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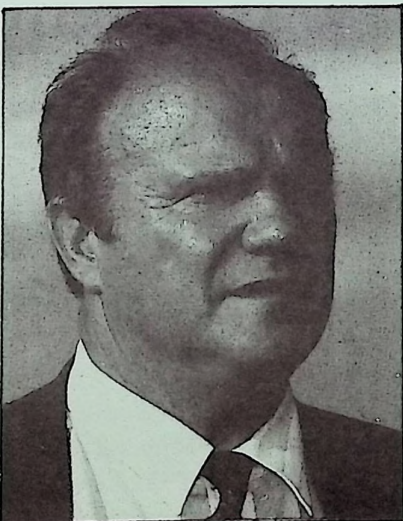
ELECTIONS TO DUMA ARE OVER! WHAT'S NEXT FOR RUSSIA-USSR?

Elections are over! Communists and their allies have made impressive gains. This is of course a direct blow to Washington, Bonn, London, Paris, Ottawa and to Yeltsin and his clique! There is absolutely no doubt that Russian people have seen through the "market economy" which has devastated the country and also the living standards of the people!

Let us take a look at the complete figures ... how does the composition of the Duma (Parliament) stand?

Communist Party of Russian Federation (Zyuganov) - 23%

Gennady Zyuganov



EDITORIAL

Liberal Democratic Party (Zhirinovsky) - 11%

Our Home (present government) - 9.6%

Yabloko Movement (Yavlinsky) - 7.6%

Communist Workers of Russia (Anpilov) - 4.8%

The Agrarians (opposed to land privatization) - 3%

Power to the People (former Premier Ryzhkov) - 2%

DUMA HAS 450 SEATS

If the left block parties join their efforts in Parliament, including the nationalist Zhirinovsky - they would have a block of nearly half seats in the Duma.

The Our Home is Russia party of Prime Minister Chernomydrin, in spite of his control of TV and press, came in Third, much to the disappointment of Yeltsin (it's his party - Editors) and of course, to the Western Imperialists!

WILL THIS "unholy marriage" last enough to make life for the present Yeltsin regime unbearable or have an opportunity to outvote Yeltsin?

Not very likely. Why?

According to the present Constitution that was rammed through by Yeltsin, all power in Russia is in the hands of the President

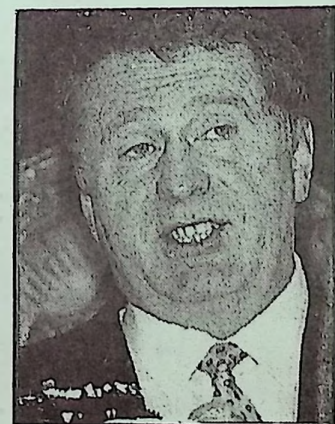
... he oversees the economy, makes foreign policy, directs security and steers the Russian army. Besides all this, Yeltsin has VETO POWER, thus, he can dissolve and or not fulfil the wishes of the Duma.

Our Editorial Board and Canadian Council of Canadian Friends of Soviet People feel that the Russian (Soviet) people face a very tough road ahead. We would like to point out to our readers some of these problems gathered from articles in the Financial Times, London Observer, Globe and Mail, New York Times Business, The Guardian, from our sources in Russia and from OMRI Daily Digest.

CASPIAN OIL FIELDS OPEN UP

Western investors have taken a giant step towards breaking the stranglehold on the rich deposits of oil in this region. Thanks to Sheverdnadze, now "Tsar of ... continued Page 3

Vladimir Zhirinovsky



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ELECTIONS TO DUMA –

continued from front cover . . .

Georgia”, former Foreign Minister and former member of CC CPSU, a new pipeline will be built through Georgia and Turkey by a consortium led by British Petroleum, Ameco Corporation of Chicago, Norway’s Statoil and Turkish Petroleum Corporation – all of these giants are controlled by Transnational Corporations and IMF.

Russia (whose oil it is in the first place) by all accounts is being squeezed out of having anything to say in this venture, aside from the top politicians getting their share.

“This is the largest source of oil in the world”, wrote Mr. Morse, publisher of Petroleum Intelligence Digest Weekly, a U.S. based newsletter.

“By the year 2010, the output is expected to reach as high as 700,000 barrels per day.”

“Turkey has a lot to gain, since at the instigation of USA has been trying to expand its influence in the former Soviet Republics in the Caucasus and Central Asia.”

NEW FACE ON POLITICS

In an extensive article in the Toronto Star, Olivia Ward wrote about the “Westernization” of Russian politicians. By this, she meant that most top Russian leaders have Western media experts on their staff, “image-makers, consultants from New York”, “soft-sell for TV cameras”, “make-up artists” with them all the time.

Some politicians pay as much as \$200 an hour for a counselling session with a “Western image consultant” not in rubles, but in American dollars!

Their speeches are written by Western hacks from Madison Avenue advertising agencies. Their clothes are hand tailored by Italian

craftsmen ... in a word, they are trained to be shady, crooked and as cunning as our Western politicians!

MOSCOW GOLD

In a two-page spread plus inserts, The Guardian newspaper in England wrote in glowing details about the new rich of Russia.

Their headline was: “Meet the post-Soviet Union ruling class: they have businesses worth billions of pounds and head huge profitable privatized state industries.”

The article, very candid, tells its readers that the mafiosi-business are so intertwined that you cannot tell the difference. Contract killings are common. In a formidable alliance of money and power, members of Russia’s immensely rich new elite are backing the political status quo in which they thrive.

In other words, these are the supporters of Yeltsin and his policy of complete foreign ownership of ALL industries that were built by the Soviet people. These huge industries are sold at cheap bargain prices, as long as they get “tverdaya valuta” –

foreign currency.

The article points out that one huge industrial complex that is worth by Western estimates over \$70 billion dollars, went for \$7 billion dollars, split between a former Soviet minister of heavy industry and a German consortium!

The Guardian features 6 top industrial “businessmen” of the Russian Republic. It is interesting to note who they are and what they were before.



ALEXANDER SMOLENSKY

Head of Stolichny Bank, assets of 800 million pounds. Ten years ago, he was a party functionary in Moscow building industry.

**YELTSIN:
RESULTS OF ELECTIONS
TO THE DUMA?**

**I AM
PREPARED!
– I WIN ANYWAY!**



Thanks to newspaper "Tovarish!"



OLEG BOIKO

President of OLBI group of companies, worth One billion pounds. Ten years ago, he was an engineering student of a CC party functionary father.



VLADIMIR GUSINSKY

Russian credit card king, tied-in to American Express. Ten years ago, he was training as a theatre director.



MIKHAIL KHODOROWSKY

Head of Menatep, billionaire three times over. Ten years ago, head of the Lenin Young Communist League.



BORIS BEREZOVSKY

Head of VAZ, main Russian distributor of Mercedes and other imported cars. Head of privatized TV channel ORT. Ten years ago, he was a Doctor of Applied Mathematics.



REM VYAKHIREV

Chairman of privatized Gazprom, formerly state owned oil production. Worth over 170 billion pounds. Ten years ago, he was a deputy gas industry minister. He owns 35 floors of a marble skyscraper, formerly owned by Soviet Ministry of Gas Industry.

The above named are so rich that they are the envy of Western capitalists, since they themselves could not even dream of accumulating such wealth in so short a time. Not only that, but these new rich moguls did NOT HAVE TO STRUGGLE to build their empire ...

they just took it ready-made from Soviet people. This was given to them by Yeltsin in order for him to have a power base, to hold the people in terror, loss of jobs, wages, to put them into a mind-set that their livelihood depends only on these new capitalists! □

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

OMRI DAILY DIGEST

The Central Electoral Commission set up by Yeltsin issued contradictory stories about elections, was criticized by the bourgeoisie press itself and, although the 434 observers from 32 countries from European Council and OSCE characterized the elections as fair, they did note that there were violations at some polling stations. These 434 observers did criticize the Russian Public TV (headed by former Ambassador to Canada – Alexander Yakovlev – Editors) for biased campaign reporting, etc.

DEAR READERS: Northstar Compass thinks that next time we have elections in Canada, USA, Britain and other countries where NSC is read, we should demand also 434 foreign observers to see if our elections are fair! Let them see the process of those who have MONEY to promote and use the mass media as opposed to those who have no MONEY to run as a candidate. Let us see how fair these "unbiased" observers would look at the so-called "democratic" elections!

WAGE ARREARS EQUAL 13.6 TRILLION RUBLES

The total amount of overdue wages in Russia increased by 11.7% in November, reaching \$2.9 trillions as of December 1, 1995. Delays in the payment of wages are

the main cause of industrial disputes in the country.

UZBEKISTAN IN THE HANDS OF IMF

According to OMRI Daily Digest, the IMF approved \$259 million credit to Uzbekistan on December 18, 1995 in order for it to continue its market reforms. This is supposed to hold the inflation rate in Uzbekistan to around 25%.

DEAR READERS:

Just a sample of news items is enough for us to make an observation as to what will or cannot happen now that the December elections to the Duma are over.

- Every Western correspondent, Western businessmen and politician knows fully well that no matter if the composition of the Russian Duma would be composed entirely of Communists, this Duma WILL NOT be able to overrule the president, make decisions or have those decisions come to life!

This is why the question of elections having the decisive voice in changing the country back to socialism is nothing but a mirage, meant to have people let off steam, thinking that they have accomplished the task of resurrecting the Soviet Union and Socialism.

- International Monetary Fund or the Transnational Corporations that have invested their money in Russia or other former Soviet Republics will not willingly just leave the country, saying that "Yes, communists have won, the people have spoken, we are thus leaving". They will utilize everything possible – sabotage, military intervention by Western powers – as they did before.

- There is also the danger and a strong possibility that Zyuganov and the Communist Party of Russian Federation might institute Social Democracy in order to hide their true intentions, thus saving foreign investments in the country. Zyuganov

never denounced the post of President in his speeches and we presume that if he is elected President in June of 1996, he will continue this foreign tradition in Russia. If that be so, then another 1917 style revolution may have to take place in order that Bolshevik-Socialist forces will take over the Government. There is no other way!

- In order to "play to the people", many leaders of parties, and state officials are utilizing the name of Stalin as a mask, in order to placate the people, who more and more are beginning to understand what Stalin was, did and meant to do before he died.

Even Sheverdnadze, the traitor-butcher of Georgia, makes it a point to visit Stalin's Museum in Gori, Georgia. Here is a man who hates anything to do with Socialism, Communism, Stalin or Lenin – why is he making pilgrimages to Stalin's Museum? You know the answer.

Maybe the following episode might throw some light on the feelings of people. There was a delegation last year of Russian parliamentarians visiting Gori, Georgia, the Stalin Museum. When the delegation reached where Stalin's death mask is shown in the mourning chamber, one Russian deputy, with tears in his eyes, cried out – "Stand up Papa! Your country is being destroyed!"

More and more pictures of Lenin and Stalin appear in protests, parades, demonstrations, pickets, celebrations, weddings and also on cars travelling in the cities.

We publish here just one photo that could be repeated thousands of times all over the former Soviet Republics. □

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS – JUNE 1996

What will happen in June? Who will be the next President? Why the system of Presidency, when it is absolutely foreign to Russians and to Soviet traditions?

These are the questions that are vital to answer, or at least to hazard a guess as to what will take place.

The elections to the DUMA with all of its splits, since there were 42 POLITICAL PARTIES ON THE VOTING DOCUMENT – nevertheless, is a direct rebuff to Yeltsin and his bourgeoisie government, besides a kick in the backside of Western Imperialism which had spent billions of dollars trying to make certain that Yeltsin's Governmental party gets elected by a majority to the Duma. Even the utilization of strippers, bikini-clad



beauties parading, plus import of top fashion models to boost their chances of winning, did not work!

People voted for a CHANGE and they voted for "communists". Now the Russian-Soviet people will have to again make a CHANGE, since the Duma will not be able to make the necessary changes to put the country back on the road to Socialism!

According to our correspondents in Moscow, Minsk and Sevastopol, the following scenario is predicted:

- "If the present peaceful election means will not accomplish the changes towards Socialism that people demand – a CIVIL WAR is most likely in the future. There is no other way!"

- "Now, it is up to the Communist parties and movements that are now existing to make the necessary changes within themselves, or if that will not be forthcoming, future splits and reunification will take place. Which of these parties that are more Bolshevized than others, will find the strength to carry out the necessary Second Socialist Revolution!"

- "Communist forces MUST UNITE around one Presidential candidate, who, if successful, will immediately abolish the posts of President, mayor, governor and other 'Westernized trappings' of governing and thus lead the country back into Socialism and a new rejuvenated Soviet Union."

WHAT WILL THE WEST DO IF SUCH A CANDIDATE IS ELECTED?

Soviet people cannot forget the intervention after 1917 Revolution!

UNITY OF PROGRESSIVE SOVIET FORCES IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUB?



QUESTIONS TO EDITOR FROM READERS

We received requests to explain why we're publishing from time to time photos of newspapers from former USSR that arrive on our desk? If there are so many newspapers that are struggling against the present regime, why are they not more effective or why do they not unite their newspapers into a couple of newspapers with a large circulation?

These questions are very timely and deserve an answer!

- We publish the mastheads of newspapers that we receive because



it shows the reader the growing number of publications that are fighting for the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

- These different newspapers are published by different political parties and movements in different parts of the former USSR. This is one reason why they cannot, at the present time, join together and thus publish a couple of large circulation newspapers.

- The present Yeltsin regime, through different channels, prevents most of these newspapers to be sold in kiosks that handle other periodicals. Therefore, the circulation of these newspapers is hampered. They have to depend on subscriptions, mouth-to-mouth promotion and hand-to-hand distribution. They also have to plead for money from people in order to support their publications, since the printing establishments are all privatized.

These anti-present regime newspapers also have to scrounge around to get newsprint, since this is controlled by Yeltsin and company, thus making it harder for these opposition publications to exist.

- Many of these newspapers stop publishing regularly or have stopped publishing altogether, due to financial problems.

They have the same problems as Northstar Compass has. This is why we're always asking for your support.

- A case in point, which will illustrate this problem.

One of our members who has just returned after visiting Ukraine, City of Kharkov, told us the following: He approached his friends, asked them to get him some copies of communist-socialist newspapers. His friends told him that they did not see any around. They visited each kiosk, magazine-

stores where other newspapers are sold. They were told that NONE of the communist newspapers are sold there. They are barred, there's no distribution by newspaper agencies as before.

The irony is this: We at Northstar Compass receive these newspapers, some that are published in Kharkov itself, but the people who live in Kharkov are not allowed to buy or read the newspapers that we picture here in NSC!

MASS MEDIA IS IN THE HANDS OF YELTSIN AND COMPANY ... NEWSPRINT, PRINT SHOPS AND DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS, PLUS THE DIRECT THREAT TO THE KIOSKS NOT TO HANDLE ANY COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS!

We hope that this will answer some of the questions that we received from you, our readers.

- Editorial Committee □

SALT & PEPPER ON WRY

By: Frank Ray Davis, Mexico

DASHED & MASHED TOO:

USA's play-it-cool presidential candidate General Powell brags that he is an "unabashed capitalist". He ought to brag: Most of captive-audience capitalists are just plain bashed!

MR. D.'S DRY WELL:

A bearded old man half-dressed in a sheet shuffled down an Ottawa street. A newsman asked "Are you an African diplomat, Sir?". "No, I'm Diogenes in search of an honest man." "So, what'n hell you doing in this town?" □

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

DUKE OF WINDSOR EXPOSED!

Our readers will remember the Special Supplement that was sent to all regarding the forthcoming book by Andy Durovecz, "My Secret Mission" in May-June 1995.

We received a letter (which is reprinted under our "Letters from Abroad") from Great Britain, plus copies of newspapers in which the whole traitorous acts of Edward VIII and Mrs. Simpson is exposed. Not only that, the BBC ran a two series of TV programmes about the same exposé. The Royal family has for 50 years tried to keep this sordid affair from the eyes and ears of the English people.

We are not going to go into full details of the story as written in the newspapers, The Guardian or The Observer, since you have to read this in the forthcoming book to be ready this month, by Andy Durovecz, "My Secret Mission"!

Send in your name for an autographed copy. We shall inform all in NSC as to the price of the book.

Herein, we will just publish some excerpts from these newspapers and some of the photographs never before published. Please excuse the reproduction quality, since they are reproductions-from-reproductions-from-reproductions.

"Duke of Windsor's links with Nazis exposed. Active role in plot revealed in document obtained by The Observer from archives of Portuguese secret police force."

"Plotters were observed by agent working in the Duke's household."



The traitor King

How Edward VIII tried to regain the throne with Hitler's help

"They didn't want me as their King, so I will be back as their leader', Duke of Windsor, after meeting with Hitler."

"House of Windsor's Nazi shame."

"New evidence reveals how the Duke of Windsor abandoned his country during the darkest days of the war and plotted with Hitler's henchmen to regain his throne. His near-treason has been covered up by the Establishment for half a century. But now the facts are out."

"Kaiser Edward" is the way the newspaper The Guardian heads its story.

DEAR READERS: Northstar Compass was the FIRST IN THE WORLD to expose this historic fact, even though Andy Durovecz and we were somewhat wary as to the consequences!

Now, we are vindicated and we're certain that Andy Durovecz's book will go a long way, together with other secret documents that will appear to prove the skulduggery of the British establishment and of the Royal family and their 50 year cover-up!

It is very interesting that the Canadian media has NOT picked up this extraordinary exposé from BBC and the British press. Nor, for that matter, did the American press or TV media!

Don't you wonder why?

Is this not to hide the underhanded role of the capitalist bourgeoisie in Canada, USA and other countries they played in this treacherous scheme? This is history! You cannot hide it, wish it away or whitewash the guilty.

Why are we, the Northstar Compass (so far - Editors) in Canada and USA, the only ones to try and expose this fascist connection.

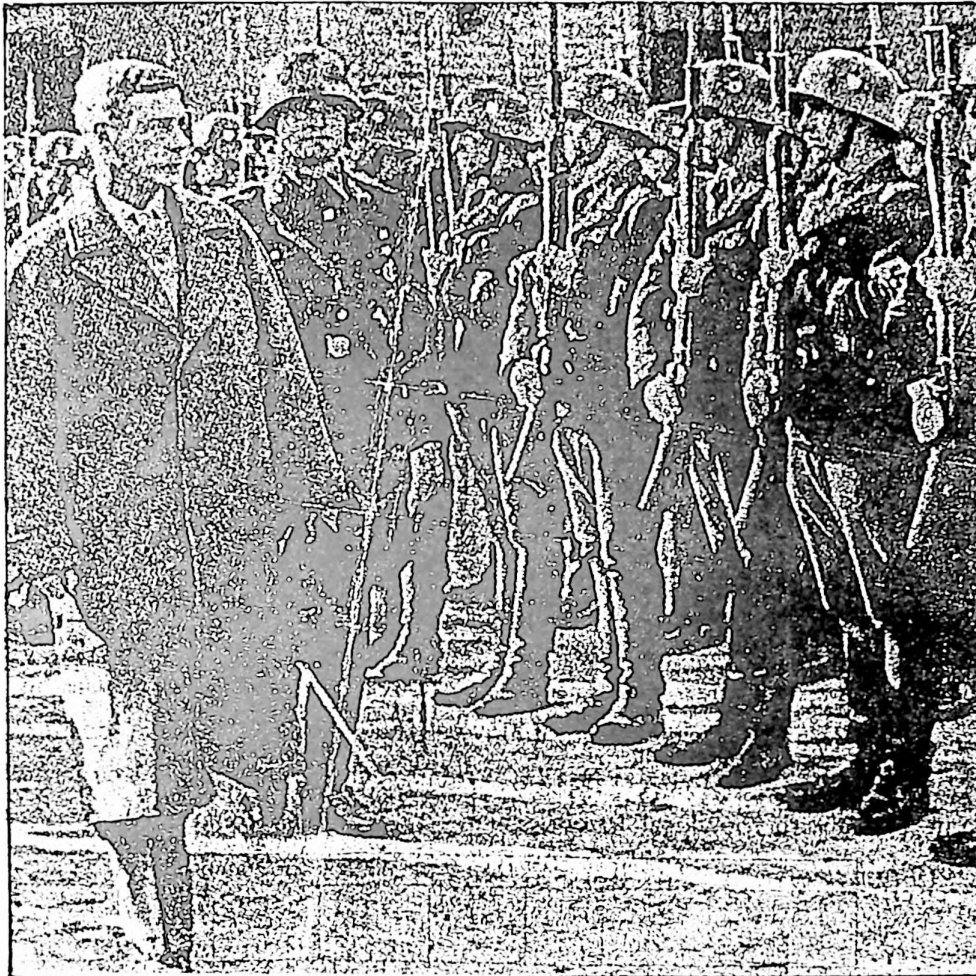
MY SECRET MISSION SPECIAL OPERATION EXECUTIVE AGENT

By: Andy Durovecz

50 YEARS - There were celebrations, commemorating the end of World War II, which in its own way was the biggest march in the most destructive in human lives and material values. But something else is also abundant...

gave me an opportunity to see behind the scenes. There, from my personal experience, inside information and observations, I could see things, episodes that were told before, or if given in news, they were incomplete, distorted, or downright falsifications. I wish to present the other more objective point of view of the left forces and as a friend of the former Soviet Union, it is also vital to our study to give a hind site to the events that led to WW II. It is vital to our new economic, political, social and...

WW II, there are many allegations, distortions about events and individuals who played decisive roles in this greatest war ever. Among others - who shall be mentioned later - two persons stand out in the lime light: Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin, as leaders of their countries. There are endless controversial debates about their role and about what they said or did, especially during this anniversary year. Having said all this, we have to look back to origins of things, the effects of which can be traced through decades as a red line up to this day. It is history repeating itself.



On parade: The Duke of Windsor inspecting a Nazi guard of honour during his 1937 trip



■ Heil Edward . . . the Duke and Duchess of Windsor are feted by Nazis on their visit to Germany in 1937. The couple visited an SS training centre and a concentration camp where the sinister towers were explained away as meat storage plants for the prisoners

Why is the Royal Canadian or American Legion quiet? How many thousands of its members died fighting fascism? How many thousands perished at sea during the Atlantic Convoys, due to the secret radio station

broadcasts from Bahamas by German agents using Duke of Windsor as a cover?

If the dead could rise, they would make short shrift of the present apologists!

– Editors

THE ENEMY OF US, WORKERS

Original by Daniel O'Hanley – youngish, Canadian former priest-missionary in Nicaragua. Some changes by Max Rinis.

Mike Harris* is my shepherd,
I shall now want.
He leadeth me beside closed factories
and abandoned farms and broken
homes.

He verified my doubts about the
Tories.

He has anointed my existence with
wage cuts, inflation,
My low expenses runneth over my
income.

To see me hungry gives him a thrill
– he's heartless and mean.

Surely, poverty and difficult living
Shall follow the Tories and "Liberals",
too.

For low and miserly pay I will work,
If I'm lucky enough to find a scarce
job.

Five thousand years ago, Moses had
said:

"Pick up your shovel, mount your ass,
And I will lead you to the Promised
Land."

Five thousand years later, Harris said:
"Lay down your shovel, sit on your
ass,

Kiss my ass or I'll starve you to death!"

"Walk the streets hungry, scream at
your wife,

Beat up your children,

They don't need much food!

Do what I say or be thoroughly
screwed."

I am glad I am a Canadian,

I am glad I am free,

But I wish I was a dog

And Mr. Chopper Scrooge a tree.

* Mike Harris, Conservative, Big Business Premier of Ontario Province, Canada. □

ITEMS FROM ABROAD

From Newspaper:
"GLASNOST"

ATTENTION: "NORTHSTAR COMPASS"

In Canada, gaining strength is the Northstar Compass journal. This journal is not very popular with the bourgeoisie colleagues in the Canadian media. This is understandable – well, you cannot eliminate the class struggle just by their anti-communist pens.

Here is an example as to how the Canadian mass media, through its CBC International Radio programs that we heard in Russia recently, writes about the Northstar Compass.

"Among marginal political groupings in Canada, there are orthodox bolsheviks. They publish their own journal and keep in touch with their like-minded friends in former USSR.

A group of communist oriented people formed the Canadian Friends of Soviet People. This organization was formed to replace the Canada-USSR Association. They publish the journal "Northstar Compass", calling themselves an independent journal, open to all readers for publication of letters and articles.

The articles and thoughts on the pages of this journal are in the style of Nina Andreeva, Anpilov and other communists – in one of their supplements, they publish an article by someone called Bland in England and about the Stalin Society. What kind of society is it – hardly anyone knows about it, but they are extolling Stalin to the skies. This society should unite with their



counterparts and lovers of the Soviet dictator.

Terminology 'Soviet' and 'Union of Soviet Socialist Republics', 'USSR' is used on their pages, as if it still exists, without any quotation marks.

On one of the pages, they list some of the newspapers that they receive, such as 'Communist of Leningrad', 'Voice of Stalingrad', 'Pravda of Moscow', 'Burevestnik', 'Unity', 'Bolshevik of the Caucasus', 'Information Bulletin of Moscow Centre of the Bolshevik Platform of the CPSU', 'Svetoch', etc."

To this air-polluted radio broadcast by CBC International Radio, our newspaper would like to add the following: Journal NSC of the Friends of Soviet People is read in more and more countries. This society not only publishes a journal, they sell video cassettes, films, books, brochures (the range runs from Marx, Lenin, Dzhherzhinski, to Pushkin, Chekhov, Gorky), about the crimes of Nazis as in Baby Yar, about historical events in former Soviet Union, etc.

We read with interest that NSC is quoting also from our newspaper "Glasnost", for which we are thankful. The reprints, analyses from so many newspapers and periodicals from practically all territories in

USSR, gives the readers an overall view of what is transpiring here.

Good luck, dear Canadian friends!

Well ... when our political enemies quote us, we surely must be doing something well to have the CBC International Radio take a "poke" at us – we deem this a great honour!

CBC Radio International, supported by the Canadian taxpayers, surely should be used to tell the world about Canada, its harsh social cutting policies, its turn to the right in politics; its subservient role to US Imperialism, etc., etc. Russian people would certainly be interested in that kind of broadcast.

Soviet people know that they have friends in Canada who are struggling for the same rights as they are – better living conditions, health care, schooling, employment and benefits that the working class, the producers of wealth is entitled to!

Attacking Northstar Compass proves more than we could ever ourselves, that our policy is correct, our interpretation of the news is right on the mark!

Thank you, CBC Radio International! □

YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT NSC? WRITE!

From Newspaper:
"MOLNIYA"
Moscow

HANDS OFF LENIN!

OPEN LETTER TO PATRIARCH OF RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH. RIGIGER



I am a Peoples Artist of Russia, invalid of Great Patriotic War, twice sentenced to death by German fascists, but somehow I survived the death camps, running away and shot at numerous of times. I am writing to Moscow Synod of Orthodox Church with a question. The question is about the demand by the Church to rebury V.I. Lenin and do away with the Lenin Mausoleum.

I well remember Moscow in 1941, with people ready to defend the Motherland, patriotism running high and EVERYONE believed in Lenin and socialism.

I am a non-party person, but as a 16 year old youth, I went and joined the Red Army and saw more than once how soldiers going to the front, to their deaths, bent on one knee in front of the Lenin Mausoleum, to give their vows to die if need be for the defense of the Motherland. Of course, there could be different beliefs, but do not make fun or deride the millions of people who perished so that we may live,

including you, Patriarch Rigiger!

To make jest of the people who died is not written in any Christian religion or is it permitted. In concentration camps, I saw how the SS dogs went after communists first of all, how they also shot Orthodox priests, those that they saw as enemies of the Nazi "Church"! Are we to allow the desecration of the graves of the fallen heroes, of our leaders? Is it possible that the Russian Orthodox Church would or could stoop so low?

During the Great Patriotic War, the Russian Orthodox Church went with the people, was patriotic, was leading the believers in their desire to save the Motherland, to save Socialism. Is the Russian Orthodox Church going to join hands with modern day murderers who, from canons and tanks, bombarded the House of Parliament, killing thousands of innocent people and their elected representatives?

You could look at Lenin in different ways, but even the Orthodox Church cannot deny the influence of V.I. Lenin on the people of the world! It is not for the church or the temporary rulers now of Russia to decide where the body of V.I. Lenin is going to be re-buried! People decided this question in 1924, according to Christian belief, that a body should be below the ground. Lenin's body is below the surface of the earth.

If in other countries there are Mausoleums, Pantheons of important and great people, why cannot this be also in Russia? Our Mr. Rigiger proposes that we take ALL bodies from the Kremlin Wall.

The head of the Russian Church Rigiger, now implores the people to pray for our 70 years of sin and for mighty Russia to bow and kneel for all the sins that it committed. Unfortunately, he does not

understand the Russian people. Russian people never fell to their knees in front of anyone in their history. This Patriarch of Russian Church asks that everyone should pray for Tsar Nicholas II who was the murderer of thousands of Russian people. The idea of our Patriarch is not only for praying for the 1st Tsar, but to pray that the Great October Revolution would collapse with its ideals of socialism and brotherhood of men. His is an appeal for the restoration of the monarchy. The Orthodox Church cannot forgive the Soviet State for the taking away their 1,245 Monasteries, 827,540 acres of land and nationalized 4 billion 247 million rubles that the Church accumulated from the backs of people.

They also cannot forgive the USSR for not letting them manipulate the population. Church and their new present masters need people that are manipulated and servants only for the church's needs.

This Patriarch wants us to pray for the Bishop Gaponan and Pikhon, who in 1917 blessed the Women's Battalion of the Tsar to go and fight the people, and to pray for the deacons Kiselev and Melnikov who blessed the Vlasov Army in Berlin in 1944.

In the USA, neither the Protestant nor Catholic Church asks or demands of the president of USA to ask forgiveness for Hiroshima and Nagasaki genocide, or Vietnam, Korea, Grenada, Panama, Lebanon, Iraq, Yugoslavia and other countries.

With the help of the present regime and foreign investors and manipulators from the West, another Cathedral is being built. Vatican is also involved in this. If Jesus Christ would know how his name is being manipulated, he would probably arise again and banish these religious "leaders" as he did in the past.

The present business-governmental mafia are eager to donate their ill-gotten riches, thus making certain that Yeltsin is not offended and that, in case of necessity, the Russian Orthodox Church will bless them and forgive their murderous sins.

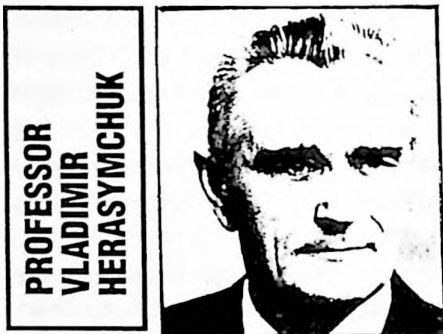
The Orthodox Church is extremely active in the present election campaign even though not one of the commandments of the church says that this should be, but as a matter of fact, it is the opposite.

I would like to believe that the Russian Orthodox Church will not go into the hands of the present rulers and the mafia, that it will do its utmost to prevent this sacrilegious act from happening.

Speculators come and go, but Russia and the Soviet Union, with its traditions and moral values – will remain. History shall never forgive these “Servants of God”!

– Ivan Penzov

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**PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK**

ALARM BELL

It was like a fairy tale, wonders, before the coming of night, light flickered on the cold window panes. Always changing its forms, colours and designs, as if trying to tell us and give us signals of unexpected things to happen on the central square of Lutsk. People gathered here to protest the terrible conditions of their daily lives, demanding, protesting, crying out their woes against the present government.

People gathered here at the urging of the All Ukrainian Union of Workers. They criticized the present policies of the government, demanding that they be given at least the minimum opportunity to live. October 25, all across Ukraine, there was held a day of protest by the workers for the defense of the social-economic rights. They demanded the right to work and the free medical services that they had before, for housing, schooling, to receive their pay on time – these are demands that the people of Lutsk demanded from the authorities. These demands were spoken by the speakers that addressed the multitudes, like a worker from the electrical enterprise V. Gorbik, workers I. Akhmedov, V. Vlasiuk, G. Kovalevskij, R. Gorskij and M. Yerlin. After these speeches, workers saw the absolute necessity to fight for their rights, for the Power to the Soviets and socialism.

But fog or haziness does not immediately disappear from view. The ruling mafiosi circles do not want voluntarily to give up their ill-gotten loot that they took away from the people. These elements, together with the church, tried to disrupt this meeting of protest by having the Church priests ring as loudly as possible the bells to drown out the speakers. The nationalist bands not too long ago screaming to the “Western world” about “human rights”, tried desperately to break up the mass meeting of protest by using the church hierarchy for their ends.

At the same time, these nationalists, right on the church steps, organized a counter demonstration, that was not sanctioned by the city authorities, while we had the permission to hold such a meeting. The bands of UPA, veterans like Semeniuk,

activists of OUN who are members of the church’s seminary, spoke at this counter demonstration.

But no matter what kind of night it is, after it comes the dawn, day is coming. The Lutsk-democrats-nationalists were not able to disperse the meeting. They again showed the population their true colours.

Over our country, more and more, but not as strong as we would like it to be, the alarm bell is ringing, the bell of the coming revolution. People are beginning to awaken from their sleep. They will sweep from their path those, who want to return our country into the backwardness of ages past, into the quagmire of poverty and colonial dependence. □

**From Newspaper:
“POSTMARK PRAHA”
Czech Republic**

KSCM HAS THE SUPPORT OF VOTERS

(Czech Republic) – Mass rallies at Kunetická hora, Ostrava and elsewhere showed that the KSCM (Communist Party) has the support of voters and that fear of unemployment is bringing many people closer to the party. That the KSCM is not alone internationally was also demonstrated by the visit of the Ambassador of the Chinese People’s Republic to see Miroslav Grebenicek.

DEVASTATION

The devastation of Czech agriculture continued. The grain yield fell from 7 to 4.2 tonnes. As the potato harvest began, imports of potatoes from Greece began. The Czech consumer is paying high prices for imported fruit.

Socialist Czechoslovakia was one

of the most advanced countries in the growth of potatoes – that was one of the staples of the diet – potatoes and cabbage.

NOW – it came to this tragedy of having to import potatoes – that is criminal on the part of the present government, bent on nationalism, subservience to the West and begging to be let into NATO! A land-locked country (or now it is two countries) right smack in the middle of Europe, wants to join the North Atlantic organization. Maybe president Havel and his counterpart in Slovakia have in mind to dig a canal right to the Atlantic Ocean – thus actually they will be connected to NATO!

There were many traitors in the world, like Judas, but at least he had the courage to hang himself for his sell-out of Jesus. We don't think that Havel or his Slovak counterpart have that determination or conviction to follow Judas.

But, people in the end will have their say! □

**From Newspaper:
"NEZAVISIMOST"
Ukraine**

WHERE IS YOUR GRAVE?

When you read this story, it's hard to imagine that in this 20th century, in this so-called "independent Ukraine", such things can be allowed to exist! Where is the outcry of the church who so assiduously bless the present Ukrainian leadership of Kuchma? – Editors.

How much must yet be written to tell us how we live today, as compared to yesterday, that we do not live normally? We now even leave this world uncivilized!

This summer, my husband died in our apartment (I was at my son in Bedriansk). His name was

Valentin N. Perminov. When he died, he had with him his passport, document proving that he was a pensioner, a Major in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, his party card and address of his son and telephone number.

He died on June 22nd and by chance we found out only on July 7th after a phone call since no news was received from my husband. I immediately returned back home.

His body was taken to the morgue No. 3 on June 27 – 5 days after death. (Only after 10 days was the apartment disinfected, when already bugs, beetles and worms were crawling outside the door of our apartment along the hallways.)

We found out that after they took the body that was decomposing in the apartment, they threw it on cement floor of the morgue with other unidentified bodies ... they were without identification, no clothes, their rings, jewellery were already stripped from them, no where to be found ... you could not tell who was who.

In this morgue, the decomposing bodies remained for 24 days – the temperature inside was plus 32-34 degrees – actually, it was closer to 90

degrees. There were no freezers to keep the bodies.

In the local newspaper "Priazovskij Rabochij", the editor wrote that relatives when they came to identify the bodies, they passed out from the stench, heat and bugs crawling all over the decomposing bodies! When I was there, they showed me one body and said it's your husband. I tried to sift through the decomposing body to make certain that it was my late husband. The only thing that saved me from falling dead among the bodies was my training as a nurse. I tried to even look at the teeth of my late husband, but the beetles crawling over his teeth and eyes were too much for even my body to take. While I was looking at all of the bodies, desperately trying to make certain that it was my husband, bugs and beetles were crawling over my feet, my hands and flies were all over my face.

On July 11, my son and I were to get the body for burial in Berdiansk. A day earlier, the secretary of the morgue phoned me that my husband is already buried. But how could that be? There was no written names at the morgue, in the official



register at the cemetery "Staryj Krym" where on July 5 there was to take place a burial. Where was the body of my husband who, for 35 years, was dedicated to the Soviet Union, to Soviet Ukraine?

We nevertheless buried my husband, my son's father ... but we certainly are not certain that it was him.

In the cemetery, we were told that they have no wooden planks to build a coffin!

But to build summer homes, cottages, private villas of the ruling clique, such materials are available in volume.

We finally buried the body after I protested, picketed the morgue and called the newspapers to threaten that I will bring the bones of my husband into their offices and also show them on the main square to the people ...

Other bodies remained in the morgue with worms eating away at the last remaining body parts.

Two months have already passed after our family tragedy, but my agony is with me every minute of the day: my dear husband, where is your grave?

– Valentina N. Perminova
Berdiansk



MINERS OF UKRAINE – DYNAMITE FUSE

Today's miners' movement reminds one of a volcano which is about to erupt. Higher and higher

inside the crater, lava rises. More and more, powerful forces are building up, no one knows for certain the exact time of its coming eruption.

The time has passed when the miners were looked upon as heroes during Soviet times. Radio and the press were always full of news about the latest achievements of the coal miners. They were the first ones to get medals, honours, their names becoming practically household names. Movies were made about them, their photos were seen all over the country. Could these miners foresee that they would be in the hands of the present "democrats", these tyrants who devastated and temporarily liquidated the USSR?

In 1989, there took place a hurricane of miner strikes, demanding the liquidation of Communist Party organizations from the territory of the "mine shafts", immediate turning over to privatization and capitalism. "We ourselves will be selling our coal!" – they demanded at the meetings of strikers, coming upon the stage trying to represent the interests of the miners, but in actual fact, they were the ones that "stole", who "wrecked" production, always blaming it on the party organizations.

Now, it became known as to what happened when Gorbachev met with these miners, he told them: "You expel the party organizations from the coal shafts, and we shall help you from the top!" Later on, Gorbachev said that he did not urge this ... (but this statement was recorded by Savyuk of Lugansk and is a document that no amount of denial by Gorbachev will erase this statement – Editors.)

After demise of Gorbachev, the influence over the miners was in the hands of Yeltsin and the RUKH movement, and Gorbachev fell into

the same hole that he was digging for the Communist Party.

Whatever was accomplished by the coal miners became the plaything in the hands of the "democrats". The production of coal in Russia and even more so in the Ukraine, is in a complete mess. Ukraine is producing 2 times less coal than the amount they mined before perestroika. The production fell even below that of 1930's when there was no technical machinery as it is now. This is also explained by the break up of cooperation with Russia, from where wood was sent for the mine operations, machinery and thus the economic chaos is generated by these actions. As a result of this, the price of coal has risen above world prices. It is cheaper now to import coal from Russia or Poland.

If yesterday, the coal miners were the highest paid workers in the economy, now they are in 15th place. Added to this, their pay is held up sometimes for months on end. There are cases of starvation, there are hunger strikes. Miners save money for buying bread, until the next pay will come. Those coal mines that became "privatized" are asking to be put again under state control, in spite of the problems.

Because of all these problems, the food is bad, medical treatment is of poor quality, and miner's sicknesses have grown alarmingly in the last 5 years of this "independence" by about 20%. Well, this is "reformism"!

In the anti-communist movement amongst the coal miners, there are hands of the CIA and the American Federation of Labour (AFL-CIO). They promoted, supported and financed the establishment of "Independent Coal Miners Unions", supplying these "union" with fax machines, printing presses, copy machines

and with American dollars. These Independent Trade Unions demanded a quick going over to "market economy" and supported the RUKH movement, and did everything possible in order that the coal miners would achieve unity and have one factual union ... Life itself is – the best teacher! Poverty, unemployment, anarchy are making coal miners think about struggling to improve their lot.

Already in 1993, there took place large strikes of the miners against the present course of events. I think about the events that the miners started to accomplish, as if they were soldiers, barricading bridges, coming to the district Council right from the mines, all covered with coal dust, dirty. These strikers, although demonstrating, they did not allow us, Communists, to speak to the strikers or help them: Their leaders yelled at us that "we are not interested in politics, we do not need your party!" But these strikes forced at that time President Krawchuk to start discussions with the miners.

DONBASS MINERS SUPPORTED KUCHMA!

Donbass, Eastern Ukraine, South and Crimea supported Kuchma, believing him and his election promises. Very soon, the fog lifted off Kuchma, who showed himself to be an even worse "reformer" than was Krawchuk – a tool of big financial powers. Prices have risen drastically, the economy is shattered. On the demand of the International Monetary Fund, the living conditions became worse. More than 12 coal mines are going to be shut down in the Donbass region. Coal miners again started to strike, make demands and picket the authorities. The strike movement is spreading like wildfire, hunger strikes are also spreading, aimed

against non-payment of wages. In 1995, coal miners delegates demanded the presence of the president at their congress, but president Kuchma instead saw fit to be present at the prayer opening of Orthodox Church in Kiev. The angry delegates sent a telegram to Kuchma and they want to take the honour that they gave before as "Honorary Miner" from Kuchma. The telegram stated that: "We are fed up with your promises. The program proposed by you cannot be fulfilled, because it cannot be accomplished under the present crisis, because of the openly mafiosi structures that are holding sway in the cities, the gulf between the rich and the poor is widening." They ended their telegram with these words: "In case you do not fulfill the requests of the coal miners inside of a month, the miners will start a campaign to gather signatures for the removal of the President."

To talk about the complete political understanding of the coal miners is still too early. At their Congress, the delegates still did not give the opportunity of the Deputy from Lugansk, Annenkov, when he openly stated about his communist outlook on the present situation. Anyway, these leaders of the coal miners were "yesterday's people". Here is another example, which shows the revolutionary tendency that is happening.

Two years ago, into our newly formed territorial party organization came a young man. He was a coal miner Stanislav Shegolev, never in a communist party before. He was an actor before, but after the events of August 1991, he came to the conclusion that there is no other

movement aside from the communists that can make any changes.

At the beginning, the miners regarded him with suspicion, that Stanislav was a communist. After a short time, his authority and dedication grew among the miners, he showed that he was not lazy, not boastful and life had proven that his proposals were correct. They, the miners, finally elected Stanislav Shegolev as a deputy to the City Soviet, then he became chairman of the Strike Committee. He felt good about the political demands, not proposed by him, but the strikers themselves demanded in that telegram to Kuchma to do away with the post of President.

Now the coal miners themselves are appealing to Stanislav to form party organizations among the miners, urging all to join and demanding, if the situation warrants this, to get arms into their hands and take revolutionary action to regain their rights as workers.

The victory of Communists in the elections to the Supreme Soviet was not accidental either: from 25 deputies elected – 18 were communists! This means that the miners are capable of giving a correct answer to capitalism! In all of the labour force, they are the most revolutionary now. But they now have absolutely no choice – mines are closing, miners' towns are being deserted. It is not impossible that the uprising of the coal miners can be the dynamite fuse, that will bring down the government through protests, against forcible capitalization on the backs of the workers.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED
YOUR SUB?**

COURT OF THE FALLEN

I believe: there will be a court – court of the fallen over those that live.

And millions will arise from their graves:
those that fought Dennikin, chased
Wrangel from Crimea,
whom in the civil war, swine flu and
typhus levelled.

After them the heroes of Brest will rise,
those that died in Stalingrad, Kiev
liberators.
I'm afraid, that there will not be
enough room
for everyone, those that gave their
life for the USSR.

What are we going to tell them? How
are we going to defend ourselves?
They will tell us: "We died for you,
brothers!
And you sold us and swept us away
like litter!

How could you give up to the enemy
without a struggle?
Believe in the lies, be bought like a
fool?
Now the enemy is ruling over you!
To what flattery did you agree? On
business goodies?
Whom did you believe, to whom
did you give up the state?
Not only to you – but future
generations for gifts
while your necks are in a noose to
pay off the debts!

Does this mean that we died in vain?
And into slavery you deemed to sell
us?
We are not of steel, not hammered
from iron.
And we wanted to live, and to get
happiness"

Our voices became silent. Our
shadows went underground.
And to beg near the palaces for a
"Volvo" – "Mercedes".

And from the pedestal Lenin looks
at us gloomily.
Oh, if only, for a minute, he, like
Jesus arose!
But there's no God! I don't believe in
miracles!

Only people can remove this injustice.

Let your soul rise and fly with the
hawks.
There's two roads: either to the grave
or to struggle!
Let's take courage from our fathers,
we'll decide, understand, beat back
being afraid.

For life without slavery; for another
future,
wash off the shame, that generations
will forever remember! □

From Newspaper: "RADIANSKA ZHITOMIRSHINA" Ukraine

The author of article in this newspaper which is trying to be objective and do what its name stands for – namely, for the Soviet Union – even though the paper is under the influence of the present rulers of Ukraine.

Volodimir Romanchuk is taking to task Dmitro Pavlichenko, who during Soviet times was an ardent communist, defending the USSR, praising profusely socialism – now he is the most ardent anti-communist in the Ukraine – Editors.

FORMER SLAVES STOPPED READING

FOR WHOM DOES DMITRO PAVLICHENKO WRITE NOW?

This is an interview with Pavlichenko by Victor Majeovsky of this newspaper ... quoted and commented upon by Volodimir Romanchuk.

I asked, maybe the Soviet system was concerned about giving bread to people also, thus giving them more time to visit libraries! Of course, this modern turn-coat does not say this.

He proudly stated to me, that after all, we are a nation, we are proud and we shall again have time to

read when we shall be independent. But this present period is alarming. We were slaves, but we were slaves of learning!

But why are there no Ukrainian books now, since we are supposed to be independent? But Dmitro Pavlichenko stopped me, saying that this is another theme, to be discussed next time.

Pointing to the present "businessmen" in their small shanties selling all sorts of imported and shoddy goods – he said that of course the old system cannot die so quickly. He bemoaned the fact that the people who are governing now are the same ones that governed under socialism. I asked if that is , then why is it, if it's the same people, the same system, how come that now none of them care about literature, books and libraries?

My colleague did not answer this important question.

He tried to convince me that we have a new country, a new system but the thoughts of the people are with the old system. He said that we must wait for new generations to come in order for this present system to work.

How many generations must we wait, why must this be happening, why must the people just think about a piece of bread, and when will the people think or have time to enlighten themselves with books?

But this former noted writer, poet admitted that none of his colleagues or he personally can live from the sales of his work, not as it was during Soviet times, when an honorarium came every month.

His new work "Repentant Psalms" costs 50,000 coupons for one book, and to publish it, he had to ask his friends for help. He had to look for sponsors, but his other writer friends are not so lucky as he was.

This turn-coat knows that we're living in abnormal times as regards culture and literature, because everything now is based on commercialism.

But this "independent Ukraine" is not that interested in promoting Ukrainian culture, as is noticed in all of the kiosks where magazines, newspapers are foreign, or foreign-owned and just sex and pornography.

He said that we are going to drown our culture with foreign goods and foreign ideas, and we shall bring up a generation that is strictly devoted to materialistic things. Then we shall die.

Pessimistic? Of course! But he still left me with the thoughts that we shall always be optimistic, we have our Ukraine.

But the question is – that most of the people who live in Ukraine are concerned as to what kind of Ukraine it will be and how they are going to live in this country.

– Volodymir Romanchuk

OUR COMMENT: *Although the article is well written, truth comes through some of the paragraphs, but the author should have drawn a concrete comparison and ended up to state that ONLY in socialism was this well known poet-writer able to get his books published in thousands, that the Soviet state helped him as it did others.*

The author should also have taken to task this Dmitro Pavlichenko and asked him as to why he became a turn-coat – one day praising the USSR, its system of socialism ... next day, with new masters at the top, he turns around and becomes a rabid anti-Sovietchik.

WHY?

There is a good Carpathian saying that we would like to dedicate to Mr. Pavlichenko: "There's no one more righteous than a prostitute after confession!" □

**From Newspaper:
"BUREVESTNIK"
Sevastapol**

WHAT DID CHURCHILL SAY ABOUT STALIN?

Most of the readers/members know Churchill, his policy of hate towards Russia, Soviet Union and socialism. NO ONE will contradict this observation and fact, both in the East or in the West.

It is necessary sometimes to repeat the words of your enemy, since Churchill was not FORCED to say what he said – recorded in history for posterity – this enemy of Soviet people who tried desperately to "strangle the socialist baby in its crib", said the following:

"Stalin was man of unlimited energy, erudition in speaking and with a dedicated will power, short, to the point, sometimes very rough in his talk, very lucid and extremely talented in discussions, debates, knowledge of not only contemporary facts, but history as well, both of his country and the world ... Even I, brought up in the English Parliamentary traditions of debate, I could not match his skill or confound him. In his talk, there was such an enormous energy, conviction that you could not argue against it. This strength in Stalin was so great, that he had no match among leaders of all times. His influence on people is indescribable.

When Stalin came into the hall at Yalta, Crimea, during the Yalta Conference between Stalin, Roosevelt and myself plus our advisors, we all, as if by command, rose to our feet. And what was very strange – we held our hands in a salute! Stalin held himself in complete control, never raising his voice, no panic in any very serious and dangerous discussions or

demands – his words were logical, thought out, very effective. He was an absolute master in finding a solution to the most complex and insoluble problems ... this was a man who liquidated his enemy by their own hands, forcing us, whom he knew to be his enemies, whom he called Imperialists, to go to war against Imperialists such as Germany, Italy and Japan." □

**From:
MOSCOW**

MUSEUM TO J.V. STALIN IS BEING BUILT

In the course of many years, the movement is gaining strength to research, to gather all materials and artifacts connected with the life, work and struggles related with the name of J.V. Stalin. This is happening in spite of the present situation of anti-Stalinism and not caring about our history. We are all, willingly or unwillingly, part of the idea of keeping quiet and of treason. The enemies of our people have accomplished that, unfortunately a large majority of the present population believes the lies, falsifications and accepted the mockery about J.V. Stalin.

But not all were fooled by the constant lies and fabrications of history and propaganda. Society "Prasana" is in the midst of building and collecting materials for a J.V. Stalin Museum in the Moscow District. The aim of the Museum – gathering of materials, documents, work which depict the life of our country during the Soviet period (since most of the materials connected with J.V. Stalin are missing, liquidated and burned by the leadership, starting with

Krushchev – Editors). The correct history of truth and the ideals of socialism must be represented in this Museum. Our task – to defend the honour and brilliance of J.V. Stalin, as a man, who gave his whole life for the service of the Motherland. We are certain that already in this coming year, the Museum Centre will welcome its first visitors.

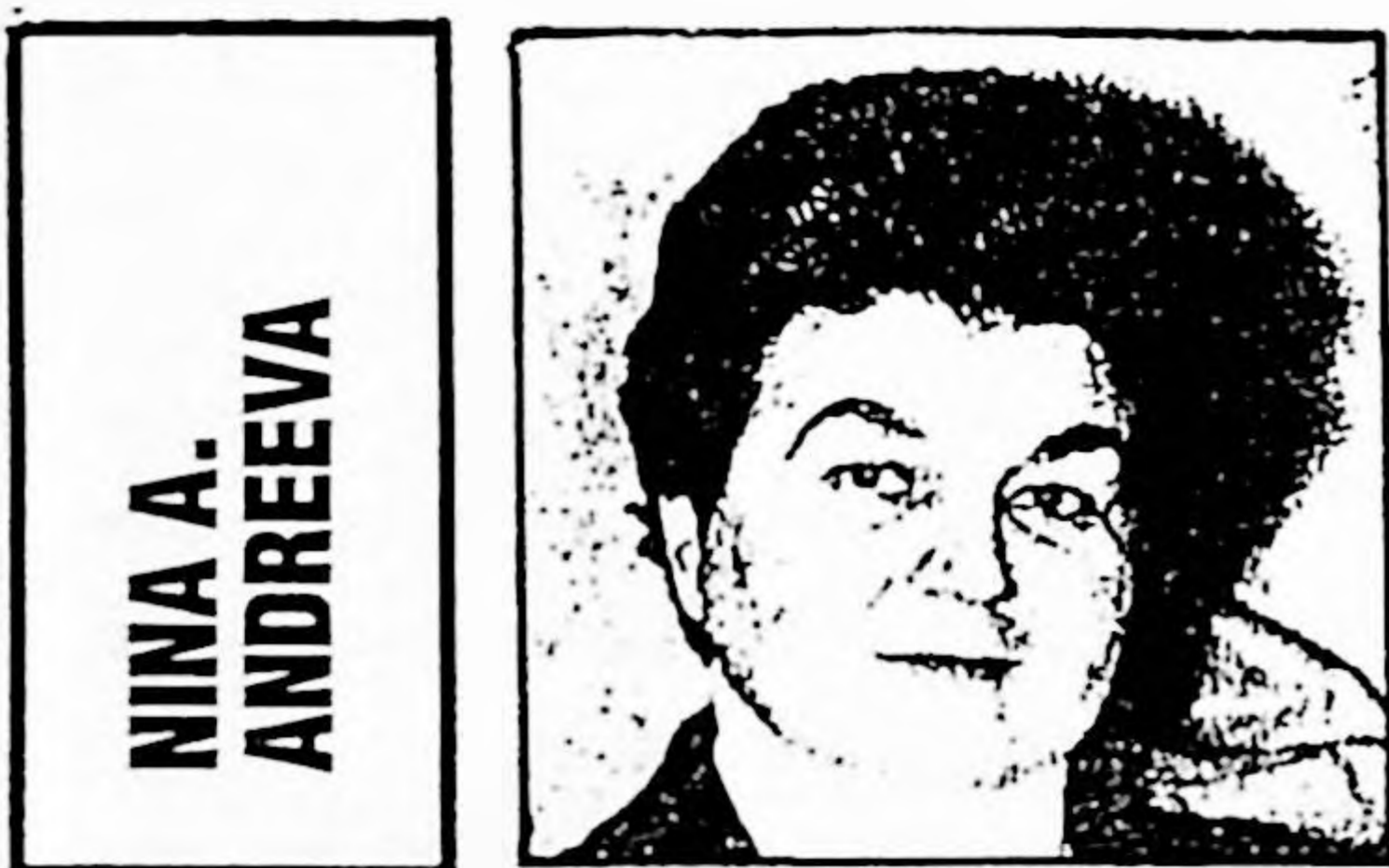
If your readers support this idea of the J.V. Stalin Museum – please help us.

You can send your donations to: Canadian Friends of Soviet People in care of "Society Prasana".

DEAR READERS: We would ask all those who believe that the truth be told about J.V. Stalin in the gathering of materials and works about Stalin: about the necessity of a Museum to J.V. Stalin – please send your donations to us and we shall make certain that the Society "Prasana" receives these donations. This Museum is for the resurrection of the Soviet Union, of Socialism.

Please give generously.

– Editorial Committee, NSC □



**NINA A.
ANDREEVA**

COLLAPSE OF ANTI-COMMUNISM IN RUSSIA

**Statement regarding the elections
to the State Duma, December 17,
1995**

All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks and the Workers-Peasant Russian Party are stating that the main lesson of the elections that

took place in Russia is the beginning of a mass departure by people from anti-Communism, which, for the last 10 years, was forcibly imposed on the people by the bourgeois reformers. This departure from anti-communist hysteria is for now only the people's understanding that their hopes were and to a certain extent are still – that coming to the election ballot box will somehow make the situation better; and this method might improve the plight of the people; that the country can be turned around towards socialism again.

But today's voter has already learned to recognize the democrats-restorers of capitalism. But the masses still have to learn to distinguish as to who is really a Communist, and who for their underhanded reasons, calls himself a communist.

The Communist Party of Russian Federation (Zyuganov), for which voted a majority of voters, unfortunately, is not a party of the working class, fighting for socialism. Its leadership is bent on cooperating with the bourgeois regime.

Another aspect of the election campaign that just passed, is the fact that the voters saw what they have lost when the gains of socialism were taken away, but they are not ready to rise and take up the struggle in order to defend its interests and see the root causes of the present crisis. They still have not lost their parliamentary illusions that just by voting, they will remedy the critical situation in the country.

Only those Communist parties that will be able to organize and to unite the workers in the struggle against the present bourgeois reaction, those are the parties that will fight and struggle for the rebirth of socialism and Soviet Union.

All Union Communist Party of
Bolsheviks
Central Committee
Workers-Peasant Russian Party
December 23, 1995 □



INCOME FOR THE SACRED THRONE

By: K. Kolontaev

Not much has been written, but much has been heard about the financial mechanization of the Vatican. Here, we give you a researched documented evidence by our correspondent in Sevastapol, Russia.

In the turbulent sea of high finances in the economically developed countries, there is swimming one of the biggest transnational corporations in the financial field, but which is not written about in any financial magazines, annual reports or financial news bulletins.

But on the world map, you can see this financial empire, in the centre of the seat of Christianity – Roman Catholic centre of Vatican, Italy – it is known as the biggest and the most influential financial empire in the world.

This Empire started not too long ago, in 1929-1933, even though the riches and ownership of the Papacy went back centuries. Before, during the Holy Roman Empire, the power of the Vatican was curbed, controlled, these "fathers of the church" had their financial and sacred throne in spite of these curbs.

This Vatican financial oligarchy suffered a setback in 1870 when the army of the Italian King overran the territory of the Vatican. Of course,

the King's ministers also put their hands on the accumulated capital of the Vatican. Even after the riches were confiscated by the King, the Pope and his Cardinals did not have to go begging.

The saviour, the financial backer and patron who laid the foundations for the present financial empire was Benito Mussolini, former dictator of Italy.

In 1929, a concordat was signed by Mussolini and the Vatican which saw the establishment of a Sovereign Vatican as a State. They received the status of establishing diplomatic relations with all countries of the world. No other "religion" has this authority or right to do so! They are now represented in all of the international organizations, UNO and all its sundry departments, etc., etc. In actual fact, they are THE STATE above all states.

Mussolini returned back the financial capital that was seized by the Italian King to the sum of \$100,000,000. After that gift, Pius XI was a constant friend and advisor to fascist Mussolini, all in the name of God and humanity!

After this gift, Vatican established a new structure of financing and a close-knit administration that was the envy of practically all transnational corporations to this day. The head of this financial empire was Bernardino Nogara, a banker, who was always closely tied to the Vatican.

Seeing the terrible economic hardships of the depression years in the 1930's, Nogara suggested and received permission to buy up all over the world industries, enterprises that were going bankrupt, practically for a "song".

At the end of 1930's, Vatican was in control of cement building materials, electrostations, railways all over Italy, telephone companies,

insurance companies, banking institutions and credit corporations.

VATICAN RICHES GROW

Vatican became richer due to the Second World War. After the capitulation of Italy, in order to hide themselves, many large and extremely rich corporations and industrial giants sold their businesses to the Vatican for a mere pittance, just in order to hide their criminal activities in support of fascism in Italy.

This method of enrichment of the Vatican got a tremendous boost after the Americans occupied Italy. The rulers-magnates of Wall Street gave Vatican billions of dollars in capital, they also sold to Vatican for cheap prices the confiscated property of the fascists, cooperated in financial dealings and manipulations, all in the name of democracy and liberation of Italian people.

At the end of 1960, the financial capital might of the Vatican had reached such huge proportions that the "American Management Digest" gave Vatican its credit and honour as category "A", taking into account its management effectiveness and might.

At the present time, Vatican is the leading holder or outright owner of such diverse enterprises of world stature as: manufacturer and producer of all building materials in Italy, plastic manufacturing empire, synthetics production, graphic press and its

agencies, food production, tourism, hotel ownership and management. But their biggest "Sacred Income of the Vatican" are their ownership of Banks. Of the 4 large Banks in Italy, two are owned directly by the Vatican. The other two banks are also indirectly controlled by the amount of share capital Vatican has in there, thus controlling by votes any and all decisions.

This, in actual fact, means that Vatican has financial monopoly of ALL banking in Italy. The insurance industry of Italy is also controlled by the Vatican.

Namely with the Italian Banks, controlled by Vatican, all the scandals that are always in the press is the result of the Vatican manipulation of the money, banking services and high finance killings, murders, and suicides are the order of the day in this shady business.

In the last years, the Vatican financial empire is becoming more and more transnational in character. In the USA alone, Vatican controls by far the following giants of industry as "General Motors", "General Electric", "Shell Oil", "Gulf Oil", "Bethlehem Steel", "Radio Corporation of America".

In Germany, the financial operation of Vatican controls and manages the Bank of Shacks (who, during the pre-war years, was financing Hitler). Aside from this, the Vatican has controlling shares in the chemical industry, oil industry, electrotechnical giant "Simens", and the automobile giant "BMW" and others.

The control by Vatican of industries in England and France, gives tremendous profits to the Vatican. Independent financial experts from all continents suggest that Vatican is worth more than 45-60 billions of dollars.

**IN MEMORY OF
HELEN BURPEE
Ken Dent**

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ABOUT NSC? WRITE!**

WHERE IS ALL THIS MONEY?

Expenses to upkeep the Vatican and its thousands of religious workers is about \$200,000,000 per year. About the same amount is spent on keeping the Fathers of the Church in necessary luxury. But most of the money is going into the pockets of the top hierarchy of the Catholic Church. Cardinals get annually \$200,000 plus very large expense accounts. Aside from this, for every religious holiday in the countries where Roman Catholic Church exists, Cardinals receive from the Pope a so-called "Cardinal's Dish", a large sum of money.

But this all combined is only millions of dollars! But what about the other billions?

This is spent on the ideological influence over its flock and other countries by radio, TV, press and magazines. They support their very extensive institutions, schools, missionaries, colleges and other mass media publications meant to make certain that their ideological work does not suffer.

What is the purpose of all that? These billions upon billions of dollars, what are they meant to accomplish?

If we look at the Bible which states, "where your treasure is, there will also be your heart", that means that the expenses are utilized - to guarantee, support, enlarge and defend the present system of robbing the people of the world by the international financial method, which is meant to support, enlarge and promote the financial and industrial corporations, give them part of the grabbed riches ... this is also meant to have an influence over the believers, undermine their thoughts and energy to take steps in order to struggle against this robbery in the name of God! □

TOMMY DOUGLAS AND THE CREAM SEPARATOR

Tommy Douglas was the well known socialist leader of CCF party in Canada, now known as the New Democratic Party.

Many people have heard Tommy Douglas tell the story of the cream separator as an illustration of how the capitalist system works. He tells it so well that his audiences never get tired of hearing it again.

When he spoke to a gathering in his honor at Prince Albert November 27, Tommy's address was taped.

When I was 19, I went out on my first mission field in Manitoba. I served my apprenticeship as a printer and I went out on a mission field on weekends and preached two or three sermons in little school houses and in little churches and then went back to study at college all week and then in the summer, holidays were spent in the field.

I used to go around and preach to the people and the first time I went around on a bicycle. Next year they bought me a second-hand Ford car. That's the test. If you can drive the second-hand Ford car and stay in the ministry, you're good. I used to go around and visit the farmers and their wives, particularly around mealtime, and they always asked you to stay at the farm for dinner and sometimes to stay overnight.

Of course, this was in the 1920s and horses were still travelling and when I would come in around supper time, everyone would be busy unhitching the horses, somebody else would be pumping the water, and somebody else would be bringing in the cows, and somebody else would be pitching down the hay, and somebody else would be

feeding the pigs. Even the youngsters had enough to do, they were out gathering the eggs. Everybody had something to do except me. I said, well give me something to do. They weren't going to trust me with one of those good cows to milk. They gave me one job I couldn't make any mistake on, turning the handle on the old cream separator.

One time I was turning the handle and there was the cream coming out of the one spout, and skim milk coming out of the other spout, and suddenly it went through my head, why this cream separator is exactly like our free enterprise or capitalist economic system. Here's the farmer, he's pouring in the milk. Here's the worker, he's turning the handle. It doesn't matter whether you work on the railroad, down in a mine, logging camp, or teaching school, or clerking in a store or in a bank, or driving a truck, you make the economy go round. One pours in the milk and the other turns the handle.

Then I thought to myself, oh, but there's another guy around here somewhere. He's the guy who owns the machine. He's sitting on a stool with the cream spout in his mouth, and the farmer and the worker take turns on the skim milk spout. But they don't like skim milk. They blame each other, and the farmer says, "If those workers weren't always wanting more wages and didn't want to work a 40-hour week, I wouldn't be getting skim milk."

But the workers produce so much that half a million of them have worked themselves out of a job. And the workers say that if those farmers didn't all go to California and Florida for the winter, I wouldn't have to get such blue milk. But the farmers have

produced so much that the government paid them this year not to grow anything.

It isn't the fault of the farmer, he's produced plenty. It isn't the fault of the worker, he's produced in abundance, so the stores are full. The problem is with this machine.

This machine is built to give cream to one and skim milk to the other two. As a matter of fact, it doesn't even always do that.

Every once in a while, the fellow on the stool gets so full of cream he gets indigestion. And he says, boys stop the machine, you've got a recession! He says to the farmer, you go on welfare. He says to the worker, you go on unemployment insurance. He says the machine is in a depression.

After a while, he feels better. He burps once or twice and says, all right boys, start the machine. Happy days are here again. Cream for me and skim milk for both of you. Everybody goes happily back to work.

We say that that can't go on. The young people growing up are saying it can't go on. The time has come when the people who produce wealth, the primary producer like the farmer, and the workers, who with hand and brain make the machine go, have got to get their hands on the regulator of that machine so that it begins to produce homogenized milk and everybody gets a little cream. □

QUOTES

THE HAMMER

We just started an exchange with this publication from USA, which is devoted to art - their motto is: "A Cultural Magazine For The Masses"!

Below, we reprint their publication policy which is excellent. We recommend to all of our readers to subscribe to this magazine.

THE HAMMER
64 West Penn Street
Philadelphia, Penn. 19144
USA
Telephone: (215) 849 ° 2793

NAILING IT DOWN

ART IS NOT A MIRROR HELD UP TO REALITY, BUT A HAMMER WITH WHICH TO SHAPE IT ... What is the relationship between art and reality? We witness reality as it unfolds in our lives and those of others. Working people struggle everyday to live with dignity, wrestling with external oppression and its internalized effects. As we acknowledge the bondage which capitalism forces upon all workers, we find immense inspiration among each other, encouragement to "hang in" and "hold on".

How does art reflect this struggle? What part does it play in ending or perpetuating exploitation? How can working people use art in their effort to throw off their oppressors?

Culture is one of the most effective tools used by the ruling class to keep working people paralyzed and maintain the status quo. Thus, it is important for us to fight back collectively.

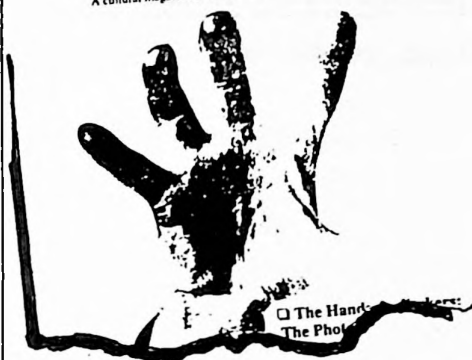
THE HAMMER represents another starting point in that fight back and it has been in the making for quite some time. We, the working class artists, must go through a process which gives us the tools to expose reality to advance working class interests. As Hans Hess wrote about artist John Heartfield, **THE POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS ARTISTS SOON DISCOVERED**

The HAMMER

"Art is not a mirror held up to reality,
but a hammer with which to shape it" Brecht

A cultural magazine for the masses

Volume 1 Spring 1995 \$5



THAT SOCIETY WAS NOT ABSURD, NOT EVEN THE CRIMES COMMITTED BEFORE THEIR EYES. WHAT THEY BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND WAS THE NATURE OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE, AND ONCE THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT, THEY HAD UNDERSTOOD THE NATURE OF SOCIETY AND THE ACTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS. THE BOURGEOIS NOTION OF ABSURDITY GAVE WAY TO THE MARXIST NOTION OF DIALECTICS, AND IN THAT CLEAR LIGHT BOTH ACTION AND REACTION BECAME COMPREHENSIBLE. IN FACT, THE IDEA OF ABSURDITY WAS ITSELF PART OF THE BOURGEOIS FOG WHICH WAS CLOUDING THE MINDS OF THE POETS. IT WAS AN IDEOLOGICAL EXCUSE FOR INACTION ON THE BASIS OF INCOMPREHENSIBILITY OF THE WORLD.

We are dedicated to exposing reality through art and using art as a weapon to fight for the only real justice: working class justice. We want to make THE HAMMER a voice of and for working people, a vehicle to lift us up collectively and to hold us together militantly. We want to explore all expressions of class struggle and class solidarity. We, the artists, are workers too! □

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

From: Netherlands

Dear Friends:

Meeting with Nina Andreeva and finding out about your Northstar Compass journal, please send me a sample copy.

- Theo Prinse

Copy is on its way to you. □

From: Kiev, Ukraine

Dear Colleagues:

With this letter, we're sending you the latest issue of the newspaper "Tovarish". On page 4, you will find that we reprinted from NSC an article about "Canadians against repression in Germany".

As you can gather, our German friends are in need of public support in their struggle against neo-fascism. We're sending you the addresses and names to where the readership of Northstar Compass can send their written protests.

#1 Landgericht Berlin
Vorsitzender der 35 Kammer
Herr Ehestadt
Turmstrasse 91
D 10559 Berlin
Germany

#2 Landgericht Berlin
Vorsitzender der 36 Kammer
Herr Fohrig
Turmstrasse 91
D 10559 Berlin
Germany

The following Generals of the former German Democratic Republic are being tried for treason:

- General Klaus Dieter Baumgarten - 65
- General Gunter Gabriel - 65
- General Karl Loenhardt - 66

- General Gerhard Lorenz - 65
- General Dieter Teichmann - 65
- General Heinz-Ottomar - 69

We're sending you our newspaper which we hope you find interesting and we certainly appreciate receiving your Northstar Compass. We hope that you will continue to publish it for our mutual benefit. We always refer to the NSC in each of our issues.

I take this opportunity to send you and all Canadian Friends of Soviet People and readers of Northstar Compass the best wishes for the New Year, vigorous health and great success in your noble work.

Will you permit another graphic congratulation from our young artist - first year University student Oksana: even Grandfather Frost Points to the "Northstar"!

- Very truly yours,
Anatoly Chernikov
Editor-in-Chief
"Tovarish" newspaper



We are urging our readers to send letters of protest in order to support our German comrades who are the victims of the present German government and neo-fascism which is gaining ground again in Germany.

We thank newspaper "Tovarish" for constantly keeping in touch and for

our close cooperation. Although we might not always agree on methods to reach our common goal, together we shall achieve the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

We wish all of the staff a Happy New Year and to Oksana, many thanks for having Grandfather Frost see the importance of our Northstar Compass! □

From: Kiev, Ukraine

Dear Comrade Lucas!

We are thankful for your letter and the latest issue of Northstar Compass.

As we promised, we've included different newspapers from Ukraine for your information.

We would like to know a little more about the "Quebec elections" and whether this will divide your country.

We are confident that our cooperation shall proceed for the benefit of our goals.

ROT FRONT!

- Revolutionary Communist League

We publish this youth organization's logo which states: IDEAS OF LENIN ARE ETERNAL!



Your requests are on their way to you and Canada is still Canada after the referendum. Only socialism will solve the problem in Canada! □

From: Delhi, India

Dear Friends:

Many thanks for sending us the NSC. A large number of your articles have been reprinted in our

"Frontier" magazines, which is an important Calcutta-based communist journal, which comes out weekly. Could we request the addresses of these comrades from USA and others who attended your Conference – in order for them to familiarize themselves with our publication?

It is very good news indeed that you, Michael, are shouldering the responsibility of translating the Archival materials which you received. Please make certain that we receive these valuable materials. Send it by registered mail, please! We are very anxious to publish those materials.

I hope that you have received the second issue of "revolutionary Democracy".

– Yours fraternally,
Vijay Singh

All your requests are being fulfilled and we did receive your valuable journal which is extremely informative and helps us to fill in some of the gaps. Together, we are promoting understanding and giving orientation in this complex situation which is now existing in the former Soviet Union. □

From: Northern Ossetia-Alania Republic Russia

Dear Friends!

Our Bolshevik organization regularly receives your journal. Thank you very much for spreading truth about the tragic events that are transpiring in our Motherland and the struggle of the revolutionary forces of the Soviet Union against the internal and external reactionary forces.

Of course, it is hard times now, but it is our firm conviction that our victory is inevitable!

– Yours sincerely,
Marat Kotchiev

The elections results showed that people are dissatisfied with "market reforms" and the present traitors. A step forward was taken in the December elections, but now, it is for all Bolsheviks to carry this struggle to its conclusion, for the second socialist revolution. We are with you! □

From: Fife, Scotland

Dear Comrades:

Please send me details about your Northstar Compass, I want to subscribe!

– Yours in Comradeship,
Stuart Bruce

The latest issue is on its way to you and we hope that you and your friends will enjoy the issue and propagate it along. □

From: Wales, Great Britain

Dear Michael:

I don't know whether your publication of Andy Durovecz supplement regarding Edward VIII was responsible or not for starting the ball rolling, but there has been a spate of articles and a TV programme lifting the veil a little on the activities of Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson.

Photocopies are enclosed of this exposé, one from The Guardian and the other from Sunday Observer. Not everything was said, such as the secret radio station in the Bahamas. But you can't expect everything, can you?

As soon as the book is off the press, I enclose \$40.00 which is for the book and the rest to NSC in order to keep the presses rolling.

– Yours sincerely,
Denis Martin

Welcome aboard, Denis. Your letter and the newspaper clippings are great. We shall use them effectively.

Cooperation for our common cause is the way to go. The coming book will be of course sent to you.

We hope that our future cooperation will be beneficial for both sides in this ongoing struggle. □

From: London, England

Dear Comrades:

We received a copy of your very interesting document, "The Last Resignation of Stalin" and would like to have copies of the forthcoming other archival secret documents that you're going to publish. We shall distribute them as soon as we'll get them.



Our Stalin Society was founded in 1991.

We are all aware of the treachery of Nikita Krushchev and we applaud your initiatives.

I enclose money in order to help fund your work, and as soon as we hear from you, we shall send you some more financial help.

We're enclosing some of our publication for your interest.

– Yours Fraternally,
Cathie Majid

We received your donation and your booklets which we shall quote from in future issues. It was a pleasure to hear from your Society, since we all know, or should know, that "anti-Stalinism"

is anti-Socialism, as will be "anti-Leninism", then onwards to "anti-Marx and Engels".

Again, many thanks, Cathie! □

From: Damascus, Syria

Dear Comrades:

Best wishes on the 3rd Anniversary of Northstar Compass. We also thank you for your message of condolences regarding the passing away of the leader of the Syrian Communist Party, which was printed in Arabic.

- Yours,
Michel

We want to thank you and your comrades for your magazine and for news of the struggles of Arab people and the cause of Palestinians. □



On the road to the development of Great Russia?

- Glasnost

From: Novosibirsk, Russia

Dear Colleagues:

We thank you for the Northstar Compass. We wish you success.

- Editorial Staff
"Soviet Patriot" Newspaper

We certainly appreciate your newspaper. May there be many more like the "Soviet Patriot". □

NEWS FROM U.S. FRIENDS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

GUEST EDITORIAL

From: New York, USA

Dear Northstar:

I was very disappointed by your editorial in the Nov./Dec. issue on "The Quebec Referendum - What Did It Accomplish". The editorial in fact attacked the right of the Quebecois nation to self-determination. It said that the referendum only led to confusion based on the varying claims of the bourgeois politicians.

To my knowledge, the Quebecois nation has been an oppressed nation within Canada since the time of the English conquest of French Canada. As such, it has the right to self-determination. A clear majority of the French-speaking population voted to exercise this right. It is an incorrect and chauvinist position for English-speaking Canadians to oppose this.

Marxist-Leninists have always supported self-determination as a basic democratic right. Lenin made it an important point in the party's program, and conducted polemics with those, such as Rosa Luxembourg, who opposed it. Stalin wrote one of his first major theoretical works on this question, which was what first brought him to Lenin's attention. The revolutionary forces in Russia today, such as the AUCPB, supported this right in regard to the war in Chechnya, as you covered in your magazine. One cannot support Marxism in one country (Russia) and take anti-Marxist positions in one's own country.

The Northstar editorial correctly points out that "Canadians both French and English are suffering from the worst economic depression since the Second World War", and that Canadians need "socialism. There is no other answer to our present situation." This is certainly true, but does not in any way deal with the question of self-determination. Genuine socialism, the dictatorship of the proletariat, can only be brought about through the united revolutionary struggle of the working class, including both French and English speaking Canadians. But this united struggle can only be developed through voluntary unity. To bring this about, English-speaking workers must fight most actively for the right of the Quebecois nation to secede if it so chooses, without giving an ounce of support to the English bourgeoisie which wants, at all costs, to preserve their domination over Quebec.

Similarly, here in the United States, it is the duty of revolutionary Anglo (White) workers to fight uncompromisingly against all forms of racism and national oppression, and for the right of self-determination up to independence of the oppressed African-American nation in the Black Belt South (as the Comintern recognized), the Chicano nation in the Southwest, the Native nations, etc. Without such a stand, it would be impossible to gain the necessary unity of the working class for a successful onslaught against the bourgeoisie.

Lenin clearly saw that socialism was "the answer" for the workers throughout the Czarist Russian empire. But he recognized that it was a matter of secondary importance to the workers whether Russia would remain one country or be divided into several countries.

Of course, he also knew that to defeat the imperialist forces required the greatest possible unity of the working class of the new Soviet Republics, and that was why the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formed in 1923 from the various socialist republics that were born of the October Revolution. But this unity too would have been impossible had the workers of the other nations (Ukraine, Byelorussia, the nations of the Caucasus and Central Asia) not seen in practice that the Russian workers led by the Bolsheviks had abandoned the Great Russian chauvinism fostered by Czarism.

I hope this letter will lead to further discussion on this question.

I would like to add one final, minor point. I think it would be good practice if progressive people took up Lenin's usage of referring to "our" government "our" Prime Minister, "our" President, in quotation marks. We know that these forces do not represent "us", but only the bourgeoisies of our countries. Let us let our politics guide our use of language.

- Yours in struggle,
George Gruenthal

Mr. Gruenthal, we fully agree with you that the people of Quebec are a nation within the Canadian State and that as such, they have the right of self determination up to and including the right to separate. The point we were trying to make in our editorial was that the politicians in both French and English Canada were using the unity issue to mislead Canadians and further their own corporate agenda. That is to say, the French people were led to believe that separation would somehow solve their economic woes while the English were being told that it was necessary to shift power from the central government to the provinces in order to keep Quebec in the federation.

The latter would have two results:

(a) The devolution of power to the provinces would make it easier to do away with our social welfare net by allowing the provinces to charge user fees, etc. (things which are now prohibited by federal law.);

(b) It would make it much easier to balkanize Canada into a series of small more or less independent identities which would lack the ability to properly safeguard Canada's natural resources from international imperialism.

We want to thank you, Mr. Gruenthal, for bringing this matter to our attention and we hope that the above has cleared up some of the ambiguities in our article. □

From: Cosmopolis, WA, USA

Enclosed please find payment for two subs to NSC, one of them to head of the Washington State CPUSA.

I am saddened by the tragic death of the Russian figure skating champion Sergei Grinov. Being an ice skating fan, I watched them for 15 years. Somehow these skaters overlook the absolutely necessary medical regime to follow. It was an unnecessary death. He was taught by socialism, by the Soviet system. Their Soviet ballet training was responsible for their perfection.

For peace, social justice, equality, jobs and not jails.

- Lydia Karhu
Memorial Church

We concur with your outlook and the tragic death of a fine young man. Sometimes profit before health produces these tragic results. Thanks for the two subs. Keep on writing. □

From: Jersey City, NJ, USA

Dear Friends:

Greetings and solidarity for your publication of an excellent magazine that tells the truth.

Please send me the published Secret Documents. This could be very valuable for bringing the REAL HISTORY AND FACTS to people. Socialism will be victorious!

- Sam Weintraub

We certainly will fill your order for this book when it's off the press. Numerous requests are pouring in. □

From: Elizabeth City, NC, USA

Greetings again, Mike Lucas:

Let me sit down here on the other side of your desk for a minute or two and take another look at this honorable publication - namely, the Northstar Compass. Aptly named. Named by those who wish to do justice to a worthy cause. Courageous men and women willing to stand against the odds. Odds indeed, because there are literally millions of mad-dog religionists who would have you blown away on the wind if they could.

The first copy of the Northstar Compass that I received was Vol. 4, Sept. '95. This copy was designed to arrest my attention and provoke my sympathy. It is the edition that portrayed the Cross transmuted into the Swastika, or Vc Vs. A line cut worth a thousand words. As long as the religionists prevail we shall have world-wide grief in keeping with all of past human history.

Some religionists are not quite so deadly, and some do support socialism. But others, many others, definitely are dangerous and totally uninhibited in their potential to do damage to any teaching that conflicts with their own pathological dogmas. (Man is a bitter pill)

My understanding is that Canadians are generally more tolerant to the presence of organizations such as Canadian Friends of the Soviet People. You will nevertheless have

some representation of mad-dog religionists in Toronto and in the rest of the country since they are everywhere. We certainly did have them in the Canadian Army during WW II.

Here in the southern USA, the Bible Belt, we are, as you probably well know, pretty much saturated by the ever-present, the relentless, the invidious and insidious religionist cancer. There is an almost total contamination of every facet of life. But I will likely continue to receive the Northstar Compass as long as it is arriving in a mailing envelope showing only the Toronto postal address.

Over a period of time, I will send some materials that I hope may evolve to have some informational value for you.

– Sincerely and with best wishes,
Bill Grigg

We sincerely hope that you will keep on writing. Our Editorial Board always gets a chuckle from your wit, as will the readers, we are certain. □

From: Columbia, CA, USA

Dear Helen Lucas:

Am sending my renewal and a donation. Yes, we need those secret documents that you plan to publish in order to help us understand what went wrong. I'm certainly looking forward to seeing these printed documents.

– D. Berg

Your donation is appreciated and that order for the book is on its way, since we ran out of stock and had to order it from England. Sometimes in the new year, these secret documents will be printed. □

From: Newton, MA, USA

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find cheques for

two subscriptions, one for Mrs. Sophie Pann, a long time progressive and peace activist. Please put our names down to get the Secret Documents that you plan to publish in 1996.

– Dick Kishishian

Your requests will be fulfilled and keep up the good work of getting more and more subscribers to NSC in the USA. You're setting a good example. □

From: New York, USA

Dear Northstar Staff:

Sorry to inform you that your devoted reader of NSC, Millie Berger, had passed away recently. While she was alive, she enjoyed your NSC publication. It gave her courage to face the right-wing surge in the U.S. It also gave her hope for the future and socialism.

– Angy Lebowitz

Our sincere condolences to Millie's family in this time of sorrow. Her devotion lives on in her family and in all of us who believe in the future for mankind. □

From: Chicago, USA

Enclosed please find \$100 towards the Dr. Thut's Sustaining Fund. We might not be around, but we are sure this is the only way. Happy New Year, Northstar Compass.

– Nick Anagnostopoulos

You and we WILL be around Nick, to see the rebirth of socialism and the changes that the working class is fighting for. Your donation is helping to make this dream come true. □

From: Elizabeth City, NJ, USA

Greetings Mike Lucas and Associates:

I can understand how, as you suggested, that you can use literary contributions for the NSC. Reflecting upon that fact, I felt that I should at least 'try' to serve that interest. Here enclosed is a short article (The Lawyers and the Volley Ball) that you are free to use in any way that you choose.

THE LAWYERS AND THE VOLLEY BALL

America presently has 70% of the world's lawyers, and the nation's law schools are incapable of accommodating all who apply for training. It has been estimated that if the trend continues, the next fifty years will give us more lawyers than physicians and teachers combined; the next 100 years will give us more lawyers than people. Somewhere along the line, the bottom has got to fall out.

The gist of the issue as it interrelates the legal profession and the working man is shown in a study conducted by economist Stephen Magee of the University of Texas. Magee found that the more lawyers a country has in its national legislature, the lower its economic growth tends to be. The U.S. House includes 42% lawyers, and the Senate, 60%, whereas the average for 18 other countries he studied was 15%. We can of course read statistics in just about any fashion we choose. In order to discover the true pertinence of a prevailing condition, we must look at its consequence in the economic well-being of working individuals and of society in general. From this hindsight, who can deny that the

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working man labors ever in economic distress? Working men and women labor with a noose around their necks, and it behooves them to turn around and look to see who is actually doing the pulling at the other end.

Lawyers are not the only leeches sucking blood at the Judicial temple, there are thousands upon thousands of para-legals, secretaries, investigators, etc., plus a vast run of lobbyists and publishers. This is a massive parasitic drain on both the environment and the economy – and the loss flows directly to the source of material production, the worker.

If we take all of the lawyers and divide them into two volley ball teams and consider the lay public to be the ball, we will then have a simplified but appropriate analogy. No matter which team of lawyers wins the game, both teams will have scored (\$). The ball gains nothing but abuse.

Lawyers and their rancorous self-interest have been condemned in history since the days of ancient Rome. There is Shakespeare's often quoted line: "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." And in modern times, we have a surprisingly large number of lawyers writing books condemning their own profession. Something is rotten in places other than Denmark ...

Lord Brougham's definition of a lawyer is a valid summation: "A legal gentleman who saves your estate from your enemies and keeps it for himself."

Look to world socialism for moral, ethical, and economic remedies.

– Bill Grigg

Our subscriber and correspondent is very modest. Our readers will certainly want more of your wit and outlook on humanity and the socialist future! □

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

A NEW COMINTERN

Dedicated to the International meeting in Naples, Italy

We meet. Old comrades, scarred in battles,
The Spaniards, proud and quiet,
Frenchmen, Turks and Greeks,
No more Comrade Pieck ...

Ulbricht is gone,
and so is Comrade Bierut,
and many other comrades died.
But we're still here, fighting and dreaming,
building a New Comintern.

That's what Lenin used to do in Berne!
Remember, Pieta? The old guard is saying,

A grey wisened veteran, (age 96)
He stood up, he looked at us,
and said – "we will fight".

Years will pass, and our grandchildren will say in amazement.

We are proud of you, Grandfathers,
"Salut, Rot front, long live Stalin"
we give the floor to Comrade Lasement".

– Victor Paraudon – Toronto, Ont.

* Written because my heart sings. The meeting in Naples is a milestone!! □

ANNA LUKAC (LUCAS) 1906 – 1995

Anna Lukac was born in the village of Vysna Jablonka, Czechoslovakia, into a family of peasants who struggled to live, first under the Austro-Hungarian Empire, then under the bourgeois state of Czechoslovakia.

Emigrating with her son Michael to join her husband in Canada, they settled in Sudbury, Creighton Mine where William Lukac was working in the Inco mines, organizing miners union, suffering through hard economic times and political struggles.

Moving to Toronto in 1942, Anna Lukac was involved in the Garment Workers Union, Fur Dressers and Dyers Union, and taking an active part in the Carpatho-Russian Society.

Joining the Canada-USSR Association in 1963, she was active in welcoming Soviet people to Canada, always doing kitchen and serving duties, taking part in protests, peace marches, meetings-receptions that were hosted by the Association.



As a member of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People, she was present during the affairs organized, such as banquets, meetings, socials and always attended as a delegate from the Carpatho-Russian Society to each Convention.

Anna Lukac was always helping by her substantial contributions to Northstar Compass journal.

After a very short illness due to her falling and breaking her hip, she passed away peacefully on December 25th. She was buried on December 29, with her family, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends around her on her last journey. Her grandson Michael and

granddaughter Mary Ann spoke about their Grandmother's life. Ray Stevenson spoke on behalf of Canada-USSR Association.

During the wake, family and friends gathered to pay their respects to Anna Lukac.

Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass have lost a great comrade who was dedicated to socialism and friendship between Canadian and Soviet people.

The Lucas/Fratia family would like to sincerely thank all those that have sent flowers, cards of condolences and money in Memory of Anna Lukac. These donations will be given to Northstar Compass journal as Anna Lukac would have wanted.

Condolences by our friends and family were sent from Czechoslovakia, Canada, USA, Russia, Ukraine, India, Brazil and many other countries. □

OUR PRESIDENT'S MOTHER

A working-class woman died today. Our president's Mother.

Warm and thoughtful, always ready to help.

Her husband was a Marxist, And so is her son.

In the mines of Sudbury,
Where her husband worked,
She always stood at his side
Doing things a wife and Mother
should be

Doing, tirelessly, never complaining ...

A wonderful woman, a woman
Whom everybody knew and
respected.

I knew this woman.

She always had a smile on her lips,
And a word of advice ...

She raised a son, who is in the
forefront

Of fighters for a better future for
Our children and grandchildren.
She was a woman we all loved!

Sleep now your timeless sleep,
Our dearest Mother and great
grandmother,
Dream about the Carpathians and
grandchildren,
About red flags in the Red Square
And about Red Flags all over the
world!

– Len Waga
December 1995

**IN MEMORY OF
ANNA LUKAC**

Michael Ukas

**IN MEMORY OF
ANNA LUKAC**

John Baby

**IN MEMORY OF
ANNA LUKAC**

**U.S. Friends of
Northstar Compass**

LETTERS

From: Innisfree, Alta.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find \$150 as a donation for Northstar Compass from George Sydora, Peter H. Skolski and Alex Skolski.

– Alex Skolski

Our Editorial Board has lovingly dubbed you our dear friends a "Troyka", due to very generous contributions that you always send to Northstar Compass. Many, many sincere thanks. □

From: Toronto, Ontario

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed please find my subscription plus a donation for the Sustaining Fund. With needed help to other causes, I hope to do more next time.

Hope to see you soon.

– Lily Ilomaki

Your donation and your spirit says more than the amount. Everyone that knows your life and your activities for the progressive movement cannot but be impressed! □

From: Regina, Sask.

All best wishes in your good work – evident in Northstar Compass!

– E. Gehl

Thanks for the donation and kind words. The name of Gehl speaks volumes in the struggle for progress and peace. □

From: Innisfree, Alta.

Enclosed please find a cheque for a sub and \$30 donation.

– Yours truly,
Mike Feschuk

You always help when there is a great need. Many thanks! □

From: Toronto, Ontario

Dear Michael and Helen:

I am renewing – perhaps for the last time. Why? Because the way things are evolving in former USSR, the country is on its way back, which I favour, but with needed changes: the Socialist Republics are to be fully independent from the political party and the Party is to serve the people and not replace the Government, which is to be democratically elected ALWAYS!

There would not have been the fiasco, if that was done from the

beginning.

The elections showed that the trend is unmistakable – people will never accept capitalism! Big things are beginning to happen – only a true and tried leadership is now needed to get rid of the “Free Enterprise Gang” in Moscow.

So, optimistically, and (perhaps wishful thinking) – we may be back to Canada-USSR Association in a different form and the present Northstar Compass (credit to both of you and other friends) will perhaps revert to a new magazine of Friendship! Well, we’ll see.

– Your friend

We’re publishing this letter, but not revealing the friend’s name (since this was a private letter) – because it represents thoughts and feelings of many of our readers, judging by the letters to the Editorial Board.

Although we might not agree fully with his letter, but he is 100% correct in his interpretation, since what Lenin and Stalin worked for and demanded of the CPSU was accountability before the people. The Party should guide and lead the people, but not replace the elected government officials!

Regarding the future “Friendship Journal” – we also hope that the day is soon coming when the Canada-USSR Association would be revived or an “International Society for Friendship with USSR” would be born, thus promoting friendship and understanding with the Soviet People.

YES, WE ARE OPTIMISTIC ALSO! □

From: Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Michael, Helen and Volunteers:

Enclosed my renewal sub and a donation to NSC.

You’re doing a great job with NSC! Very informative! I wish you continued success.

I have good memories of our work in the Canada-USSR Association. It is amazing how much we were able to accomplish with the cooperation of all of our members and the good leadership from you. Everything was well planned and organized. It was also a learning process, fun and satisfaction with a job well done.

Now, some of our former members have gone over to the Cuba Solidarity Committee and put their energy in order that the blockade of Cuba would be lifted.

– Take Care,
Ollie Hillman

Yes, our work in the Canada-USSR Association was fantastic, and although now this work is not proceeding that well, due to the situation in former USSR, nevertheless, we are being heard from, we are in the forefront of bringing news from over there which Canadians do not readily get from the left or the right sources!

It is still important to realize that without a socialist Soviet Union in the near future, our work in other fields will also not be as effective as it might be. □

From: Dartmouth, N.S.

Dear Michael:

It’s been quite a while since I’ve written to you, as I have been very busy with all kinds of things. Let me say first of all that I am mightily impressed with the content of NSC lately. The articles are very informative and very well written, which, with translations and all is not always an easy task. My congrats to you and all the contributors for such achievements.

The death of George Legebokoff came as quite a shock to me. I’ve met and worked with him on many occasions, especially at our conventions at the Friendship

House in Toronto. He was a very dedicated individual. I fail to understand why other (so-called) progressives did not attend his funeral. After all, one doesn’t always have to agree with everything a person does or stands for, to recognize his contribution to the cause of social progress. It is very disappointing and disheartening to see such divisiveness in the ranks of what ought to be a united force.

The information in NSC about the Dec. 17 elections in Russia was very helpful. No wonder people are confused about it, with so many parties. Perhaps the minimum 5% rule will eventually eliminate a lot of the smaller ones, but it remains to be seen if it really matters in the long run. The issue now becomes one of finding an acceptable candidate for President, one who will truly stop the capitalist steamroller and not one who will change course just a little bit. Maybe that’s still too much to expect, but the truth is that other approaches don’t work, witness what is happening in the Western world. Nevertheless, I’m sending you enclosed a copy of a story by an old (now deceased) Social Democrat, T.C. Douglas. It’s remarkable how close to the truth this story comes and Social Democrats today would do well to re-read this account of how the capitalist system works and rewrite their programs.

Insofar as the questionnaire that you sent out some time ago, point #4 about including Canada-USA events and not only USSR in NSC, I would answer with a resounding YES. In fact, it should include Mexico as well, since all of us are subject to the Free Trade Agreement with all its impact on jobs and living standards. I think it is very important for Canadians to

understand that the fight-back in Russia is the same fight that needs to be fought here and everywhere else in the IMF dominated world. NSC must make that connection as clear as possible. Too many Canadians still think that what's happening in former USSR is only important to people living over there, and not to us.

Point #8: Reducing printing costs. Do you get a good deal in Toronto? Would it be cheaper to print somewhere else, e.g., Winnipeg? We used to get good prices from XPress Printing (Ed Madden, former member).

Finally, I'm sending you \$100 to renew my membership and subscription for 1996. The rest is a small donation to keep this invaluable work going.

Wishing all of you the very best of the season and looking forward to another year of continued progress.

- Socialist Greetings,
Vic

We cannot add any other comment to your letter, Vic! As usual, you are a leader and an analyst.

The Tommy Douglas story is printed under the "Open Forum" section. Again, many thanks! □

FEATURE ANALYSIS

**KONSTANTIN
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MASS INFORMATION IDEOLOGICAL BATTLE

We do not have to talk much about the fact that the means of communicating mass information - this is the most important instrument of ideological battle. Without these means of distributing information, doing battle is impossible! Any idea or a complex of ideas, if unable to get to the masses, becomes just wishful thinking. That is why the availability of mass instruments of distribution is a struggle that is being waged for the minds of the people.

This problem of mass distribution of ideas and thoughts is uppermost in the minds of the bourgeois politicians and promoters. Instinctively, but sometimes on purpose, knowing that their ideas are not solid and weak, they try even more to find means of propagating these weak ideas by technical means in the mass media. They always try to think up, invent new forms of influencing a larger audience of people. What kind of struggle does this take in trying to decimate information and to influence people?

There are 30,000 radio stations, 1,000 TV centres that send out TV programs, 50,000,000 video systems, 2 billion TV sets, 3 billion radio sets in the world. In one year and every year, there are 2 billion copies of newspapers published, 700,000 books and magazines, 4,000 feature films.

To utilize this mass of communicating instruments to the best advantage in the ideological

struggle against socialism, the bourgeoisie utilizes its control in monopolizing this information tool. More than 2 billions of people regularly utilize these means of information daily. It's an open secret: Television is the most effective, straightforward means of making each viewer feel that he is present where the action is taking place. This TV programming becomes an effective means of influencing the people, because it associates voice with pictures, thus completing the whole story, told according to the dictates of the people that control these means of mass influence.

TV MANIPULATES

Television gives people the opportunity not only to receive information, it organizes our minds, our thoughts, our feelings and all of our senses, whether we are aware of this or not. According to Western sociologists, the average English speaking person in England watches TV 12 years out of his or her 70 years of lifespan; the American watches 15 years; 95% of Japanese watch TV everyday; 87% of French do the same. More free time is given to TV than any other activity.

This tremendously important tool of information in the capitalist countries is mainly in the hands of private ownership, supported mainly by advertising of different products. This method of promoting has reached such an extent that even political happenings in the world are handled in the same manner, thus influencing the viewers as to the policy of the advertisers - likes and dislikes - thus in accepting the given political slant and understanding of the advertisers or producers.

The basis of advertising is to influence the thoughts of the people. This message is accepted in most cases as the truth. Here are some

examples: manipulating of illusions; propaganda about equal opportunities for all in jobs, opportunities and riches. In overall programming, the illusion is created that capitalism is the ultimate system for everyone, the "American way of life" should be the aim of all the world and the unlimited resources that America possesses.

MANIPULATING DISCUSSION TV PROGRAMMES

Promoting different opinions on the surface only, but in reality, if you analyze these "talk shows – these discussion panels", you will realize the unprincipled use of words meant to give an impression of different points of view, but in reality, the consensus is the same in the end. This is meant only to give an illusion of differences. These shows are organized as spectacles that in reality cannot or are not meant to have any influence on the policies of the government at all. TV creates illusions of different ideas, touching upon all of our senses, lulling us to understand that we have some control over the events.

CREATING STEREOTYPES

Manipulating the audiences with words – creating images such as "Soviet threat", "iron curtain", "totalitarian regime", "Soviet propaganda". Repeating such accusations creates a picture of a Soviet soldier, Soviet rockets, Kremlin – all these images are created in the minds of the viewers. Receiving such images of the Soviet people, creates in the minds of the viewers such stereotype USSR – "Soviet propaganda", "Soviet Union", etc., etc.

Such programming is not aimed at actual facts, but done psychologically, emotional acceptance, to automatically

remember and retain these images, thus creating a political stereotype. Therefore, the leading role in the mass media influence over the minds of the people is Television. This, of course, points to the fact of the monopoly of TV programming that is in the hands of monopolistic corporations in the USA, where 4 giant TV corporations hold all programming for USA, plus distributing 87% of ALL TV programmes that are shown all over the world!

In England, there are two giant TV corporations – one is the BBC, the other is private NTV. In France, there is one private and one Government TV corporation.

In this way, TV monopoly is the main propaganda vehicle of capitalism and its effectiveness cannot be overlooked (as events are proving now – Editors) and the future influence on the minds of people by these giants of information (misinformation – Editors) is very crucial for the people to be aware of.

BOURGEOIS PRESS TODAY

Being the oldest means of

*In spite of anti-Stalinism,
Soviet people will not forget!*



communication, the press is not giving up its role as an influential section of manipulating media, even though TV and radio have taken some of its luster away. This could be gathered from the following facts:

In the present time, there are being published over 9,000 daily newspapers, approximately in 2 billion copies, plus 700,000 books. These figures are not divided evenly or even approximately between countries of the world. In the developing countries, making up 2/3 of the countries, the production of newspapers or books is only 40% of the total production in the world – even though 2/3 of the planet is composed of these countries! Over 1/10 of the countries of the world don't even have a newspaper. This then produces a situation where these people depend on newspapers, books, TV and radio media that comes readily from the West. Thus, the influence in infancy is there to propagate Western ideas, culture and political thought.

Practically in all of the capitalist countries, there exist at least two-three giant newspaper monopolies. As an example, in the USA, the "New York Times" is subscribed to by over 75% of all EDITORS in the USA, 55% of the top Government officials of the Pentagon. Newspaper such as New York Times is the policy maker, policy carrier of the USA and Pentagon – this newspaper is the one that sets the rules for the life of every American, through its influence and support by powers that rule – monopoly capital and transnational corporations.

All the state apparatus, industrial giants of USA do everything possible to make certain that New York Times is popular, influential and that it represents their view on economics, politics, culture, U.S. role in the world and its internal and external aims.

The effect of the media such as newspapers and books are seen in their agreed separation as to the kind of role each should play. Newspapers' role is to formulate concrete attitudes of certain problems; the books are meant to carry the same theme but deeper into the minds of the people, explain and mind-setting the ideas with ideological support for the present policies of the government – be it fiction, be it biography or adventure – the message is the same – our “American way of life” is the only correct one for humanity.

MONOPOLY INFLUENCE

Monopolistic hold of the newspapers, books and TV is seen to be very effective, as the case of British Rupert Murdoch shows. His publishing empire spans three continents, and he has thus divided his empire to influence the countries in these three continents – Europe, Australia and North America. His anti-union activities, his terrible manipulation of workers is well known. When Murdoch takes over a newspaper, he immediately cleanses the newspaper from any other point of view that it had, fires editors, writers, columnists. They must ALL follow his reactionary line, or else!

In France, the newspaper publisher magnate Roberttom Ersanom, now has control of over 50% of France's newspapers and publishing houses.

In Germany, the magnate Shpringer controls 86% of all newspapers and books published in Germany. Therefore, the reader is reading newspapers that are owned and influenced by only 4 mangantes, who, of course, are reactionary in outlook. That means that most Western countries and their population that read newspapers,

watch TV or listen to radio are in actual fact being influenced by ONLY 4 PEOPLE!

How can any logical thinking person talk about “freedom of the word and press” in the Western democratic countries? Facts are facts, we are manipulated by the thinking and policies of 4 people!

This is just a short overview of the situation in the mass media of the world at the present time. The bourgeoisie is in control of our daily thoughts through their manipulations in their media. This unhealthy situation should be seen as a tremendous tool that has in no small way added to the temporary demise of the USSR and other socialist countries. This kind of mechanism was being built, nurtured and promoted over decades, utilized against progressive thinking and socialist ideas.

This mechanism is not resting on its laurels, it is constantly inventing newer technological means, giving this sphere its last resources in order to make certain that their power of influencing people will not be relaxed. The most sophisticated electronics and utilization of the latest psychological methods of influencing the minds of people are being utilized, incorporated to the technical and computerized technology.

Knowing the methods, the knowledge and expertise of our ideological enemies, it is imperative that progressive mankind wins this struggle! □

THE POLITICS OF POVERTY

Lately in the bourgeois press here in Canada, USA, Russia, Ukraine, Mexico, India and many

other capitalist countries, articles dealing with this 20th Century phenomenon got prominent press coverage. Why?

Is it to pull at the heart-strings of people just before that “Holiday Season” when each of us should have a soft spot for the people who are less fortunate than us? Is it to show the people that capitalist press REALLY thinks and feels agony that at this time, on the threshold of the 21st Century, in the age of technological progress, the “Information Highway” that our leaders tell us will fill our stomachs, our minds with plenty to eat, to think and to be better aware of our fellow man?

None of the above is true at all!

These press barons urge the common working people to open their meagre pockets and help these unfortunate people ... make yourself feel good that you are helping someone in need, thus blocking out of your mind the real cause of this poverty in the world. You are part of the “band-aid solution” but not the cure!

While corporate profits run into billions of dollars, while the ruling class has untold wealth to squander on the military, on helping finance big transnational corporations – these tycoons want the workers to carry the burden.

Just read the following news items, observations that the capitalist press sometimes lets slip in their news stories – but you must read the whole page in order to come up with these admissions – they are not put into headlines, or subheads or near the beginning of the article.

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RUSSIA

"Capitalism has swept away old Soviet certainties."

"After capitalism arrived in former USSR, it arrived at the time of 'globalization', an international trend to increasingly place market success in front of human welfare. After decades of socialism, Russia must now face and compete with countries that have prospered at the expenses of their workers."

My shattered nerves! You would think that Olivia Ward, writing from Moscow for The Toronto Star, is a hidden Marxist!

Here, we give some shocking figures about Russia as compiled by Russian State Statistical Board. If they admit to these figures, can you guess what the real situation is now?

- Life expectancy: Men – 59; Women – 71!

- Average monthly wage: \$171 per month.

- Minimum monthly wage: \$17 per month – this is the majority of workers.

- Poverty line: \$86 per month. (More than 25% of people live below poverty line)

- Mothers' allowance: \$12 per month.

- Unemployed: over 12%.

The above figures DO NOT give an accurate story – far from it. These are figures by Yeltsin's Government, meant to allay fears in the population, plus trying to influence the International Monetary Fund that they are doing everything that IMF has proposed – thus setting the stage for more hand-outs, going deeper into debt for generations to come, if no changes take place.

As we always stress, pictures are worth a thousand words.

There just aren't enough jobs to go around. Thousands lined for a job at the General Motors plant in Oshawa but, in the end, no one was hired.





CONTRASTS OF CAPITALISM: The shift to capitalism has swept away the security Russians came to expect in the old Soviet days.

Here, we publish a photograph of an elderly woman begging on Gorky Street in Moscow. Take a look at the dressed-up lady just breezing past the beggar. These are the **NEW RICH** who plundered people's riches. She does not even bother to take a look at this woman begging. **BUT ...** this woman probably defended the Soviet Union during the Great Patriotic War; she also could have built the Moscow Metro that this new "rich bourgeois"

rides on; or she could have worked as a dedicated patriot in all parts of the USSR, wherever there was a need!

MEXICO

Social security and unemployment tragedy has reached a desperate impasse in Mexico. Millions unemployed, poverty is rampant, graft, murders, embezzlement is rife.

Because of this, people that

reach 40 are desperate because when you're over 40, you are doomed to poverty. Four out of every 10 Mexicans are unemployed, while another 3-4% are underemployed. Over 5 million workers are paid a minimum wage of \$2.00 per day.

40 million out of 90 million Mexicans are not eating properly, undernourished and sick with all sorts of diseases. These are documented by all accredited relief and aid agencies.

It is a fact that by the year 2002, the pension fund in Mexico will be bankrupt!

Roughly 10 million Mexicans have no access to medical services.

Here, you see Mexican able-bodied men having to beg!

ONLY A SOCIALIST ECONOMY HAS THE ANSWERS, NOT THE FREE TRADE THAT WAS FOISTED UPON MEXICO BY USA!

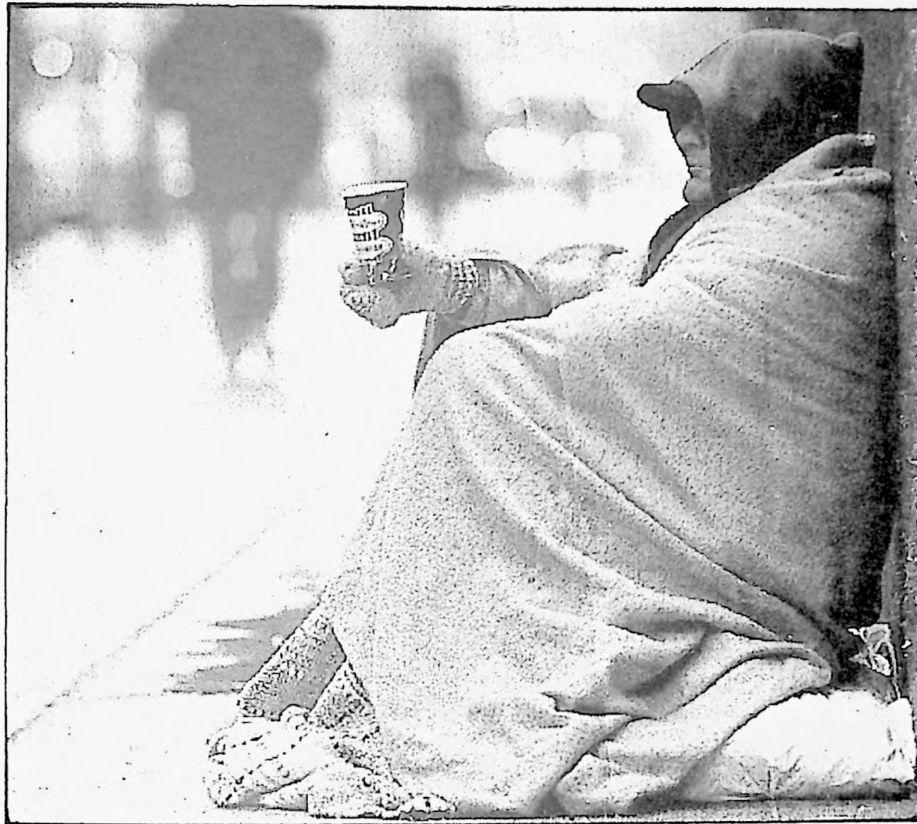
USA – LAND OF RICHES AND FREEDOM!??

The present right wing US government is preparing nothing less than the complete dismantling of American Welfare System.

The plan is to scrap the Medicaid, which provides health care to the poor. Scale down and eliminate the successful nutrition program, food stamps which in the past 25 years have enabled millions of poor Americans to eat adequately.

Republicans Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole, the USA reactionary hawks, are determined to get their masters, the transnational corporations, richer, faster and quicker.

They have their eye not only on the Third World countries and cheap labour, but the millions of former Soviet citizens are their prime targets for exploitation!



Toronto, Canada ... on Edward St. America: The dispossessed are a common sight.



TORONTO, CANADA

Canadians are asked to give warm blankets to thousands upon thousands of Canadians who are destitute and are forced to beg and sleep outside, winter or summer.

All this in Canada, a country that is rich, that suffered no war damage, that has all the natural resources any country would love to possess.

We have no money, we are cutting social services, unemployment is rising alarmingly ... but we spend millions of dollars on our "Peace Keepers" and "Peace Makers", while at the same time, manufacturing bombs, armaments and selling them to troubled spots in the world. Why? In order that these people will kill each other, and then we shall be "proud and send our Peace Keepers" to keep peace! What a sham!

CANADA

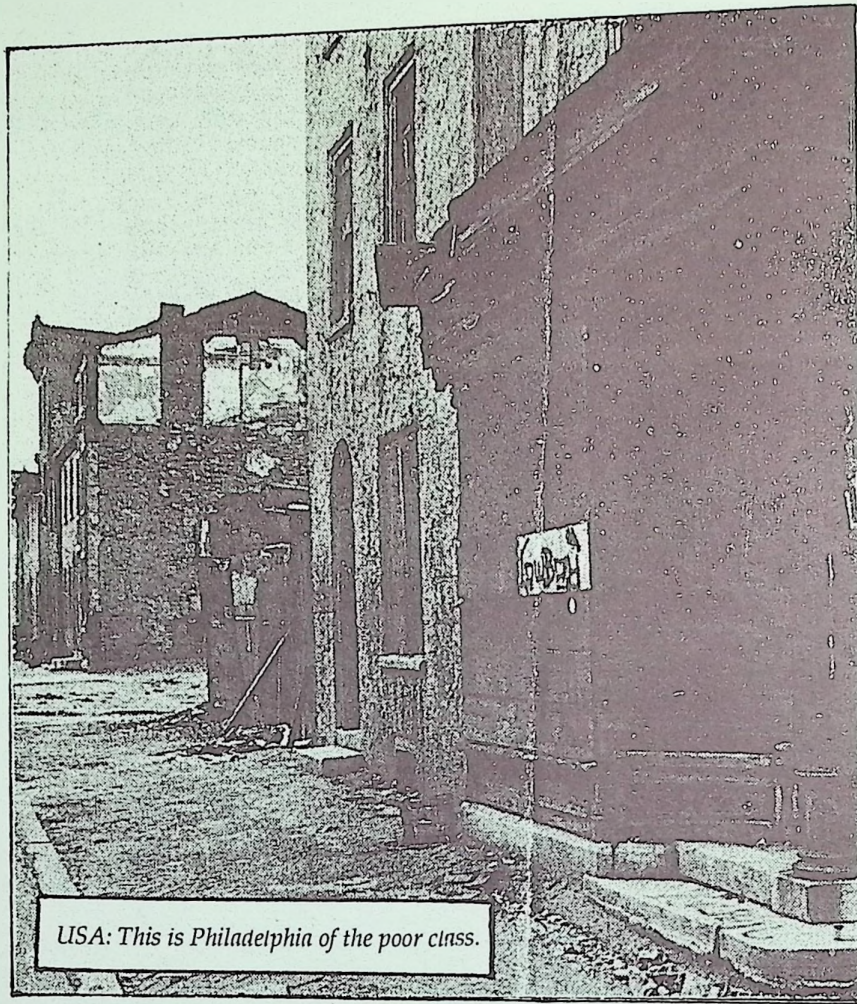
Privatization of Government owned-controlled industries is going on in full swing, not only by the Conservative governments in the Provinces, but also by Liberal Ottawa Government.

Privatization of industries that we have in Canada will mean graft and exploitation, non-union workers, minimum wages and hard working conditions.

Here, you can see more and more protests, not only by workers in industries, but white collar workers working for the Government and other agencies.

Take a look on next page at the photograph! Is it in war-torn Yugoslavia? Is it in the civil war of Somalia, Burundi, Chechniya, Sri Lanka?

NO! It's right in the heart of USA - the beautiful; the wealthy; the democratic; the leader in human rights; riches and "We Americans"



USA: This is Philadelphia of the poor class.

credo!

This is the City of Philadelphia today, where the poor people live!

Oh yes, the USA will show the world how to live, how to think, what to do and what not to do! Maybe it would be a good idea, Uncle SAM, to put your own house in order before you try and tell others how to live, what kind of system to have and how to think!

Those that live well in capitalism live well because capitalism of the West exploits the other countries for its raw materials, cheap manufacturing of goods, illiteracy, squalor, religious promotion of bigotry and mind manipulation!

People are awakening slowly, but surely. The American people themselves are beginning to stir, to protest, to demand, to see the injustice of what is happening.

YES FRIENDS! WE SHALL OVERCOME ... BUT ONLY BY UNITING OUR ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES! □

Organized labor succeeded in getting an estimated 10,000 workers out in bone-chilling temperatures in London, Ontario, Canada.



- Bill Sandford, SUN