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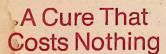
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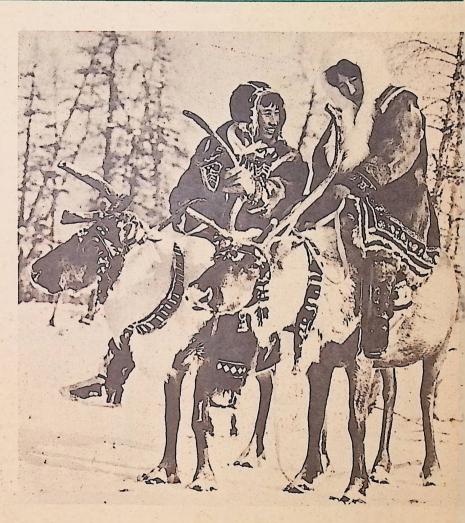
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When you're young and in love the Holiday Season is more wonderful than ever. This boy and girl met on the job (they're both expert reindeer herders) far up North in Santa Claus country, Yakutia, and they've decided to announce it on New Year's eve.

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#### WISHING YOU MERRY CHRISTMAS ISN'T ENOUGH!

Of course it's good to say it, and mean it, and hope that every Reader enjoys the best-ever Holiday Season.

But we tried to do a little something more: give you one of the most news-packed issues of NN we've ever sent you. We can't mail it giftwrapped, but even so we hope it proves to be one of your good surprises this year.

For something happy, see Gleb's photo-story on P-11. Honestly, do you think anybody in our "free" society would get away with that?

For mystery: Page-3, People: Pages 6-7, Your health: P-12, Real shock: P-26. Science surprise: P-14. Plus .

#### THIS IS A FIRST-TIME-EVER EDITION

Maybe you noticed when you opened the envelope. This issue of NN is bigger. Has 4 additional pages.

Numbers aren't the main thing. Even though this is a Holiday Issue, we couldn't overlook the most important fact of human life today. Not happy at all... the truth that life here on Earth is in more danger than ever, with the arms race gaining speed.

Our four extra pages (P15-16-17-18) offer you something the media have totally suppressed. Read it, and you'll see.

Another report to consider seriously is Page-10. Still another we hope you think about is Page-4.

And now, Northern Book House just prodded us into pausing one moment for a commercial. (Only NN's commercials are different, as you know). Sure, we sell you publications. Because you've shown us (for 28 years) that you want them. It's not a business, it's a service. Spin through this issue and you're likely to see more than one thing you must have.

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And how! Not just the time but your orders were hit hard, just when you wanted things for gifts.

Everybody here and in the Post Office is working hard to speed your mail now. We hope you'll understand, and sympathize with the P.O. workers who feel they've taken a very raw deal.

#### SPECIAL GREETINGS TO ALL OUR NEW READERS!

NN is probably so different from anything else you read that it may startle you at times. Stay with us, and you'll enjoy a real pay-off in news that's of personal value, and information that will keep you well out in front of those "authoritative sources"

The merriest Christmas and happiest New Year!

NN's Quote-of-the-Month: "I personally visited your health establishments. I am convinced that the main thing is not what your establishments are like. More important is the general political trend. The Soviet Union's policy aims at giving every citizen the right to health protection. Sixty years after that policy began you have ensured the entire population with medical care ... polyclinics, hospitals, training, re-training for medical workers ... excellent services for everyone. All this is indeed impressive." (Dr. Halfdan Mahler, Director-General of World Health Organization, UNO).

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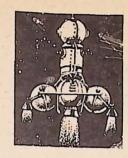


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- o Despite official decisions that "they ain't", UFO's are being sighted again.
- o Inside and outside scientific circles the controversy is hotter now than ever.
- That goes for Soviet people too; here's a short "briefing" on facts from NN.

Some 15 months ago USSR was treated to a spectacular "unidentified flying object" over Petrozavodsk, seen by many people, for more than 10 minutes. You read about this here in NN (Nov. '77). Scientists didn't offer any explanation, just noting that the aurora borealis (Northern Lights) were extremely strong at the time.

But this autumn Vladimir Azhazha, a Moscow researcher in oceanology, starting giving public lectures in which he claims that UFO's are "visitors from other worlds"

That's an old claim, and Dr. Vladimir Krat, director of the famous Pulkovo Observatory, attacked the theory in the press. But he had no revelations. He stressed (correctly) that the big majority of UFO's are optical illusions seen when many man-made or natural objects are observed in peculiar conditions. That's more than ever true, now, with thousands of balloons and rockets being sent up for weather observations, etc.

Another frequent example of UFO's: weird sightings of phenomena related to "ball lightning". Dr. Krat believes that such strange electrical "happenings", though caused by nature, are not yet understood by science; the main problem is that "nobody is on hand" with laboratory equipment when such lightning strikes.

What about UFO's as Space Ships? That used to be popular, but now we know that no life exists in our Solar System, so "Martians" are out.

- Going farther away: the "closest" Sun (Cygnus 61) has no planets anything like our earth; and millions of years would be required to travel to Earth from really distant planets (if any do have life on them).

But still ... UFO's won't go away. Check the facts ... V Long ago, in 1254, people described a weird cigarshaped "ship", beautifully colored, hovering near Earth just like similar sightings in our day.

√ Sightings come "in waves", and from 1897 to 1947

practically nobody saw anything like a UFO.

√ In 1947 came "famous" sightings (around Mount Ranier, State of Washington), from which the term flying saucer arose; and in the same year passengers on a ship near Kenya saw that familiar "cigar", and this time it was estimated at 1000 feet long.

You are probably familiar with the controversy. Many scientists, but not all, say UFO's are either imagined or the result of sighting ordinary objects in peculiar conditions or positions. Millions of people love what can't be explained, and smart operators have cashed in on this with "UFO-LOGY", books, magazines, movies.

Few controversies have ever developed on this scale, because of a real mystery involved.

First, many sightings are made by responsible people, in no way hysterical or victims of "suggestion".

But then, many UFO's seem to be rather childish "copies" of earthly flying devices, which could not possibly make space journeys of millions of miles.

Further, a new study of 200 nearby stars, using the most "intelligent" wavelength, has ended without one single response which could be considered as evidence of any developed civilization. It seems highly improbable that "humanoids" could reach Earth without ever sending signals which our receivers now can detect.

- Well, then, how to account for what goes on now? In USSR, latest research on the "Tungus Catastrophe" many NN Reports), raises new evidence that what blew up in 1908 was not a natural thing but an intelligently guided craft, with nuclear explosives aboard.
- That comes after 19 years of expeditions to Tunguska, studying 20,000 square miles (!), where the soil became strangely magnetised (in 1908).
- Obviously, if the Tungus explosion was not caused by a meteorite or comet (evidence now isn't so convincing), then nobody on Earth caused it (back in 1908).

And now, as you've seen in the papers ...

- An Austrialian pilot gave long radio reports about a UFO flying near him; in his last call he said that it was positively not an aircraft; then he crashed.
- In Winnipeg an airliner pilot, and airfield controllers, reported a bright red UFO, and soon after big explosions sounded in the neighborhood; nothing was found.
- In Newfoundland, an RCMP constable, called to investigate, saw and observed in his high-powered telescope a very fast moving "saucer", brightly lighted, not an aircraft; similar sightings made nearby a week earlier.

If you can keep a wide-open mind, you can observe three theories, all of which have some evidence to back up their countless supporters.

- 1. UFO's represent a tremendous challenge to Science, because they are natural phenomena which we don't yet understand, but which could be of exceptional theoretical and practical value.
- 2. UFO's are objects sent to Earth by intelligent beings very far out in Space, although they may not be "craft" (as we know them) at all, and could be "probes" without any beings actually in them.
- 3. UFO's are highly advanced devices made somewhere here on Earth; possibly related to "weapons"; and possibly utilising principles not generally known; but this involves believing that somebody had such capability away back in the Middle Ages.

Away back in 1973, at any rate, John Chancellor spoke prophetically on his news broadcast: "Many people would like UFO's to go away. But they won't go away. It's likely that we'll hear more and more about UFO's."

#### Truth-of-the-Month

# Capitalism and Socialism can both win

#### Why ending the arms race could benefit immensely our entire world

No sensible person any longer believes that either of our two world systems could start a nuclear war, and hope to show any kind of profit when the missiles finished.

Socialism would be set back to before it began.

Capitalism would see its trillion-dollar investments piled in mounds of nuclear dust.

But today still another fact is appearing. It concerns something every human being knows: money.

Since the end of World War Two, the major countries have spent six million million dollars on war preparations.

You probably have some trouble picturing that kind of money. The bigger problem, however, is that regardless of which system we live in, the peoples of Socialism and Capitalism can't go on spending millions-of-millions on armaments that do nothing but rot away.

They can't spend that money because it's running out.
This is particularly true of our capitalist system. The millions-of-millions spent on arms is desperately needed by the whole world. Now the time has come to see what arms spending could do, if it stopped.

#### How profits could work for humanity

The terrible arms emergency facing mankind compels us all to put aside "right" or "left" prejudices and take a very cool look at money and people.

Think of the two great nations, USA and USSR. Imagine that every human being, in one of those countries, is starving to death.

That's the real, not imaginary, number of children who are dying from starvation today.

Socialists look on this as a terrible crime.

How about capitalists looking at it?

You know that corporations make billions selling modern food products to youngsters in advanced countries.

Think of the profits in feeding 250 million kids!

Now take the view of those middle-class people who are so upset about pollution, damage to nature, etc.

Scientists in the UNO have figured that they could clean up the entire world, socialist and capitalist, if they had just half the money spent on war preparations.

Never mind the untold good that would do to humanity today and in the future. Think ... money!

Millions-of-millions spent on the equipment required to de-pollute our Earth.

Corporations never have had such profit-prospects.

#### Millions die in Capitalism, too

Hardly a week goes by but you see in the papers some well-known entertainment star, or public figure, or citizen respected in the community, or even some little boy or girl you don't know ... dying of cancer.

And that sets millions of us thinking of people we knew. Thinking of ourselves. Cancer, heart-disease, many grim illnesses that Science cannot cure.

Because scientists can't get the money.

Don't you believe for one minute the yarn that "money can't buy scientific discoveries". Billions bought the atomic weapons when scientists said they were impossible.

Look: scientists get 30,000 million dollars every year to work on new super-weapons.

Suppose we gave it to them for life-saving?

True, you can't walk into a laboratory and say "Here's a billion, give us the cancer cure."

Medical research takes time.

Okay, let's give them time. Like 22 years. So by the end of this century, New Year 2000, if we halt the arms race, we can finance Science with . . .

Take a breath now. In just 22 years spending on Science instead of arms we'd be able to hand over the incredible total of 3 million million dollars!

Be sensible. All the scientists mobilized against death couldn't use anything like that much money.

So we'd have 350 million-million dollars a year.

World Science could be mobilized and financed, and we'd have million-millions left over for profits.

#### For capitalists: profits without arms

You'll have difficulty thinking about this, but from now to the year 2000 our world could spend, on humanity's needs, if we stopped the arms race ...

How much? 250 thousand-million dollars each year.

How much is that?

Nearly 5 thousand-million dollars every week!

Think in terms of profits.

Investing that kind of money, every seven days, in new plants, mines, farms, stores.

In many countries that would create a million jobs. Just from now till a week from today.

Housing for millions. Schools. Doctors. Hospitals.

Note: health is now the USA's biggest industry, making fabulous profits. What about the profits waiting in a billion human beings who can't get a doctor?

Something we've left out, so far.

Taxes.

With millions-of-millions of dollars released from arms

our politicians could run wild cutting taxes.

And another dizzying fact: investment in people's needs doesn't rust away like arms... it goes on making profits on top of profits year after year.

#### Profiteering from arms is obsolete

As we greet the passing of 1978 it is sobering for people of all views to realize that during this year the USSR made its 100th disarmament proposal!

Even those who oppose Socialism can see that the new system, which has no capitalists, and shares all profits among the people (who own the economy) ... Socialism wants to eliminate arms not only to "save humanity" but also to save the money which goes to waste in arms.

In the latest United Nations Assembly, USSR proposed a

new world effort to get started on disarming.

Capitalists are supposed to reject disarmament, since it would end arms profits.

But by no means all capitalists have that illusion today. They understand two realities of our time:

 It is no longer possible for Capitalism (or Socialism) to throw away millions-of-millions of dollars; no way any system can support such waste.

 By diverting arms billions into investments for people's needs, continuous vast flow of profits will be possible for

Neither Socialism nor Capitalism can win nuclear war. Both systems can win, taking money away from arms.



# Their new war against drinking and smoking

For thousands of years, in all social systems, people have been drinking and smoking. "Civilization" can't be blamed... most primitive tribes drink, smoke herbs. So, Socialism has no miracle cure. But what's doing now is worth attention.



Away back in 1926 anti-drinking information became a "compulsory course" in all Soviet schools, from Grade One through university. So fifty years of that kind of campaign has definitely flopped.

But today, all visitors are aware of a very different kind of drive against drinking, in USSR.

It has broad democratic origins: people are **fed up with drunks**, who definitely don't belong in advanced Socialist society...they're a menace in the streets, on highways, in modern factories, offices.

— Every night on TV you see anti-drinking programs, at times when most people are watching.

— Some of these real documentaries are shocking to most viewers, because they show drunks at their worst; in hospitals, in "sobering-up stations" (run by police).

— The public also is shown how tough it is to cure chronic drunks, and how repulsive they are.

— One very popular Soviet TV program, "People And The Law", has become very realistic about drunks, especially about crimes: in Socialism, if you commit a crime when drunk, the penalty is worse, not less (as here).

— A lot of people are shocked by the fact that in USSR now, with crime away down, 4-out-of-5 crimes they do have are committed by people who had too many ... often people who would never do it when sober.

— It's also a shock to many to discover that a great number of marriages break up because of booze.

— And some people are suddenly impressed when they see how very expensive drinking can be.

— As for parents: they do some hard thinking after they see TV shows that expose the tragic consequences when families break down under the pressure of alcohol.

— And young couples are hit hard when specialists show mentally retarded children born to mothers who had never known that alcohol can affect the unborn.

What do you think the effect would be, if *our networks* would feature anti-drinking shows seven nights a week? Remember, no advertising whatever, in Socialism, for liquor (or tobacco).

Soviet programs stress a basic fact: regardless of folktales, there is **no scientific evidence** that people are "born" alcoholics. People **learn to drink**, from others. **It's a social problem**.

Today they've frankly faced up to this fact: by the time they leave high school, 9-out-of-10 Soviet boys and girls have tried liquor and have bought it.

Remember those 50 years of "education". Preaching to the kids is useless. Teen-agers want to grow up, and they see grown-ups drinking, so ...

However, Soviet planners are discovering that today it is effective to put the scientific facts about drinking before teen-agers and young adults. But that involves the touchy question of attacking drinking at home. By appealing to the maturity of young people (and their desire to be "independent adults") it's possible to turn them off the bottle while young, before they get hooked, while it's still easy to go anti-alcohol.

Not long ago the USSR's powerful Communist Party drew up a "Plan to Fight Drinking and Alcoholism." It relies on restricting hours-of-sale (you can't buy the stuff at all, on Sunday, in USSR now), enforcing the law against liquor sales to juveniles, etc.

But Dr. Stelchuk, Chairman of the Soviet Union's big Anti-Drink Committee, believes that a far greater effort is needed ... a real "Socialist" plan, mobilising the entire nation (from small rural Councils right up to Parliament), and drawing in all TV, radio, papers, magazines in a continuous drive.

In short: make drinking a problem for the system, not, as now, a problem for individuals.

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With a much bigger population, 400 billion cigarettes go through Soviet lungs each year, compared to 600 billion in USA; so at least their problem isn't so big.

But because of its ghastly killing-power, tobacco is high on their "condemned" list.

Nobody ever was born with a desire to smoke. Even more so than alcohol, *smoking we learn by example*: at home, on the street, in movies, TV, books, *everywhere*.

And in USSR, as here, most smokers start young.

Today, however, the youth in Socialism are being hit with shocking medical facts: of people who die young, in their prime, 3-out-of-4 are heavy smokers.

Heart disease ruins smokers 12 times more often than non-smokers. Dreadful lung cancer is 30 (!) times more prevalent among smokers.

Well... with no profit-making tobacco industry, and no ads for smoking, they should have it easy, in USSR, to cut smoking. Doesn't work that way. In bygone days (as in Spain) they even tried burying people alive... and the smoking habit persisted! It's tough.

Biggest, best hope in Socialism now: since the facts have been publicized, 7-out-of-10 Soviet smokers want to quit the habit. A very dramatic improvement.

So, they've set up a special Commission, based on experts from 12 national ministries, including Health, Culture, Education and Trade. As rapidly as possible clinics everywhere in USSR will be equipped to give people every known help to "quit", for free.

As for people quitting **both** drinking **and** smoking ... don't ask too much, *one thing* at a *time!* 

# People in their own System

You think life is "monotonous" in Socialism? Have a look around. With 100 nationalities, 15 Republics, and every occupation under the sun, the people of that other world seem to come up with a lot of individuality.



Mikhail Shkunov, shown with his wife Yevdokia and their granddaughter, will always have a place in history . . . he was the LAST unemployed man in USSR. Forty-two years ago, in 1936, Mike found he was end man in a short line of jobless. Lines never formed anywhere again in Socialism.



Did you guess? These people aren't Soviet citizens. Our photographer "caught" them on a happy day: they are advanced teachers of Russian language, from many countries, and they're just finished a refresher-course. Nobody failed, the prized diploma went to every teacher.



Vilgelmina Bardauskene of Lithuania is first woman in world to jump past 7 meters. Congratulated by V. Yashchenko who is a record-breaker too.



Lyatif Kerimov is a famed carpet-artist of Baku. His creations and those of Lyatafet Faradzheva (lower) are in world-wide demand.



Vagab Gasanov just won't retire, after a lifetime working as a port life-saver. He began at time of Revolution in 1917 and to date he has rescued more than 500 people. All his sons are at sea.





At left, new picture of Anatoly Karpov, world champion chess player. Millions in USSR play chess. Above is Georgi Timoshenko of Kiev, youngest to rate a place in a remarkable new kind of chess tournament: young boys and girls play against "grand-masters". One boy amazed all experts by winning four games against grandmasters, losing none, drawing one! This was fourth tournament, and it drew intense nation-wide interest.



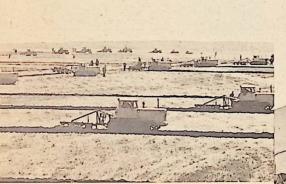
he is in the Bolshoi Theatre's own clinic, just for stars and staff (over 1000). Ballet is extremely exhausting, so thorough checks are given all performers frequently.

Ballet stars? Right. That's Vladimir Vasiliev, and

At a meeting of clergy for Peace and Arms Reduction (front row): Fujii Nitidatsu (Japan, Buddhists), Patriarch of Georgia David V, Patriarch of all Russia Pimen, Patriarch of

Patriarch of Bulgaria Maxim.

Armenia Vazgen I, Bundido Lama Gombozhav,



A scene at the 7th USSR contest for ploughmen. This took place after many republics and regions held their 'preliminaries" and chose best teams. There is wide public interest in Socialism in this annual event, which is seen by millions on TV. Many sizes of tractors were qualified.



Estonian farmers cleaned up: Raivo Kyiv won the men's, Elle Muyr the woman's contest. (Kyiv is in photo above).



We don't know Alla Pugachyova, but in USSR and Europe she's renowned as singer and film star. Our photo was shot in movie studio, after Alla won Grand Prix at Song Festival.



It's a tea party! Thrown by Soviet people of the small Saami nationality, for a group of visiting Scandinavians. Saamis live far north, but they're prosperous now, and their hospitality is worth experiencing.



All over USSR people are getting to know Mansur Atabekov. Mainly because of his friends. The man really does make out with animals, and the way he brings them up, they get to love each other. At right, his favorite dog Chapa is pretty close to Charlie, the parrot.

# Make People in Test-Tubes?

Life itself is now being changed by Man
In spite of efforts made by Jewish scientists,
to sabotage the convention, more than 3,500
scientists had a highly successful Genetics
Congress in Moscow. Researchers from round the
world learned a lot from Socialism.

You may recall the "big scare" of 1974. Some publicity-seeking scientists in USA (a few in England also) wanted governments to forcibly stop research aimed at "changing heredity".

Why? Because of a new method that takes heredity material (genes) from one living thing and puts them into another. Some said deathly genes might get into everybody's food or water, from simple bacteria.

The Mayor of Cambridge (Mass.), who (like his voters) knew nothing about genetics even tried to close down laboratories in Harvard University! Senators in Washington tried to pass similar anti-science laws.

The disgusting thing here was using "democracy" and "press freedom" to whip up anti-science feelings ... and thus pile up votes.

What attitude did USSR take?

As NN reported, Soviet scientists said the new discoveries opened up great prospects for benefits; but, as with all research affecting life, it should be carefully planned.

They went further, and assured people that the gruesome fears stirred up by USA biologists did not have any scientific basis.

Well, who was right?

World-famed geneticist J.D. Watson now says that signing the original appeal (to stop research) was "the silliest thing I did in my life."

Others, like John Tooze (leading European biologist) says that those scare-mongers were ignorant of well-known safety methods scientists use when dealing with any dangerous bacteria, viruses, etc.

The whole thing reached the level of The World Health Organization (WHO), at a meeting in Milan, where much amusement came from one theory: that the USA scientists felt so guilty about mass killings in Vietnam that they raised this scare to "purify" themselves!

Another (really scientific) point was scored: nature itself carries out the kind of heredity changes which Man is now doing purposefully; and in millions of years, with millions of species, not one single genetic "disaster" has happened. On the contrary, life has reached its very highest forms, and thrives.

At the Moscow congress, scientists of the West first realised that in Socialism all research affecting plants, animals and people must be cleared, and watched, by scientists of the various Health departments. But in "free" Capitalism there are no such public controls.

Research people were also painfully aware that, in the West, biological research is financed on a big scale specifically for killing plants, animals and people ... with the dreadful weapons of biological war.

But what about genetics benefits? Classic example is hybrid corn, which vastly increased human food supplies (and made untold billions for USA farmers, corporations).

Very recently, millions of lives have been saved with anti-biotics produced by living things "made to order" by geneticists.

But the revolution really is just beginning....

—Soviet scientists are creating wheats, corn, barley, with their various proteins changed to greatly improve nutrition; and at same time cut the amount of grain people need.

—They now have 105 hybrid wheats, studied by computer, and with its aid they already have developed 15 new wheats giving high yields.

— Almost ready: "test tube" cows that are duplicates of cows producing world-record quantities of milk... will change world food outlook.



You may know of another "scare", about geneticists "duplicating" human beings (like making a million John Waynes for the U.S. Marines!).

This is silly. Because the cost of "hiring" a million special mothers, and raising the babies, would be fantastic. More significant: such "duplicates" (called clones) would not be born "John Wayne" — how to control their development for 18 years? They might then not even look like their "ancestor"!

As for "breeding geniuses": few are born super-intelligent. Society already has abundant geniuses . . . all we need is to find out how to discover and develop them.

As for the yarn about rich men getting themselves "cloned" ... their "identical" offspring might well turn out to be Socialists or Communists after growing up in today's world!

Soviet research turns out to be very practical ... and unusual.

Believe or not: they've bred a new kind of fox, that has no fear of Man, and can be brought up as safely and happily as dogs, for pets!

This led to a discovery: by breeding animals (like sheep, cows) so their behaviour changes, sometimes big increases in meat, milk, wool, can be obtained.

This is of immense value on big farms where animals are raised on a mass scale: changing behaviour can make animals adjust better, with marked gains in health.

Modern genetics enables breeders to speed such valuable changes.

Anyone for bears, lions, squirrels, racoons, for household pets?



# Not too busy to help their wild friends

It's good to know that Soviet people — who really have their work cut out for them, building the world's new system — take time and care to see that creatures of the forests and swamps also will make it, with humanity, into the splendid future.

At the time of the Socialist Revolution, the beaver was almost extinct in Russia (later, in Canada also). Commercial trapping had mercilessly wiped out the big colonies, for profit.

Even when people themselves had barely enough to eat, in 1927 the Soviet government started what is now the Voronezh State Preserve. Along the small Usman and Ivnitsa rivers lived the last few dozen beavers. People came to their rescue, and not only by banning all traps.

Small dams were built in the forests, so water could be kept at levels high enough for beavers to "manage". And a great many volunteers planted countless thousands of willow and aspen trees — beavers thrive on their tender bark.

Today that preserve is a research and breeding center of world renown. Its director, Leonid Lavrov, a biologist, tells NN what's happened.

• In 1932 the world's first beaver nursery was opened here.

 Almost at once, people noted that the beavers they cared for grew bigger, healthier, than in the wild.

 A deliberate "color breeding" program was followed: rare black beavers were mated with brown animals so that half the offspring had prized dark brown color (with a quarter black, quarter light brown).

• Perhaps the main discovery at the preserve was that baby beavers, chosen for "friendliness" to humans, grew up healthier and multiplied much better than animals that were hostile to people; so friendly rather than aggressive animals were selected for the breeding program.

 Less than 50 beavers were left when the preserve was started; today USSR has 150,000, half of them bred here along the Usman River. Incidentally, other Socialist lands (especially Poland, Germany and Mongolia) now have flourishing beaver colonies, originally stocked with animals from Voronezh Preserve.

This center is only 30 miles from a major Soviet industrial region, and yet 54 valuable animal species thrive here, along with 187 varieties of birds.

The valuable European "noble" deer is doing too well around Voronezh. Biologists scatter worm-killing chemicals in the woods, and in that way save animals from deadly intestinal parasites. Thousands of deer, thousands of wild boars, have had to be "exported" — they were trampling the forest to death. By "striking a balance", biologists help animals and woods prosper together.

Far to the east, near the Pacific, Socialism has preserved a natural region unique on our Earth. Here's a place which the last great Ice Age did not reach . . . many plants and animals' are found there, dating back to before Man himself!

There you can walk in forests of cedars 600 years old, towering 125 feet. These cedars yield very nutritious nuts, supporting many animal species.

Enormous poplars, 150 feet high. Prized northern birch (extremely hard). The Amur cork-tree. Bird-cherry "bushes" that reach 90 feet high. And down below, making the woods as impassable as tropical jungles, you are entranced by solid thickets of fragrant jasmine and ledum.

Even lotus thrives here, on lakes deep in the forest.

Soviet medical science rates the Ussuri Forest region exceptionally high because, already, 570 medicinal plants have been found there.



As for animals: this is home to the most powerful beast-of-prey left on Earth, the magnificent Ussuri Tiger.

But these tigers, and very large boars, are so plentiful now that other animals must be protected by miles of steel fencing.

Great herds of Ussuri deer roam these woods now. But most of them serve Man — their special horns yield an extract which modern medical research is acclaiming for its tonic and curative powers.

But truth is: the whole priceless region has hardly yet been "surveyed" for useful resources. One thing only is for sure: Ussuri remains a gigantic natural preserve, guaranteed safe by Socialism.

Nature-lovers who understand the beauty and value of *swamps* can take heart from this fact: for 10 years Soviet people have strongly supported the world movement to preserve priceless swamplands.

Think: USSR has 450 million acres of soaking-wet land!

They're draining some ... it's far better used for growing crops.

And some swamps must be drained to stamp out deadly mosquitoes (as in USSR's Colchis and Polesye bogs, now healthy regions.

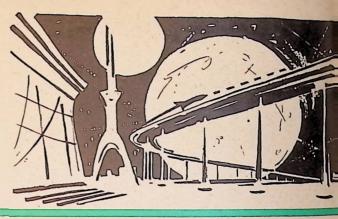
But Soviet scientists and nature friends have laid down the law: many enormous swamps must be preserved, protected by Man. They're "home" for hundreds of species of animals and birds.

And in Socialism they have still another value: colossal harvests of nutritious berries await people in swamps — per acre, 3000 pounds per year of the most delicious Vitamin-C food known.

#### Could they smash Socialism with

# One Knock-out Blow?

You hear a lot of talk about USA going for "first strike" weapons. Plan is to hit USSR so hard that any return blows would be feeble. You think they can do this? By all means review latest facts!



As of now, all experts agree that neither USA nor USSR could launch so powerful an attack on the other side, that the enemy would be knocked-out, unable to counterattack.

But for many years USA has been trying to change that situation: the aim is to develop weapons (quantity or quality) that could destroy so many Soviet weapons, at one strike, that only a feeble counter-attack would be possible, and USA could absorb that without collapsing.

For propaganda purposes, Washington usually turns this upside down: claiming that USSR is straining all its forces to get its own "first strike" power, the Pentagon tells the public that there's no way out, USA must get first strike power first.

You can get total scientific backing if you say neither side has it now. Since McNamara (then Sec. of Defense) said it over 10 years ago, it's still true today all USA's weapons, hurled at USSR in one gigantic assault, couldn't knock out all Soviet weapons.

Moscow would have plenty of "surviving" missiles to deliver a shattering, maybe fatal blow against the attacker.

Public opinion, the atmosphere of detente, has tied the hands of "one punch" militarists for several years. But lately a new upsurge in weapons research is tempting the USA to go for first strike again.

Here are the developments usually talked about in this way ...

 Missiles that swiftly change their direction in flight, so they'll hit missile-launchers trying to move.

- New missiles that can hit even

small targets, very accurate.The "MX" mobile missile, which can deliver 14 warheads, each with 200 kilotons of nuclear blast.

 New missiles for the Trident submarine and for land-based launchers, of tremendous destructive

Naturally, all these "methods" lead the USSR (and most nations) to fear that USA is planning to strike first, and not, as claimed, just "defending" against a Soviet threat.

Says Brezhnev: "Allegations that USSR goes beyond what is sufficient for defense, that it strives for superiority in arms to deliver a 'first strike', are absurd, totally unfounded ... all our efforts are aimed precisely at preventing either first or second strikes, averting nuclear war in general."

Many responsible observers in the West realize that "first strike" plans heighten the danger of war.

They also see that such plans are based on the USA's hope that USSR will prove to be defenseless ... something which doesn't make sense.

Finally, even some senators (like Cranston) have warned that striving for "first strike" could put USA itself in grave danger . . . if such a strike didn't work then the following counter-strike would be a total disaster for USA.

This is of exceptional importance to us here in Canada.

Any USA gamble with nuclear war is certain to involve our country ... and exterminate us.

#### ANOTHER WEAPONS REVOLUTION HAS STARTED

As you'll recall, not long ago NN reported Leonid Brezhnev's warning to USA not to start another race for a new "family" of super-weapons.

Unfortunately, it appears that the race has begun. From talk going the rounds in technical circles, here are the facts available now.

- "Radicals" in the USA's military research establishment have won over "conservatives", so that certain impossible ideas are now considered to be already working in USSR.
- Those Soviet advances were made in research for peaceful ends (power), but USA is grabbing fast to direct the work into weapons.
- The new "family" of weapons is not rays (radiation like radio, light, X-rays) but beams — actual particles sent out in streams (electrons, protons, neutrons, from atoms).
- Soviet work was so open that \*\* was carried out with French scientists, publicly, when the two nations launched short-range vertical rockets.

- Clearly, the beams which those rockets sent out, harmlessly, could be made very much more powerful ... and then their military uses would become obvious to all.
- o Indeed, some sources believe that USSR in a short time will have proton beams strong enough to knock out any first strike missiles of USA.
- That's because such beams can hit almost instantly: they go at the speed of light, travelling round the Earth in a fraction of a second.
- Their power is unbelievable: one "burst" could carry a million million watts, which could destroy any missile in a millionth of a second.

If you can find anything amusing in super-weapons, you may smile at the fact that scientists of USA have been reading all about this in Soviet research papers ... but now they can't Intion it, it's CIA Secret!

Fact is: USSR has long been in the world lead in nuclear-fusion-power research ... and devices used in that

work are what you need to make those fantastic beams.

No wonder the noted USA observer, Hotz, calls this "a two-horse race, with U.S. in its familiar position of starting a stern chase against a well-established Soviet technology program.'

Others have taken a "philosophical" view, pointing out that Hitler had his "first strike" system (Blitzkrieg), but when he turned it against USSR it blew him and his armies into the grave of history.

Aside from whether or not you take pleasure from Socialism's advances, there are grounds for optimism in this newest military revolution ...

If beam weapons work, the whole massive stockpile of frightful nuclear missiles goes on the junk heap. You couldn't use them, they'd never get anywhere near any targets.

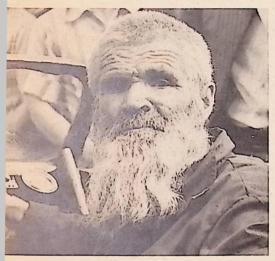
You see again why USSR considers that the Science Revolution is decisive for Socialism and Peace.

(See Science & Revolution, P-17).

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Gleb Martynov, pensioner of 65, decided to drive all the way from Alma-Ata (in Central Asia) to Moscow. So he made his own car out of scrap! Hardly the thing for safety-tests, but then in the "regimented" system of Socialism a cop will look the other way. In fact, here the cop broke all rules and allowed Gleb to make a U-Turn on Kalinin Street, with everybody grinning.



"Never drove before," Gleb tells us.
Corrects us, too: Moscow was only one
stop on his way up above the Arctic
Circle to Murmansk! In a car with a
wooden chassis, powered by a weird
air-cooled motor he made by himself.



Who's scared of the cops? Here in downtown Moscow, Gleb argues with the fuzz... and he hasn't even got a license on his car! All the cop did was agree that nobody would ever give the thing plates!



People couldn't believe it when Gleb and his "car" turned up in Red Square, after a "training run" of thousands of miles. He made it by attracting car fans, then asking them for a gallon or two of gas.



No wonder people stare at it: the thing even has different size wheels! But here it is, 3,000 miles along its "test run", and it proved to be very reliable at 35 miles an hour. Gleb didn't stay very long in Moscow because it's quite a run up there to Murmansk, and he planned to drive all the way back home to Alma-Ata in time to make apple jam.



Maybe you see now how Gleb had it so good all the way. Just stop, and you've got a crowd. "That thing is the motor?!" Yes, somebody forgot to tell him he couldn't be individualistic.

# Better watch that Sore Throat

- Far too many people think they've got "the Flu" when actually they may be laid low by dangerous throat infections.
- o Dr. A. V. Agafonov tells us why we should be on the lookout for this.
- As usual, advice given to Soviet people is very practical; and even here, without Socialism, their "treatments" won't cost you a cent.

While TV commercials make us only too aware that the human breath can sometimes be offensive, from a health point of view it's much more important to realize that mouth and throat can "breed" very dangerous germs.

Streptococcus, diploccocus and other bacteria can "lie in wait", in many places (pharynx and tonsils), from which they'll suddenly multiply and spread throughout the body, knocking us out with surprising swiftness.

Sometimes you'll be right if you say you "caught" an infection from someone else; but few of us realize that a "harmless" ice-cold drink, or ice cream, or even a deep breath of frosty air, can trigger sickness. This can happen most easily if you are over-heated (heavy clothes, hot room) and the throat tissues can't adjust quickly enough to the

This may sound a bit improbable to you, until you try to picture what happens. The softer and very irregular tissues of your throat and tonsils ("mucous membranes") can really close up tight when anything cold gets to them. At the same time, cold will contract countless blood vessels supplying those tissues. This combination effect may easily give a "colony" of waiting germs just what it needs to start multiplying, but fast: the infection is "sealed off", and the blood-stream can't get at it with normal protective action.

That's why it is very important to heed any warning your throat may send you, in the way of "rawness", tickling, stinging, or other sensation.

Dr. Agafonov tells us that serious sore throat may result from "catching" the infection in ways we don't notice. People with obvious coughs or sniffles can be avoided; but far more often we get our "starter" germs from glasses, dishes, cutlery or other objects used by an infected person. The air in a room will "harbor" germs for a long time after a sneezer has left.

Doctors know that some people are able to report the very minute when a throat infection flares up: a dish of ice cream, for example, can start the unpleasant symptoms within moments. Others will "feel a cold coming on" the moment they step outside into a cold blast. But the cold in each case only stirs into action the germs already waiting.

Very soon throat tissues turn bright red and start to swell.

Body temperature rises to fever levels. Depending on the individual's reaction, a whole set of "general" feelings are noted ... you're down with a cold.

Millions of people, young and old, every year come down with "colds" and "flu" that start in the throat. Untold misery follows, and countless days lost in bed. Even so, this short-term illness is by no means the most serious effect of throat infections.

Very harmful germs can move into the human throat on a permanent basis: so-called "chronic sore throat". This you should fight by every possible means, because the bacteria that spread from throat throughout the body are prime causes of serious heart, kidney and joint diseases, and are blamed by some researchers for much of the highblood-pressure illness so prevalent today.

And don't let go a sigh of relief: the big majority of throat-germ victims don't turn up in clinics, seriously ill; they just look in the mirror in the morning and groan: "Boy, am I ever tired these days!"

There's simply no way medical science can measure how much lack of health arises from chronic infections in the human throat. But it's safe to say that millions of us drag through weeks, months, even years, because of infections that are forever attacking us from their "fortified positions" in the throat.

Dr. Agafonov believes that, for most people, clearing up this problem can be simple and direct.

 Run some warm water into a glass and use that as a natural gargle every morning and every night.

Water is pleasant to gargle with, so do a thorough job,

taking your time (really a very few minutes).

• Don't use "chemical" gargles; the one exception they favor is old-fashioned boracic acid powder, a mild yet surprisingly effective germ-killer and cleanser.

o It's very important to get such a simple "program" going as a sore-throat preventive system ... actually it's easier than brushing your teeth, and if you carry it through persistently it's highly effective.

Raising the body's resistance to cold is also highly recommended by Dr. Agafonov ... see Report mentioned at bottom of this page.



Simple massage of the throat, done anytime, is very effective for people who "catch everybody's cold".

Follow our photos at left ...

Tip your head slightly backward. "Finger" your chin lightly, going under the jaw.

Then spread your hand and work gently along the line of the jaw as far as you can reach.

Now lower the hand and gently massage lower part of throat right down to the collar-bone; do this first with right hand, then again, with left hand.

You'll find this is easy to do and pleasant. Takes you no more than two minutes at a time!

Along with water-gargling, it really works.

(We're not trying to "sell" you, but three 'NN' Reports on similar subjects you may find valuable. You'll find them described in some detail on Page-17 of this Issue.)

### 4 USA Experts View the "Soviet Threat"



These days, millions of people have second thoughts about the *reliability* of what we are given in our media. Do we really get "both sides" of questions that are of life-and-death importance? In these four pages you can look at facts that help you to answer this.



You'd have a hard time to find one living soul, in Canada or USA, who hasn't been told about *The Soviet Threat*.

If you read, you see it in the papers. If you listen, you get it on your radio. If you watch, it's on TV.

Always, you have experts telling it to you. Generals, admirals, scientists, famous world-affairs observers, even chiefs of intelligence services. All in their own different ways they explain how the USSR threatens us.

Faced with such a mass of facts, who can doubt what these authorities tell us?

Who? Other authorities, that's who. They doubt.

It's a safe bet you haven't heard anything about this. How could you? Our media never mention it. Even though all these expert views have been published by the official Congressional Record, in Washington.

Now, no point getting ourselves sidetracked here, into arguing about why our free-world media suppress these different opinions. You can judge for yourself the worth of these views, if you have a chance to check them.

So, straight into the facts.

Introducing Dr. Herbert Scoville. Former deputy director of the CIA. Scientist. Technical director of USA's highly secret "Special Weapons Project". Former assistant director USA's "Arms Center".

A fully qualified expert, obviously.

"We have heard an awful lot of words about the Soviet threat," Dr. Scoville testified. "So far we've seen a lot of smoke, and what it is really for us to decide is whether there's really some fire there, or whether this is a smoke screen to hide what the real facts are."

Scoville started off by referring to the former Secretary of Defense, Rumsfeld. That authority had earlier made a prediction about the Soviet threat. Comparing his forecast with current information ... "instead of finding that the threat is increasing and accelerating its pace, one actually finds out that the threat is actually less than he predicted it would be."

Scoville then took the total number of missile warheads and bombs, "the most important criteria of strategic strength." Rumsfeld had predicted that the Soviet Union "in a 12-month period would increase its force by a factor of a thousand." As it turned out, however, a year later Rumsfeld admitted that in fifteen months (not one year) the Soviet Union "added only 800 to their total force loadings.

"In other words, the rate was 35 percent slower than he had predicted a year ago."

Dr. Scoville then "summed up" this point.

"If you look at the total numbers, the Soviets now have 3,300 such warheads and bombs, while the United States has 8.400.

"This somehow doesn't strike me as any real occasion for a great new alarm."

He reached similar conclusions regarding the so-called "MIRV" missiles (multiple warheads carried by a single primary launch). Dr. Scoville said: "Undoubtedly the number of Soviet MIRVed missiles now is somewhat less than 200 (the exact number is probably classified) while we have about a thousand. So again I don't think there's any question of who is superior in this category of weapons, which is an extremely important one."

#### Now see what this expert says about Submarines and Bombers -

Scoville referred to "the triad": triple major weapons system made up of straight missiles; missiles launched from submarines; and weapons carried by bombers. Submarine missiles, he says, are "the most important element from a point of view of having a secure deterrent force. Last year Rumsfeld predicted that the Soviets would add 200 submarine-launched missiles to its force. Now he admits that during the past fifteen months they only added 70. In other words, the rate is really less than half as fast as was predicted or estimated a year ago."

This is an extremely important factor, because missiles launched from subs would be very hard to knock out: that is, if the Soviet Union was preparing to "threaten" USA, then one of the most important strategic means would be a big increase in submarine-missiles. But intelligence sources find no such increase ... indeed, far smaller increase than was anticipated.

However, Scoville's next testimony was something that surely deserved front-page attention from our media.

"In terms of totals now in existence, we have about 5,000 submarine-launched missile warheads, while the Soviets have 800."

So far as NN can determine, no large paper and no

popular news commentator featured that remarkable statement.

Nor did anyone give the public what Dr. Scoville had to say about the facts he revealed. Looking at that comparison of 5000-to-800 submarine missiles, he said:

"Somehow I can't get terribly alarmed about U.S. inferiority in that particular category."

But there's still the third factor in the "triad", and that is bombers. Today bombing planes are able to carry nuclear weapons, and so they must be considered as part of any nation's "threat" to others.

"Even if you add in all the 'Backfires' (NATO name for these Soviet bombers), as Secretary Rumsfeld does, the Soviet force is only 210 bombers, most of which are old, while we have about 420.

"So again I don't feel any great fear about Soviet superiority in this area."

At this point it's only sensible to remind ourselves that when Dr. Scoville was making public these facts, the media were building up an all-out publicity campaign to convince Americans and Canadians that USSR was far out-arming USA, and so constituted a real threat to us.

Continued next page ...

# Maybe they're planning to hit USA first?

Dr. Scoville continues his authoritative views on a vital aspect of the "Soviet menace"

You'll no doubt recall that our media have played up very strongly various "inside stories" about a huge civil defense program in USSR. This was presented to us as another proof that the Soviet leaders were planning to launch an attack on the West, and wanted to guarantee as much safety as possible for their people, in case of counter-attack by nuclear missiles.

Dr. Scoville should be thoroughly informed about such matters, since he was a deputy director of the CIA.

Here are his words.

"I'd find this almost laughable if it wasn't for the fact that so many people take it seriously.

"Somehow or other it's a very dangerous thing that now the Soviet Union has provided shelters for its leadership, in the event of a nuclear conflict. In other words the leaders of the Soviet government now have shelters they can go to to protect themselves.

"I didn't get any great feeling that the United States was planning a nuclear first strike, when we dug those holes in the mountains of Maryland and Virginia, and newer ones out in the Rockies. It's a very sound move, if you want to have a deterrent force, to try and protect your command in control."

He went on: "The fact that you're providing that protection doesn't strike me as an indication that you are planning a first strike. I don't find this a very terrifying Soviet threat."

Scoville then pointed out that all over USA you can find signs indicating "shelter areas". But in his view such preparations, in USA or USSR, don't amount to much. Massive training programs would be necessary, really to prepare people for a nuclear war. And there is **no evidence** that such programs go on, in USSR, any more than in USA.

However, our editors also offered us other completely unsupported tales, claiming that Soviet people are all set to clear out of cities, go into the country, dig shelters, and sit out a nuclear war.

Then (supposedly after USA was knocked out) they'd return home safe and sound, while millions were being buried in USA.

Dr. Scoville: "Well, I was involved in measuring nuclear weapons effects, and I just find this (Soviet shelters) really ridiculous.

"One 15 megaton bomb out in the Pacific (USA test) contaminated 5000 square miles with lethal radioactive fallout."



"The only way to get protection from fallout is to be in underground or heavy structures. Just digging yourself a foxhole might give you a little protection, but going out into the country is just the surest way in the world to expose yourself to fallout."

Clearly, our newspaper yarns were not even based on common-sense.

However, Dr. Scoville didn't limit himself to "picking apart" countless media stories.

"Then to sum it all up, the very concept that Soviet leaders would consciously launch a nuclear strike and accept the destruction of its cities, a large part of its industries, and a minimum of 20 million casualties, in order to destroy the United States, I find incredible.

"What would they gain by destroying the United States, when they have essentially wiped out their civilization in order to do it?

"I find these kinds of 'threats' that the Soviets are planning an attack are very unconvincing.

"I don't think their civil defense program will support that kind of thesis.

"That, very briefly, is my analysis of the strategic situation."

#### One of USA's leading science authorities speaks his mind -

Another top USA expert whose words never made it in our media was Dr. Jeremy Stone. After a career in many "policy" organizations (such as the Hudson Institute and Council on Foreign Relations) some eight years ago he became Director of the Federation of American Scientists.

Dr. Stone stressed two facts:

"One — no one sees any way of destroying our missile-firing submarines. Therefore, for the worst possible case, we are prepared with those alone to launch 4000 or 5000 nuclear warheads at the Soviet target system. If those were aimed at cities and towns in the Soviet Union you would be destroying all towns down to 5-to-10,000 population ... virtually all the shelter in the Soviet Union would be destroyed."

"The other salient factor is that the

land-based missiles on the two sides are becoming vulnerable to the land-based missiles, and if that's all they had, we would be quite nervous ... if there were only those land-based missiles, each side would be especially worried about the deterrent. But because it has the sea-based forces it's not so worried, but still nervous."

Dr. Stone criticizes those who talk of a "limited strategic war" with missiles.

"Someone might say: ha-ha, I destroyed all of your 1000 land bases with 500 of mine, and I've got 500 left in reserve; (say that) to a country that has the bombers, we (USA) have 250 of them and 4000 or 5000 nuclear warheads on submarines. It strikes me as extremely implausible."

"But even if you want to worry about that, the main thing that has been ig-

nored in the present debate is that we are about to bolt into an enormous lead over the Soviet Union, in this very criterion about which so much concern has been expressed."

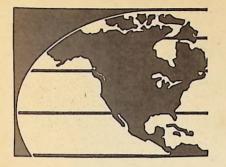
He then added: "We will leap not only into a lead over the Russians in hard target kill capability, but will have a 5-year lead.

"And we will not only have a lead in this category, but we will be in a position with that lead to destroy, at least on paper, substantial numbers of Soviet land-based missiles.

"In other words, it won't be just a lead in a numbers game. It will be a lead of strategic significance if you worry about land-based missiles being destroyed."

Who is menacing whom?

Continued ...



#### Could the Soviets "blitz" Europe?

Our Canadian papers, following the lead given by USA, have told us repeatedly that West Europe is in grave danger of a sudden, "blitzkrieg" attack by USSR. What do USA authorities say?

The third outstanding USA expert whose views are suppressed in our media is Dr. Arthur Macy Cox.

Name sounds familiar? Cox was a State Department official. Then he was appointed to the CIA as a specialist on Soviet affairs. And he also did research for the famous Brookings Institute, which has made many reports on USSR policy.

You could reasonably expect that Arthur Cox is a "100% American" and that he is usually well-informed regarding the Soviet Union.

In his opening remarks Dr. Cox went out of his way to say frankly that the people of the West have heard very much about "the menace to Europe."

"I am going to talk about the problems of military power in Central Europe. I am going to talk about the growing propaganda that has developed, especially in the last year, about the Soviet threat in Central Europe, and some of the facts that I haven't seen given sufficient attention."

It didn't take him long to come to the point:

"One (fact) is that we hear about the growing threat of war in Central Europe from the Soviet position, and the supposed growth of Soviet forces.

"Actually, the Soviet's ground forces now are more than 50% directed at China.

"The Soviets have 44 divisions on the Chinese borders, and 31 divisions facing NATO.

"They have more backup divisions facing China, in the interior of the Soviet Union than they do facing NATO (in West Europe).

"But a very important aspect of the recent concern about Soviet buildups has been what the last two posture statements of the Pentagon have referred to as the Blitzkrieg potential of Soviet forces, and the threat of a central thrust forward all the way to the (English) Channel, which could not be adequately deterred by NATO forces."

What's his view of this?

"This argument of the Soviet Blitzkrieg potential I have never seen seriously developed in any of the literature in the United States." He meant, of course, that the "blitz" idea wasn't seriously believed at all, in expert circles; it was purely and simply a media stunt.

Dr. Cox then revealed that a special Brookings report had provided the media with this idea. That report said the USSR, if faced with "dissent" in East Europe (socialist nations) would immediately start war to "neutralise" West Europe!

"I think that is one of the most preposterous estimates of Soviet intentions and Soviet capabilities that I have read anywhere," said this outstanding USA authority.

He added: "To think that the Soviets, threatened by resistance in Eastern Europe, would risk a strike into Central Europe and Germany, is, to me, an act of suicide that the Soviets in their entire history have never manifested..."

You may want to put this in your own words. Clearly, our media give us yarns intended to convince us, while realising that no authority really believes those tales.

#### The "imaginary world" of those who boost the arms race -

Dr. Cox pinpointed the *real source* of this propaganda: it came to the media from the USA Congress, which got it from the Pentagon.

No doubt you remember how, not so long ago, our papers, radio and TV suddenly let fly at us with tales of "extraordinary dangers" to Europe.

Dr. Cox hit hard at this. Pointing out that the USSR considers China its Number One threat, then "Why on earth they would ever contemplate a thrust into Western Europe is beyond imagination."

To back that up he pointed out that "The Soviets have **not** increased their divisions in Central Europe. They have put in more effective weapons, **just as we have.** As the weapons come off the assembly line, they go into the forces. That is standard military practice."

Then he really gave it: "My belief is that we should ... move now to take the opportunity to negotiate a reduction of forces in Central Europe.

We never hear of this possibility, but the USA experts do.

Arthur Macy Cox let out the "secret"

that is known to every citizen in the Socialist world, but not to us.

"There is an opportunity. The Soviets are interested in it (reduction of forces), have put it on the line."

You could try that bluntly ...

USSR wants to negotiate a cut in the forces of East and West in Europe, but this comes through to us, in our media, in the weird shape of "a new Soviet menace".

Possibly the frankest of all those USA defense authorities was Dr. Earl Ravenal. He is the kind of researcher called a "system analyst". He directed a special division in the office of the USA Secretary of Defense, and is a professor of American Foreign Policy at famed Johns Hopkins University.

Ravenal didn't beat about the bush. "I want to make it clear that...I am not worried about the so-called Russian threat.

"The numbers that we've heard and the estimates of Soviet potentialities and intentions are very convincing, but I think we need a second line of defense... Dr. Ravenal made clear that his approach could be called "reality". Not guesses, but rather facing up to the world as it is.

"Although I don't believe in 'worst cases' at all, I think that our military organizations are being paid to hedge against worse-than-we-think cases."

He believes USA must stop guessing about "Soviet intentions and capabilities", and about what "threats" they might make. Instead, attention must concentrate on what the USA is capable of doing.

"If we intend to do certain things with our military forces, such as fight limited wars, conceivably we'll never have enough missiles to accomplish these purposes...

"Whereas if we restrict ourselves to certain finite and limited kinds of intentions and uses of our nuclear forces, particularly our conventional forces, then we already have more than enough.

"And that becomes a sufficient answer to the debate."



Is the real threat from either "side" or against humanity?

Often you see statements by experts who sound as if they were somewhere off our planet: they "play" with nuclear weapons as if they were table-toys. It is refreshing to hear from those who tell us that we are threatened.

We ... all the human beings inhabiting this world.

"If we're going to have a Congressional debate", said Dr. Ravenal, "or a national debate, about the Soviet threat, the debate should be held in terms of . . . the real fundamental underlying function of what we (USA) want to do, what we propose to do in the world with our military forces."

If you listen to our media, you get the idea that all USA wants to do is protect "the free world" from the "threat" of attack by USSR.

Dr. Ravenal introduced money into this question. He pointed out that in Europe, the USA's "defense" cost is around 55 thousand million dollars a year.

But there's another gigantic "defense" bill: despite the crushing defeat of USA in Vietnam, Washington is pouring 25 to 26 thousand million dollars a year into "protecting" Asians from ... from whom? The USSR?

Now turn to further evidence presented by Dr. Scoville. In addition to the 80 or 85 thousand million dollars being spent to "protect" Europe and Asia in those areas, USA is stockpiling thousands of nuclear bombs for direct attack against USSR. Supposedly, to "balance" a similar number of bombs held ready by the Soviets.

"It's all really nonsense," Scoville said. "That kind of war is just absolutely ridiculous. It's time we did get back to thinking about small, minimum deterrent forces."

In other words: planning to stop a "threat" by launching enough bombs to wipe out the world . . . is ridiculous.

But Dr. Scoville warned that USA Pentagon planners are going even farther into weapons nonsense. Their pet ideas now are "counter-force weapons".

"These are the really dangerous kinds of weapons," he said. "... like the MX and the Mark 12A warhead ... don't provide security, they just increase the risk that we're all going to be blown up one of these days."

But is it practical to propose that USA (and USSR) should reduce their super-weapons stockpiles to a minimum necessary to balance any threats?

"That is a very difficult political problem, these days," Dr. Ravenal admitted... But I think it is no less valid to say that we can do it now than it was 4 or 5 years ago, when it seemed to be much more popular, and had a lot more political appeal."

You don't have to be a political analyst to realize that the "Soviet threat" line, put across by the media in the last 4 or 5 years, is the influence that has made weapons-reduction "unpopular".

Yet many leading USA authorities are, as Ravenal put it, "swimming against the political tide", arguing in favor of sensible rather than non-sensical arms.

Dr. Jeremy Stone (head of the Federation of American

Scientists) supported this view in terms which politicians are supposed to grasp: taxpayers' money.

"The real money to be saved (by sensible *limited* arms program) is not in the money that could come out of the strategic force budget. Thirty billion dollars could be saved if we find, through **reductions** of land based missiles, that it isn't necessary to go forward with the MK missile. Which I think ... is unnecessary in any case because it would be counter-productive and would not solve the problem."

The possible arms saving (for USA alone), he gave as something like 130 billion dollars!

But if USA goes ahead with that spending?

"You will find that in 10 or 15 years, I believe, we will face the same problem ... the same 'on paper' vulnerability, that we face now."

In short: hundreds of billions will be spent for the sake of arms spending, not for doing away with any "threat" now facing USA. This will be totally wasted, simply to maintain and continuously "modernize" weapons which the USSR—itself threatened by such USA armament expansion—will have to counterbalance.

The subject of money roused Dr. Scoville to tackle another favorite line of our media: supposedly the USA must spend more on arms because the USSR arms budget is so large. "You often see this in the press... reported as though all of that (Soviet) strength is directed against the United States and its allies. If you reduce that budget, by the proportion that is directed against China, you get a (Soviet) budget that is a good deal smaller than that of the United States and its allies.

"This you seldom see reported in the press."
That has to be the under-statement of the year!

Did you ever, in any newspaper, on any radio or TV in Canada or USA, see or hear this cold fact: that USSR spends a good deal less on "threatening" USA than the West is spending now on arms directed against the Soviets?

As Dr. Ravenal said, such truth 4 or 5 years ago "had a lot more political appeal".

Truth, then, has gone out of date in our media?

Many more pages could be filled here, with expert testimony similar to what you've just read. But they all lead to the conclusion of Dr. Jeremy Stone.

"One of the most important reasons to bring the deterrent (arms) down to the levels we thought adequate in past years, is **to protect the species** against the possibility that a nuclear war might occur, and leave not just the industrial world in ruins but the planet in smithereens.

"In the long run, I think the cost of this (arms) might be al cost of the human species."

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# **CHAMPION**



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- In longest title-match in history (3 months!) Anatoly Karpov, World Champion of Chess, successfully defended his title.
- His opponent was the Soviet defector Korchnoi, and all propaganda guns of our "free" media were brought into action against Karpov.
- NN's report gives some interesting facts "missed" by press observers.
- Plus the astonishing 17-year-old Women's Chess Champion, Chiburdanidze.

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Only 27 years old, Karpov played under extremely tough conditions, and the match — every observer agreed — was the most dramatic, as well as the longest, ever fought.

In the first weeks it seemed that young Karpov had it in the bag: after the 27th game he had 5 wins over Korchnoi's 2, and needed only one more. But this rivil caught up and at the 32nd game they were tied.

Korchnoi was openly backed by reporters of the West. Even his incredible stunts — like using two convicted gunmen as "psychologists" to aid him — were not criticised, except by chess officials. Day after day Korchnoi made threats, hurled insults, laid ridiculous charges. All this did upset the champion, who lost 5 games.

But chess authorities attending the match agreed that Karpov outplayed Korchnoi decisively, in spite of the close final score. In the last game, especially, young Anatoly scored a brilliant victory.

Our Western press put down the champion at every move. But you should note this: the International Association of Chess Press took a totally opposite view, in keeping with the fact that they have awarded Anatoly Karpov the World "Chess Oscar" every year since 1973... he's been world's finest player for 6 years straight!

Even Anatoly's "record" was left out of our news, which concentrated on the freak Korchnoi.

Karpov was born in 1951 in Zlatoust, ancient Russian town in the Urals. His father got him started at chess when he was only seven. When 15 he won the Chess Master rating and 3 years later he was World Junior Champion.

Anatoly isn't yet married. Lives with his parents in Leningrade. When he won, this year, neighbors piled into his home to congratulate his mother, and she hurried to the hospital where his father was taking treatment. But fellow-patients had already started celebrating.

The champion is a Gold Medal graduate of Leningrad University. His thesis: "Spare Time, Its Economic Significance In Socialism".

Actually, he has no spare time! He's strong for sports, collects stamps for a hobby, but mostly tours the USSR lecturing and teaching chess to countless young fans.

Millions of Soviet people, millions more in other lands, followed the championship play in far-off Philippines. Too bad that their enjoyment of a remarkable contest was ruined by the disgraceful propaganda spread world-wide by our "free" news services, using every falsehood in the book to support Korchnoi, a truly defective personality.

#### They can't believe what Maya did

Just like here, so in USSR, sports "experts" can be *very wrong*. Like all the chess authorities who said the 17-year-old schoolgirl, Maya Chiburdanidze, shouldn't waste her time trying to defeat World Women's Chess Champion, Nona Gaprindashvili.

Nona held the title sixteen years. Only woman in the world who played on the men's "Grandmaster" level. She had watched Maya grow up in the game ... they both played constantly at the world's only Chess Palace, in Tbilisi (both girls are natives of Soviet Georgia).

Believe it or not: Georgian women go for chess so strongly that a bride always has a chess-board in her dowry!

Well, Maya was pretty good, but nobody seemed to grasp how much *better* she was. Started playing at eight. Became world's youngest Master at 13. At 16, she was world's youngest Grandmaster.

So, while the experts gasped, Maya went right through Nona's strategy and won ... 8.5 to 6.5 points. The new Champion of the World, just finishing age 17.

Recently, Maya changed her plans. She thought of being a researcher in ancient Georgian language, but instead she has enrolled at a medical college.

Champion Karpov says chess is a sport. Champion Maya says it's an art. Either way, they win it.

Once a pretty small place, Mogilev is an important center now, and just opened a large modern hotel. Downtown view here is typical of USSR industrial cities, which retain large open areas for gardens, parkland and small forests.

# New Product

At a time when we hear so much about factories closing down, it's good for a change to see plants opening up. This one, called "Chimvolokno", is just outside Mogilev,



Plant will be continuously brought up to date, and has extensive research labs of its own. Nearly all workers are very young.



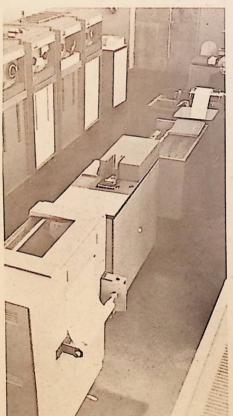
Many workers in this plant stand at controls of huge automated machines. This one operates color printing equipment for textiles.



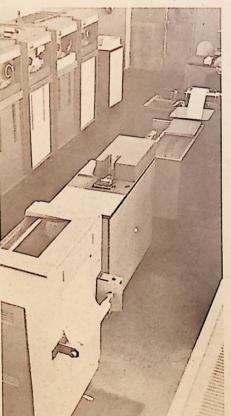
They're not working yet, they're students in the plant's own school. But they get to use equipment found in the shops. Training is free, they're paid to learn.



Plant has a technical and scientific library that would grace a university. All employees are urged to take higher courses or to study on their own.



All through various factories you come across rooms where computers gather information, process it, and store it. As you see, at all stages of production (and research) many workers are women.



As in most Soviet plants, the cafeteria here is more than a place to grab a fast snack. Workers like to meet here socially and often spend full lunch time at the table. Meals cost less than home-cooked.



Majority of production units are run by operators at central controls. Some of most advanced machines and devices went into this tremendous plant.

# ion Giant

in the Byelorussian Republic. It's for making synthetic fibers, and textiles, on scale that's big even for Socialism.



One of world's most modern, this shop produces cellophane film. Advantage of this giant enterprise is that it centralizes production of many related synthetics, thus lowering costs.



Here's section of one "incoming"
llaboratory, where quality of raw
materials is checked scientifically. Many
workers are right out of college or
ttechnical schools.



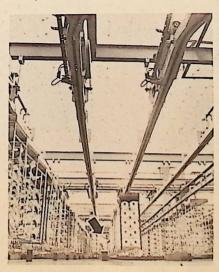
All Soviet plants have what they call a "Palace of Culture". More than a club, such centers not only provide entertainment (like movies, theatres) but also have "amateur circles" in most of the arts, where workers can get expert instruction. Facilities are mostly free, with small charges for shows, and employees' families are welcome to participate.



A far cry from older plants, this section is for dyeing many kinds of fibers, and despite chemicals used it is spotless, free from pollution, and involves no heavy labor.



All women workers can get low-cost accommodation for pre-school kids in plant's nurseries and kindergartens. In fact, this is "extra income" for many families because of savings.



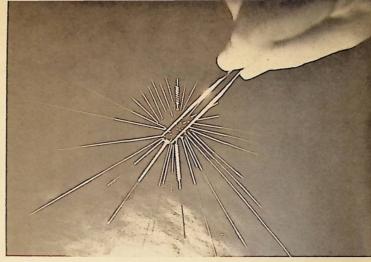
You get an idea of plant's size: see arrow pointing to worker. Conveyer lines in this section total more than 18 miles! All heavy work is done by electric power here.



This young worker hasn't started on payroll yet: she's still in school, but several periods daily are spent in various sections of plant set aside for trainees.



Here you see the "conventional" (some now call this "obsolete") method for using acupuncture (needle-prick therapy). Needles are carefully inserted into the skin at specific points on the body. Although the needles are very sharp, insertion is not painless for some.



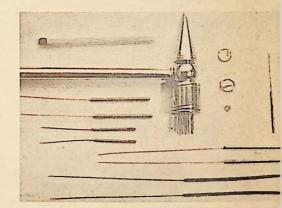
An assortment of modern acupuncture needles. Some, as you see, are fairly blunt-tipped, and inserting them can be painful. Patient's pain symptoms may be harsh enough to "mask" pain from needles. They're made of steel, gold, silver, platinum, in USSR.



In modern Soviet clinic each patient is first examined by using latest devices charting heart, nerves, brain-waves. Dr. Rita Chelikidi here.



Recent Soviet research has proved that the auricle of the ear (external part) offers a surprising number of fine points, which can be stimulated to give curative (or pain-relieving) effects at distant places in the body. Device being used here is not a needle, but an electronic instrument which can discover desired "sensitive points".



To get an idea of the size of needles, etc., here you see an assortment with an ordinary match at top-left. Many sizes and shapes of needles have been tried, over the centuries, but until very recently there was no scientific approach, just guesswork. Our Report (next page) up-dates you on this.



Research goes on here: super-sensitive measuring instruments follow the patient's nerve-responses as various "acupuncture points" are penetrated by needles. By no means all people get relief from pain, or ailments, when given these treatments.



No "quackery" permitted in Socialism. A new patient gets an attentive hearing from four different medical specialists, who will make sure that she has a chance to benefit from (and no likelihood of harm) a "course" of acupuncture. All services are, of course, free.

# Why you might get "the needles"

Soviet scientists have used modern research methods to put "acupuncture" on new scientific basis.

Remember the "needle-prick therapy" craze that swept Canada and USA a while back? Few patients got much help. For the same reasons that acupuncture never brought any major health benefits to Oriental people, over thousands of years. But something new has happened, in USSR. Facts here.

Scientifically, acupuncture (pricking the body with sharp objects) is one of the reflex treatments: meaning methods that stimulate the body's nervous system in order to have that system produce desired benefits in some other place ... it's a "reflex ef-

In USSR's new Reflexotherapy Institute in Moscow acupuncture is being studied, and applied to people, on the biggest scale ever.

Directed by Dr. Rubin Durinyan, this place will have 15 laboratories, its own clinic (for patients), and wards for inpatients in 10 Moscow hospitals. You see some of this in our photos, at left.

While Soviet specialists still use special needles to get the acupuncture effect, other devices are proving to be more effective; such as needles that don't "prick" but give the skin (nerves within it) a harmless jolt of electricity.

Some Far East doctors claim that the ancients found hundreds of "points" on the super-sensitive human body, which can be pricked to produce definite effects on vital body organs. But Soviet research has now narrowed this down to about 100 useful "points" (see "chart" here).
What "effects" can you get by going

after these points?

Most often, relief of pain.

But in some illnesses, when the pain goes the affected body organs (especially muscles, joint, nerves) may actually be restored to health, at least for weeks, or months.

Major benefits are achieved in ailments involving the nerves, such as neuritis, neuralgia, radiculitis, some kinds of arthritis.

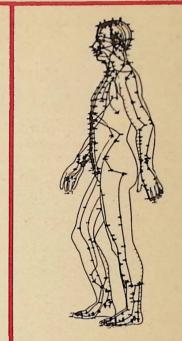
In acupuncture you don't go after "where it hurts". You find a supersensitive "point"; stimulate that; reflex action quiets the hurt (which may be in a distant place).

New Soviet methods are now getresults in migraine ting good headaches, bronchial asthma, stimulating mothers' breasts to increase milk, flow, sexual deficiencies (impotence in men), as well as "pain relief".

In the Western world acupuncture was introduced by Berlioz, some 160 years ago. It became a "fad" (just as it did here). But then it fell into disrepute, mainly because of ridiculous cure-all claims made by folk-doctors in China.

Now, however, this reflex-therapy has a sound basis: strictly for treating ills related to the nervous system. and that covers a very broad field of human ailments!

Especially since pain is the main problem with many diseases.



#### In some cases Acupuncture can save lives

Soviet doctors have used acupuncture systematically for some 20 years (see NN's earlier Report No. 924, 20c). Naturally, treatments that do away with pain are the most dramatic, from patients' viewpoint. But in some cases - women giving birth by Cesarean section - using needles in place of drugs can actually save a life (the

In other operations, where anesthetics can be dangerous, acupuncture is widely used in USSR. Now it is gaining favor as a method to relieve pain after surgery.

Lately, in USSR and other countries, a new "theory" is being studied. This is based on the fact that needle-pricks, at certain points, cause nerves to "activate" the pituitary gland ... which in turn releases pain-killing substances within the brain itself.

Perhaps the biggest advance so far is a new Soviet instrument which can detect the "sensitive spots" linked to the patient's ailment. For example: this device, placed on the ear-lobe, will "signal" remarkably when a person has the painful nerve ailment plexitis. In other words, the instrument can diagnose, as well as "locate the spot" where treatment will be effective.

Soviet specialists also stress that acupuncture is useless in many ailments, and dangerous in some. They prohibit its use in cancer patients; in young children and elderly persons; and in infectious diseases.

Another major Soviet advance is the

elimination of needles, or electric shocks, in favor of laser rays.

These amazing light-beams can be made extremely small. They "prick" for millionths of a second. They do not really enter the skin at all, and so are absolutely sterile.

Besides, some surgeons find that by applying laser "pricks" at very small points on the ear they can almost eliminate pain during operations on the chest or abdomen; at least, laserpricks reduce the amount of anesthetic needed.

There is new optimism, too, in using this laser-reflex device to treat ulcer patients: those whose problem is linked with nervous tension. And the same applies to arthritis of the kind that "flares up" under stressful conditions.

Except in specific cases (like cancer) reflex-therapy today shows great promise because it is very safe, compared to drugs.

What's more, nearly all patients can be treated in clinics, and may go home or to work immediately.

The situation in general you can see from what Dr. Durinyan told NN: research is proceeding rapidly at the new Institute, but in addition, the treatments they've already perfected are going to be introduced widely across the Soviet Union. And foreign specialists will be kept fully informed

So ... perhaps we too will be taking our needles scientifically?

# **Death in the News**

If you sometimes feel that press, radio and TV are lying to you, you could be more right about that than you think.

Frankly, this isn't a very pleasant subject.
But because of some new facts that have come to light, you may welcome this NN Report, aimed at keeping you better informed than ever.

You'll remember that early this year New York Times created a stir by revealing names of CIA officials who paid many reporters and editors to publish lying "news", both at home and in foreign papers.

At the time, media bosses said they were shocked by the disclosures. Eugene Patterson, president of American Society of Newspaper editors, said the CIA payoffs "brought shame on the American press."

That attitude didn't last long. Soon Kirkpatrick, editor of Chicago Tribune, told Congress not to probe the scandal too far ... "the CIA is a vital instrument of our national policy."

Most shocking to leftists and liberals was the confession by Myers, publisher of the "liberal" New Republic, that he himself had been a top CIA agent in Indonesia, organising coups that killed millions in 1949-1965.

Said he: "the relationship between the CIA and the American press has been of value to both parties."

You should note that Myers has long used New Republic as a means to spread anti-Soviet "news" and reports.

One of the CIA's most "renowned" directors, William Colby, warned Congress not to stop the spy-agency from using the media. (Colby was responsible for the ghastly "Operation

Phoenix", in which 40,000 Vietnamese men and women perished.)

But some congressmen, such as Edward Boland, did express the public's view: CIA use of the media strikes "the very heart of a press, its impartiality and credibility."

What came out of all this?

The media gave the public a badly distorted picture: as if CIA used the press only to help its spy work. Actually, its agents in the media did little spying. Their job was (and is) to feed press, radio and TV with anti-Socialism falsehoods in the guise of genuine news.

CIA's "special ability" is to twist anti-Socialism of all kinds, so that it "comes out" as defense of rights, freedoms, democracy. In recent years this has been done by paying off many outstanding media writers, who supply editors with a stream of first-hand "reports" on the Soviet Union, the Socialist countries in Europe, Third World nations turning towards Socialism, and African, Asian, Latin American countries that oppose USA's policies in the United Nations.

It must be said that not all CIA agents are happy about this public deception policy. A long book The Armies of Ignorance, by the highly-placed official William Corson, gives a shocking inside picture of how lies are used to influence even the USA President.

Or, still worse: Corson at times indicates that *presidents themselves* may encourage CIA in carrying out "black operations" against the public.

In the light of these revelations, most people have "forgotten" the main propaganda center: United States Information Agency (USIA). It has spent 4,000 million dollars of tax-payer's money influencing the media.

The record of CIA and USIA is now all too evident: since World War Two, wherever war has threatened or broken out, these gigantic forces have pumped the media full of news favoring the aggressor.

And, as a "subsidiary effort", they have organized the idea war against Socialism. Thus the so-called "dissident movement" in USSR was a CIA-USIA creation from start to finish—actually a tiny group of discontents, willing to take dollars for spreading hatred of Socialism.



#### Now scientists reveal sickening role played by media in murders

You realize, of course, that some people defend the media for accepting CIA-USIA falsehoods ... anything goes, in the fight against Socialism.

But remember, media lying is not done out of patriotism, it's done for cold cash payments.

Just how far our media apply the profit system is being disclosed now by scientific researches. These are grim enough to make the front page ... but you never see them.

 Four years ago appeared the first study showing that suicides, when given full publicity by the media, at once cause more suicides carried out by terrible accidents (cars).  Thus, more sensational news is created — and the more publicity, the more deaths for the front pages.

• Further researches have now been made, into airplane crashes; reports in Science Vol. 21, P 748.

 After every big news story about a suicide there is a sharp increase in suicides and murders carried out by deliberately crashing planes.

 Shocking fact: you can even predict that three days after the media play up a horror accident, killings in aircraft accidents will take place!

• And the more publicity given to horrors, the more deaths follow.

And the better the news sells.

Believe it or not: sociologists now have mathematical formulas that calculate how many people will die after the media "give the works" to gruesome accidents.

It is interesting now to recall that for many years Western editors and reporters have called the press in Socialism "not free ... not acting in the public interest", because murders and accidents are not published at all where the media are owned by the people, operated non-profit.

Maybe Socialism knew something all along... that gruesome stories disturb unstable people.

And make fast bucks for publishers.

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"Have used regular size stamps 'Make Jobs, Not War!' for a long time, when I got large size I liked them so much I decided to order 20 sheets (360 stamps). They have your address on them and anybody who agrees with the message will know where to get them. The Soviet film Ascent which NN described has been playing in Toronto at International Cinema." W.N.

"We were in Czechoslovakia again. Like to tell you how well dressed and well fed the people are. Visited some private homes. Spent 21 wonderful days at a health spa. Private room, many treatments, doctors, etc. Came out rejuvenated. Where in our world of plenty could I get all that for \$44 a day? Plus free symphony concerts daily!" N.D.

"As a medical worker I would like to draw NN's attention to the remarkable effect of the world-wide campaign to eliminate smallpox. I am familiar with the opponents of vaccination in our part of the world, but I think they should carefully review their attitude. Here we have not been threatened with smallpox for a long time, but until recently millions died of this dreadful disease. Only world wide vaccination was able to eliminate the scourge, and, literally, save millions from death, or lifelong illness. All NN Readers should take satisfaction from knowing that Soviet doctors were in large part responsible for getting WHO to tackle smallpox everywhere. At that time not many doctors thought it could ever be exterminated. USSR sent hundreds of millions of doses of vaccine, free, to many nations. This is a great victory for two things: medical science and medicine organized for public good." E.G.L.

"I have started to mail copies (or pages) of NN to editors of different papers and also radio stations. I send them things which contradict what they say in running down the Soviet Union, etc. From what I heard about one man (who talked to people about one magazine I sent him) I now believe that some of these people who talk so anti Socialism are really just poorly informed. I would propose that a lot of NN Readers do this kind of thing. It won't work on the worst types, who know they are lying, but it will help to make some good people think before they talk." G.M.

"Your articles against China have turned me against you. I have not shown NN to anyone since they appeared." L.K.

"One of the best things you have done in all years of publishing is the way you came out and exposed the traitors in Peking when most people were still waving the 'Little Red Book' of Mao. Now everybody can see that the Chinese are wholeheartedly on the side of USA, Chile, South Africa and Israel. Where are all those hippy youth now, who told us Mao was 'The Red Sun' itself? Let us have more of NN's fine reports on what really goes on inside China." L.F.T. Note: New report you see in next NN.

"Program '60 Minutes' headed by Mike Wallace had the subject of 5000 older people who left USA for Poland. Most of them on pensions, but also many young people are now going to Socialist Poland for education they can't afford in USA. When Mike asked several if they would be going back to USA: without exception they said they wouldn't. Said they never felt so free, no worries. Anybody can walk the streets unafraid of being mugged or raped." A.M.

"Before reading NN, anti-socialist propaganda had influenced my thinking. I can now see the difference between truth and falsehood." O.N.

"Thanks for all NN's efforts in tearing the masks off reaction. 'Sell Our Future For Peanuts?' is just great. So mail me another 8 copies please." E.H.

"I am enjoying my first subscription copy of NN. Previously I got copies from a friend. Keep up the good work!" S.K.

"NN is great. I try to get each copy into the hands of others. I was in the Soviet Union 23 days. Nothing ever thrilled me more than to see the **future** being accomplished by those invincible people!" A.K.

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"Have to admit NN is tops. Brief in every respect yet getting over the worthwhile information. Thanks for your attitude to Readers. Here's renewal for 3 years." S.P.

"NN is one of our great weapons against the enemies of mankind and civilization. Keep it up!" F.A. (Portugal)

"Would like to tell about the trip NN organized, to Sochi. Wonderful experience. We were treated extremely nice. Benefits I got from Matesta baths was very good. I went there using a cane (arthritis) but didn't need it when I left. Hope to go next year again. Would like to stay there a month and bring my two grandchildren, to go to a camp." S.P.

"In September NN in article on Zionism you mention 'oppressive anti-intelligence doctrines of Judaism'. It is therefore apparent that you equate Judaism with Zionism. This is the concept which reactionary Zionism tries to promote. Formulation which appeared in NN is an insult to Jews in the Soviet Union and everywhere who believe in Socialism." M.D.

Reply: Sorry it looked that way to you. NN wasn't equating Judaism and Zionism, but pointing out that in USSR vast majority of Jews do not accept Judaism. Long ago Karl Marx, and later Lenin, fully exposed reactionary teachings of Judaism, which degrades women and exalts many primitive "biblical" beliefs. Millions of Christians accept Socialism, but that does not make Christianity a progressive faith ... and we're not insulting Christians by telling it like it is.

"According to (enclosed) news clipping USA all along predicted a bumper crop in USSR this past year ('78). They can shove that yarn! Only a couple of months ago I sent you a similar clipping in which CIA claimed things were going bad again for Soviet farmers." G.F.C.

"I wish our local Public Library would buy the book 'War Correspondence of Stalin' advertised in September NN (two volumes 692 pages, \$10.60). But I can't afford to. Sincerest good wishes." A.P.

Note: Maybe some Readers could do that? Books would be very welcome by many serious readers interested in history.

"Only thing wrong with NN is that it's not big enough. Praise the Lord, we may be able to see great changes soon!" J.C.

"Everybody who reads **NN** should get a copy of the health magazine *Prevention*, the September issue. It has not one but two very good articles about a trip their editor took to Soviet Union, looking at their natural health treatments and so on. They make some very favorable comments. Some things they say are critical. What gave me the biggest surprise is that he says people's clothing is so good over there that they 'appear to be better off than the *Americantsi*.' He also says their gardens, colorful clothes, beautiful umbrellas, make a city lovely. This is a fine report from a traveller and I believe over a million people will read it." **W.S.** 

# Ending their year with good news

A 15-YEAR OLD VOCATIONAL-SCHOOL STUDENT, Vitaly Petrovsky of Baranovichi (in Byelorussia) has come up with a revolutionary invention that astonishes the world's bridge-building engineers. Day-dreaming in class, Vitaly remembered his favorite river, the Myshanka, which has an unusually swift current (no one can swim it). In five minutes he sketched his idea: device to use flow-power of rivers to swing bridges open for passage of ships. Not only does it need no other power, but device is very simple in practice, and very cheap. Invited to "lecture" to Institute of Railway Engineers, Vitaly couldn't see over the lectern, they had to get him a stool. First full-size bridge is now being built. Models are on display in Moscow.

PRODUCTION PLAN FOR FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 1977 was fulfilled by Soviet working men and women. As a result, industrial output in USSR doubled in 10 years. It took USA 16 years to achieve that increase . . . sure sign that Soviet people will soon overtake United States.

TRADE UNIONS OF USSR ARE NOT SATISFIED with the fact that "only" some 11,800,000 youngsters were able to go to vacation camps in past summer. True, it's giant increase from 389,000 who made it out of cities, back in 1938, at start of this Union effort. Also, 2,000,000 more boys and girls got to camps compared to 1974. Not good enough. So Unions, Young Communist League, Ministries of Education and Health, have joined to plan an all-out drive to guarantee every Soviet child a summer away from home-and-school. These vacations are either free, or below-cost, depending on family income.

MANY NEW JOBS OPENING UP IN MOVIES, in Socialism. Just the nation's most famous studio, Mosfilm, will be hiring thousands more, to make 70 full feature films yearly in place of 47 this year. Same with all other studios. In 1977, despite TV's popularity, Soviet people bought more than 4,000 million tickets to film showings. And every year millions more people in other countries are filling theatres that show USSR films.

PEOPLE CAN STILL BEAT COMPUTERS, as workers on gigantic (world's biggest, by far) power dam proved. First two generators (640,000 KW each) at Sayano-Shushenskaya Hydro Station (on Yenesei River, Siberia) were scheduled by computer to start up not sooner than March 1979. Workers on job decided to get power flowing before New Year's Eve. They did it, Worked out a new system so generators would operate when power dam water-level reached only 180 feet (375 feet when finished). Project chief Sadovsky put it simply: "Computers are excellent at thinking logically, but they have no human emotions, lack a feeling of optimism.

"SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS" LEADER, Rev. Robert Pierson (President of General Conference of this "fundamentalist" sect) has visited USSR and said that he was greatly impressed. He attended services in Kiev and Odessa. Freedom of Adventists contradicts flood of anti-Soviet slanders which sect has spread in Canada and USA. Will they apologize now?

BUMPER GRAIN HARVEST IN SOVIET UNION this autumn led to some remarkable records. In Kazakh Republic (home of famous "Virgin Lands") farmers regularly cut and threshed 195,000 acres of wheat daily. Rice farmers took in an average of 3,800 pounds per acre, all by machinery.

AFTER TWO YEARS IN CANADA, checking on Soviet tractors at work on our farmlands, Fyodor Gerasenkov is back home. He told workers at Belarus plant that their big (200 HP) job is proving to be much better than popular Versatile tractor. Only 300 of these large models were available for Canadian dealers, and all sold rapidly.

DOWN IN UKRAINIAN VILLAGE OF KALINOVE a big hunting club arranged for breeding of pheasants. Like nearly everything in Socialism, it's a people's organization; everybody wants in; so they have to do things big. The program has gone so well that in 1979 they'll release 100,000 pheasants into farmlands. And this is an historic change: for first time ever, ban on hunting the birds will be lifted ... entire Dnipropetrovsky Region will from then on be "pheasant country".

A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME SHOWS IN LITHUANIA: in this Soviet Republic farmers have been quick to apply machinery in dairy and stock farming. They've done so well that in per-capita production of meat and milk they have over-taken USA, Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden and West Germany, all long recognized as leaders in meat-milk agriculture.

SOVIET YOUTH DIDN'T HAVE POWER-BOATS, until recently, so they didn't go for water skiing. But no sooner did they try it than they fell for it. For first time ever, they had a team in European Championships. Surprise: 15-yearold Natalya Rumyantseva from Dubna (near Moscow) won the under-17 title. Soviet team came 5th. World's first space-man, Yuri Gagarin, was first to popularize water skiing in USSR.

NN's brief "clips" from reports in papers across Soviet Union

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HOUSING BOOM IN SOCIALISM ROLLS ON, and in 1978 they've averaged 30,000 Soviet families moving into new or modernized apartments each day. The nation picks up the tab, and people are charged what amounts to only service fees, instead of rent.

FIRST OF USSR'S 3,000 VOLCANOES, out in Kamchatka, is now being harnessed. Its "fuel" is four cubic miles of super-hot lava (underground). So it will power the turbines of a 1,000,000 KW electric station for about 200 years. Besides, it will warm an enormous reservoir for growing choice salmon. This water will also heat a whole city. And that includes the roads! So there'll be no more snow-plowing.

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, 40 big tanker-ships will have delivered to USA plants their cargo of Soviet ammonia (for fertilizer). These are first deliveries of history's biggest ever buy-sell: between Occidental Petroleum and USSR. It runs for 20 years and total value is 20,000 million dollars.

ATOMIC POWER STATION AT NOVO-VORONEZH just finished 14 years of trouble-free operation. In that time it delivered to Socialism 40,000 million kilo-watts of electricity. Which means that it replaced 240,000 big railway cars of coal . . . thus saving people from that amount of coal-burner pollution ... and the exhaust fumes from coal-trains ... and illnesses of coal miners.

THIS WAS BIG YEAR FOR SOVIET CHESS. Not only did Karpov win (hold) world title, but Sergei Dolmatov took the World Junior crown, and Maya Chiburdanidze became youngest ever Woman Champ, at ... age 17!

NEXT MONTH COMES SOVIET CENSUS, first since 1970. About 260,000,000 citizens have to be "counted" Starts January 17, lasts 8 days. Getting ready: 600,000 ennumerators, 110,000 supervisors. Latter will also make a full check on January 27-31. Then the figures go to 29 big computer centers.

YOU DIDN'T SEE IT IN OUR PAPERS, but a world-wide experiment took place this past autumn. USSR, USA, India, Pakistan and Italy worked together to set off gigantic explosions, far apart, deep in Pamir and Himalaya mountains. Wealth of new knowledge, related to earthquakes, was obtained in 12 terrific blasts, timed to onethousandth second accuracy. First time ever, scientists got information of deep layers of Earth's crust, mantle.

BOYS OF YESTERYEAR WOULDN'T MEASURE UP to teen-agers of today. No use arguing: comparing many height-weight records of youngsters in 1880's, and today, both boys and girls now average 9 inches taller, at age 15, and 42 pounds heavier. Records in Czarist times and Soviet figures are numerous, accurate. Grandpa-Grandma just weren't in the competition.

CAPITALISM IS SLIPPING? When Finland's engineers studied Nuclear Power Plant bids from Westinghouse and Soviet firm, they gave contract to USSR, in spite of Westinghouse bidding 20 percent less. Reason: design of Soviet plant, proven in use, is *superior*. Somebody mentioned ... "technological backwardness"?

NEWEST SPORTS CONTESTS in Socialism are called "A thousand against a thousand". That many athletes, in big industrial plants, compete against each other. To belong to these clubs costs ... 40 cents a year.

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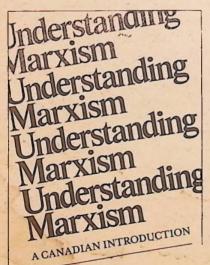
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