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Dissident says trade bolsters Soviet regime

By John Koopman

The communist regime of the Soviet Union wouldn't last three years if western countries, particularly the United States, would cut off all trade with that country, according to Soviet defector Michail Makarenko.

Makarenko, a Soviet dissident who spent more than 11 years in Soviet

concentration camps, said the people of his country don't understand why the United States continues to give technological as well as moral support to the communist regime. The communists only stay in power, he said, because western support allows them to impose their harsh rule upon the people.

Makarenko made his remarks at a

lecture sponsored by the UNL chapter of Young Americans for Freedom. The lecture, which was conducted at the Nebraska Union Tuesday night, also featured Alexander Voronov, a former Soviet soldier who fought in Afghanistan.

Makarenko, speaking through an interpreter, painted a picture of the Soviet Union as a country at war. The people, he said, have opposed their communist leaders since the 1917 revolution. While resistance began with arms and warfare, it now consists of a more passive resistance. Workers produce as little as possible, he said, doing only enough to get by but trying not to do anything that would benefit the state.

Voronov said little at the lecture and Makarenko explained the circum-

stances of his defection from the Soviet army. A native of Smolensk, near Moscow, Voronov had been drafted, trained for three months and sent, in the middle of the night, to Afghanistan. Like most other soldiers, Voronov often stole items from the army to sell to supplement his meager (\$1.42 per month) income. The people don't consider it stealing, Makarenko said, because all things belong to all the people and it is impossible to steal from oneself.

Makarenko said Voronov was caught and sent to the stockade. While there he managed to escape and made his way over the mountains and into the hands of Afghan rebels. From there he made his way to West Germany and later to the United States.



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Michail Makarenko speaks against the communist regime of the Soviet Union in a lecture at the Nebraska Union Tuesday evening.

Union policy draws fire

By Jonathon Taylor

The Nebraska Union's new policy concerning student sponsored food events has prompted protest by the International Students Organization.

Saeed Bahramzad, ISO president, said because of the Union service fee

increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per person attending a dinner, the ISO was not able to have its annual International Banquet this spring. In a letter to the Daily Nebraskan, Saeed said "The charge of \$2.00 before purchase of food, cooking, serving and cleanup of the place (kitchen and dining area) is excessive and makes profit difficult if not impossible."

At last year's banquet, which attracted more than 600 people, the cost was \$522 including six caterers who served the food, Saeed said. Due to the new policy, the cost of the banquet would be around \$1200, a price, Saeed said, the non-University funded ISO could not afford.

Saeed also said the additional Union staff required by the new policy would not be familiar with the food they are serving.

"If an American asked what was in a certain food, they (Union staff) could not help out," he said.

Ron Pushcar, food service director for the Nebraska Unions, said the new policy was developed to eliminate the difficulties student groups were having organizing their dinners. Before the new policy was implemented in March, Pushcar said the student organizations sponsoring dinners were responsible for setting up the dining area, serving and cleaning up afterwards, but difficulty was experienced with "everything associated with this type of event."

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Summer storage options for students are vast

By Joan Korinek

At the end of each school year, most students load their belongings and drag them home. In the fall, they hand them all back again.

But students have other alternatives. One option is to rent storage at a local storage service.

Of the 40 to 50 new tenants in the spring, many are students, said Robert Stephens, co-owner of Infinity Storage, 1542 S. First St.

"A lot of them today are finding it convenient to store it away," Stephens said.

Jeanne Riha, security storage manager of Security Storage, 3201 N. 19th St., said she has noticed that more students are using the service.

At Budget Self Storage, 5330 Cornhusker Hwy., manager Bob Egenberger said about 25 students rent storage each season at the Cornhusker location and the other one at 1801 Pioneers Blvd.

People have various reasons for using storage. Some students may not have enough space at home to store their things, Stephens said. Also, he said, the size of the car can determine how many belongings students take home.

Riha said she thought it was worth it for students to rent storage, rather than dragging belongings home and back again.

Some students even get a couple of friends to rent storage with them, Stephens said.

Storage sizes range from 4 feet by 5 feet to 10 feet by 30 feet, with many sizes in between. Stephens said that a

5-by-5 space with a 9-foot ceiling holds a room full of furniture. All three storage services rent on a monthly basis. Prices range from \$8 to \$87, depending on the size.

Infinity Storage, whose motto is "Don't haul it home and then haul it all back again next fall" offers a 10 percent student discount.

It is much cheaper for foreign students to rent storage than ship belongings home, Stephens said. Riha said many foreign students use the Security Storage Service.

While Infinity Storage provides the lock, Budget Self Storage and Security Storage require students to provide their own locks. Security Storage gives students the option of renting a lock for \$3. None of the three storage services provides insurance on the stored items.

Egenberger lives on the site, and he said it helps deter theft.

Jayne Anderson, coordinator of the Panhellenic Association, said Greek houses have no general policy about storage. She said people may leave some things at the house, but they probably take home things like televisions and stereos.

In the residence halls, the amount of storage space varies from complex to complex, said Pat Glasier, coordinator for the residence hall administrator.

Since Selleck Quadrangle, Cather, Pound and Neihardt buildings will not be used this summer, Glasier said, students with lofts in those buildings will be allowed to leave them up.

Glasier said residence halls are not liable for belongings students store there. Although belongings are kept in a locked room, Glasier said, the university cannot be responsible if a water pipe, for example, broke.

Although she takes her belongings home, UNL sophomore Pam Crompton said, many of her friends rent space at storage services.

Liz Hegwood from Imperial said she has no need for a storage service because she leaves her things with friends.

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Another student from Malaysia, Ahmad Zul, also said he stored his belongings at a friend's house last summer when he went home.



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