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The centre section in this issue had been in preparation several months when the events of December 13 took place. They are events which deeply sadden us. And they underline the importance of examining closely the events of the past year and a half in Poland.

The article by Stan Persky is the opening chapter of *At the Lenin Shipyard*, his gripping new book on the rise of Solidarity. It has just been published by New Star Books in Vancouver and sells for \$7.95. Many of the documents accompanying the articles, we feel help to detail the issues that Solidarity was attempting to come to grips with before the roof fell in.

The *Left Debates* column in this issue features an article by C. S. Jackson, who was the president of the United Electrical Workers Union. In his review of Rick Salutin's biography of Kent Rowley, Jackson makes some strong judgements about Canadian unionism and the CCU. We approached John Lang of the Confederation of Canadian Unions to prepare a response to Jackson's article, in hopes of developing this debate.

Lang was willing to respond initially, but found that his workload prevented him from preparing a comment. We expect, and indeed hope, that now the publication will produce debate on the issue.

The election of Dave Patterson has made nationalism an important issue in the Steel workers union, as Palmer reports in this issue.



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