Overview of the International'nyÄ front trudiÍ¡ashchikhsíëa LatviÄkoÄ SSR issuances

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Biographical/Historical note
The 1988-1991 movement for national independence in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia was resisted not only by Moscow, but it also had to contend with strong local opposition. Several pro-Soviet organizations emerged in reaction to growing popular demands for national sovereignty and independence in the Baltic region. In Lithuania such an organization was called Unity (Yedinstvo), in Estonia it was the Intermovement (Interdvizhenie), and in Latvia the Interfront (International Front of the Working People of Latvia). Made up mostly from the members of the Russian minority, heavily concentrated in industrial cities of the Baltic region, this pro-Soviet Latvian political organization was largely driven by communists and retired Soviet officers. Following the final implosion of the USSR in 1991, the Interfront, along with the Communist Party, were banned by the Latvian authorities.

Scope and Contents note
Consists of issuances and internal documents of the Interfront of Latvia, supplemented by similar materials from Lithuania and Estonia, as well as other parts of the USSR.

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