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The New Era

In Minsk there was a 35 ft. steel monument to Stalin which stood even after the first denunciation of Stalin by Khrushchev, and the monument of Stalin in Leningrad which was torn down impatiently. This impressive bronze and marble structure was stood for as long as it was due to the efforts of diehard Stalinists such as Col. Petro Kofin and the USSR 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 (now Lenin Square) and with bulldozers and pile driver ~~was~~ commenced to tear up (not salvage) the structure. They must have been very enthusiastic because next day they had removed the 17m bronze statue 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 as it was

will to be  
in full view of all the dignitaries  
and workers going by the destruction of  
Stalin and the (symbolic sea ending of  
Stalinism ~~is~~ (symbolic hope) was  
concluded.

But Belarussia, as in Stalin's  
native Georgia is still a stronghold  
of Stalinism.

and a revival of Stalinism  
is a very ~~very~~ possible thing in  
these two republics