

'American System' Came To Russia 200 Years Ago

During the celebration of the 80th birthday of Professor Stanislav Mikhailovich Menshikov, held May 15, 2007, at the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences (see EIR of May 25 and June 1), three recent books by Menshikov were introduced to the audience. One of them was the English edition of his The Anatomy of Russian Capitalism, brought out by EIR News Service in March of this year. Translator Rachel Douglas of EIR reported to the gathering, on the politically targetted distribution of this book by the LaRouche movement in the U.S.A., in its historical context. Here are her remarks, translated from Russian.

Over the past two years, I worked on translating *The Anatomy of Russian Capitalism*. It was, and is, a great pleasure and an honor for me to do this. I have known the works of Stanislav Mikhailovich since the 1970s, when I, too, first read his *Millionaires and Managers*.

I would like to report to you, that the English translation of *The Anatomy of Russian Capitalism* is already being delivered to the U.S. Congress, to the offices of those members, who should have a more fine-tuned and more ade-

quate understanding of the complex processes that have unfolded in Russia, in the Russian economy, in recent years. And we hope that the people there, our Congressmen and Senators, will read this book, and thereby improve their understanding of those events.

There is one other aspect to which I would like to draw your attention. I am very glad that we published this translation this year, because in 2007, we are marking not only Stanislav Mikhailovich's jubilee, but also the 200th anniversary of Russian-American diplomatic relations.

In that same year, 1807, a Russian translation of one of Alexander Hamilton's great reports was published in Russia—the *Report on Manufactures*. And V. Malinovksy, the same who was the headmaster of the Tsarskoye Selo Lyceum [where the poet Alexander Pushkin and future Foreign Minister Prince Alexander Gorchakov were educated], wrote in the foreword to that edition, that he considered all of Hamilton's ideas, i.e., the very fundamentals of what used to be called the American System, to be fully applicable to the development of Russian industry, infrastructure, and so forth.

So it is with happiness that I think about this mutual publishing activity—back then, and now, when we are distributing this book in America. Thank you for the opportunity of collaborating on this important undertaking. Congratulations!