

Entertainment Outlook

Democracy revisited by Watson

By BOB SPENCE

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A year after *The Struggle For Democracy* aired on CBC-TV, we get a postscript to Patrick Watson's critically acclaimed series.

Watson had concluded the series with a prediction that the struggle for democracy would be the political issue of the 21st century.

Instead, it is the political issue of the last decade of the 20th century.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev started raising the Iron Curtain in the late 1980s. In the space of the past year, Eastern Europeans have dumped their old leaders and torn the curtain to shreds. Various versions of democracy are being unveiled in nations that had been held in an authoritarian vice since the Second World War. And communism is under attack in the Soviet Union itself.

Recently, Watson visited the Soviet Union, Poland and Romania for a postscript for his series.

The Curtain Rises airs June 24. Eastern Europeans now have freedom of speech, but various voices are advocating different paths.

As a young Romanian girl tells Watson, it is much easier to destroy than to construct.

Watson's postscript, in a diary format, focuses on the impressions of individuals - from students to politicians - as to what is happening in their countries and what the future may hold.



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The film is based on a true story - the exploits of twin brothers convicted of violent crimes in England in the 1950s and 1960s. Gary and Martin Kemp portray the brothers. The Krays will likely be released in Canada in October, says Odeon.



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TODAY'S QUOTE: "When people say there is too much violence in (my books), what they are saying is there is too much reality in life." — Joyce Carol Oates

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