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## I KNOW YOU'LL SMILE WITH ME

Over in USSR they're placing great stress on getting the people to give their views on any and every subject, in the press and at meetings. When I saw the wonderful response they are receiving it made me grin broadly. Know why? For many, many a year NN has been asking our Readers for *their* views. And as you know if you read our "Readers Page" (see P-24 this issue) we print your views.

Fact is: whenever I ask you to help by telling me what you think of one or another subject, you fill our mailbag.

## YOUR LETTERS ARE GETTING SHARPER

Time was, when NN's Readers tended to avoid arguments, and stick to ideas that "everybody likes to see". But now (as we say on Page-16) the times they are a-changin'.

Give you one example. A long-time and intelligent reader of this magazine sent in a letter about how he understands many of the difficulties the USSR is going through today. Because, he argues, "the great majority of people, including the workers who are supposed to be 'advanced' can't save a buck if you show them how, and can't get up out of poverty no matter how much they earn."

His conclusion: "It will take more than Socialism to raise the standards of life over here. It will need intelligence."

A real dirty crack, eh? *What do you think?*

## THAT DIRTY WORD "PROFIT"

Does anybody here know when the term arose: **The Profit System**? You won't find it in Marx, Engels, or Lenin. Yet for a long time we've described Capitalism as *The Profit System*.

Marx warned against the anarchist idea that society doesn't need profits. Lenin pointed out that if Socialism can't make profits it can't expand and can't pay social benefits.

Now in USSR they're discovering that Marx insisted on self-interest being the fundamental urge that raised human beings up out of the jungle. It made the Feudal system work; it made Capitalism work; and now it's got to make Socialism work!

Several reports in this issue of NN will show you what's involved.

## MAN, THEY SURE CAN TALK TOUGH!

It's no longer the "fashion" in Socialism to present the facts as if everything over there was "sweetness and light".

I came across this gem, by Vitali Korionov, *Pravda's* political analyst. He was commenting on the April meeting of their Communist Central Committee, which called for a radical speed-up in their work of "restructuring" Socialism. Well, says Vitali, "at present we are on the first wave of restructuring, but all it has done so far is send ripples through stagnant water."

*What the man said!*

The Soviet press is becoming ... well ... restructured fast.

**NN's Quote of the Month:** "At the turn of the century, when I joined the army, the target was one enemy casualty at the end of a rifle, a pistol, a bayonet. Then came the machine-gun, designed to kill by the dozen. Then the aerial bomb to strike by the thousands. Followed by the atom explosion to reach hundreds of thousands. This very triumph of scientific annihilation, this very success of invention, has destroyed the possibility of war being a medium for the practical settlement of international differences." U.S. General Douglas MacArthur.

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# Deathly "Bermuda Triangle" can be explained?

Many people have forgotten that the term "**Bermuda Triangle**" made world headlines just after the War. It happened when five big USA bombers, crossing the ocean near Bermuda, *vanished from the sky*.

Excellent weather. Experienced commander and pilots. No clue whatever. *They disappeared*.

Countless stories then came out, some true and some fanciful, about planes and ships lost without trace in the fateful "triangle".

Careful research brought out an astonishing fact: in this small region of the ocean, since 1914 over 2,000 people had disappeared, with ships or planes. Every year there's at least one such tragedy. Always in good weather. Never any warning that would start an "SOS" call.

In recent years several special expeditions have gone into the triangle to discover some scientific explanation for its deadliness.

The USSR's Institute of Oceanology sent groups of researchers. Nobody came up with a scientific explanation, or even a plausible supernatural "theory".

But now the Soviet physicist **Genrikh Talalayevski** has come out with an idea so unusual that most scientists at first rejected it.

**In brief:** this theory says that acceleration (speeding up) in a straight line is *very different* from acceleration of *rotary (turning) motion*.

How different? Well, with high speed rotary acceleration a body **loses weight!** Rotating fast enough, a body may even develop "negative weight", and pull itself upwards (a kind of *reverse force of gravity*).

After Talalayevski offered his theory, scientists recalled that a British physicist, Lewthwaite, some 10 years ago, described a gyroscope which he rotated at very high speed: the device **lost weight**.

Confirming the Soviet theory.



Several research groups in USSR have proved that high-speed rotary acceleration does, indeed, cause weight loss. For the first time, there is a scientific explanation for the **amazing powers of tornadoes**, like the disastrous one in Edmonton this summer: its violent rotation enabled it to pick up very heavy objects and carry them a long way.

Rotary acceleration caused a **drop in the normal weight** of the objects picked up.

In the meantime, ocean studies in the Bermuda Triangle and nearby waters have shown that gigantic "tornadoes" also develop **deep in the sea**. This could explain the mysterious facts about big ships and planes that *disappear without trace* ... they are picked up and taken far away by oceanic tornadoes, so wreckage is never found.

But here the mystery deepens. ...

Dr. Talalayevski presents the weird facts about a National Airlines plane, crossing the Bermuda Triangle (some 10 years ago), which vanished from radar screens at Miami Airport, 20 minutes before it was due to land. But it **did land safely**, in another 10 minutes.

All the clocks in this plane were **10 minutes slow** when it arrived!

So what happened?

Talayevski believes that not only **gravity (weight)** but also **time** is affected by rotary motion.

Incidentally, this new Soviet theory differs greatly from the widely-accepted approach of **Einstein**, who also related **speed with weight**. In the Einstein view, in order to change weight you must reach **extremely high speeds** (close to the speed of light).

Tornadoes (in air or ocean) don't come anywhere near such speeds.

What makes them super-powerful is their **rotary motion**.

More: in the very *center* of violent rotation, instead of **losing weight** the twisting body becomes **heavier**. And this, says the Soviet physicist, is what explains the weird events near Bermuda.

Note also that a tornado which can **double the weight** of a plane or ship (for a few seconds) won't necessarily **wreck** it. But the terrific rotation forces can **affect time** (clocks).

That gives a possible explanation for weird "arrivals and delays" that have been noted in this region.

When you add up all these factors you see that *scientifically* there is now a wealth of "theory" and experiment to account for the grim happenings in the Triangle.

The latest word is that gravity which *increases and decreases* in a short time can have serious effects not only on **instruments** but on **people's minds** (behaviour) also.

Even natural winds can become highly confusing. Some planes have landed out of the Triangle much sooner **than scheduled**. But no mighty "tail winds" accounted for such things.

The real explanation, says Dr. Talalayevski, is that **increased gravity speeded up the planes**.

This whole problem-mystery today afflicts *other regions* also. For example: the area between Hong Kong, Philippines and Taiwan. People have long called that "The Devil Sea".

There, **hundreds** of ships have vanished on clear, calm days!

Naturally, the Soviet scientist has been asked how pilots and captains might **avoid deathly effects**.

He has three suggestions. Design ships and planes to withstand multiple-gravity loads; especially protect vital instruments; see that cargoes are packed to give very uniform loads.

But the best is always last ...

Obviously, if you can bring about gravity (weight) changes in a laboratory, you should be able to apply the same ideas on a big scale. Your own imagination will tell you what might be done by changing the vital force that influences everything on Earth.



# They're facing up to life as it really is

*At last Soviet people are overcoming the grim damage caused by Stalinism*

- Only now are the Communists of the Soviet Union taking the covers off some of their basic weaknesses. For example, long after Stalin had gone, they never mentioned the obvious fact that signs of a **real crisis in Socialism** were turning up all over that system.
- For years, in spite of the boasts of Khrushchov and Brezhnev, *socialist democracy was violated* by the Party on a mass scale. The system was "managed" in ways that can only be called **dictatorial**. No effort was made to up-date the "theory" of Socialism, and this was hampering its growth.
- Serious problems that had risen under Stalinism, away back in the 'thirties, were never corrected even after the historic Congress of 1956 (which exposed and debunked Stalin's cult of his personality). *Support of Stalinism*, in their Party, is holding back Socialism to this day.
- The situation is so bad that the eminent Dr. Anatoly Butenko (Institute of Economics, World Socialist System) says that **definite forces exist in the CPSU** who are opposed to the renovation of life in the USSR. He calls for full exposure of these types who are threatening the very process of "perestroika" (re-structuring).
- Millions of Soviet people have known for some time that something basic was wrong. The economy of Socialism had slowed down badly. People's living standards declined. *Fundamental principles were violated on a big scale*, such as payment (wages, salaries) according to work done, and grafters (some real criminals) multiplied.
- The Party in USSR now believes that these problems began to develop under Stalinism (from the 'thirties on after the war), and were not promptly exposed, because their effects didn't show for many years, in the 'sixties. But even then the **Party simply turned a blind eye**.
- Butenko: "Negative phenomena, distortions and warpings of the economic and political organization of (Soviet) society *hindered Socialism's potential* from unfolding in full."
- But **how** did it happen? "I believe it involves what Marx, Engels and Lenin warned about . . . for a working-class that has come to power, **bureaucracy presents a grave danger**." While the working-class needs its own state, this "has a tendency to become **increasingly remote from society**. It develops into a force ever more **independent and threatening**, and places its own interests before those of society."
- Such a form of government became prevalent under Stalin. He created the most favorable setting for the growth of bureaucratism. No measures to promote self-government were introduced by Stalin.
- Inevitably, power was fully concentrated in the hands of the administrative bureaucracy. Then "reprisals" against all critics and opponents **developed on a mass scale**. "Stalin's power smashed those who tried to uphold the system that had existed before the personality cult, and was based on Lenin's ideas."
- The Soviet Communists' 20th Congress (right after Stalin died) badly shook up the Party "bureaucracy". But as time went on it was clear that this "force" **renewed its ranks**. Self-government was hated. Secrecy prevailed, especially in decision-making. Control by the masses was non-existent.
- Says Butenko: "Soviet people made great advances in the creation of a new society. Socialism stood the most critical test in the battle against fascism. But this was achieved at high costs, costs which the new system did not need. **This is what prevented Socialism from fully unfolding its potential**."
- And today? "The Party's Central Committee has openly assumed responsibility for the mistakes of the 'sixties and 'seventies." Such strong criticism had never before appeared. It states flatly that because of personal weaknesses the Central Committee "*did not succeed in ensuring the proper development of the Soviet Union*."
- That development is now proceeding. The new decisions (many of them are laws) will certainly run into difficulties. Many oppose socialist self-government, which represents a transition from a society run by a government to a society run by the people. This requires a long transition period. New mass organizations must be developed. "But," says Butenko, "**so far we have no more than just elements of socialist self-government**."
- Most Soviet people still do not know how to exercise their democratic rights. Few know how to govern because they have no experience. Many have grown up with someone else making all the decisions. *People do just what they are told*. They automatically support the views of others, particularly those at the top, the Party leadership.
- Millions are now exposing and attacking these attitudes. They see that those who decide the destinies of others are today in no way responsible to those "others". At all levels people justify their actions by referring to the person "above" them. The full meaning of this was made vividly clear by Dr. Butenko: at some point in the development of Soviet society and its government, **everything was turned upside down**.
- While this went on, the very fabric of socialist society was changed so drastically that many people eventually lost the ability to work in a correct way. The natural desire to do useful work, and to be rewarded for it, to take pride in one's achievements, almost disappeared. Incentives for efficient work were lost or distorted, so that *people could not see why they should work better*. In the view of most Soviet Communists today, this is the worst hangover of the period that is now behind them.
- Topping all this was the long-term trend in the Soviet Party leadership to **butter-up themselves and their system**. Everywhere negative types were surfacing; but these black marketeers, swindlers, embezzlers of public property, **officially did not exist**, and propaganda became far removed from reality.



## Far from retreating from Socialism now, the retreat is what they are reversing. So you'll see what amounts to 'the Second Coming of Socialism' from now on.

- Anywhere you go in USSR today you'll find people who see in the present "re-structuring" drive a real **revolution** . . . a continuation of what was started 70 years ago. What they're doing to every aspect of their system you can't describe in any other way than revolutionary.
- Western observers have tried to twist this to fit their claim that USSR is *retreating* from Socialism. Most often they give you two "illustrations". People are being encouraged to start up all kinds of services to the public (badly lacking over there so far), and **make money** for themselves. And then, big Socialist enterprises are instructed to **make profits** so returns (wages) to workers can be sharply increased.
- These changes are being so widely debated over there that Westerners are *baffled*: they say this kind of frank discussion, with many opposing ideas, *can't be Socialism*, because that system doesn't allow differing views. But as they see Socialism not only **remaining** but **strengthening**, the critics themselves shake their heads and murmur . . . *revolutionary!*
- No matter how much the "kremlinologists" try to run down what's happening in USSR, they can't deny that it's **not just words** but action on a mass scale. **More democracy** you see in all the 15 Soviet Republics. The papers are full of it, with thousands of readers' letters backing up the slogan of the times: **more democracy means more Socialism!**
- Now about that claimed "retreat from Socialism". This is, indeed, a hot topic in USSR. You read countless, sometimes shocking examples of retreating from Socialism. But it all has one feature: **it's in their past**. "Our departures from the Socialist system can now be found **only in our history**." And one of their big jobs is to turn the history of the past 70 years **inside out**, exposing it to everyone's view.
- All of a sudden they see their Socialist system tied up in knots of **red tape**; run by an enormous **bureaucracy** that achieves nothing; faced with a "don't bother me" attitude **holding back production** in almost every field. Socialism's huge industries are falling behind the rest of the advanced world. The fact that becomes more clear every day is that **Socialism is not responsible for these defects**.
- Their intensive drive for re-structuring their system has for its aim the *removal of all anti-Socialism tendencies* that developed over many years. Socialism is featured by the highest form of modern economy: **public ownership** of all major means of production. This must give rise to the highest levels of productivity . . . which hasn't taken place yet in USSR. Socialism must give people the *absolute truth* about all social problems . . . which has been sadly violated over there. In a word, **restoring Socialism's greatest features** is the heart of their present drive.
- But this drive is different to any you've ever seen in the Soviet land. The people realize now that Socialism *did not come about "by order"*. It was the creation of the masses of working people. And the new system *could not properly develop "by order"*, the method which has brought them to a situation of grave difficulty. Only the Soviet people themselves can re-structure Socialism successfully.
- This is why they are enthusiastically taking up the **task of revolutionizing Socialism**. Such a task was never before considered. It has hit 285,000,000 people very hard. And the main thing the enemies of Socialism can't see is that the Soviet people are proving to be worthy of the **greatest responsibility history has ever put before human society**, carrying through a revolution that will change the world.

## As Marx and Lenin proved, society can advance only by revolutionizing economics

- At all main stages in human history, great changes began with **the economy**, which is the foundation of society's life. That's why the struggle going on in USSR today is basically a massive drive to **solve economic problems**. The outstanding feature of this effort is a change from "administrative" to "economic" methods of managing society.
- You are seeing an end to their long-standing practice of running the economy *by orders from above*. No more commands, no more petty rules-and-regulations. Instead, at every level Socialism's enterprises are being reorganized to swiftly increase **productivity** and **the profit** going to society and individual workers both.
- This isn't Capitalism, because the entire Soviet economy is still being **guided** by short and long term **planning**. But it is a **new kind of Socialism**, because from now on the system has got to **pay off for everyone**, in real economic benefits.
- One example. Up to now, top Soviet planners would **take away** billions of profits from the best productive industries and **hand this over** to industries that never could fulfill the plans forced on them. Thus poor productivity and lousy management were **rewarded**, at the expense of efficient people. Today that's being **eliminated**.
- **But it's a tough struggle!** Thousands upon thousands of "managers-planners", Stalinists who spent all their lives ordering others to do what they were told, are fighting against revolutionary Socialism which tells people only to **do what is best for the system, for society, for all people**.
- You can see why this fight is really tough. USSR has a whole "class" of worthless economic "bosses", whose sole aim was to get hold of those billions in profits and hand them out to "their" industries (naturally, with higher and higher salaries and bonuses for every plan "fulfilled"). Not unlike capitalists, they lived off the labor of millions.
- New and powerful forces are getting rid of this evil. "More Democracy means more Socialism!" This is a slogan being taken up by tens of millions. Right at their work-places, and on up to **elected management**, Soviet people are making economic changes through every phase of society.
- For the first time in a great many years, Soviet leaders and the rank-and-file are looking at their system in the light of Lenin's prophecy: Socialism will triumph, in one country and the world, only when it proves scientific management will develop *the highest labour productivity on earth*.
- Only the tremendous resources (material and human) of the new system can **revolutionize economic life**. Only such a revolution will justify the struggle of millions to **advance beyond Capitalism**.
- True, Soviet people lately have carried through tremendously successful economic projects: the BAM Railway, opening of Siberian oil and gas, giant hydro-electric systems, and above all their world-leading exploration of Space. But today the people realize that these successes only point up the **enormous economic and social challenges** facing them now.
- Their historic victory over private ownership of the economy, this does not remove the need to **sweep forward past Monopoly Capitalism in the race to the Future**.
- Their Communist Party Congress, and several later gatherings, have **radically changed the attitude of Soviet people towards their system**. All remnants of self-satisfaction are being cleared away. Full socialist democracy is encouraging everyone to expose what is holding them back, including those individuals who have never abandoned Stalinism.
- You are witnessing **all-out competition between the world's two mighty systems**. Soviet people are confident they can mobilize the tremendous potential of Socialism to achieve victory in a shorter time.



# Looking back, long, long ago



Seventy years have gone by since people in Petrograd read the first revolutionary decrees signed by Lenin. Few believed that the Soviets could bring Peace.



Very soon the new system began construction on a great scale, for those times. These men built the Gorky Auto Plant with the crudest of equipment.



Above: a wonder in its day, this "machine miner" brought out the coal without human effort. At left: first electric light bulbs ever seen in Central Asia, in Socialist Uzbekistan.



Above: long forgotten, this was first big Soviet power plant, Volkhov Dam, near Leningrad.

At left: First tractor turned out at Stalingrad was brought to Moscow for triumphant parade.





## What do the girls want in Socialism today?

Seventy years ago the world's first Socialist Revolution proclaimed that, henceforth, Soviet women would achieve full equality with men. But in a recent round-table discussion in Moscow a leading sociologist, Dr. Tatyana Zaslavakaya, stated flatly that "these opportunities have not been fully realized."

The professor spoke from personal experience. She has done very well in her career; no complaints there. But "I've had to sacrifice home life. I have two daughters and they suffer because I don't have enough free time to devote to my family."

Today tens of millions of Soviet girls have an education much higher than their mothers could achieve. For some 10 years now, every girl (and boy) has completed High School. The majority of them want to continue on in one or another kind of university or institute.

Equality? Unlike the situation we have in our system, in the last 20 years so many Soviet girls have made it into college that women over there are now considerably better educated than their men.

Actually 6-out-of-10 university trained specialists in Socialism today are . . . girls and women!

Is this "equality" or superiority?

Ask young girls. They know that 60 percent of all medical people are women. And 74 percent of all teachers are women. In sharpest contrast with the situation here in Capitalism, just over half of all Socialism's engineers today are women.

That trend is bound to pick up speed because engineers in USSR are getting a big pay increase, and that's going to influence many girls heading for college.

However, pay isn't the main thing in the minds and hearts of girls. Millions dream of careers on the stage, in movies, TV. Soviet sociologists (like Dr. Zaslavakaya) have been probing this basic question.

Exactly what do Soviet girls want from life?

— The overwhelming majority (90 percent) want to enjoy the work they'll be doing in whatever field.

— Surprisingly (to us) half of the Soviet girls put high on their list a hope to make a good thing of life by serving the community in one way or another.

— High income trailed near the bottom.

• Planners are in for difficulties, when they consider what Soviet girls want today.

Firstly, one-third of them already feel they've made a bad choice of jobs and careers.

Most Soviet girls have very strong opinions about jobs they want or don't want, often based on mistaken ideas. And, so far, Soviet schools haven't done much to get those ideas straightened out.

For example, many new service careers are offering big opportunities to girls, but most young ones couldn't care less about such jobs (which they despise).

Let's take a look up at the top.

Today, more than 500,000 Soviet women have risen to the highest positions in industry and agriculture.

But the startling fact is (revealed by recent investigations) that most talented Soviet young women deliberately drop out of top jobs, which are then taken by men.

How come? No mystery. These women have to choose between long hard hours of "bossing", and spending most of their time with husband and children and home.

In the Soviet Union today the situation is a lot more complicated than we've put it here. Democracy has "invaded" every aspect of their life. Factory workers, for example, are "electing" managers.

They're going to vote for a man or woman who is not only fully involved in the job but is also studying at night for the next higher position.

Husbands can handle that. Most wives can't.

But a big new hope has appeared lately. Soviet enterprises see that women do it better than men, on the production line or in management, and so they're making special efforts to assist married women to combine study and work.

This is vital for the advance of Socialism. Because facts show that millions of young wives, at the peak of their abilities (age 24-to-29) have to leave management because their children "stand in the way".

Day-care for working mothers does help many in their career work.

And there's a new proposal to give mothers three full years off work with pay, to help them over the toughest time. But this is an extremely expensive program.

• Our problem of sexual segregation is being faced for the first time in the major countries of Capitalism. While we've concentrated on lessening racial segregation, our experts have turned a blind eye towards the mass separation of men and women in our work-places.

This was taken up by Washington's National Research Council back in 1985. Endless tables of facts go to show that nothing has changed much since the year 1900: women are still segregated so they can be paid less than men.

In Socialism there is some "separation". For example women are prohibited from mining, and not many men are into textiles; but pay has no bearing on that.

Here, sections of the work force in which men predominate pay much higher wages than occupations filled with girls and women . . . sexually segregated.

The USA scholars found that this kind of segregation applies equally to factory work and skilled office work. Because of this, women in "rich" USA still get far lower pay than men doing the same jobs in other plants or offices.

The difference hasn't changed in 25 years!

So far, our "Kremlinologists" haven't dug into the significance of this revolutionary difference between Socialism and Capitalism.

No Soviet girls will ever face sexual segregation, and this is a major advantage of their new system.



# Situation in China today

You can't help but be confused by the sharply differing reports on China appearing in our media. Officially, China is "at the crossroads, a great turning point." What do Soviet people think of this? What facts do they face? They prefer to listen to what the Chinese have to say. Really enlightening.



As the other giant Socialist nation, naturally USSR is concerned about what goes on in China.

Peking says the country is "building Socialism with due regard for China's originality."

For years, it seemed that "originality" meant making big deals with Capitalist nations. But lately China has shown more interest in deals with Socialist lands.

In any case, big changes are underway. The Chinese leaders say they are searching for "their own way of developing Socialism."

To assist you in figuring out what that means, we're doing what they did in the USSR. The rest of this Report gives you what the Chinese have put down in black and white. Soviet people have studied this, exactly as it appeared in China, with no comments whatever. All NN has done is shorten some of these statements.

- A decisive blow was struck against dogmatism and worship of **one personality**. And yet the true form of Mao's ideas was re-established.
- Ten main criminals were tried and expelled for their counter-revolutionary attacks on people during 'the great cultural revolution'.
- A decisive blow was dealt to serious economic crimes and criminal offenses. The People's Republic of China has become one of the low-crime states.
- The wrong attitude towards intellectuals has been rectified; they are now part of the most progressive section of the Chinese working-class. Respect for knowledge and talent has gradually become a new guide-line in public life.
- The People's Liberation Army has achieved successes in revolutionising and modernising its ranks. Its strength is being reduced by one million men.
- All the target figures of the 6th Five Year Plan were exceeded. Basic industrial and agricultural targets were reached a year ahead of schedule.
- Overall industrial output earnings totalled a two-fold increase above the 1978 figure, in 1985. (No later figures given).
- By September 1985 China had used 20 billion dollars of foreign capital and put into operation more than 1,800 "joint-stock" projects.
- More than 40,000 small state-owned shops now operate along collective-economy (co-op) lines, considerably revitalising the economy.
- Tourism develops rapidly. From 1981 to 1984 more than 520,000,000 foreign tourists visited the PRC.
- Agriculture has shifted from communes to the "family contract" system, a great Socialist innovation of the Chinese peasantry, a new socialist agriculture that really has Chinese originality in it.

- Agriculture is developing rapidly. Food production has risen for six years running. Problem of supplying the people with food and clothes has been solved.

- Specialised farms have emerged as the pioneers of commodity production; they are family farms, collective farms, joint farms, individual farms, and so on.

- Universal grade-school education has been introduced in one-third of the country's districts.

- There are now over 3,557 specialised high schools and 8,070 vocational schools.

- In the past seven years over 800 major literary works have been published, and 700 films have been released.

- Public health is being constantly improved. Mortality of babies has decreased. Average life-span has increased to 67.8 years. Family planning has dropped the growth-rate of the population by 0.057 percent.

- China's athletes have moved on to the world arena. Lately the PRC sportsmen have won 15 golds, compared to the sad "no golds" situation of the previous 50 years.

- At the 9th Asian Games the PRC won the over-all victory, with 61 gold medals for the first time ever finishing ahead of Japan.

- Development of the country's sports and cultural life is going on at a rapid pace; the country now has 24,604 community centers, 3,019 palaces of culture, and 8,934 centers in small rural areas.

- In all these centers the sports sections are rapidly growing in popularity; mass sports have entered a 'Golden Age' with more than 300,000,000 people of all ages going in for sports regularly.

- In accordance with China's plan of "one state, two systems", the government is having talks with Great Britain; the two sides have signed an agreement regarding Hong Kong (the British "colony"); China will take over rule of this territory on July 1, 1997.

- Peking regards this settlement as very important for the Chinese people, and also for all nations.

- China's foreign policy has been "put in order". The PRC is steadily and persistently pursuing "an independent foreign policy". Its external connections have considerably developed, and its influence in the world arena is "constantly growing".

- Just in the period 1979-1985 some 17 more states established diplomatic relations with China.

- Lately the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China has been promoting ties with parties in other countries, on the basis of "independence, complete equality, mutual respect and non-interference".

- Today the CPC maintains relations with more than 190 political parties and organizations around the world, and is exchanging visits continually.



# Why babies are bothering Capitalism

The UNO declared July 11 to be "Five Billion Day" because Earth's five billionth baby was born that day. Our media greeted this with all sorts of warnings and worries. Why is our system bothered by babies? What's the attitude in the world of Socialism? Basically different.

When that one-billionth-baby arrived the Soviet Union had a population of 283,000,000. That showed a growth-rate of 2,900,000 per year.

Sounds big, but you must recall that World War Two, with tremendous loss of parents, caused a sharp fall in the population (in the 'sixties).

More. In the 'sixties Soviet married couples were choosing to have far fewer children than in earlier times; mainly because tens of millions of new jobs had opened up for girls and housewives.

Socialism's planned approach to society came into action around 1980. Enormous sums were provided to give working women much longer maternity leaves; leaves of absence (after birth) up to a year; millions chose even an extra six-months, at favorable pay-rates.

Immediately the number of parents with three children went up 14 percent; four-children families rose 10 percent; even in cities five-children families became common.

But a serious problem appeared. Millions of "extra" babies and little children were being "brought up" in various kinds of day-care centres. They were deprived of parental care for much of the day. Fathers and mothers were missing out, too, as the family time-table drastically changed.

The result? Socialism is tackling this problem in two different ways, each with millions of supporters.

- Extend the day-care system and make it more like the normal family (higher quality of care).
- Expand the number of short-day or short-week jobs for women so they get more hours at home with the children.

The "planners" have pleased everyone. And it's obvious, from the latest figures: the number of births per 1,000 people is up sharply since 1985. In nearly all the Republics of Socialism. Including areas where the birth rate had long been declining.

You have to look closer at this to get its real significance. A rising birth-rate supports a healthy society, but the "figure" must be above a certain number. Meaning, the *infant population* must be fully as large as the *parental population*.

In cold figures: society must be able to record **230 child-births for every 100 married women.**

That didn't happen after the war, in USSR.

But millions of women didn't look at it the way statistics experts do. See why. Millions of Soviet women now take two to four years to care for a child at home; formerly, a mother spent **14-to-16 years** with the children. So today she enjoys **12-to-14 years** *involved in the life of Socialist society*, formerly lost to her.

That's great! So the big problem they're debating in USSR is how to combine motherhood-and-family with freedom for girls and women to live a productive social life.

Most Soviet people admit they are striving to develop a new kind of family, impossible before Socialism came.



Now what goes on in the rest of the world, where people are trying to plan their countries' development?

Facts are very different from views held by many over here. For example Zaire, in the "less developed world", has 40 million people today and would welcome 120 millions more!

Sudan and Somalia both back up with facts their claim that the grave menace in the "third world" is **not** over-population but **under-development**, which Capitalism has been unable to solve.

Over and above this situation, like a menacing storm, is the problem of *people living longer*.

The average age in the world will rise to 31 years soon. In China it will shoot up to 38. It's already that figure in parts of Europe. Many countries are going to have one quarter of their populations *over age 60!*

Here is where the "experts" in Capitalism and Socialism take widely different roads to the future.

The USA now faces a crisis never before considered: the **birth-rate has fallen** to an impossibly low figure. Only 65 babies per 1,000 women of childbearing age.

What's it mean? It means that the leading power of the Capitalist system is heading for *disappearance of its people*.

This trend, found all over Capitalism, is "**falling fertility**", noted in the West for over 100 years.

And what panics the professors is that "the East", that is the Socialist world, has restored its "**fertility**" to the point where populations are **increasing**.

So from now on Capitalism will be facing a steady drop in its own populations plus a steady rise in the hundreds of millions living in Socialism.

Plus billions who want (like many big nations in Africa) Free Enterprise to come through with vast investments to bring them industrialization and prosperity.

And don't forget that the "survivors" in USA will be getting older and older every year. They are so unproductive that even today it takes 145 million workers to support 29 million oldsters.

Soon, 150 millions will have to pay to keep 60 millions alive and eating!

Maybe you've noted a difference between the way our two world systems are tackling these urgent problems.

There's a word for it. **People.**

While the frightening problem in Capitalism is where to find the money to beat the menace of statistics, in Socialism their concern is for *babies, children, mothers, fathers, pensioners.*

Creating a new kind of family is their aim.



# Why Soviet animal-lovers love Free Enterprise



This big fellow is a purebred tom of a kind originating away out in Siberia.

For a couple of years now, the Socialist system has been encouraging people to do more things "on their own," without waiting for "plans from above." Surprisingly, animal-lovers responded to this in very enthusiastic ways. Like in the new Chertanovo housing subdivision people who have pets took over the big Bitsa sports center and organized an exhibition and contests that amazed Moscow.

Everybody turned out. All the owners of pure-bred animals, plus a new association of "mongrel" fanciers. In fact the mongrels captured first place in audience response.

Well, not exactly: cat-lovers turned out to be favorites with everyone. Half way through the day, they had to open up two more entrances just for those lined up for the big "cat hall."

Humans, too, entered contests. For the best photos and paintings of their pets. Many submitted poems. There were prizes for all best entries. Guess what? Pure-bred puppies and kittens.

Actually the big day was carefully organized by "Fauna" (animals), a club set up just a year ago. But none of its members expected such a terrific public response.

Much, much more has happened since the big day. The new Soviet "Law on Individual Labor" has encouraged centers where paid veterinarians attend pets. Also, places where pets can be properly washed, groomed.

Even small "factories" are springing up, for production of nutritious pet meals. That's a field that simply didn't fit into big state food-processing plants.

Owners keep most of the profits, but pay substantial taxes to local Councils.



Afghans chasing mechanical rabbits draw the biggest crowds and quite a few fans added to their thrills by placing bets.



Some of the little fellows had to hitch-hike rides in any carry-all that happened to be going their way. Surprising to the promoters was the fact that so many pet-owners brought their cats and dogs with no thought of winning prizes, but just to show them off. It was a "people's show" in widest sense of the word. And never had so many people looked at so many marvellous photos of pet animals. They even had contests to make up the best titles. Like "Who's boss?"

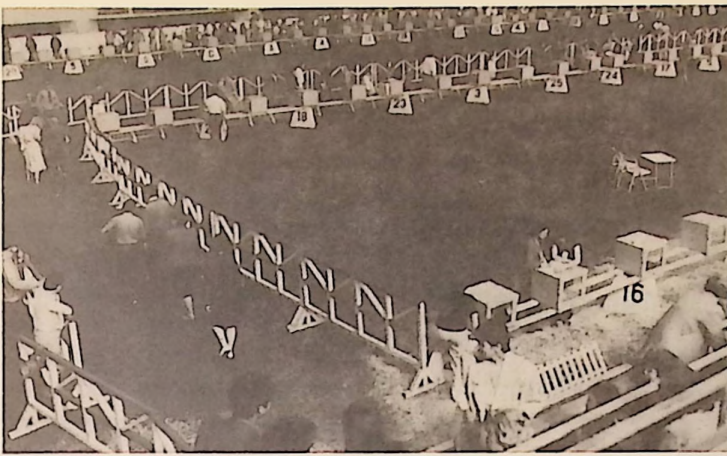


We don't know why, but in Moscow the Dalmatian is a very popular breed, obvious at their big show.



These two were crowd-stoppers but we didn't get any note identifying the breed. Possibly they're both "Piffs"; favorite Moscow term for mongrels.





You get an idea of how cat-lovers reacted: this is the "ring" where the pure-breds contested for prizes. At right you see the opening ceremony. Everybody was welcome to parade their favorite pets and everybody applauded.



Another big popular breed is the Great Dane. But most people kept their distance. At left: looks as if Dad is telling the pup how to behave to win medals.

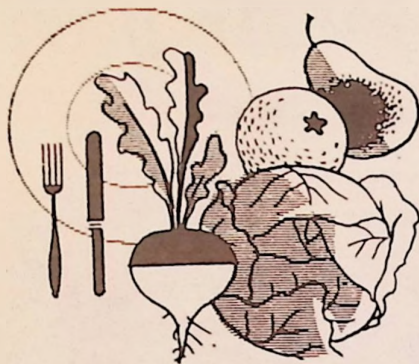


Many Soviet people raise wild animals for pets. Usually very young when found, often starving, sometimes injured. This happy porcupine never misses a corn-roast.



Alexei Teben came across a partridge badly wounded by a big snow-slide in the Akcha Hunting Preserve. Took a lot of care before the bird was out of danger. But to Alex's surprise, first thing the partridge did was get up on his shoulder. From that day man and bird have been inseparable companions.





# Eating your PRESCRIPTION

You find the idea of using food to improve health is gaining popularity here. This has always been widely used in USSR. Here are five "prescriptions" they favor.

Probably the oldest "medicinal" food known to Man is rarely served today: **the turnip**.

We think of it as cow-feed. Actually, turnips as we get them today are a "refined" variety of this vegetable that can be very tasty and very good for your health.

The turnip not only contains vitamins and minerals such as calcium and phosphorus, but also flavorsome oils and glucosides. One turnip glucoside is a potent germ-killer.

**Simplest turnip dish:** sliced turnip is put in a little water and allowed to stand over very low heat until water evaporates. Then mash it and add a little milk, bread crumbs, egg, salt-pepper, and blend it all.

Fry with butter, serve like pancakes, topped with sour cream. By adjusting salt, or using sugar, you can have either a sweet or salty turnip dish.

Many people like mashed turnips fried with ground meat or grated cheese (or cottage cheese).

Or, believe it or not, with finely sliced dried apricots.

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**"An apple a day keeps the doctor away."** This old folk-saying is strongly supported by new research.

Apples reduce **cholesterol**. In the intestines, the apple's "bulk" removes undigested food and some kinds of poisonous wastes.

In USSR apples are high on the prescription list for people with **atherosclerosis**.

Apples are diuretic (increase urine flow). Help people with kidney-bladder problems.

Overweight people in USSR are almost surely to be put on "apple days": once a week they go on a "fast" but are allowed to eat **up to four pounds of apples**. This cuts weight as few other systems do. Plus you get a real "treatment" for many common ills.

You can give apples almost any kind of cooking and they'll retain their "prescription value."

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Not many candies are good for you, but **chocolate is often prescribed** in Soviet clinics.

Officially known as *theobroma cacao*, this botanical name was later taken over by chemists who discovered in chocolate a hitherto unknown alkaloid (theobromine). There's a close relationship between the caffeine of coffee, theophylline of tea, and chocolate's theobromine. They're all *stimulants*.

While you'd better get your specialist's opinion, if you have a heart problem, still it's a fact that the theobromine in chocolate does improve the heart action of many patients.

First, theobromine stimulates the central nervous system more strongly than other alkaloids do. It increases urine excretion more than tea or coffee.

Second, it has a pronounced effect on some patients with high blood pressure. No, it doesn't bring the pressure down but it does prevent the sudden rise of pressure so harmful to many people.

At the same time chocolate improves the heart muscle action (beats) in many who have "weak" hearts.

It is widely used in USSR for people with "strong" hearts: athletes.

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**The delicious strawberry** was being prescribed by the oldest folk-doctors, ages ago.

A typical "treatment" was to pile on to the patient's bowl all the berries he or she could put away. This was said to relieve attacks of **gout**, and **kidney** and **gall stones**. Medicine today ascribes this to the pronounced effect strawberries have on the way our bodies handle salt.

**Caution:** some individuals are highly sensitive (allergic) to biochemicals in strawberries, so make sure you are **not** before trying a prescription-sized dose.

A popular strawberry "food" in USSR is made a litre (quart) at a time. You simply spread in a wide mouthed jar **alternate layers of strawberries and sugar**. Top layer should be sugar. Sugar layers are thin.

Let the packed jar stand half a day or until the fruit juice has dissolved the sugar. Cover the jar and place it in a big pot of cold water. Slowly heat the water until it is 80 degrees (C). Hold it that hot for 15 minutes. Then you'll have the greatest strawberry drink you've ever tried. *Good for you.*

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So what would you say if your doctor handed you a bunch of **carrots** and said "Take these and let me know how you feel tomorrow." Bugs Bunny?

You might well feel better, if you have eye problems. The **carotin** in carrots makes **vitamin A**, and everybody can use lots of that. Children and adults can get by with a few ounces daily, but older people should eat more carotin (mainly for their eyes).

But carrots are also a good prescription for the trace-mineral **cobalt**. Its role in the body is complex, but specialists give cobalt to many people with heart-circulation problems. You can get it cheaper, tastier, at your favorite vegetable counter.

Pregnant and nursing mothers often benefit greatly by increasing their "intake" of carrots. This food has a stimulating effect on milk flow.

Women and men both can combat atherosclerosis by daily consumption of raw carrots.

Not many people seem to go for carrot salads. But try grating the carrots reasonably fine, and then **grate apples in with them**. It's a new taste treat.

Some prefer this with sugar or sour cream added. You are *doubly prescribed* with carrots plus apples.



# If it's profitable, is it wrong?

**“Day-care” for little children is suddenly a highly political problem. Many governments (ours included) plan to expand day-care facilities greatly. Progressives here want all centers to be run on a non-profit basis. But you may be shocked to know that in USSR they're trying private-profit centres. Not so simple as it seems at first.**

The Soviet Union today has day-care centres for more than 16,000,000 little boys and girls. Largely subsidized by the national (socialist) economy, they charge parents very low rates, or even nothing (low-income families).

Obviously, far from being profitable, these centres are operated at a big loss.

As you can well understand the quality of care for these millions of kids varies from excellent to poor. Staffing them all is a big problem.

Along comes “Mother Lillian”, a retired working-woman in Tallinn (Estonia). Under the new Soviet law permitting individuals to supply “services” of all kinds, and charge people for them, Lillian Tiig runs her little day-care place (in her own home). She makes a nice profit, though she has only six kids with her.

How come, when most parents in Estonia can have their children looked after by “the government”, at low cost?

If you know anything about day-care over here, probably you've got the answer. “Mother Lillian” takes little boys and girls who didn't do too well in big centres. They love it in Lillian's little house.

In fact two of her youngsters were referred to her place by doctors, who felt that the children would have fewer problems in a small, homey place. They were right.

The whole picture is worth seeing. Lillian follows the “routines” laid down for all day-care facilities over there. She supplies several meals (cooks herself). She teaches the youngsters pre-kindergarten lessons. She takes them out and makes sure they have naps, and so on.

She doesn't charge the parents. They pay the regular day-care office. About \$125 per month. That's quite a bit more than standard fees because Mother Lillian gives such good service: the state pays her a substantial profit.

Believe it or not, she is paid more if her children get sick less often than kids do in the big centres! That's a real problem over here, too; infections (like colds) bother day-care youngsters more than normal.

Worth noting that Mrs. Tiig worked for years in a big government kindergarten. She teaches the tots many school “subjects”, with music very important.

But it's hard work. Her day starts at six and doesn't end till the last parents come at seven in the evening.

By Soviet standards her “profit” is good: averaging some \$400 per month. In addition to her pension.

Of course she supplies the house and the work of preparing all the meals.

However, Mother Lillian has won so many friends for her “private daycare” that four more women are now running similar services. Of course with official approval.

The Tallinn city authorities have okayed more such private centres, and there's no lack of parents waiting to put their youngsters in them.

These centres will never rival the big ones, but clearly they are becoming more and more popular.



It's very interesting to learn that in Sweden, which is not Socialist but has many government-paid social services, a real storm is brewing over this same issue: day-care for profit or not.

A tremendous expansion of facilities, in Sweden, now helps to look after about half of all youngsters whose parents need them. In Stockholm alone since 1970 they've built centres to handle over 40,000 boys and girls.

That in a country where generous “family payment” systems allow fathers, as well as mothers, to take time off with pay when a child is born.

But so many Swedish families have both father and mother working that the people are now demanding action: if the government can't help half the children who need day care, then private-enterprise should be allowed to take over.

Already popular are private co-ops set up by groups of parents who agree on services, quality of care, and (most important) how much they'll pay those who do the work.

If you'd like to look at this still closer, try to solve the big problem that's bugging day-care in Canada.

Government-run centres can't attract the most suitable kind of staff, for the simple reason that young women see no future in such jobs.

Average pay is around \$13,000 a year, but applicants have to take a lengthy study course and they have little opportunity to advance: there aren't any day-care “managers” needed!

Result is a big shortage of suitable girls for day-care training. The huge expansion of services now being demanded is proving to be impossible for more reasons than just finances (taxes).

Now you can see that Mother Lillian has really started something. Check these points. . .

- No new facilities have to be provided, since the women provide their own homes.
- Nobody has to be trained for unfamiliar work, because there are any number of “Lillians” qualified for day-care with more applying all the time.
- Fixed government wage schedules are not needed, with the attraction of quite generous profits beckoning to thousands of pensioned Soviet women who are glad to pick up some extra income while doing a worth-while service.

The amusing thing is that we, too, have small-scale day-care setups. Making profits.

If it works well in Socialism why should progressive people want to make it illegal here?



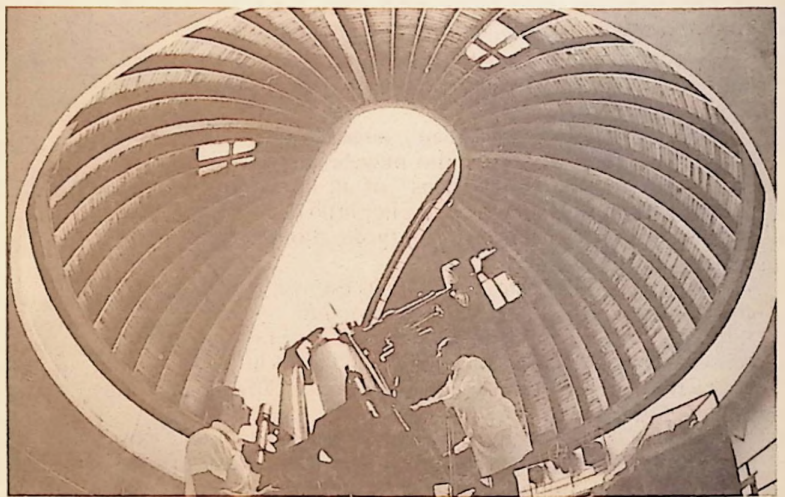
# Visitors were welcomed here 1500 y



Ancient warrior Vakhtang Georgasali overlooks Kura River in Tbilisi, capital of Soviet Georgia.



Their subway system is super-modern, but they've retained traditional art for all its stations.



Left: Gelati Monastery dates back to 12th century. Right: The Abastumansky Observatory draws scientists from many lands. Its location in high mountains and advanced equipment, make it a source of pride for all Georgians.



Many of Georgia's highly productive farms are in "alpine meadows", v high up. Herds of prize goats thrive here. At left: recognize her? Maya Chiburdanidze has taken the world women's chess championship four times running.



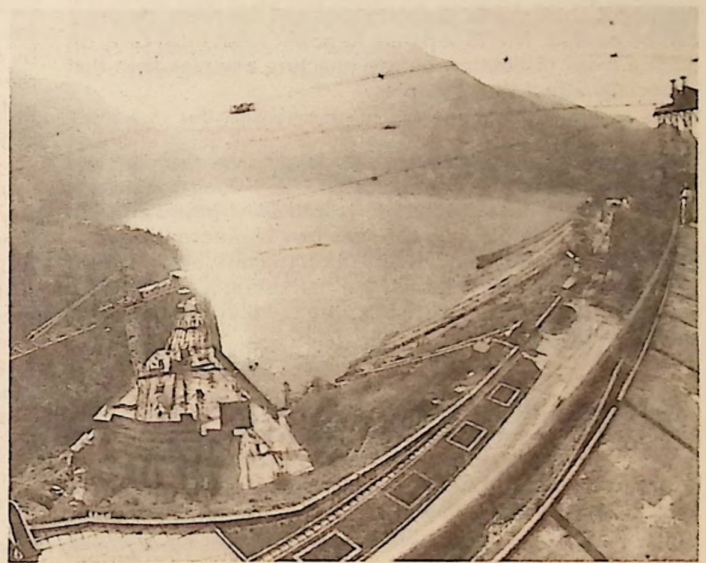
Our schools tell the kids Georgia is a state in USA.  
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For 100, these Abkhazians draw crowds whenever they give one song-and-dance performances. At right: famous beach Pitsunda, in Abkhazia, brings capacity crowds of health-seekers from all over the world.



The "California" of USSR, Georgia has many productive citrus farms. Below: the teas of Adjara are harvested precisely by Soviet machines which can out-do human pickers when the timing is right on big farms.



Above: this is most powerful hydro plant in all Caucasus region. It's on Inguri River. Will deliver 1.7 million kilowatts when completed. Its dam is now 600 feet high.



At left: Georgians are proud of their advanced schools. Newest courses are developed here in main educational computer center.





For some years Moscow artists held exhibitions of their works in Izmailovsky Park. Thousands of art works were sold. This violated the monopoly of the Artists' Union, so the authorities clamped down, ended these "fairs". The public was so outraged that, with the support of the press, they made the dictators back down and reopen the park to individual artists. A huge crowd turned out, celebrating this growing power of democracy in Socialism.

A remarkable Law has been passed by the Supreme Soviet (Parliament). This Law makes it compulsory for every important new proposed law to be discussed throughout the entire USSR, in all public organizations and the press, before it can be passed. The 15 separate Republics also must carry on such a mass discussion before enacting any new laws that especially affect their peoples.

As a result of urgent measures taken over the past two crop seasons, the food situation in USSR (long a matter of severe public dissatisfaction) is radically improving. In Saratov, for example, you can now buy 17 different kinds of vegetables all year round. Many other regions, even those in poor agricultural conditions, are marketing a much wider variety of food. Farming "teams" are credited with much of the crop increase.

During the 70's and 80's serious negative trends were developing in Soviet life, and this affected the work of the legal bodies, right up to the Chief Prosecutor's Office. This spring the powerful Central Committee of the Communist Party examined the situation and passed a resolution affecting all government institutions responsible for maintaining law and order. But this was not any move for further "repressions". On the contrary, the main goal now is to "protect the citizens' rights and legitimate interests". The legal bodies must "resolutely check any infringement of civil rights, and carefully consider all complaints, proposals, made by the people."

"Private enterprise" activities, officially endorsed by the Supreme Soviet back in May, are developing too slowly to suit people's demands and needs. Goods and services in great shortage remain mostly unsatisfied, although the economic situation is very favorable for individuals who want to "go into business for themselves". Main obstacles appear to be lack of knowledge of what's wanted, plus real fear that many have for applying to start such enterprises. But some observers say there remains a lot of criticism by individuals who are jealous of those who do go out and "get business". In many areas the authorities drag their feet when asked to assist private enterprisers who have filled all requirements of the law. Some large Socialist enterprises fear that aggressive competition will force them to lower prices to reasonable levels, and thus reduce their large bonuses for "plan fulfillment".

## "the times they are a-changin' "

**Our planet has never before seen a great system changing itself in revolutionary ways, through the inspired efforts of millions of its people. Here we look at some Soviet changes, big and small.**

Voluntary services for helping aged pensioners and disabled people proved so popular that they've been made official in the Russian Republic. This year they'll attend over 34,000 people, and next year 60,000. The people (young and adult) who do this work get paid, but the service is entirely free to those who need it. All service is in the home of the "patient". Now public demand has led to opening "one-day centres" where people can go if their attendants for any reason cannot come that day.

So large is the demand for quality goods and services that a big new co-op called **Ornament** has been formed. Range of "output" is astonishing: from the latest software for personal computers to beautiful "antiques". One-time fee paid by customers ranges from 20 to 20,000 roubles! First Ornament group is expected to clear five million roubles next year. None of its products or services are available on the open market.

When sports fans couldn't find any baseball equipment anywhere in USSR (game is being played now for first time) they went to a Sports Co-Op. In no time they got 10,000 roubles worth of uniforms, bats, balls, etc. Now it turns out that the Co-Op can hardly cope with the demand for equipment used in other sports, available but of poor quality in the stores. Incidentally, most of the Co-Op workers making baseball goods are Cubans going to university in Uzbekistan. They've met some opposition from types who don't like to see them making extra money.

In quite a few Soviet industries there's a worker-sponsored movement to deliver extra quality output. Thus in a big tire plant in Dnieproshina a group of workers decided to end the plant's bad reputation for inferior tires. Just by improving the cord they got surprising results. Such quality methods are worked out in employees' spare time, but those involved get hefty bonuses from the savings the enterprise makes. Word gets around. Just in Dnieproshina alone 80 "quality groups" are functioning now.

Big agro-industrial enterprise has appeared in the Tula Region. It unites 4 State Farms and 9 Co-Op Farms. Not only crops are grown but they have a meat and dairy farm, poultry and meat packing-plant, quality confectionery factory. Entire set-up is run by membership meetings where managers of all kinds are elected. Part of its output goes to the national economy, but the enterprise is making big money by over-fulfilling its "quotas" and collecting bonuses. How big? It's now working on 125,000 acres!

USSR today has an estimated 55,000,000 pensioners and others who could do a lot of work that's waiting. The backlog of repairs and refinishing in apartments is now over 1.5 billion roubles! Public restaurants and cafes can't meet half the demand. The need for carpenter-co-ops to build summer cottages is really astronomical.





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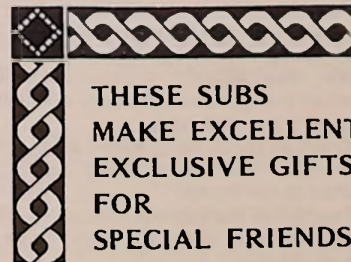
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# So the Socialist Revolution was just an accidental event?

If you go by the amount of space our press and TV give to the Soviet Union, you might well conclude that the **origin** of the new system, back there 70 years ago in 1917, rates as the **biggest happening on Earth** for many a century.

Yet you find in some college books the view that the Revolution of 1917 was really *just a fluke of history*.

An old idea. "Just an accident!" they said in 1917. "It won't last. *It's an impossible revolution.*"

But when Socialism kept on lasting and lasting, a different verdict appeared. In one way or another scholars set out to prove that the Socialist Revolution in old Russia **did not overthrow capitalism**. Because Czarism wasn't Capitalism. Not like the system in Western countries.

Get it? This comfortable theory was intended to *soothe the fears of the billionaires*. Socialism remained a nuisance to them, but it wasn't going to remove Capitalism.

Unfortunately for university-type thinking, **the facts** about 1917 are far from comforting.

- True, Czarist Russia was *slower* to develop Capitalism than countries like Britain and USA.

- But the Russian millionaires made up for lost time: they moved more or less directly into the most advanced system, **Monopoly Capitalism**.

- By the time of World War One (1914) Russian monopolies were **more advanced** than those of Britain and France, though not so far ahead as in Germany and USA.

- Yes, the Russian economic and social systems were indeed **backward** compared to the West; but as Lenin showed, this situation led to increasing revolutionary attitudes.

- Thus Russian workers had a **long day, low wages**; the vast majority of farmers (peasants) had poor land, almost no equipment, and **toiled to enrich big landowners**.

- This came to a head when the Czarist armies met with **terribly bloody defeats** in the war, and the troops began to listen to what militant workers were telling them.

The theory that the Socialist Revolution was a mere "accident" of history falls apart as soon as you remember that the **first Russian Revolution** wasn't led by socialists or communists at all, but was aimed at **overthrowing the anti-democratic system of Czarism**. This happened in February 1917, months before the "November" Revolution.

Clearly, this was a big step on the road to the world's first Socialist Revolution. Month after month passed, and **nothing improved** in the life of the Russian people. The war even became more violent and hopeless. Half a dozen different "democratic" parties argued endlessly in the Parliament (Duma), but without any convincing answers to the grim crisis situation.

Meanwhile the rich grew richer and the people starved.



Some university "theorists" tried to spread the notion that the Russian working-class was *far too backward* ever to overthrow the capitalists. But real life disproved that. The Russian workers had **organized powerful unions**. They had many varieties of **educational groups**, mostly studying Marxist ideas and the writings of Lenin.

In 1917 they set up **militant factory committees**, and some of them were armed in "**militia**" units, including very strong "**Red Guards**".

This was, as you can see, *far in advance of the trade movement in the West*. It was **revolutionary**.

Not only did millions of workers begin to take over **management** of plants and mines, but those "ignorant" Russian peasants were seizing rich landlord estates and **dividing the fields** among the poorest families.

Both in industry and on the land the Russian people were showing remarkably **intelligent revolutionary strength**. They had elected 20,000,000 people to places on the new "**Soviets**" (democratic elected councils)!

The Revolution came much closer in September 1917 when the Bolsheviks (Communists) issued their historic battle-cry: **All Power To The Soviets!**

By that time those Bolsheviks (the word means *majority*) had won very great popular support. They were backed by about *one half of all the armed forces*.

Whenever "demonstrations" took place, they were led by armed workers, armed soldiers, armed peasants. Their aim was not to start a bloody uprising but, on the contrary, to take over the nation in the interests of the great majority.

It's obvious that this was a revolutionary situation of the **highest political character**, carried through on a scale unknown up to that time, remote from "accidental".

The ultimate proof of this Socialist Revolution's power is the fact that now, just 70 years later, the people of Earth are dealing with a **whole new Socialist World**.

And all the forces Capitalism can gather are able to do no more than prop up that system wherever it is collapsing.



# Why can't Johnny read? Count? Write?

Grade schools the world over are facing serious problems today. Caused by our rapidly advancing civilization. In some ways Socialism is coping with this by unique methods unfamiliar to us.

## Revolution in Education

In contrast with their past school courses, Soviet education planners today are remarkably **less rigid**. They are offering boys and girls, for the first time, a **wide choice of subjects**. Some we don't even know.

However, all this hasn't come as suddenly as you might think. Consider Elvira Goryukhina. Professor at an educational center in Novosibirsk, Siberia. For years she has been teaching . . . *movies!*

Mrs. Goryukhina tells us: "The boys and girls who come to see me account for the big majority of movie fans. They see all sorts of films. I thought it would be unpardonable for me, as a teacher of literature, if I didn't help them 'find their way' among movies."

Actually, this teacher's "classes" attract people of **all ages**, 7 to 70. School children and also college students, parents, teachers. They tend to have their own "age view" of new movies, and Mrs. Goryukhina tries to *broaden all these approaches* by letting everyone speak up with their specific ideas, opinions.

These "classes in cinema" don't reflect the teacher's own views; the pupils learn by discussing every movie with *actors, actresses, directors*.

"But why...?" This is the most frequent comment. In getting the answers, pupils of all ages come to understand how movies *merge with life itself*.

Teacher always gives the floor to the youngest, first. Movies reveal that children don't have "a separate life". They're simply more outspoken, not burdened by the behaviour of adult life. Sometimes there is **nothing more to add** to the movie-comments of youngsters!

"Listening to children," Mrs. Goryukhina says, "you might conclude that they are more developed emotionally and intellectually than we tend to think. We don't listen to them to raise them to our adult level of thinking, but to *understand them and ourselves*."

Some of the most famous names in Soviet cinema are willing participants in these "movie classes".

Lately, indeed, this unique Siberian experiment has begun to pay off in a different way. The "Georgia-Film" studios are helping the teacher (and pupils), and in turn get ideas and inspiration from the boys and girls.

Especially valuable are the **drawings** which young students make of films they see and discuss.

What's the outlook for "teaching cinema"? Many college-trained teachers in USSR are now getting "diplomas" in this new subject.

But Mrs. Goryukhina is firmly opposed to turning her "system" of cinema appreciation into a "classroom subject", for which youngsters would get "credits".

"Films are part of our leisure time. Talking about cinema and discussing it with artists should be free, so no one's individuality can be restricted.

"My aim is to reach children's hearts and minds."



More familiar to teachers here is the new Soviet course, *Ethics and Psychology of Family Life*, gradually being offered to their Grades 9 and 10 students (age 17, 18) with a total of 34 hours for the course.

This "subject" is regarded the world over as the most difficult in school curriculums. To some educationists the topic is **sex**. To others it is **family**. Results of experiments range from fair to very bad.

Solving this problem is urgent in Socialism, where practically the entire population up to age 18 is in classrooms. Young people are marrying younger. Their sex life starts earlier. It is vital for their schools to provide **scientifically accurate information**.

So far, their best results have come from concentrating subjects around the broad concept of **family**.

They divide this into the family in relation to **society, youth problems, marriage, children**. The 15 Soviet Republics are now adapting this material to the specific characteristics of their people's lives.

No specially trained teachers are yet available. Those who have the respect of the students are assigned to this course (usually from social science or literature). But in some schools the biology teachers prove to be most successful in the new "subject".

Sex education is presented in discussions, talks, wide conferences, and not in the usual school tradition.

One expert tells "NN" that "*The students are not given marks for this subject.*" But classes are filled.

While they agree that hushing up sex problems is a form of hypocrisy and falsehood, still they don't expect to achieve their broad goal — moral, physical, psychological health of the young generation — without a long period of difficult experimentation.

They're going all-out with school course **choices**.

Soviet Academy of Teaching is drawing up **100 optional courses!** From space physics to linguistics to archaeology. This will transform Socialism's educational system.

Already Soviet boys and girls can select **ecology, environmental protection, psychology, biotechnology, history of art, artistic designing**.

They now have 45,000,000 in their schools, and they're convinced that the *individuality of these youngsters can best be advanced by letting them choose optional courses* in place of some "standard" subjects.

The new courses will last for five school years.

Not only will the subjects change, but also the methods of teaching: less "lecturing" and more discussions, seminars, "defending essays", research work. All aimed at arousing real creative enthusiasm in youngsters.



# In business for themselves



Next time you're in Baku don't miss seeing the sights from Gulam Khalilov's phaeton. Gulam has passed 80. He was an oil-field worker originally, but during World War Two he looked after horses. That settled his career. As soon as he retired he had this idea to buy a phaeton and a team and make himself an unofficial guide for tourists in Baku. He's doing very well now. People who ride with him think he's terrific.



At the other end of the USSR, up in Parnu (Estonia) Elmar and Virve Lepp decided to open their own spare-time restaurant. Elmar is a driver, Virve an office-worker. Local Soviet gave them a permit, and an empty (run-down) store. This they transformed into a very attractive spot, most popular in Parnu (a resort town). Children especially go for TV recording programs.



The sign says this place is the Telety Co-Op restaurant. With chairman Natsvaladze inviting you. A year ago Telety attracted quite a group of Georgian people, who decided to expand this enterprise. As a co-op they can buy food from farmers' markets at best prices. But they've also set up a small cattle-breeding farm of their own. Plus a little meat packing plant. Telety is a big success because its co-op owners give the finest service with wonderful Georgian foods. And the profits they share keep growing. The city's big restaurant enterprises (state owned) weren't interested. Telety pays substantial taxes to Socialism.



"Shun those whose sole concern is not the truth"

## As Socialism gained prestige the West continued slandering it

More and more often the Soviet Union took a prominent place in world economics. Here we continue our 70-year summary of the outstanding anti-Socialist "lines" of the years.

### How they told us a new lie



—every year

**1982.** When Soviet scientists and engineers announced that they could supply West Europe with natural gas, the USA launched a furious drive to sabotage the vast project.

Piping Siberian gas thousands of miles, they said, was physically **impossible**, financially **ruinous**.

Washington threatened grave actions if West Germany and others made deals with Moscow. But the deals were made. Using Soviet pumps and pipes the gas began to flow in tremendous quantities. Rhurgas of Berlin ordered the incredible flow of 100 million cubic yards of gas **per day**. France and Italy joined the customer list.

Hundreds of thousands of European unemployed went back to work filling Soviet orders for equipment, pipes.

Very soon USSR became the world's biggest gas exporter. Then Socialism overtook the world's largest producer, USA, dominating the market.

**1983.** Ever since the Revolution in 1917, Western "moralists" and sociologists had predicted that the "godless" system of Socialism would ruin the human family and, in the end, drastically cut the population through easy divorce, abortions, "free love" and whatever sins the churches could supply.

But something funny happened on the way to this doomsday scenario. As the years passed (after the tragedies of World War Two) Soviet people increasingly **married**, and marriages rose much faster than divorces!

As a result of paid leaves from work, and day care for children, the population of USSR **started to rise markedly**.

In sharp contrast, those prophecies of family doom began to come true **for the West's leading countries**.

What's now called the "demographic problem" has been solved in all 15 Republics of the USSR.

**1984.** Few anti-Soviet slanders have been so persistent as the yarns about "starvation" in Socialism, due to the ruination of farmers.

This propaganda reached a frenzy in 1984 when the USSR set out on a new program of **Industrial Farming**.

The aim was to quickly increase the harvests of everything grown; apply the most modern equipment on vast areas; greatly increase the supply of fertilizers, electric power and fuels; liquidate thousands of "offices" which formerly had dominated agriculture without making any contribution to work on the land.

Again, just as with natural gas, the West's experts ridiculed this Soviet advance as **impossible**.

But in a remarkably short time, despite successive bad weather years, Soviet farm production **topped 28 billion dollars**, largest in entire history of USSR.

Biggest wheat crop in the world!

**1985.** This was the historic year of the Soviet Communist Party decision to **revolutionize Socialism**.

No sooner had the outlines of this program become public than a flood of propaganda burst from the White House offices.

The radical changes proposed in Moscow, the media assured us, were nothing more or less than a confession that the Socialist system had failed and was nearing collapse.

But as time went on it became clear that Mikhail Gorbachov's challenge was being taken up by the Soviet people: **"to achieve a new qualitative state of our society."**

And sweeping changes proposed by the Communists were even more remarkable because this "second Socialist Revolution" was to be well underway within 14 months: by January 1987 all the main Soviet economic centers would be working with the new independent management system.

**1986.** The year began with "new" attacks on the technical backwardness of Soviet science and engineering, the USA's Space Shuttle program being offered as a contrast.

This propaganda drive ended very soon, and tragically, with the fearful catastrophe of the "Challenger" launch.

No sooner had the shuttle failure put an end to USA space work for an indefinite time, than USSR scored two striking advances: the **amazing two-craft exploration of Venus**, and the sensational closeup observations of **Halley's Comet**.

At the same time numerous Western scientific observers predicted that USSR would soon launch its own "shuttle" program, based on a gigantic new launch-rocket.

Some frankly advised USA to be prepared for **second place in Space** for

years to come, and they proved to be only too accurate.

**1987.** Two years after that sensational Communist program was announced, all over the West the media and the "Kremlinologists" joined in the charge that the Soviet people were **giving up on Socialism and starting up their own form of Capitalism**.

But the nonsensical nature of this claim became very apparent, very fast. Far from greeting "Soviet Capitalism" the USA and its allies became **infuriated** by events in the USSR.

Not only production, finance, management, trade, transport but **the whole economy** was being "transferred" to **mass public ownership and planning**.

All for increasing profits!

But! No individuals will own their system, or claim its profits, which will all go to the people, the millions who work in the economy they own.

*"Great is Truth, and mighty above all things!"*



# What makes news in their system is . . . what's NEW

Here you see newspaper reports from all across USSR, just chosen at random. Shows why their papers are popular. Sorry, so brief.

**150,000 amateur gardeners** have joined the Sady Co-Op farm, in Lithuania. About every fifth family in the whole Republic is involved. Growing vegetables, fruits, honey. Most of their gardens (given to them free) produce more than the families need. But the big food distributors couldn't be bothered buying from 150,000 "accounts". So the Co-Op is setting up its own network of shops and also processing plants (canning). Best quality seeds and shrubs supplied. Plus: the magazine *Our Gardens*, with circulation of 130,000. From now on there'll be a big improvement in food supplies.

**An all-city water recycling plant**, first of its kind in the world, is being set up by Kharkov (Ukraine) scientists. Instead of treated waste-water being discharged downstream below the city, it will be pumped up into the higher reaches of the Lopan and Kharkov Rivers. Yearly they'll recycle 400 million cubic yards of water, making a big difference to the rivers and the farms they serve.

**Model of a new Soviet plane**, displayed at recent French aviation show at Le Bourget, caused much excitement. Intended for flying at super-sonic speeds. Has needle-sharp nose, no usual tail fins, looks more like a rocket. But it will seat 300! Carrying them at six times the speed of sound. It's about 300 feet long, with cabin 12 feet in diameter. Claim the undesirable super-sonic "boom" will be eliminated. Special super-cold fuel will overcome intense heat of super-sonic flight. Won't be an economic craft, but sure will be fast.

**Geese are doing farm work up in the Caucasus.** Chief agricultural expert of big Giaginsky State Farm noticed that a field of medicinal mint was absolutely free from weeds. No human weeding: a flock of geese went through, eating everything but the mint. So the farm ordered 1,500 goslings. Let them into a 200 acre mint field. No machine or chemical ever did such a weeding job. Geese did same thing on other medicinal crops, like sage. So next year's order is for 10,000 baby geese. For weeding. And later eating.

**Water "divining" has gone scientific.** Dr. Mikhail Shirov, Siberian researcher, studied the magnetic effects of hydrogen atoms. They are sensitive to magnetic field of Earth. Now an electronic detector, plus computer, can pick up hydrogen deep below the surface. The hydrogen exists there in water. Water drilling exploration work that now takes weeks is finished in minutes, with hidden pools all accurately "divined".

**New hope for bald men and women:** group of Moscow cosmeticians tried treating patients with acupuncture (Chinese needle-therapy). Chose people who had a form of baldness that doesn't respond to any known treatment. So far, three-out-of-four show some growth of hair. But experimenters think they can improve this response after further research.

**Rock-and-roll fans in USSR** believe the time has come for *acrobatic rock-and-roll* to be accredited as a sport. First training group appeared in Moscow in 1986. Now it accepts anyone age 16-40. One club has 250 members, and there are 20 such groups in Moscow alone. Some enthusiasts say "sports dancing" is due to become highly popular. Some medical specialists favor it as a treatment for physical tension and psychological strains. This kind of dancing is closely related to some traditional Russian folk-dancing.

**Demand for flowers is growing** so fast, all over USSR, that florists can't cope. Ukrainian scientists have solved this with a new method of preserving cut flowers. Blooms are gradually cooled in special chambers, then pumps remove the ethylene and carbon dioxide gases which the flowers normally release. At same time gas pressure is reduced. After weeks, flowers cut in summer and autumn are as fresh as new. Latest work indicates that all-year preservation is possible.

**Those mysterious forest-fires**, which destroy vast areas of trees in far northern uninhabited Siberian regions, have led to a new discovery. Such fires, with formerly unknown cause, are due to leakage of highly inflammable gas and oil vapors, deep underneath the surface. Lightning sets off explosions which ignite the forests. Drilling in these areas has led to discoveries of big deposits. Now older burned-out districts are being surveyed by drill crews.

**Fifth Soviet nuclear powered ice-breaker**, the *Leonid Brezhnev*, has been launched, but no sooner did it leave the Baltic docks in Leningrad than another even more powerful craft was started. USSR intends to keep open a new seaway, from Atlantic (Europe) to Pacific (Far East), with very much shorter and cheaper route. This is so promising that designers are already working on a super breaker of 150,000 horsepower.

**Strong winds can double crop yields.** Such is the astonishing find of scientists at the Institute of Ecological Genetics in Moldavia. In a kind of scientific greenhouse they used a powerful "ventilator" and found that plants respond to its "wind" by accumulating much more light energy from the sun. It seems possible that they can duplicate this effect out in the open fields. Different plants respond differently to varying speeds of wind.

**Burning natural gas instead of oil and coal**, in big power stations, has made Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev cities of the cleanest atmosphere, possibly the most safe places in the world, ecologically.

**"Chromatic thermography"** is the name of a radically new diagnostic system which involves simply placing a special film on the patient's body. Microscopic crystals embedded in the film change color depending on the heat energy given out by body tissues. Acute appendicitis can be spotted this way within moments. Any inflammatory condition will change the color of the film. Diagnosis is quick and accurate.

**Higher education is free in Socialism**, but often the students' scholarships (grants), for living expenses, are not high enough for normal living. Next autumn these grants will rise 50 percent for students with excellent ratings, and 25 percent for average boys and girls. Cost of this to the state is approximately 700 million dollars a year.

**Artificial spawning grounds in Sea of Azov** are being made with huge piles of discarded car and truck tires. This results from a test with 200 tires, in an Azov bay, which turned out to be a very attractive "incubator" for fish eggs. What's more, nine-of-ten roe hatched, a much higher proportion than in natural conditions. Soon the count of fish around the "rubber reef" was 40 to 50 times higher than at other points in the Sea. In coming Plan, they'll build 11 such "reefs".

**A grain-threshing machine with no moving parts sounds silly.** But it's working at the Kharkov Institute of Aviation. There they used plane motors to develop a high-speed air blast. The air alone is able to separate grain from straw. Actually, the device produces two separate streams of air, one hot and one cold. The opposing streams thresh wheat, rye, buckwheat, rice, sorghum, flax. With no moving metallic parts the thresher rarely needs repairs. Can be made of wood or plastic. Best of all: the air thresher works in any weather.

**Chinese ship-building yards** have started to repair Soviet ships in Pacific waters, after trials proved that the system is practical. Now a contract has been signed for this work. Both countries are discussing co-operative ship-building.

**Soviet research ship Professor Vize**, built 20 years ago, has made 47 voyages in the oceans, covering a million miles. In its 29 research laboratories scientists of many lands have collaborated. Just now the vessel is headed for the stormy Ross and Wedell Seas of the Antarctic.





## Here you can tell everybody what you think

"Really appreciate NN's news about Soviet life. How badly we all need the truth here in our country, where it is hidden or falsified shamelessly. I'm concerned about my children, grandchildren, all young people, who have inherited such a rotten state of affairs. The future seems bleak to them. I'm writing them to suggest they get "NN." S.R.H.

"For 25 years I've been refusing to believe what the papers tell us about the Soviets, and I'm not going to start swallowing their stuff now. But I have a hunch that they don't like the latest news from over there, yet they don't know how to deny it." L.K.V.

"Thanks for fighting so hard for so many years to keep NN going. It means so much to so many people, and not only in Canada. Am looking forward to the book Sally is writing about her mother Dorise Nielsen. We don't have so many 'heroes' in our country so we sure do like to get a personal view of people we look up to." F.M.

"The anti-Reagan movement here in USA is strong but Reagan is crafty. His clash with Congress is bitter. His forced willingness to have another summit promises to be more progressive than the previous one. Particularly since his own allies, domestic and foreign, feel ever-growing dissatisfaction with his policies. R.T.

"I enclose copies of *U.S. Farm News*, carrying an excellent account of the USA's intervention in the Soviets right after the revolution. Is there a good Soviet book on this subject?" M.D.

**Reply:** We think that *Farm News* article should be published in USA. We have no book from USSR on this topic, but they really should supply one. Our book, *The Big Brainwash*, has been sold out for years.

"Congratulations on the informative and enlightening magazine you put out each month. I'd like to take issue with you about your reports on their grain situation. You suggest that the Soviets cannot produce enough grain for their domestic needs. I maintain they are growing more than enough to take care of their own needs. (Many figures supplied here)." G.N.R.

**Reply:** This recurring problem arises from different approaches to the grain supply. One looks at grain solely as a source of human grain-foods (bread, pastries). Other includes vast amounts of grain used to feed poultry and livestock (for meat and eggs). Even to this day the USSR must import large grain stocks for the "meat industry". For years they've had more than enough to make all the bread, etc., they consume. We don't make up any reports on this question but take facts directly from Soviet sources.

"I watched on TV the 'concert for peace' at the Grand Theatre in Quebec City. Host Alan Thicke. It was a wonderful performance for peace. President Reagan and Prime Minister Mulroney both supported friendship with the Soviet people in the interests of peace. But I think it is pressure from the USA's allies (Canada included) that led President Reagan to support the idea of friendship with the USSR." R.T.

**Note:** How right our Reader is! And this pressure is growing every month.

"My husband died after two months in hospital; then I had surgery. Has made my life difficult. I won't be able to keep up both subscriptions, so please cancel the NN that went to Bryan. I also enjoy NN as much as he did." M.A.J.

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"The system in USA is not Capitalism, but a mixture of Capitalism and Socialism. Same is true of USSR. USSR is part socialist, part capitalist. To assume that everything in USA is capitalist just because it is in USA is confused thinking. The successes of the USSR are due to capitalism. They couldn't feed themselves without small capitalist plots of land. You are guilty of confused thinking in your magazine." J.S.

**Reply:** This was settled by Marx long, long ago. NN has never made these blunders. USA has much socialism (mostly government functions), roads, water, sewers (though even these are profitable only to capitalists who put up the bonds). USSR gets only a tiny fraction of its food from "capitalist" spartime gardeners (berries, vegetables). No industry whatever (or transport, or resources, or banking) is privately owned in the Soviet Union, which means that the system is 99 percent socialist. J.S. thinks NASA is socialist; it's only a committee handling the spending of vast billions in private firms, for profit, for capitalism. The final test of what is socialist or capitalist is the answer to the question **Who makes the profits!**

"Greetings and friendship from the warm Caribbean waters. Am a passionate sports fan and would like any books on sports from USSR. Have received much information from Radio Moscow, but no magazines." G.E.P. (St. Lucia)

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"I know NN's spirit and fire are still going strong. Here's my renewal. Hear that Dyson Carter's book is great, so I'll be reading it." H.K.

"Learned about your magazine through Dr. Joseph Wortis (well-known psychiatrist). I want to find the truth about propaganda concerning Soviet treatment of dissenters in psychiatric hospitals." P.S.  
**Reply:** We've sent our reports on this subject. Lately, Western psychiatrists have been examining such patients and find they are, indeed, too dangerous to be released without treatment.

"You ask for views on 'What replaces the Class Struggle in Socialism'? The pressure of international Capitalism; wars and provocations." J.C.

"You should face it as frankly as they are in USSR now: none of their leaders or scholars (they had thousands of professors working on 'theory') ever tackled this vital question. Many such 'blanks' were left in Marxist-Leninist theory after Stalin boastfully 'said the last word'. H.C.

"Imagine my surprise when I saw this photo of 'your' author, James Dolsen, only writer to issue a book when over the age of 100. Plus this big story about him, featuring the fact that he is a Communist. Do you still have his book *Bucking the Ruling Class*? Can't believe this story appeared in our big daily 'Inquirer'. G.B.

**Reply:** Yes, Jim's book is out in a new edition: \$4.75 postage free. Maybe being a "red" is good for your health?!

"I'm sending this to various papers to see if they'll print it... I am not stupid enough to think that people, working together, collectively are not more efficient than people working each for their own selfish gain. The goad of greed self-destructs. To me, in the long run, a cooperative concept wins." S.H.



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