening. Practically all of the industries, shops and other factories are working part time and there is a real danger that they might be closed for lack of energy and materials. The threat of unemployment hangs heavy over the workers of Lutsk.

This crisis is the result of the policies of the nationalists-"democrats" that are in the government of Ukraine. These nationalists used all sort of provocations – hate against the Russians, picketing the duly elected members of Supreme Soviet, hunger strikes to get rid of the representatives in government who did not sell out socialism.

These parasites get American dollars to do their dirty work of destabilization of the Ukraine. The rich get richer because the poor get poorer!

It's a bitter pill to swallow and admit that these elements usurped power, called themselves "People's Will". In actual fact, they are governing Ukraine, not the elected representatives.

The blame for this state of affairs are the people who supported the RUKH movement in a belief that these "democrats" were really patriots of their country and not reactionary-nationalists. The majority of our people did not gain anything and the opposite happened – standard of living has fallen so low that people are dying of hunger, lack of medicines

and health care.

This chaos must be stopped, even though it will be very hard. We must re-establish economic ties with the former Republics, and the only party that can do this is the Communist Party of Ukraine and all other dedicated communists. This must be done together with you, the workers in Lutsk. We cannot allow even a worse catastrophe to happen to us!

Our party is being reborn. This party will be of a new type, to us are returning those communists who in the first place joined the Communist party, not to gain high posts, privileges and opportunity for riches, but to dedicate themselves to Marxism-Leninism for the benefit of the people.

Workers! Rejoin the Communist Party.

We are appealing to the workers – intelligentsia that worked or are still working as civil servants in the government – re-register again as a member, show your dedication to the socialist cause. This will show that you are indeed a Communist, not only in words but in deeds.

We are always ready to meet our kind of dedicated comrades.

If you have your party card, come to office on Peace Prospect 13, Room #6.

Lutsk Committee Communist Party of Ukraine

**From Newspaper
"PRAVDA",
December 16, 1993**

WHO IS GOING TO BUILD THE UKRAINE?

Looking at the demographics, you can see the looming crisis for Ukraine and its people. Everyone now is talking about a catastrophe.

For the first time in Ukraine's history, the number of people dying is overshadowing the numbers that are born: in 1991, the deaths rose by

39,000; in 1992, it already rose to 100,000 people; while in the first half of 1993 (only for half a year) the numbers already are over 96,000. All this is due to the hardships, deprivation and lack of medical treatment as opposed to what was under the previous government.

The growth of the pensioners is already over 13 million people. To this calamity, you have to add the emigration factor. While before the emigration was only about 4,000 per year, in 1991, it rose already to 90,700; in 1992, it was already 288,100. What about 1994 and later on?

The demographic experts state that such a situation is not seen in any of the other former Soviet Republics!

Alexander Golub

**From Newspaper
"DUBINUSHKA (CUDGEL)"
Information Bulletin of
Moscow Society "UNITY"**



We lived to see the day! Their dirty paws are reaching for Lenin! To Lenin! – privateer, former party boss, plutocrat, bandit and fascist. The truth is murdered, while our conscience keeps quiet ...

Since the Honour Guard, the No. 1 Honour Post of the USSR is no longer standing at the Lenin Mausoleum, peoples' organizations of Moscow have banded together in order to initiate a Volunteer Honour Guard, 24 hours per day at the Lenin Mausoleum. This request was made to Commander M.I. Barsukov of the V.I. Lenin Mausoleum (before it is dismantled and the body of Lenin reburied –

Editors) and a reply was received, very bureaucratic. In essence, it denied the population of Moscow the right to volunteer organize a Honour Guard.

Nearly all peoples' organizations responded to this appeal for supplying volunteers for the Honour Guard, except the Socialist Workers Party of Russia and few other parties of the "left" that took part in the sham elections of December 12th.

We know that from all across the former USSR, there are hundreds of letters and telegrams, going to the Commandant of the V.I. Lenin Mausoleum and to Boris Yeltsin, protesting the vandalism against Lenin, against the stoppage of the world-renowned Honour Guard and against the move to rebury Lenin and demolish the Mausoleum.

Comrades:

We ask you to bombard the authorities with letters and telegrams. We must not let these Mafiosi-fascists dislodge Lenin and eliminate the Lenin Mausoleum. We must demand that we, the citizens of Russia, get the right to mount our volunteer Honour Guards in front of the Mausoleum.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the last issue of NSC, we circularized AN APPEAL to our readers to "bombard the Yeltsin Authorities. We know many have complied, but more are needed."

**From
KIROV DISTRICT OF
MOSCOW**

Dear Canadian friends!

We are a Moscow Kirovsky district organization of Russian Communist Workers' Party (RCWP). We were very glad to know recently that there is an organization Concerned Friends of Soviet People and NorthStar Compass paper in our faraway (for us) Canada and that your activity and aim is to restore our Motherland

- the Soviet Union.

A few words about our organization. When Yeltsin created the anti-revolutionary overturn in August of 1991, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU), activity was banned. CPSU was unable to organize work under these conditions and practically, self-destructed. Former CPSU members who had not betrayed their communist ideals and many others who supported socialist ideals but had not been CPSU members before, united and RCWP appeared. Our party was registered officially on the 9th of February, 1992. From the very beginning of our activity, though no financial support on hand and lack of professional party workers, RCWP became one of the most active among organizations that began their fight against the political regime which had destroyed the great state - the USSR.

All of the methods applied by left opposition including RCWP were of the non-violent character. But Russian and Moscow governors replied with crude violence. As more time passed, the more cruel this violence became. It was on the 23rd of February, 1992, when police for the first time dispersed a peaceful demonstration in honour of the Soviet Army Holiday. It was on the 22nd of June, 1992, during the picketing that blood was shed at the Moscow TV-centre. There were numerous victims among the picket participants. It was on the 1st of May, 1993, when Yeltsin's forces killed participants of the Holiday demonstration. It was on the 4th of October 1993, during the storming and shooting of the Supreme Soviet of Russia Building, the number of killed was enumerated as hundreds.

The governing regime is frightened of the people's opposition (RCWP and others take a very active part in organizing of this opposition), so it comes to dictatorship methods of governing.

The fight is complicated nowadays. The Yeltsin's clique banned RCWP newspapers, "Molniya" ("Flash") and "Narodnaya Pravda" ("People Truth"). V.I. Lenin Museum is closed. The fate of Lenin's mausoleum can't be predicted now. Leader of Moscow RCWP organization, V.I. Anpilov, is imprisoned.

On 7th of November this year, Red Square was closed to the holiday demonstration in Moscow. In order to avoid blood and victims, it was decided to hold holiday meeting outside Moscow territory.

The fight continues. We send you our RCWP paper, "Dubinushka".

With kind regards, Sincerely yours,

Vladimir Y. Andreev
Secretary of Bureau
Russian Communist Workers Party □

**From Newspaper
"IZVESTIA",
December 12, 1993
KIEV IS IN DARKNESS**

By Natalia Zinec

Kiev was never known for bright lights before, but now, the shortage of power is such that there is a curfew and all lighting decreased by 30% overall, not only on the streets but in restaurants, cinemas and concert halls. There is an energy crisis in Ukraine in general, but in Kiev in particular.

Industries, governmental buildings and Institutes must stop work and using electricity at 4 p.m. each day. All electricity is shut off at that time!

Industries such as steel mill "Lenin Works" where hot metal is the furnaces, this produces a catastrophe and loss of natural resources. Alexander Bondarenko, in charge of the Ministry of Energy, refused to discuss this question with this correspondent of Izvestia.

The "independence" drive of the present Ukrainian government does not take into account the hardships that their policy causes the population. This curtailment does not apply to the present Ukrainian leadership ... they just love to give orders by administrative actions. □

**COMMUNISTS OF
UKRAINE SAY
"INTERNATIONAL
SOLIDARITY,
THE ORDER OF
THE DAY!"**

We publish here a letter received from Felix Gorelik, member of the Communist Party of Ukraine from Lugansk, Ukraine.

Dear comrade Lucas:

Olga Shavchenko from Kiev, member of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, gave me a copy of your publication NorthStar Compass and a letter of protest that the Concerned Friends of Soviet People sent to Yeltsin. I'm a member of the City Committee of the Communist Party of Ukraine. I will acquaint our comrades with the materials and am



writing an article for our press called "There is also another Canada".

Tremendous thanks for your support of solidarity which we need more than ever during this crucial time of counter-revolutionary changes. I would like to tell you about our daily problems.

The liquidation (temporarily) of the USSR and the temporary victory of nationalistic-fascist forces brought Ukraine into a catastrophic position. The results of the across-the-ocean diktat of "shock therapy" has resulted in a full paralyses of the economy and the robbing of the workers. Our industry is practically dead in our proletarian Lugansk, as in other cities of the Donbas Region. Our "October Revolution Industrial Plant", of which we were all proud of, used to produced 95% of locomotives for all of the USSR, now is near a standstill. For the month of November, we made only a few locomotives, less than before we did in one day!

The working force is down to more than 50%, workers work only every third day because of lack of gas, electricity and materials from other former Republics. Our government is hell-bent on the course of "shock therapy", refusing to give the enterprises credit, while at the same time, they raise the prices without stop. From one side, there is tremendous unemployment, while from the other side, the prices keep rising - an example - price of bread rose from 20 kopeks to 2,500 karbovantsi (rubles)!

In no other country would the working class allow this to happen. And yet, we are keeping quiet and bearing this. Here are a couple of reasons. In the first place, our people were accustomed to the fact that the State will look after them, and they cannot yet realize the fact that this government in the Ukraine is their enemy! Secondly, the leading force in our society was the Communist Party and now, it is liquidated, dispersed

and their assets taken away. Thirdly, the unhindered nationalistic propaganda, radio, television and newspapers are in the hands of the Banderites-Petlurites agencies and thus, daily influence the mass of people. This of course has its negative aspects on the workers. At the head of the Independent Unions that were set up, are anti-communists and nationalists, even though before, they were in the front ranks of the Komsomol and Communist Party as activists!

It is hard to realize, how much hate was in the hearts of these turncoats, who before, made it their careers. These were opportunists who used the party and the Komsomol for their own ends, and now they're willing tools to Yeltsin, Krawchuk and other renegades who sold their own country, their souls and their own fathers.

These are the kind of 'Judas' in the ranks of the Supreme Soviet with Krawchuk at their head. They sold our CPU, confiscated its property, press, bank accounts and other material wealth that belonged to the membership of the Communist Party of the Ukraine.

Nevertheless, the Communist Party is being reborn. Truth is that about 10% of former party members

returned. The good is that we are getting new members who were never party members before and a great number of young people. The quality is now emerging as opposed to Gorbachev's and Krawchuk's quantity.

Our people are beginning to wake up, remembering now how good they lived "under communism", when the stores' shelves were filled with produce and products, everyone had the opportunity to go on holidays to the Black Sea or other places, there was no unemployment, children went free to kindergartens, Pioneer Camps, schooling was free, apartments were subsidized and cost about 3% of wages, workers had free medical care, and a worker was respected as part of the community. All this now appears as a dream. But we had all this before! We did not live in luxury, but we were guaranteed all that was necessary to live a normal productive life. We had TV's, fridges, washing machines, cars, motorbikes, summer houses and everyone had the opportunity to relax on a month's holiday down south in our Soviet Union.

Our Lugansk Committee of the CPU issues and distributes leaflets. We issue a monthly newspaper called "Choice", we organize meetings,



pickets. We have successes and there will be more of them. We not only organize locally and district-wise, but we have party clubs in every industry and factory.

We desperately need machines, printing presses and newsprint, since this is unavailable to us, while the nationalists are snowed-under with these items by the nationalists from other countries.

Maybe you will be interested to know, that now a person can get 30,000 karbovancev (rubles) for \$1.00!

At this moment, we are in a campaign - to elect as many deputies to the Supreme Soviet as possible that will represent the working class.

Again, our thanks for your solidarity.

Felix Gorelik
Lugansk, Ukraine

From Newspaper "POZITSIJA"

Moscow

We publish here a letter received from the Russian Communist Workers Party and the Editorial Staff of the newspaper, "Pozitsija-POSITION", published in Moscow.

Greetings comrades!

We like to thank you for your letters of support and publications that we receive during these extremely troubled times for Russia.

We immediately decided to acquaint our readers with your position. After we published your letters in our newspapers, we received letters and phone calls from our readers, from those Russians who did not lose heart and who appreciated your international solidarity with our people.

We thank you very much for the information about the possible intervention by the armed forces of USA and their 3rd mechanized

division. Based on your information, we ran a story in our newspaper on November 18th on this news item.

Can you send us the American magazine of December 1993 where it analyzes the events of October and the attack on the Supreme Soviet parliament building?

We greet you on this the 1994 year. We wish you and your families success in this struggle. We are ready and willing to have contacts and mutual cooperation with your Association and your publication.

With communist greetings!

V. Tabolin
Executive Secretary of the
Editorial Board of "Pozitsija" □

From New York Times

ONLY TRAITORS AND ENEMIES COULD ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN!

A news item on the air and in the New York Times announced that "the cosmonaut suit worn by the first man in space, Yuri Gagarin, is sold now to an American businessman, who will have it on display for the paying US public!"



There is nothing sacred for these traitors of Yeltsin's clique that cannot or will not be sold for dollars. The

world has rarely seen anything so low and degenerate.

Yuri Gagarin, the First human in space; his accomplishment showed the high technology, science and the system of socialism that produced this greatest of feats. He became a world celebrity, a household name, a man revered by humanity and a person who finally broke the final frontier.

Yuri Gagarin was a proud member of the Communist Party of the USSR until his tragic death in an aeroplane crash.

Can you imagine in your wildest dreams that England would sell its Crown Jewels? Can you imagine that the United States of America would sell the Astronaut suit of Armstrong... America's first man in space?

Anyone in this world of ours, even those that hate socialism or the former Soviet Union ... even they cringe at this criminality.

They sold for silver a national treasure that goes with the name of Yuri Gagarin, a hero of the human race.

History and the Soviet people will put on trial those who were responsible for this foul, sacrilegious deed.

As the saying goes, "You shall be known by your deeds" - Yeltsin and his clique will be cursed by Soviet people and humanity for all time! And who else was it that sold their birthright for 30 pieces of silver? □

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NEWS FROM THE CZECH AND SLOVAK REPUBLICS

Dear reader:

In order to broaden the horizons of the events that are taking place in the former Socialist countries, we were able to receive (and will receive in the future) newspapers from former Czechoslovakia, where there is a struggle being waged against the counter-revolutionary elements that have managed to seize power.



Here, we present excerpts of articles from these newspapers as translated by Michael Lucas. Should there be differing views, we will publish them on receipt, since our policy of non-interference and non-partisanship so dictates.

From Newspaper "NAŠE PRAVDA"

Organ of Communists and the Left Block

Headlines: "Criticism of Jiri Svoboda,

President of the Communist Party of Czech Republic and Moravia"; "Crisis of the Left Block"; "Who is Causing the Split in Our Party?"; "for Over 4 Months, Members of the Communist Party did not See the New Program of the Party"; and "Let Us Go to the Membership of the Party!"

The newspaper is filled with a long statement of Jiri Svoboda in which it becomes very clear that he does not want to be the Party on Marxism-Leninism; wants to do away with dictatorship of the workers; wants to distance the Party from the international communist movement; calls the Russian communists "Asiatics" and wants the Czech Republic to be integrated into Western European economy and join NATO!

Jaromir Obzina, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, in a long article takes the President to task and confronts with facts and criticism the social-democratic, anti-Marxism of the present head of the Party. Jiri Svoboda's platform is the platform of 1968 events in Czechoslovakia.

The following letter to the newspaper Nase Pravda from a reader, sums up the feeling of the majority of Communists in former Czechoslovakia.

"Jiri Svoboda is a 'democrat' and not a communist! Svoboda does not want to be the president of Communists! Svoboda wants to be the president of post-communism ala Gorbachev! For three years, we were members, struggled and built the party, only to have its president start the movement to liquidate these gains! It seems that we are back again to 1989. What he is saying is that if you, the members want to be communists, he will lead you, but as a 'democrat'! It's tragic to write these few lines."

Helena Kryndlerova

From another letter:

"No one gave the present leadership

the right to change the program, change the name, throw out Marxism-Leninism from our program!"

Collective members of
Plzen-Slovany

From letters to the Editor of Nase Pravda:

"Buying a newspaper 'Kortis' where jobs are offered, as a wife with two children like thousands others I was seeking work, I was shocked at the jobs that are offered - 'prostitutes wanted'; 'Models for erotic films needed'; 'Business women (good looks) wanted' ... all these jobs offer 30,000 crowns to 60,000 crowns per month!

Mr. Havel (President), how deep we have sunk since we listened to you while you're sitting in a comfortable chair in Prague!"

Vera M. Bohumin

LEFT BLOCK IN CZECH PARLIAMENT SAYS NO TO NATO!

"Opposition is growing to President Havel's determination to have the Czech Republic join NATO. There was no discussion or even a debate and no vote on this question. All was done behind the scenes by the top ruling 'junta of President Havel'."

APPEAL TO COMMUNISTS

"We, members of the leadership of all sections, regions, towns and city organizations of the Party, are appealing to all members, do not let Jiri Svoboda befuddle the situation and let us take all steps to stop him and his counter-revolutionary clique at the forthcoming Third Congress of the Communist Party of Czechia and Moravia. Jiri Svoboda is throwing away all the decisions that were adopted at the Second Congress of our Party.

We will not let this manouver pass! We will not liquidate ourselves!

I PROPOSE A RESOLUTION TO RECALL PRESIDENT SVOBODA AS HEAD OF COMMUNIST PARTY!

"As a member of the Central Committee and as a deputy of long standing and as head of many commissions of the Government, I cannot see any other way than to recall Svoboda, since he has long ceased to represent the majority of communists."

We will be communists and not 'post-communists' ala Gorbachev."

Marta Semelova
Deputy to Czech Parliament □

NEWS FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA

We give here an excerpt from the newspaper, "The People's Korea" published in Japan which gives a full report of the proceedings of the Workers Party of Korea Congress which was held on December 8-11 in Pyongyang.

"During our Third Seven Year Plan, our party and our people have striven to fulfill the plan under the most complex and acute internal and external situation, overcoming grim trials and difficulties.

In this period, socialism was frustrated in the former Soviet Union and other European countries and the anti-socialist offensive of the imperialists and reactionary forces of the world has been intensified as never before.

With the collapse of socialist countries in Europe and the socialist market of the world, long-term or short-term trade agreements signed with those countries were shattered, their fulfilment were all but stopped and the traditional economic co-operation and trade between DPRK and those countries were stalled.

This caused big losses in our

economic construction.

When socialism was frustrated in some countries, the imperialists and reactionaries turned the sharp edge of their attack on the DPRK and persistently manoeuvred in the political, military and economic fields to isolate the DPRK and stifle its socialist cause.

In face of this situation, we could not but take a resolute self-defensive measure, putting the whole country, the entire people and the whole army in a semi-war state.

With the danger of a new war increasing on the Korean Peninsula, we had to divert a big proportion of the economy to national defence in order to increase the defence capabilities of the country."

WE COMMENT – *The same scenario is being played out and perpetrated against Cuba, which is right on the door-step of the USA imperialism. U.S. policy of "New World Order" received its green light with the sell-out by Gorbachev and is now carried forward by Yeltsin. The danger for humanity with the temporary collapse of the USSR is real and frightening. As Canadians, we should not be smug in this scenario ... NAFTA is just the beginning! We cannot allow transnational corporations and U.S. imperialism to subjugate people, countries and the future generations. Time has come to stand up and be counted!* □

From CENTRE OF DOCUMENTATION Brussels, Belgium

Dear Friends:

We have at our disposal a documentation centre which contains about 400 magazines concerning international politics. It is to be consulted by number of our members, professors, students, etc.

We would appreciate you sending

us your publication. Our centre is relied to 'Solidaire' and 'Etudes Marxistes'.

We propose we should exchange subscriptions to one of the publications:

- Solidaire, weekly of the Parti of Labor of Belgium.
- Etudes Marxistes, theoretical bulletin – 4 issues a year (contents of the past issues herewith).

If you agree, please send us your magazine.

If an exchange is not possible, we will have a subscription to 'NorthStar Compass', please bill us.

Looking forward to our collaboration.

The Responsible of the Documentation Centre, Nicole Lanin □

EDITORS – *We have arranged for an exchange, as suggested and look forward eagerly to continuing mutual assistance, solidarity and friendship – Editors.*

OPEN FORUM

THE SCIENCE OF THE WORKING CLASS

Your editors believe the two insightful communications published below in this opening "forum" bring a particular "radiance" (if you will) to what we called some nineteen months ago "our tiny gleam of light". In the months following, there will be other, perhaps more scholastically attuned articles, of perhaps diverse and even contradictory nature, and we will welcome such. But two writers and activists whose paths we believe have never crossed before, now are together here to give us glimpses into history, as well as projections into the future, all clearly an indivisible part of the historical process stretching before humanity. We thank Aldo Righi of the mountainous Republic of San Marino and Vic Ratsma

of Canada's Maritime Nova Scotia, for the opening features of this new Forum, designed to advance the thinking, and the practise in the struggles we all face. Above all, it is our aim (in modesty) to weld these into a unity stronger, more enduring than anything that has gone before, and based on our struggles for survival. We welcome you, our reader as well. Your comments and contributions are needed and welcomed – Editors.

**From: Aldo Righi,
Republic of San Marino**

Dear Comrades of NorthStar Compass:

Here in my letter, I enclose \$35.00 for the videos. They are wonderful and I thank you very much in trusting me before I sent the money. This is real comradeship, and a good price also. I thank you too for my membership card and it is a great honour for me to be a member of Concerned Friends of the Soviet People, and to be part of the great family of International Communists and friends in support of the Communists, friends and Comrades in the former Soviet Union who hope some day soon to take away the word "former" so it will simply be the Soviet Union once again. I also thank you again for printing my letter in NorthStar Compass so other Comrades and friends (and "Campaign") will also know that your paper arrived in the smallest Republic in the world. I am now able to read and explain to my local Comrades the truth of what is happening in the USSR.

Here in San Marino, I am also Secretary of the local Association of Partisans of San Marino who are the Comrades and anti-Fascists that combated and fought in the W.W. II against the local fascists and Nazi invaders in both Italy and San Marino. We had here more than 60 persons who died and there was much damage to homes and people. I am not myself a Partisan of that war since

I am 51 years old, but I am a Partisan of today in order to struggle against capitalist reaction, the new fascists and U.S. Imperialism. My father was a Partisan in Italy and San Marino, an anti-fascist all his life and during the Fascist regime in Italy. He is now 80 years old, and also, I must tell you of my father-in-law who is from Reggio Calabria and was a Partisan in Yugoslavia with Tito's Partisan Army. He died in 1983 when he was 67 years old.

My point here is that the Anti-Fascist Comrades of San Marino in the past had given much credit to Gorbachov and believed him. That was many (but not all) of us although I too gave him some credit for good. But the few Comrades who did NOT believe in Gorbachov were RIGHT, but it took some time and the happenings in Russia to pull us ALL together in understanding who Gorbachov WAS, and, WHAT he is today ... a traitor who sold himself to the U.S. and world capitalism. Now, we all understand because many publishers and editors and book-sellers in Italy (with a right wing and capitalist orientation) wrote so much about him. Of course, he made a lot of money from them for all the lying he did. During the 1980's, many Comrades believed in him because they read his books and also, his wife's books. Knowing very well that the Comrades of my Party (Partito Progressista Democratico of San Marino – the ex-Communist Party) with about 900 members, and also, the Refoundation Communist Party of about 100 members, I know how they ALL think about the present events in Russia. ALL the Comrades are against Yeltsin and his Mafia-Fascist gang. We all hope that the new leaders of the three major Communist parties of Russia get together in one big organization to restore Socialism in a new and better USSR. We are all looking towards the future with optimism. Some of us of course

(although it is some "yes" and some "no") understand that some leaders in Russia MADE MISTAKES in the way they worked for Socialism in the USSR. The faults or mistakes is where the U.S. capitalists and the world capitalists found the fertile soil to corrupt some leaders at the right moment to destroy the USSR. I should have said after writing of Gorbachov's and his wife's books, that today in Italy, nobody reads or sees such writing or books. Gorbachov has already done his job well in helping world Imperialists to destroy the former Soviet Union, and to disrupt the internationalism of Communists. Today, there is no need to see his books here or anywhere in the world.

I wish you all good health and best wishes in your wonderful work. And that you will continue to give some good news to lift up the morale of all Communists and friends in the world.

– With Communist greetings
Comrade Aldo Righi
Republic of San Marino

What may we say to this indomitable friend and Comrade? He speaks so eloquently and clearly of the past, as well as the present struggles and thinking of his people, we can only say that it is a rare honour indeed for us to bring his letter to our readers. We would hope as he says, to

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"lift up the morale" of all our readers, and beyond them, for "everybody everywhere". That is necessary, and that this comes from "the smallest Republic in the World" should "make them the proudest Republic in the whole world". Humbly, we thank you, Aldo Righi, together with all our Comrades and friends there. □

From: Dartmouth, N.S., Canada

Dear Michael:

As usual, we were very pleased with the January issue of NorthStar Compass. More and more, I am beginning to appreciate what the name of this publication really is, since the North-Star (or Polar Star) has served humanity since time immemorial as a guiding light to determine our position and direction. NorthStar Compass now serves as a beacon of light and hope while at the same time, providing careful guidance in finding a new road to a Socialist future and avoiding the mistakes of the past. I am very much looking forward to the "Open Forum" of the discussion on the "Social Science of the Working Class". It is rapidly becoming more difficult to see how any one country can go in alone as a Socialist state with the present integration of so many countries in the global economy. Events in the former Soviet Union and a return to a Socialist path there seem as absolutely crucial to keep the light of hope burning.

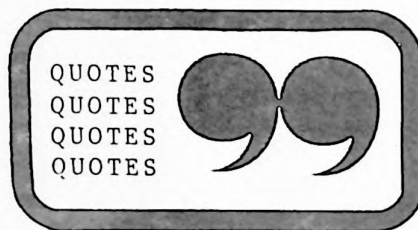
I am pleased to read that so many new readers are signing up for NSC, particularly in the U.S.A. I recently had a discussion with an old friend from Winnipeg, a former C.U.A. member and also an activist in the Canada-G.D.R. society. He had dropped from sight for personal reasons for some time, but may be ready to rejoin our activity at this time. Please forward him a copy of the January issue and the article of Marcus Wolfe's trial which would be of great interest to him. I enclose his name and address.

Thanks for all the above and we

shall "remain in contact".

- Vic Ratsma

Thank you, Vic Ratsma - We think since you express great eagerness to see our new Discussion Forum, and your letter is thoroughly appropriate, it should appear right here. That, together with the splendid communication from Aldo Righi, will give this new feature a solid basis for future development and creative penetration in coming editions. We thank you for your thoughts, and we shall "remain in contact". □



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS HISTORIC DOCUMENT!

Dear Marshal Stalin:

I received from the Soviet Ambassador the text and the music of the new Soviet Hymn which you so kindly sent in answer to my request.

The emotional music of this hymn was played by us many times over radio BBC and will always be played with every victory of the Red Army. Therefore, I feel certain that the British people will shortly know this hymn by memory.

I am proud that I am the first recipient of this Hymn.

February 10, 1944
Winston Churchill
Yours truly, □

OUR CREDO

NorthStar Compass is independent, non-partisan and open to our readers for their opinions and thoughts. In our tradition, we are dedicated to international cooperation, friendship and solidarity in a world at peace.

Discussion BOX

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The article below is absolutely remarkable in that it comes from the pen of a more than 60 year veteran of the women's working class, anti-fascist, peace and human and civil rights struggles both in Canada and internationally, AND WAS WRITTEN FROM A SICK BED IN VANCOUVER WHERE SHE IS CONDUCTING AN IMMENSE AND COURAGEOUS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE PAIN OF A VERY CRITICAL ILLNESS. *Bea Ferneyhough, now in her mid 80's, simply refuses to stop struggling, both for her point of view and for a correct policy and expression of that which will advance the many causes to which she has literally given her entire life. She is a member of our Honour Roll, but we know her real "honour" will be satisfied with new victories of her beloved people. Her vast number of friends in Canada and around the world will want to greet this indomitable Comrade and friend and to wish her good heart and courage in her difficult struggle at this time. We all salute her with deepest respect and love. We publish her letter to the Editor as a valuable contribution to our work. We are sure she joins with us in asking for responses, critical or otherwise. Thank you, Bea Ferneyhough, from the bottom of our hearts for this, and all you have done and continue to do! She writes:*

"I want to make clear to you a problem I have with NSC as a medium for the free exchange of views on "what made the USSR collapse?" and the offerings of NSC as such a medium. As well, it must be a trustworthy reporter of facts coming from that breakdown, and ensuing "facts"

from subsequent developments. As Canadians, we need to be clear on all the international consequences as they impact on Canada and the Canadian people.

"We are all citizens of the world as well as native to the country in which we were born. As world citizens, our outlook and interest is naturally international. But as Canadians, this interest is both local and as history has evolved, national. The dialectical interaction of this dichotomy determines our programs and our line of advance.

"Looking back to the founding of the Communist Party of Canada in 1921, and our experiences in it, what do we see as the crux of the outcome of the "first Socialist state?" And how does it, as a socio-historical phenomena, tie together with Marx-Engels trends of "theory and practise", and particularly, as we understood it? Lenin's grasp of Marxism led him to the conclusion that "Socialism in a single country" was a scientifically sound assumption and concept. Can we now say that history has confirmed this, and if not, why not?

"It seems to me to beg the question to point to the shortcomings and inner evils of capitalism as responsible for the final crisis in the USSR that in turn, has led to the present catastrophic situation, world wide. Surely, as a science, Marxism must measure up all historical developments and prove itself capable of change as it takes place, or as it can be foreseen, and to frankly acknowledge responsibility, when it fails to meet that need.

"Holding to a positive, creative approach in social, economic and political problems, Marxist exponents of scientific socialism use criticism, not to beat to death an opponent, but to expose a Marxist alternative, and in terms of encouragement to turn away from any existing practice of a deteriorating character and nature. This, it seems to me, must be done while always offering a general

perspective of general welfare, and I would add natural growth. What to do? While NSC offers an essential step forward, I think what is needed even more is a good general paper devoted to the immediate needs of the working population, employed and/or self acting in its business aspects and open to co-operative organization.

No matter how often or in what manner I try to comprehend, the meaning of events leading to Perestroika and beyond, I arrive at a stalemate, for I cannot see the USSR as a model - role model as the saying goes - for those searching for a practical socialist alternative to what we are enduring today. But our program cannot be one seeking reprisals or revenge. We cannot think in terms of either "getting even" or of "getting ahead". "Getting" security and happiness for all must be our aim, our objective and our desire.

So, I find myself now always thinking of Canada's essential welfare in the world revolutionary movement now under way. International labour solidarity with all anti-capitalist and anti-monopoly interests must be achieved. Perhaps the development of an international correspondence based on a search for immediate action is a "first" requirement. But it seems to me that old theses of the Communist Parties has lost public credibility. A Marxism attuned to new conditions must now be in the making in all this "process". I will write more anon."

COMMENT - We know the writer would want and expect responses from her readers. The fundamental questions opened up here demand such. Again, our deepest appreciation to Bea Ferneyhough. Let us hear more - anon. Editor. □

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LETTERS

From: Winnipeg, Manitoba

To Concerned Friends of the Soviet People:

With the coming of the New Year of 1994, one wonders what is in store for the people of Canada and of the whole world, and particularly, for the people of the former Soviet Union.

The tragic events of October 1993 in Moscow have made it very clear what Yeltsin's "democracy" really means. And Zhirinovskiy's wild threatening neo-fascist declarations have added to the concerns of all progressive minded people.

The information provided by North-Star Compass from reliable Communist and socialist sources within the former Soviet Republics has helped a great deal in trying to understand what is actually taking place there. We are confident that the ordinary Soviet people will regain their peoples power to build a better socialist society.

Congratulations to the editors and editorial board for doing a fine job. Enclosed is a donation of \$100.00 for the Concerned Friends of the Soviet People and NorthStar Compass. With best wishes for greater achievements in 1994.

- Mary Kardash

Dear Mary Kardash: We acknowledge your letter and your donation, together with your congratulations to us in the deepest sense of friendship, solidarity and comradeship. We are deeply aware of the tremendous contribution both you and your husband, Wm. Kardash, have made to the general welfare of the Canadian labour and progressive movement, and in particular, in the great community of Ukrainian Canadians, and we congratulate and applaud you for it. This knowledge

deepens our pride ... (and our humility) in receiving your strong support, as you have expressed it. Thank you for this and for all you have done and are doing. Our mutual struggles will and must continue.

From: North Battleford, Sask.

Dear Sirs:

It is very late to be ordering videos. Please do what you can to fill my order. Enclosed find my personal cheque in the amount of \$50.00 for the videos. Thank you for NorthStar Compass. It is much appreciated.

– Very Sincerely, Joseph Curcio

Your friendship and interest in our activities is deeply appreciated as well, and we are determined to continue on our road of international friendship and solidarity with all the strength we can muster. Your interest and support helps us on our way.

From: Gabriola Island, B.C.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a cheque for \$43.70 to keep up my subscription to NorthStar Compass. I should appreciate having the Video on the anti-Free Trade you mentioned in your November issue. I find the NorthStar Compass interesting and informative like the video tapes that very much interest people. Thank you for that. It is good to know there are honest people to tell us as much of the truth as is possible. With the truth, you can travel the whole world, but with a lie, you can only go half way round the world, and you will be caught.

– Your friend, Bill Samechyk

It is always pleasant to hear from friends who appreciate your work, and who can add a bit of homily about what happens when lies are told, and also, the great travels that can be made with the truth. We pledge to you, Bill Samechyk of Gabriola Island, that we fully intend to keep sailing on that round the world

voyage. We welcome everybody to come right along with us.

From: Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Michael Lucas:

Enclosed, a cheque for \$30.00 to cover two copies each of NorthStar Compass. My sub may have run out. I am very much impressed by your December issue which arrived today and your ability to bring direct news from many different sources in these very puzzling times. I regret to inform you that my husband, Gavin McEwen, passed on at the beginning of last June. I hope to get NorthStar Compass circulated to a number of groups here. Congratulations.

– Charlotte McEwen

Dear Charlotte McEwen: We are deeply saddened by your information of your bereavement, and even at this late date, we want to express our deepest condolences and sympathy to you. We are aware of the many long years of activity on behalf of Peace and other progressive causes you have engaged in over the past. Since you congratulate us, we feel such congratulations should be reversed and sent from us to you, particularly for the assistance you have been and intend to develop more in your area. It is this that makes us feel that we are reaching the level of being a true press of the people, which we have tried to be since our first edition. Thank you again, Charlotte McEwen.

From: Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed a cheque in the amount of \$15.00 for the renewal of my subscription for NorthStar Compass. I would really appreciate it very much if you could send me a copy of the issue that dealt with Yeltsin's takeover of power from Gorbachov and that farce of an affair. I gave my copy to someone else and didn't keep the date or number of the issue, but it was the first issue that I

received.

– Yours truly, Esther Radosivic

Dear Esther Radosivic: We are researching your request by tracing back when you subscribed and sincerely hope we can quickly come up with the edition you want to replace. In any event, your voluntary renewal tells us, along with your special interest in the lost edition, that you find our work of some value. We thank you for that.

From: Minnesota, U.S.A.

Dear Friends:

I have just read your November, 1993 NorthStar Compass and it is a masterful job of reporting on events in Russia. I was so impressed, I want to subscribe. Enclosed is my check for my subs. Could you please send a copy of your Nov., 1993 issue to my friend (address and name enclosed) I am certain he will also find it very enlightening. Thank you.

– Sigrid Sharp

Dear Ms. Sharp: Your words are very encouraging to us, and we are doubly pleased that we have now readers in the state of Minnesota. We welcome you to our growing circle of readers, not only in the USA, but as you see, around the world.

From: Burnaby, B.C.

Sirs, or Madam:

Would it be possible to have the personal address of Comrade Aldo Righi of the Republic of San Marino, as I would like to get from him the address of the Communist Party newspaper, Liberazione? I am fluent in Italian and I read of him in the December issue of NorthStar Compass.

– John Minni

Thank you, John Minni. Since it is our policy not to forward personal addresses without the permission of the person involved, we will ask Aldo Righi to forward the requested information to you. If he complies with your request,

we are sure everyone will be pleased and a new link in our chain of international solidarity and friendship will be established between you and the Republic of San Marino. We hope that will work out to everyone's satisfaction. Thank you, John Minni, and your requested videos are on the way to you.

From: Brantford, Ont.

Comrades:

Thank you for my new membership card in Concerned Friends of Soviet People. I am enclosing a cheque for \$50.00 as my contribution to the cause and my only regret is that I can't send more. Your work in this matter has been truly outstanding.

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the overall improvement in your publication's journalistic quality. It certainly is a pleasure to read something other than the big business propaganda that we are inundated with on a daily basis. I further wish that your predictions for the coming year prove correct and that the Soviet people will finally get some respite from the suffering that they are enduring at the hands of Mr. Yeltsin and his G-7 henchmen. It seems almost impossible as I read your publication that a proud and happy nation like the Soviet Union could have been so devastated in such a short time.

If anyone needed proof as to which of the two economic systems are superior, this has resolved that issue once and for all. It seems that Capitalism, no matter where it is, be it South America, Eastern Europe, Asia or North America, has certain qualities in common. They are crime, drugs, poverty, homelessness and strife. The dehumanization of its people is something that pervades the system no matter where and when it is allowed to take root, as we so well know here in Canada.

Unfortunately, the Soviet people are now finding much to their

chagrin that socialism is easy to lose but not so easy to regain. It makes one wonder where all these so-called humane rights advocates are when it comes to violations of these rights by the present regime and the utter stupidity of those of us who listened to these hypocrites all these past years.

All the best in the new year comrades and I feel sure that not only will socialism triumph in the long run, but that at long last, truth shall prevail.
- Comradely Yours, George Hess

We thank you, George Hess, for your thoughtful and encouraging letter. We look forward to a larger readership from the fair city of Brantford.

From: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

A good new year for all at NorthStar Compass - Enclosed is my subscription.

We welcome, from the southern hemisphere where the Southern Cross is visible, a new friend to NorthStar Compass. It is one world "indivisible" and made so by the people. Thank you, our new friend.

From: King City, Ont.

Dear Ray:

I heard you on CIUT (Radio Station, University of Toronto, F.M. 890) a few weeks ago and found the program very interesting. Would you send me a sample of NorthStar Compass as I am interested in subscribing to your publication? Thank you.

- Robert Brown

Dear Robert: A copy is on the way to you and we are pleased you found the CIUT interview interesting. We have made some copies of it for those who might be interested.

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- Signed,
Peiwei Ni
Bureau Chief
Radio Canada International

It is our earnest wish to cooperate. There is a paucity of objective and truthful reportage in most media on events in the former Soviet Union. We will assist in any way possible to correct this. Thank you - Editors.

From: Toronto, Ont.

Enclosed, find \$100.00 donation to your publication. Keep up the excellent work.

- Gary Semenchuk

Your constant help and encouragement is much appreciated.

From: Grand Forks, B.C.

Sorry about my late renewal. I was in hospital for a considerable time and now am enclosing a renewal and a donation. Carry on with the wonderful work you are doing.

- John G. Ogloff

We want to wish you a speedy recovery and many thanks for your help.

From: Buffalo, NY, U.S.A.

The best way to regain former members is to circulate extra copies of NorthStar Compass now ... to show them the truth about the events.

- Rose Touralchuk

Yes, we shall follow your advice, and we are working on gaining a wider readership.

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

"U.S. COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP, INC. CALLS FEBRUARY MEETING"

In a letter to the Members of the Board, of the U.S. Council For International Friendship, Inc., who now displaying the slogan "A Global Way to Peace" on their letterhead and over the signature of Roy M. Kaufman, Executive Director from Cleveland, Ohio, a meeting has been called of the organization at the Sienna Centre near Milwaukee, Wisconsin this month.

A resolution submitted to the meeting, a copy of which has been

forwarded to Concerned Friends President, Michael Lucas, proposes they will "oppose all U.S. policies and foreign aid in violation of international and U.S. law that are destructive of peaceful relations among nations and the right of each nation to determine its own political and economic system". The resolution, submitted by the Bay Area for International Friendship, in its preamble sharply points to the United States commitment of 1945 in joining the United Nations "not to interfere in the internal affairs of other nations, and by ratifying the International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights in 1992 the United States reaffirmed this commitment". If adopted, this resolution would place the Council in sharp opposition to the widely ballyhooed doctrine of "interventionism" that now underpins much of the world's diplomatic and military activity, including Canada and the U.S.

In another significant document forwarded to C.F.S.P., Mr. Kaufman in twelve pages, gives what he describes as "some history on the current issue of Cuba and U.S. foreign policy". In fact, it is a review of that history from 1898 to the present and is a valuable exposure of the dominant Imperialist drive of U.S. foreign policy, during that time. NorthStar Compass and C.F.S.P. will re-issue it in the days ahead. □

POET LAUREATE Harold Bates

BIDING OUR TIME

1986 we wrote a poem
About Gorbachev and his plan
To rid the world of nuclear arms.
He says we can.
That was five years ago
And he let the world know his
three stages.
Most will be alive to see,

To see a nuclear free world by 1995.
We are on the way - Let us keep it that way.

Since then changes have taken place
Most not expected.

So, February this year we wrote another,
After the changes.

As the snowball rolls it gathers more snow
But snow melts and spring will come.
And the anti-nuclear plan still stands.
The Soviets have made a pledge.

We must follow.

Despite the drastic change we must
arrange

Our thinking about the bomb.

This is where our decisions are
coming from.

For what is economics all about
If peace is left out?

There will be many heartbreaks
along the way

As we watch countries going their
own way.

For 73 years we supported the cause
For a better world,

But war was in the way. Is it not true?
Now what to do. Are we to save the world

When there is no world to save?

First things come first they say,
So let us get war out of the way.

Gorbachev could be right. If compromise
will save the day,

Let the tycoons have their way.

We can wait.

We have waited before. All is lost
if we go to war. □

THE DANCING THIEVES ...

By: Sergei Gaidar

Caviar and cognac, half naked women ...
The thieves drink and drown themselves,
But all from the money they stole
from you
Soviet Union. In other times and places
You thieves would be shot, or hung
one by one. And
That would be that, and very justified
and just.

Sadly, such times are now gone and
 replaced by
 The crooks, the gangsters, and
 sometimes by
 "Business men" who now exercise
 "power" in
 The tremendous tragedy that has befallen
 Our Soviet Union. Now, every day,
 every week, every month,
 Every moment, they sell a piece of you
 Soviet Union.
 Imagine, you Soviet Union, the first
 of Socialism,
 Built with the blood of Stalingrad
 and how many more
 At Kursk, Leningrad and ten thousand
 villages called Soviets ...
 You the victors, the same Soviet
 people who
 Knew so well how to give the
 deadliest blow
 To Hitler and his Nazi cut-throats
 when you
 Came to Berlin over mountains of
 bodies, in 1945.
 The night is black while white snow
 is falling,
 And the thieves are drunk, drunk with
 cognac, vodka
 And power, and drunk with everything
 we Soviets built ...
 Drunk with everything we Soviet's
 loved, and love still ...
 And for the thieves, their bellies
 swollen with
 Drunkenness and U.S. dollars, green
 to the drunken eye ...
 For them, more caviar, more cognac,
 more rich food
 To swell their rotten bellies more and
 gluttonized and puking to spend the
 night with
 Their whores, their stinking friends,
 boasting
 Yelling, crying, laughing the humour
 Of the damned, you stinking bird of the
 Gutters of anti-Sovietism, pigmies,
 perverts ...
 The very scum of Russia, the
 Rasputins of our days ...
 Maybe some in stupor try to forget
 the past,

Maybe there is yet some tiny particle
 Of conscience, smaller than an atom
 To be drowned in your debauchery,
 and maybe
 There is no horror worse than to be sober,
 To think, to catch even a tag end of the
 monstrous
 Reality you have created and that
 drowns us all
 In your excrement ... What is this?
 You cannot stand the sight of tiny
 Russian faces,
 Of starving Georgian faces, of all the
 children's
 Faces, begging, crying, dressed in
 rags and nothing
 Against the Russian winter, YOU
 cannot stand being sober??
 Well, dance then you thieves, you
 bandits, you murderers, dance now,
 Today, this minute, for soon your
 dance will die
 With you, soon, very soon. □



*We hand over this space, this issue to a
 new friend in Mexico.*

SALT'N PEPPER ON WRY

By R. Davis

NEW SCIENCE BREAK-THROUGH,
 THE YELTSIN EQUATION:
 autocracy + hypocrisy = Democracy

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DEMOCRACY BY DICTATORSHIP:
 President Bill Clinton hails it as a big
 step toward Democracy that Russian
 President Yeltsin tore up the Russian
 Constitution and thumbed his nose at
 his Congress and Supreme Court.
 Let's hope this strain of Democracy
 Fever is not contagious.

Incidentally, poor, old-hat Abe
 Lincoln, who thought that Democracy
 is rule by all the people, rather'n just
 one of 'em - he sure is getting an up-
 dating, isn't he?

* * * *

WHO - RAY 4 FREEDOM?:
 Cheerleader Bill admires Boris Yeltsin
 for his Democracy and love of human
 rights, like ousting and busting legally
 elected lawmakers, firing the Supreme
 Court, consigning the Constitution to
 the waste basket, banning opposition
 parties, closing down opposition
 information agencies, dissolving city
 and state councils, and — well,
 anyway, how about a round of
 applause for good old human rights ...

* * * *

TOP-DOG DEMOCRACY: Boris
 calmly admits that kicking out his
 people's Congress and Supreme Court
 is unconstitutional, but what the heck
 — it's all for the country's own good.
 Oh?! Well ...

Presidents and kings
 since Rameses was a pup
 have made their power grabs
 to lift their country up
 and do their "freedom" thing.
 You don't believe me yet?
 Ask Hitler, Mussolini
 Napoleon, Pinochet ...

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"P" ASIN PROGRESS — OR PAYOFF:
 It used to be that news stories were
 written to the same formula in Russia
 as anywhere else: Who-What-When-
 Where-Why-How. But with the
 rampaging rise in bribery and corruption
 there in late years, the formula has
 slumped to Who-What-When-Where-
 Why-HOW MUCH.

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HIGH MARX FOR CAPITALISM:
 Yes, capitalism is a world-beating
 system all right — it sure has beat the
 hell out of our world! □

Outside of the suffering caused this young Ukrainian girl by the barbarian Nazi invaders, you'll see, as you will read the story of her life, you'll chuckle at this Rusalka's exuberance, youthful and natural living, sparkling fire and honest opinion of the fascist butchers. Chuckle through tears – as I do. Translator.

THE RED SEAGULL

Born, I, as well as my foursome of brothers and sisters, were born near Moscow, in the Noginsky territory, on top of the ... mud – marsh. That's how my father nicknamed us – birds of the Mud.

"Noo, take a look at Albert – he would say, laughing – doesn't he look like the long-legged, sharp-eyed and lively wood-grouse? and Zhenka – calm, important, majestic, like the princely crane!" Marta – father called a quacker (like a duck). She really looked like that wild bird. She was the youngest one of us, a little stout. She even walked wobbling from side to side, like a duck.



A Glossary:

* Chaika: Seagull.

Tanya we called prettily – White Swan and me, they called Seagull, but the gull of the steppe, not that White Seagull of the sea. The steppe gull, we saw them often not far from our home.

Why did father name me Seagull – I don't know. No kind of resemblance – perhaps because of the disobedient tuft of hair which constantly stuck out at the back of my neck.

And about mamma, father often said: "Your dear mamochka, Anastasiya Aleseyevna, the most beautiful of all the water nymphs, I also caught in the marsh." At this, he would take mamma's hand and kiss it gently. And then, satisfied, he would embrace her, and we would jump around them, clap our hands, shouted and screamed with all our might: "Mamma – the water-nymph! Mammka – the beautiful!"

He really met mamma at the turf-works. He worked there as a plain pit-worker – our pappa – Grygoryi Nicolayevitch Sozeen – engineer-turfman – Chief of the section. They fell in love, got married and were living doosha v dooshoo (soul within soul).

Pappa loved books very much. He gathered a good library. He often read aloud, injecting also us with love of books. When I grew up some, pappa would say: "Read Chaika* these-here books – very useful, you can learn a lot." I would read and re-read many books, was being transferred to other worlds and epochs, imagining myself as the heroine. But of the most beloved only two: "Ovod" and "How the Steel was Tempered". I was imagining myself as Pavka Korshagin on the galloping horse. All of this I would be imagining in such brilliant colors that it would catch my breath. My imagination, I think, was so powerfully developed because to go to school from the village in which we, turf-workers,

lived was quite far – three or four kilometers. I'd walk there, and walked alone, no one and nothing interferes and I am just thinking and thinking. Whither only would not my mind, and I am wholly absorbed, whither would not my mind lead me, a child's fantasy and then-girlish dreams. Papa was often transferred from one place of work to another. Just where only did it not fall upon us to live! I remember well the muddy place, separated into sections, long one-story barracks, in which we would be living. Occasionally, I would be helping papa analyze the composition of the peat-bogs.

Drying, I would pour the turf into samples, weigh them, and he would verify it, calling me laboratorka. In 1936, they transferred my father to a new territory – into the section of Pootivl, in Soomchina. Here, there was a gigantic mudful bog – stretched along the river Seym for tens of kilometres, occupying hundreds of hectares. On the west side of the bog, there were situated the villages of Yuryevo, Manookhavka, Leenovo, Boonyakino, Gorodok, Novaya Sloboda. And on the east side, the large township of Tetkino.

"This here is a bog!" father shouted, obviously enraptured. "A whole bog of turf-wealth!"

They appointed father to be chief of the third sector – a medium size barracks-settlement. Occasionally, they called it Third Settlement, and later, First of May. And there is where they gave us a place to live. A school in the settlement there wasn't. The nearest – one for seven kilometres in the village of Lyenovo, another – for three, in Yoorovka. I went to the Yoorovka one. I went each day – there and back – walking. I was living in clover! In the winter, truthfully, they were carrying us in sleighs, but it was dreary, tedious and cold to sit in them. At first, it was not easy to study,

especially the Ukrainian language was coming with difficulty. I am a Russian, after all, arrived from Russia, never before laid my eyes on a Ukrainian book, but here, you have to go through exams on Ukrainian Literature. But I got acclimatized quickly. At first, I was receiving "Dobre" (Ukr Well), but later, also "Vidminno" (Excellent). But how much hard work it cost me knew only my girl friends, Sonia Chaosova and Lusya Stoborova from Yoorevo with whom I got acquainted the very first day of studying and we became friends for all time. They, just like father, called me Seagull - Chaika.

I liked to also be active in community work, especially military work. We would go into the forest and would be shooting. I received pin "Voroshilov Sharp Shooter". Even before I took the test, I was shooting well - father taught me. After all, we often went hunting together.

The seven years school I finished with praiseworthy knowledge. I felt like studying further, but where? In Linovo and Yurevo, there is no tenth grader. I discussed it at home and with my girl friends and it was decided to study in Gorodok, near the village Novaya Sloboda. There, in the former monastery, there was a children's home, school, a students' boarding house, and a library. Meantime, it was necessary to celebrate the completion of the Seven Year Plan (Semeletka), so the free evening (for this) had been designated for the 22nd of June, 1941 ...

On that memorable to everyone Sunday morning, we, I with Sonia Chaosova, decided to scamper over to the forest, pluck some flowers for the free evening.

We got up early, the dew was still on the grass. We went into the forest and plucked two gigantic bouquets, are returning - "What's the matter?", Sonia asks - "Work-pay like the day

before yesterday was received." "I don't know Sonia. Maybe an assembly of some kind?"

I see agitated faces, hear the words: "War ... War ..."

I did not pay any attention to this.

At this time, a rumbling of planes was heard, everyone ran hither and thither, only the young-ones remained by the office. We look, but they are ours, Soviet. We are standing, laughing at those who are returning.

"Important government announcement waiting", said a chap who was standing at the side. We also decided to listen to the radio some. In the black loud-speaker, hanging on a tree by the office something crackled, came out with a hoarse voice, then was silenced, and in the depth of stillness, there broke through an agitated voice:

"Traacherous enemy ... Germans ... War ..."

The faces of the people changed, elongated, paled, in the eyes - alarm. Mourning, black mourning hangs over the village - unavoidable, unmerciful ...

But no matter how odd, on that morning it was wholly not frightening to me, unclear the alarm of people, who still stood there silently by the office building and were not leaving for their homes. This alarm, it seemed to me, was not justifiable. For we - stronger than all the others. Behind us - the whole world! In my heart resounded the recently learned songs which we sang in school - joyfully, passionately, with fire. "If tomorrow there be war, if tomorrow to march..."

I was worried about something else - about mama not being home. Not long ago, together with the very young ones, Marta and Albert, she went to her sister near Moscow, for a rest for the whole summer. What will happen with them? How will they return? Father - I know his character

- he will be the first to leave for the front. But what will I be doing alone with two children?

Iran home. Aunt Oolya is crying. She knows already that war already began. She is hugging, pressing to herself Zhenya and Tanya and utters:

"On whom will you be left? ... What will happen with you, my darling children, my dearest?"

Leaving for the summer to relatives, mama asked aunt Oolya to look after them and our household - chickens, ducks, piglet, cow. Aunt Oolya agreed, but now, now she suddenly became agitated, rushed to her home - in Novaya Sloboda. She was a friend of mom's.

Soon, father returned. While his age was not yet being called, he did not want to wait. Gave turf management to his deputy and tomorrow, he goes to the front.

The whole night I did not shut my eyes. I was wondering to myself - was wondering to myself: I suddenly became just as agitated as my mother would be. During one night, I grew up.

Early in the morning, father got up, washed up, eyes red, grayer, sunken, like with an old man, face sad, and he is only 35 years old. I ignited the fire, prepared for father scrambled eggs. But he hurriedly puts into the sack bread, salt, cucumbers, soap, the razor. Then he tied the sack with a string, like a rucksack so as to be able to carry it on his back. He did not, after all, sit down at the table. In silence, kissed all of us and went out of our home. Through the open window we saw how he, with sure, vigorous steps, was walking right through the puddles ... Rain was splashing on the street, but neither does he notice that. Father is such a large, wide-shouldered man - the sack on his back looks like a toy. Not looking back, he goes towards the stable where Ostap is waiting for him with the harnessed

horse.

We did not know, could not then know, that no more will we see our father, that our dear papochka was leaving forever.

In a couple of months, mama returned. What only did not she travel on – by passenger and goods trains, and by cars that happened to travel on the roads and by bus. She was breaking through the approaching fascists into the furnace of the war. From the station Voroshba, she walked. She came home the same day the Germans grabbed Pootivle, and the leading parts of our front, crossing (the river) Seym, took the defence in Booriny.

Here, the front stopped. Hitting from cannons and other weapons, shells are exploding right next to us, barracks are burning. Mother, with the younger brothers and sisters, are hiding in the cellar and Sonia and I are running to Lyusa Stoborova in the village of Yoorevo – we know that there were still our's there. Only when we got to Yoorevo, our's already left.

That same day, the Germans occupied the village. Lyusa, Sonia and I were at school. What to do? We climb into the attic, are looking through the window, but across the village are marching and marching German columns of wagons, autos, tanks painted over with white, green and black and there is no end to this column.

Suddenly we see, on the side street, speeding, at great speed, a small tank, with red stars on her armour. At high speed, she cuts into the enemy column, with a lot of noise she rumbles through it, running towards our school. The fascists are shooting at her from all kinds of weapons, but as though not paying any attention to this, she flies like a bird. But suddenly she stops, burning. The tankists jump out – right there fall under the shower of the

enemy bullets. Only one, covered with the smoke of the burning machine, is running into the school yard. Lyusa stuck out her head through the window, shouted: "Over here! Over here!"

The tankist heard it, and we run towards him as he ran towards the door. We took him towards the attic, into it, Lyusa got the medical kit and we bandaged the tankist.

"Why to here? the Germans are here." asked Lyusa.

"Onto Lyezachi we wanted to force ourselves, to ours. There was nothing to lose ...", the tankist sighed, "A pity the crew perished."

Soon, after the regular sections, the Gestapo appeared in the village. There began the arrests. They took all the communists, the secretary of the village Soviet, the Kolkhoz activists. Later, we discovered their fate – they executed Alexander Wishnyevsky, Semyon Shoolev ...

We somehow accidentally discovered that in the Novoslobotskiy Forest appeared the partisans. Went there, but, understandably, found nobody. Encountered the forester Zamula Georgiy Ivanovitch. I knew him very well. He often visited father, and father, when hunting, also visited him.

Later, it got clarified that Zamula had contacts with the partisans.

"Noo, what girls, agreeable?" asked Zamula.

And how! We told him about our doings – about the tankist, whom we nursed to health, about the Komsomol (Young Communist) organization active in the village of Yoorevo, about what we contemplated to be doing.

But here you are, at the October Holidays, a violent snow storm – a Poorga – hit, the snow accumulated up to the knees and I decided to live at Lyusa's for a while, till the roads will reappear. I told Zamula about this. □

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