The AABS Canadian Committee and the Chair of Estonian Studies present a symposium

POLICIES AND REALITIES:

MINORITIES IN THE BALTIC REPUBLICS

5 February. 1994, 9:30 to 4:00, George Ignatieff Theatre, 14 Devonshire Place University of Toronto (St. George Subway Stn.) General Admission: \$15.00; Seniors/Students: \$12.00

As the December election results have shown, there is a strong movement to renew the Russian Empire. These groups also insist that the human rights of minorities are being trampled in the Baltic Republics. Some Western publications such as *Life* and *The Manchester Guardian* have chosen to support that line of argument.

Plan to attend this one day forum on these crucial issues. Meet the experts. Find out what's really going on.

Speakers include official representatives of the Baltic Republics: Ojars Kalnins, Latvian Ambassador to the United States, Algimantas Gureckas, Permanent Mission of Lithuania to the United Nations, and Heino Ainso, Permanent Mission of Estonia to the United Nations; and scholars such as Ain Haas, University of Indiana, Romas Vastokas, Trent University, Peteris Zvidrins, University of Latvia, and others who will provide insights about the conflicting attitudes of indigenous and minority communities.

Everyone is welcome.

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09:30 - Opening Remarks: Harri Mürk, Chair of Estonian Studies, University of Toronto

Section 1: Official Policies:

- 09:50 Ojars Kalnins, Latvian Ambassador to the United States
- 10:25 Algimantas Gureckas, Permanent Mission of Lithuania to the United Nations
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Heino Ainso, Estonian Representative to the United Nations
- 11:50 Henry Huttenbach, "Russian Foreign Policy and the "Near Abroad'," History Department, The City College of New York and Editor-in-chief, Nationalities Papers
- 12:30 Lunch

Section 2: Two Solitudes?

- 13:30 Ain Haas, "Conditions for the Absence of Violence in Ethnic Relations in Estonia," Sociology Department, University of Indiana, Indianapolis
- 14:10 Romas Vastokas, "Ethnic Minorities in Lithuania,"
 Anthropology Department, Trent University, Peterborough
- 14:50 Peteris Zvidrins, "Changes in Ethnic Structures in Latvia,"
 Department of Statistics and Demography, University of
 Latvia, Riga
- 15:30 Break
- 15:45 Boris Cilevics, "The Non-Citizens Union of Latvia," Riga.
- 16:25 Tönu Parming, "Population and Politics in Estonia," Estonian Publishing Company Ltd., Toronto
- 17:15 Closing Remarks, Harri Mürk