

*A long time ago Constantine founded Constantinopolis. Peter founded Petersburg. Neither is alive. Constantinopolis is now known as Istanbul, Petersburg was for a short time known by the name of another emperor - Leningrad. Brodski not so long ago, escaping from Leningrad, visited Istanbul and discovered amazing similarities between the cities. The first was secured from intruders by a wall, the other was secured by undying belief in life. Both the cities are still strong. The first is continuing with its prime mission, protection of crossroads for trade, the other is waiting for better times to regain its capital mission. Both the cities survived destruction in wars, earthquakes, social unrest or other similar calamities. But they withstood.*

*Once secure, always secure, with short unplanned intermissions.*

*Janez Kozma*