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The New Era.

IN MINSK THERE WAS A 35 FT. ~~ST~~ MONUMENT TO STALIN WHICH STOOD EVEN AFTER THE FIRST DENUNCIATION OF STALIN BY KHRUSHCHEV, UNLIKE THE MONUMENT OF STALIN IN Leningrad WHICH WAS TORN DOWN IMMEDIATELY. THIS IMPRESSIVE BRONZE AND MARBLE STRUCTURE HAS STOOD FOR AS LONG AS IT HAS DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF ~~RICHARD~~ STALINIST SUCH AS COLN. PETROKOF ^{NEAR} & ~~THE~~ OVER. OFFICE IN MINSK AND OTHERS. HOWEVER, AFTER THE 22ND CONGRESS MEETING WHEN KHRUSHCHEV AGAIN DENOUNCED STALIN, ON NOV. 5. TWO DAYS BEFORE THE NOV. 7 REVOLUTIONARY CELEBRATIONS, A FORCE OF 100 MEN DESCENDED UPON THE STALIN SQUARE ~~FOR~~ (NOW LEIN SQUARE) AND WITH BULLDOZERS AND PILEDRIVER ~~THEY~~ COMMENCED TO TEAR UP (NOT SALVAGE) THE STRUCTURE. THEY MUST HAVE BEEN VERY ENTHUSIASTIC BECAUSE NEXT DAY THEY HAD REMOVED THE 10 TON BRONZE ~~ST~~ FIGURE OF A MAN REVERED BY THE OLDER GENERATION AND LAUGHED AT BY THE SARCASTIC YOUNGER GENERATION.

THE MOST REMARKABLE THING ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF THIS GIANT MONUMENT WAS THAT WORK WAS CEASED ON THE 6TH OF NOVEMBER. BUT STARTED AGAIN ON THE 7TH THE VERY DAY THE BIG PARADE OF WORKERS CAME BY. THE MONUMENT WAS RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE REVIEWING STAND AT IT WAS

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