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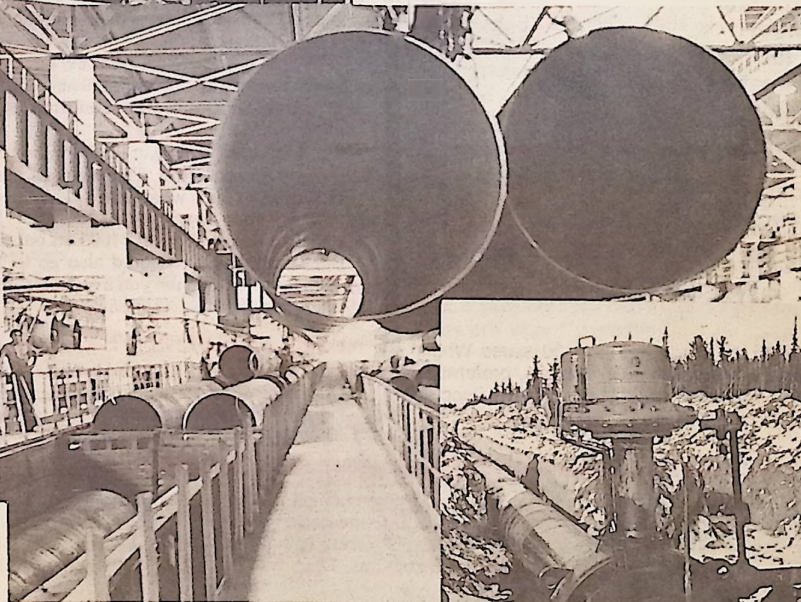
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Peace — Work — Freedom — Equality — Friendship — Health & Happiness for all Peoples!



This May Day millions in USSR take pride in pipe-line workers: those who make the pipes and those who are laying 36,000 miles of main-line systems now. USA's ridiculous effort to "stop" Soviet gas-lines running to fuel-starved Europe has been pathetic. To speed the gas to the West, millions of European workers will get jobs making steel and pipes. But Soviet workers can do it themselves if need be, as you see here. Only big loser is the USA itself: lost orders.



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I DON'T ENJOY SPREADING THE GLOOM

You know how fashionable it is right now, to look ahead into the economic fog that gets thicker every day. Even the rightest of all right papers have finally agreed that our Free Enterprise system doesn't seem to be working for workers, farmers, middle-class people or Capitalists.

You've got it, there. When the profit system *fails to deliver profits*, then who are you going to blame? Unemployed workers? Bankrupt farmers? Executives panicked into looking for welfare offices? Editors today can't even fall back on blaming those Rooshians.

To fit all these gloom-spreaders into the fact-picture of scientific Socialism, I suggest that you read Page-9 first, then go back to Page 4.

Then, later, to get feeling good again, you can look over Housing (P-10-11), Youth at work (P-14-15), Workers in control (P-6-7), and wind up with some Socialist Holiday Spirit (P-5).

But take a break from economics. For digestion's sake, try facing the Big Debate over *Meat versus Vegetables*.

NOW FOR A QUESTION VERY PERSONAL

As you surely know, quite a few NN Readers are people with "some money". They earned it the hard way and, naturally, don't want to lose it (before Socialism arrives!).

A group of these Readers have asked me what they should do with... *their gold*.

Friends, if I could answer them for sure, I'd be the country's newest millionaire!

But all I can do is *pass on* the seemingly intelligent and caution opinions of several top-flight "precious metals advisors".

If you have gold (or gold shares) *now*, not having sold out last year when the metal was away up, *don't sell now* at the bottom — *that's the classic way to lose your money*. Hold it and the price will probably start back up this coming autumn.

But don't start buying in the hope that gold is going to take off and rocket skywards from now on. The financial odds are *against that*.

However. (This is what experts call "hedging"!.) In spite of that, there are experts who see Reaganomics hurling us back into ruinous inflation. If that happens, gold could go to \$1000 an ounce rapidly.

But remember: you could also go to Las Vegas and play somebody's system that would make you a million over the weekend. If you do go, let us all know, *we'd love to watch!*

NEVER MIND THE WEATHER, IT'S A GREAT SPRING!

Looks as if the All World demonstration, in New York (United Nations), on Saturday June 12, will be the *biggest in history*.

Do everything you can to get there yourself, or convince others to go!

NN's Quote of the Month: "I often appeal for peace and disarmament on Parliament (Britain). When Soviet peace initiatives are discussed some of my parliamentary colleagues have doubt as to the sincerity of the USSR. My answer in such cases is: the West should agree to serious talks with the East. Then we shall see who is sincere in matters of peace. Unlike the Western powers, not one Soviet person receives a single rouble profit from the manufacture of arms. The Soviet people, we made certain of that, genuinely want peace."
Lord Brockway.

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Better not step on those flowers!



Often in world folk-lore you come across the idea that *plants feel like people*. After ridiculing this for many years, biologists are now **paying attention**. New discoveries may revolutionize our understanding of *plant growth*.

You've no doubt heard of the USA investigator Clive Buxter, whose chance discoveries led him to believe that plants behave much like humans ... *maybe they are vegetable-people?*

Strangely, Buxter's early experiments showed that plants, connected to super-sensitive devices to measure electricity, showed **strong reactions** when nearby humans were injured, upset, or threatening.

One philodendron became electrically excited when one man came near ... the man who had broken another plant the day before.

Buxter's reports (in book form) were given tremendous publicity in USA. Promoters chose to overlook the scientific record — back in 1953 Dr. Ivan Gunar, of the famous Timiryazev Agricultural Academy in Moscow, had revealed the **beginning** of research on "plant feelings".

Indeed, if Buxter had only checked with Gunar, a lot of his "mysteries" would have cleared up at once.

Mainly because, as Gunar proved, "signals" inside plants travel **much slower** than nerve-reactions in Man.

A root will signal a leaf, after it's been watered, at a speed of 10 to 15 meters *per hour*. While a root that is injured will signal the plant as a whole at a speed of 70 to 100 meters *per hour*.

So when testing any plant for its "sensitivity", you must allow considerable time before any reaction will appear; no such thing as a "knee-jerk" reaction that is very high speed in humans and other animals.

Slower they may be, to react, but Dr. Gunar has proved that plants have five "senses" like ours.

They can "see". Light, indeed, supplies them with the energy needed for growth. Too much light exhausts plants, putting them into a state of shock.

Now biologists realize that "Plant Electricity" is very powerful

Long confused by arguments about plants having "souls", the *truth* about the *nerve-like activity* of growing things is now attracting hundreds of researchers.

Fact is, plants are **much closer** to animals than science ever imagined up to now.

And many responses of plants are **quite fast** (fractions of a second). Darwin himself reported that the famed "Venus Fly-Trap" plant responded to insects so rapidly that it must use *some form of electricity*.

Unfortunately, botanists of that day ridiculed Darwin, and thus put their science back a hundred years.

The Mimosa plant fascinated Chinese observers many centuries ago. Today we know the Mimosa responds very fast to heat-and-cold, cuts, burns, light, even barometric pressure. These reactions travel through the plant by means of **electrical impulses**.

The speed of such impulses can be very fast, as in the Trigger Plant (Australia). When touched, this plant swings its "whip" through half-a-circle in *one hundredth of a second*, thus clobbering any insect ... "purpose" is to spread the plant's pollen that way.

Plants can "hear". Soviet research proves that many plants react definitely to **music**. A flute will speed up the growth of wheat. Violins make cherry trees bloom faster. Various sound stimulate rice and tobacco plants. But music, or noise, *harms* carnations. Other flowers, too, may be spoiled if kept near a radio or TV.

Even trees respond to music and other sounds, usually by increased growth. Tree seeds germinate faster in noisy locations.

(As you see, the opportunity for *doing research and experimenting*, on your own, is wide open).

Dr. Gunar has a theory about all this. He says plants react to any stimulation which they have experienced for millions of years during evolution. Like the countless sounds of nature. Maybe the **biggest** plants developed in the **noisiest** places? Anyway, to this day, tomatoes and marrows *grow bigger* if you serenade them with enough music.

Plants can "taste". This sense is put to important geological use in USSR today: thus **nickel** is found because **anemones** like its "flavor" in the ground. And the Manchurian alder tree appears to be very fond of whatever taste **diamonds** give to the soil.

Plants can "feel". Charles Darwin did much research on the amazing sensitivity some plants exhibit when they're touched by infinitely small objects.

Plants can "smell". Trees, bushes and field crops are used in USSR as "detectors" of pollution, around industrial cities, replacing expensive chemical instruments.

Plants can even "feel each other". Called **allelopathy**, this plant sense makes ivy very bad for other plants, while oats and maple trees are very "friendly".

Very important plant organs are the **stomata** of leaves. They let gases and water-vapor in and out. Recently it's been found that stomata are extremely sensitive to light, carbon dioxide, moisture.

Apparently, **electrical currents** power these reactions. They can travel far and fast: if you "wound" a tomato plant, a "shock" travels at high speed to all the leaves ... *this closes the stomata to conserve water*.

Now the question is seriously raised: are these electrical signals isolated, or are they all linked together in a *nervous system*, as in animals? Some scientists think *water* and *food cell-chains* in plants perform this role of nervous system.

But lately other studies have shown that a "wounded" plant "flashes" signals to speed up the **production of protein**, and this must be done on some "network".

This much is for sure: study of the "feelings" of plants is away behind the general level of Science, and we're bound to see very important advances soon.

What's at stake is a *revolution* in the cultivation and development of all our Earth's useful plants.

Capitalism: waiting for the roof to fall in

Look past the "headline crises" to foresee the bust that's on the way

The astonishing crisis brought on by Argentina seizing the Falklands caught the world by surprise. Millions began to wonder if there's any sense in trying to find which way international affairs will go.

You'd be wise to keep foremost in mind that major basic changes in World Capitalism are behind all crises.

For over 10 years the system has been *slowing down*. And by 1980, the *conflicts* between all capitalist nations began to sharpen. This confirmed Lenin's discovery that our system develops *unevenly*. One or another country pulls ahead of its rivals, only to drop back as profits shift the other way.

You see this vividly in the way both Britain and USA have lost ground — for nearly 20 years *their share in "free world" output* has been heading *downwards*.

And everyone is becoming aware that Japan's "uneven development" has been one way: **strongly upward**. When USA, West Germany, Britain, Canada, Italy, France, all kept on sliding towards depression.

Imagine Argentina defying Britain!

While the USSR certainly didn't warn that a very weak nation like Argentina was about to go for expansion, still Soviet analysts have *repeatedly* pointed out that the Less Developed Countries are inevitably going to exert powerful influences on world affairs.

If only because *their share in industrial output has shot up by 50 percent* in just 30 years.

And these countries have gained economic strength by *remarkable increase in trade with Socialism*.

These facts exactly fit the Argentina picture.

But look closer. Many of the LDC's are producing and selling *more*, right at a time when major capitalist countries have a "*crisis of over-production*".

You can't exaggerate the importance of this if you like to keep your views ahead of the news.

"Over-production", as you no doubt know, goes right back to Karl Marx and his forecasts of the economic disease that will eventually kill Capitalism. Time and again, "free enterprise" has produced far more than the population can buy (even though they *need* cars, houses, clothes, food).

Not handwriting, but headlines on the wall

Latest economic studies give no facts to show that *sales* of basic goods are going to come anywhere near *production*, any time soon, in any major capitalist country. Even if you disregard the black cloud of *inflation*, here's what you see:

- Steel, foundation of industry, suffers worsening over-production . . . who needs it?
- Bankruptcies, the ultimate "judgment" on rulers of Capitalism, are multiplying at a disaster rate.
- "Welfare", last resort of people discarded by our system, is being strained by the first-ever rush of middle-class families becoming destitute.
- The youth, sole hope of any system, dare not be included in unemployment totals because tens of millions of Capitalism's boys and girls are unwanted.

The "analysts" of Capitalism — right up to the world's best economics observers in the United Nations — do not find in the facts any prospect for recovery. On the contrary, because of *overproduction*, high levels of *unemployment* are coming out of the computers *through the year 1990*, and nobody is asking past there.

In USA, the "Left" (if you include the Trade Unions) sees in Reaganism the enemy of a prosperous system. In Canada, voters are turning from the Liberals to the Tories for a way out of our closed factories, mines, mills, refineries. These popular trends prove only one thing: the people still put their faith in Capitalism, and look for a politician-messiah to lead the way out of . . . Over-Production.

Prescribing aspirins for cancer

Reagan promised that if he gave billions to the rich, they'd expand production and employ the jobless. But with factories running at **70 percent capacity**, who is crazy enough to build new ones?

Now advisors point out that Reagan's Recession (getting on to a year old) is *the first for 60 years* to grip USA *just a year* after the previous downturn "ended".

Doctors use words like **chronic**. Or **malignant**.

In which case they don't reach for aspirins.

Well, you must admit that some of Capitalism's best "doctors" are telling it to us straight.

The Governor of our Bank of Canada says flatly that the patient has to *lower its standard of living*. Don't hope that Capitalism can restore prosperity.

The Economic Commission for Europe (United Nations economists) reveals developments that "*pave the way to a depression*".

Can you hear Karl Marx reading aloud? When you have enormous un-used production facilities, Capitalism cannot possibly (and never did) get the system running again in high gear.

They never lost faith before

If you are anxious to fit *inflation* into this scene, your best bet is to use the Soviet view. Inflation is making the crisis of World Capitalism *much worse*.

It's a new vicious circle: recession leads nations to "prescribe" the inflation-aspirin; inflation then cuts purchasing-power more, thus worsening the basic evil of over-production.

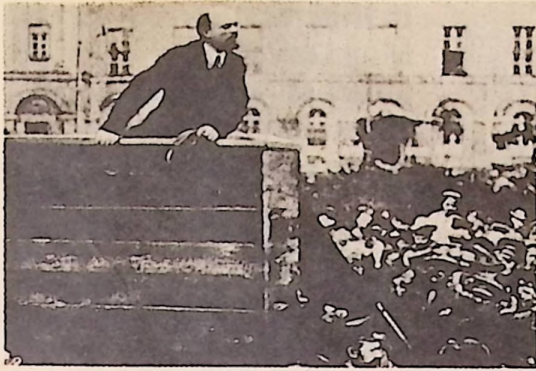
This is why that forbidden word Depression is creeping into new forecasts ever more often. Some time ago, a great many capitalists became sceptical of the Boom promised by Reaganomics. Today, they no longer laugh if someone forecasts that *Capitalism's roof will fall in*.

But something else not even Marx could foresee . . .

Socialism, with **no inflation**, **no recession**, is out there.

In this Month of May Day hundreds of millions of working people (beyond North America) have taken over the **Faith in our Future** which once belonged to Capitalism. And this is Faith in Socialism, which works.

You might like to read, or re-read our prophetic Report, "**Inflation Into Depression**", described on Page-17.



The meaning of May Day

Except where the working-people are brain-washed by their rulers — as here in North America — the First of May is recognized around the world as the militant people's holiday, a day for celebrating both the power of the workers and their victory in the lands of Socialism.

On one sense you can look upon May Day as the Day of Marx. Marx made the discovery that changed human history, when he proved that Capitalism, by rapidly expanding the new industrial working-class, had created the only economic and political force that could and would overthrow the profit system.

Marx (with Engels) showed that it is impossible to "reform" Capitalism, since the system exists by forcing millions to labor for the profit of a few. This is *exploiting* the vast majority for the *enrichment* of a minority holding power, and so it is not sensible to speak of "humanising" Capitalism — *the very motive of the system is anti-human*.

Marx and Engels proclaimed this to the world in their *Communist manifesto* of 1848. Today, just 134 years later — a very short time in mankind's 5,000 year history — workers have succeeded in overthrowing Capitalism and they march by the millions on May Day, their day of happiness through the victory of Socialism.

However, May Day does not "belong" to Marx alone.

After he and Engels died (before 1900) Capitalism began to change radically. "Free enterprise" was replaced by Monopoly Capitalism. Major nations became *imperialist*. They "took up the sword" to colonialize vast areas of our Earth, and then to make war against each other.

In that period, when Capitalism expanded tremendously, and became rich enough to bribe skilled workers and "labor" politicians, the discoveries of Marx did not answer fully the new situation's problems.

Many working-class leaders openly deserted Marxism, forming all kinds of "labor" and "democratic socialist" parties, in order to sell workers the illusion of humanising Monopoly Capitalism. Socialism was attacked everywhere as an impossible dream.

"In the course of the struggle," said Lenin, "great revolutions bring great men to the forefront." He was praising Marx. But soon the struggle revealed that it was he, Lenin, whom history would make great.

Lenin became both the prophet and leader of Scientific Socialism, which originated with Marx, and which soon came to be known as Leninism.

This approach to our world is *scientific* because it examines facts, truth, the real state-of-affairs. For example, studying Monopoly Capitalism, Lenin proved with facts that the system would inevitably *compel* mankind to replace it with a system capable of ending the evils of exploitation and war . . . with Socialism.

But *how* would mankind achieve this?

Lenin broke decisively with all those who fooled themselves by hoping for an easy way out. Such a way out of Capitalism is called *Utopian*. From Sir Thomas Moore's dreamland *Utopia*, dating back to 1500.

Leninism, because it is scientific, is *revolutionary*. Only *total change* in our economic, political and social life can eliminate Monopoly Capitalism.

Utopians often attack Capitalism, explain it clearly. But Marxism-Leninism holds that *explaining* the world is not enough . . . we must *transform* it for Man's good.

Lenin forever stressed that scientific truths are of no practical value for mankind if they remain discoveries *on paper*. They must be *carried out in action*.

This, as the whole world knows, was done by the peoples of the Soviet Union. They took the almighty power of the working-class, "on paper", and transformed it from theory into *political action, revolution*.

That's why Soviet people look upon May First as the Day of Marx and Lenin.

Talking to Soviet workers you will find that they have another way of looking at this.

Leninism, they say, is Marxism of *today*, when the workers have proved they are capable of overthrowing Capitalism and building a totally different world, Socialism.

But for them, *today* is only a point-of-departure for *tomorrow, the Future*. Ever since the Soviet Revolution in 1917 they've been *planning*, and *arriving at their ever-brightening Future*.

However, workers who march for the Future on May Day remain scientifically realistic.

The incredible waste of human resources on preparations for war is becoming evident to all peoples on Earth. This May Day, as never before, the Soviet working-class will be telling the world the truth-of-truths: when the menace of war is ended, mankind will unleash forces to create a **Future of unimaginable good**.

Before our eyes the historic struggle of the working-class against Monopoly Capitalism is broadening into humanity's struggle against the warmakers. But it is inevitable that this struggle is being led by the peoples of the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries.

This is a new meaning of May Day that is penetrating the minds of *hundreds of millions of people*.

Marching for May Day, the working-class of Socialism is **marching for Peace**.

Having abolished Capitalism, and eliminated the profit motive, Socialism has removed from human society the very need for war.

Socialism is the system that needs Peace.

This need has become the need of Mankind. When you look at that, you'll see how much closer the Future has come.



In this month of workers' May Day Holiday it's interesting to see how workers manage things when they own everything.

IT'S THEIR PLANT



In this big oil refinery near Moscow the Trade Union maintains strictest control over pollution.



In this area, outside the plant, workers can get just about any service. Dining-halls supply take-home dinners. Department store. Post office. Services like laundromats and repair shops. Entertainment centre. It's planned to reduce the time spent on "chores" after work.



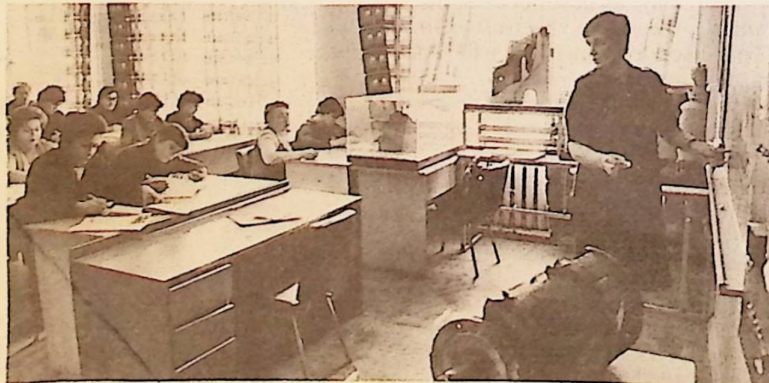
Dr. Anna Akopskaya works for the Union. Right on work floors. Main aim is illness prevention.



Control area for automatic gasoline-blending. Galina Ivanova got this highly-paid job when her mother retired. Never has been any discrimination against women in Socialism, and their pay fully equals the men's.



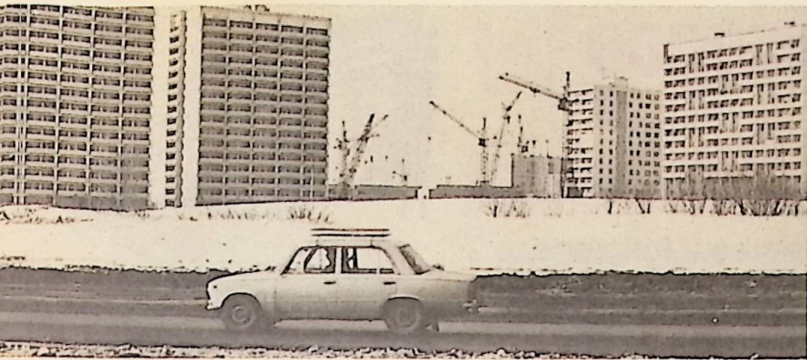
All work clothes are supplied at no charge.



Excepting work dangerous (biologically) to women, every job is open to them. Here oil plant workers are taking a compulsory re-training course, to raise skill and wages.



On Union proposal, management built a fine swimming pool using a big water-cooling tower that was no longer required.



All this new housing is reserved for workers at this plant. Eventual aim in all cities is to have housing close to work, simplifying transport and saving people's time.



Vladimir and Olga Khlyupins are having his parents for dinner, to celebrate moving into apartment. Rent is just under 3 percent of family budget.



Young workers have many performing groups for their own theatre, and this song-and-dance troupe is very popular.



Plant has its own music school where youngsters get best tuition at no charge. If they're good, there is no limit to their musical future, and talent scouts regularly attend factory performances.



Plant greenhouse keeps the place always flowering.



Safety Committees are important in Socialism, solidly backed by Unions and management, because there are millions of jobs open for workers who just aren't available. Accidents are a tragedy, so prevention rates high.



Alex Agapov has held his skilled refinery job for five years, after he finished plant training-school.

Revolutionary Science working for People



Each of these developments deserves a full page

Over 1000 patients were treated this past year in a unique Solar Clinic outside Alma-Ata, capital of Kazakhstan. Large mirrors focus the sun's rays to a small spot, and this glides over the patient's body. No sunburn results in spite of the very powerful "dose", because the beam moves constantly. Sensation is that of a warm breeze. Mirrors absorb most of ultra-violet (tanning) rays. Treatment is for 10-15 minutes, 20 to 28 days. Remarkable benefits for patients with chronic breathing problems, some heart and blood diseases. Now being set up in other Soviet cities.

For many years engineers have used "mills" to grind ores, and many other substances, into very fine powders. Recently it was discovered by Dr. Johannes Hint of Tallinn (he won a Lenin Prize for this) that many substances, when milled, are activated by shock. This change makes them extremely liable to chemical action, often very valuable. The "shock" of milling puts extra energy into the particles. This solves the long-standing mystery as to where the power goes when ores are milled. Doesn't appear as heat, as it should, but as strong chemical energy. Discovery is now being marketed in Europe.

Teplichny State Farm, one of largest in USSR, confirms that water, passed through magnetic field, becomes biologically active, and stimulates plant growth. In greenhouses it doubles the yield of cucumbers and onions. Average yield of cucumbers is now over 9 pounds per square yard.

Scientists have long marvelled at ability of human eye to recognize complex objects (such as a friend) with an "instantaneous" glance. Using advanced computers, it's possible to examine pictures of objects in space, or human body tissues, and achieve "recognition" of unknown things, such as a diseased organ. Working like our eyes, such a device may instantaneously "put together" a picture that's highly significant; as in diagnosing illness. In practice, computer can be instructed to "see" only certain things in an X-ray picture. By changing what is seen, doctors get astonishingly different pictures, make out details never before visible. Especially valuable in color pictures.

New plasma furnaces, working up to 10,000 degrees, now being used in USSR with capacities of 12 tons, formerly considered impossible. Such heat enables chemists to get exceptionally pure crystals of metals like tungsten and molybdenum (impossible to handle with earlier equipment). Metals like titanium can be combined with hydrogen gas, to give substances almost as hard as diamond. Modified, plasma furnaces can put microscopic coatings on metals, extremely tough and non-rusting. Finally, a plasma in jet form cuts hardest alloys "like cheese". Of great use in making devices for space, and advanced types of aircraft.

Right back into ancient folk-lore Russian people have believed in "live" and "dead" water. It remained for scientists of USSR's Natural Gas Institute to discover that water activated by an electrical current is very effective in drilling wells. It may act like concentrated acids or alkalis. Over 100 inventions have come from this discovery, now it is moving into medicine. First important results: in healing of serious burns, and killing harmful bacteria. So far, no clear picture of what "activated" water is.

Pentagon is spending huge sums to develop its "Stealth Bomber", hoped to be invisible to radar rays because, instead of metals, it will be made (largely) from revolutionary carbon compounds. Experts are privately amused, because USSR leads the world in making such compounds. Indeed, some of them are "on the market" in USSR (they saved 10 million rubles last year in well drilling). Basic process starts with powders which can be formed into any shape, in radically new kinds of pressures and super-hot furnaces. In USSR, these processes are being developed in no less than 20 research centers. One new steel made this way saves huge sums by eliminating costly tungsten, vanadium, cobalt. But new "fibrous metals" made of carbon or boron appear to offer very greatest prospects, having extreme strength. And maybe, "invisibility" in aircraft? Besides, these new substances promise aircraft of exceptional strength, including new kinds of helicopters.

The very light and non-inflammable gas helium is becoming ever more important, especially in industries using "space-age metals" which have to be processed in a helium atmosphere. USSR has set up the world's largest "refinery" for this gas. Actually, in a gigantic plant at Orenburg, helium is extracted from natural gas in new process handling incredible gas input of 3,000 million cubic yards per year. Heart of refinery is device for removing heat — its surface is 10,000 square yards! Made with thousands of tiny pipes fixed in place by Soviet "explosion" welding. After two years of successful operation this helium "factory" is now being doubled in size. Such capacities have never been attempted in USA.

For first time in world, Soviet biological-engineers have succeeded in producing absolutely indispensable food element, threonine, on commercial scale. Threonine is one of essential amino acids (others are lysine, methionine, tryptophane). Now being made by man-designed microbes, in quantities suitable for mass-production of animal feeds. Regarded as a major achievement of Soviet "gene engineering".

World's first vegetable "conveyer line" is operating in Moscow's Institute of medico-Biological problems. Plants are grown with no soil or any soil substitute, just suspended in air and sprayed at regular intervals with nutrients. While plants do not grow faster than normal, they grow all year round. So by starting a new batch of seeds every day, a new crop of mature vegetables is likewise harvested every day. Engineers are now considering "phytodromes" for outdoor use, covering an area of ten million acres.

World's largest "steerable" radar aerial has gone into operation at USSR's Long Range Communication Centre. This uses a radio "telescope" which is 210 feet across. Its powerful transmitters can send beams out to "the ends of the Universe" and pick them up as they are reflected back to Earth. One of its advanced features is electronic parts which do not make internal "noise", long sought-for by scientists.



Will we ever mend our broken Dollars?

- We're being hit harder than ever by rising prices.
- Those who "saved up" see their security vanishing.
- Although you don't meet them at Welfare Offices, even capitalists are losing sleep as money crumbles away.
- Our media sometimes run stories telling us that inflation is also hurting in Socialism.
- But they know it's not true — the new system shows none of the symptoms of money going worthless.
- Here's your latest briefing on the FACTS.

Economists in the West jumped for joy when USSR announced (in January) that *wholesale* prices of coal are up 42 percent; gas 45 percent; cement, timber, iron also higher priced.

Moscow itself pointed out that these increases (due to higher production costs in the past 15 years) will add to the price of all industrial products in the USSR.

You didn't see that in the papers here. How come they missed it?

They daren't touch it. Because it showed the economics world once more that raising *wholesale* prices does not mean that *things people buy themselves* (consumers) must also go up in price.

Not in Socialism, they don't.

Constant consumers' prices is a major feature of the Socialist way-of-life.

No inflation.

- Bread, cake, pies, tea, sugar, cheese cost Soviet people today exactly what they did 25 years ago.

- Same for cotton, woolen, linen clothing.

- Same for meat, meat products, butter, milk, eggs.

- Rents in the Soviet Union, lowest in the whole world, have not changed one dollar a month since 1928.

Our editors used to compare what "an hour's wage" will buy here and in USSR. A case of *figgers can't lie but liars can figger*!!

Everyday consumers' goods that cost \$4200 in USA today cost a Soviet worker only \$2800 . . . same as they cost back in 1956!

A typical small apartment that rents in USA for \$350 a month costs a Soviet family \$18 a month or less.

But in the past 25 years *real costs* of producing oil, gas, food, housing, clothing, etc. have gone up in USSR. Not that the buying public can see. Because Socialism is now *subsidizing* consumers' goods and services by 48 billion dollars per year.

That's how they beat inflation.

Their system controls prices.

Imagine: they pay for rides on subway, bus and street-car only 5, 4 and 3 kopecks. Same as they paid 40 years ago!

Only furs, some jewellery, vodka, gasoline have gone up in price.

Such things as fridges and TV's have come down several times in the past 10 years.

So have prices of clothing, watches, cosmetics, cameras, tape recorders, motor cycles, washing machines, vacuum cleaners.

Here's the real pay-off . . .

Because they raise wages slowly but *steadily*, year-after-year; and because they *don't* raise prices; every 15 years the real per-capita income of Soviet people doubles.

Just think of "energy" prices. In the world market fuel prices have soared some 1700 percent just in the past dozen years. Costs have shot up in USSR also. But the people still pay only 26 cents a month for gas and 7 cents a kilo watt-hour for electricity.

It seems to have worked. But will their inflation-control *keep on working* in the future?

Soviet economists have officially told the public that by the end of their current 5-Year Plan real per-capita incomes will be up 15 to 18 percent.

Inflation-control guaranteed.

But all this is only *half* the full story. Free services to the public in USSR (health, education, pensions, most of housing cost) now totals away over 200 billion dollars a year (compared to 30 billions for military purposes).

But . . . who PAYS for all this?

Over here, government gets about 90 percent of its income from taxes. Over there, taxes levied on the people are only 9 percent of government income . . . the rest all comes from the system's profits.

There's the secret in two words: *whose profits?*

The economy in Socialism is publicly owned. So profits — which are *enormous* just as in our system — provide all necessary funds to keep prices paid by the public down, while steadily raising real incomes.

When you own the economy, *planning inflation away* is practical.

Contrary to what our "experts" drill into us, inflation isn't caused by low labor productivity, government deficits, oil prices, or war threats.

Japan has a huge deficit and quite low inflation; while Chile runs small deficits and yet has a running-wild inflation rate.

Switzerland has zero productivity growth, but inflation is low; while Brazil has a healthy productivity rise and yet is clobbered by inflation.

The Netherlands has to import all its oil, but inflation is not bad at all; while Bolivia exports oil and still is stricken with inflation.

Ethiopia has been fighting a vicious war (Somalia) for years, but keeps inflation low; while most Latin American countries have long been at peace, yet suffering near-collapse economically from soaring inflation.

The major cause of inflation is *printing money in huge quantities*, without having "real values" to back up the currency. Our dollars are breaking down for precisely that reason. This originates in USA, where *hundreds of billions* are being paid out for armaments . . . by the "simple" process of issuing government bonds (of various kinds) to the banks, which then pour those billions into the economy. Additional government expenditures are also financed the same way. The "deficits" (excess of spending over receipts) are not at all just *figures on paper*. They are billions-upon-billions of real dollars that are, increasingly, sinking down near the value of the paper of our bills.

A planned economy, owned by the public, requires no floods of paper money, since all expansion can be financed by profits going to the people.

The Housing Crisis belongs to our Free Enterprise system. They don't have it over in Socialism.

People's Homes

By 1990, the USSR's Plan says, every family must have its private apartment or house.

This is not far-fetched, because in the 70's over 107 million Soviet people received brand new or fully modernised housing. Even though, in that time, the population rose by 22 million, still housing grew 5 times faster than families.

Construction right now is holding to the level of the 80's, with yearly housing built for two, up to two-and-a-quarter million families. So their 1990 goal will be realised.

Critics of Socialism prefer to forget that when the Russian Empire was in *Capitalism*, the housing situation was terrible. Even official reports described crowded slums that "look more like animal dens".

Critics are even more "forgetful" about the 1917 Revolution. One of its very first acts was to abolish private ownership of rental property.

Rents were drastically cut. That way, in the first days of Socialism, the basic cause of Capitalism's "eternal" housing problem was ended: the profit motive was eliminated.

However, when Western nations attacked the USSR (so-called Civil War), great numbers of houses were destroyed. Really *homeless* people were found everywhere in the battle areas.

Reconstruction began in 1924. From then to 1941 the housing "supply" rose rapidly. But so did the number of families moving into new industrial centers.

World War Two was a housing catastrophe for Soviet people. Six million houses were wiped out, and 25 million people left with nothing.

Never before, anywhere, had any disaster such as an earthquake, ever left 25,000,000 human beings with no shelter.

In the following 25 years Socialism created a housing industry, but at the same time had to cope with cities that doubled in population.

Even those "critics" were forced to admire the incredible construction pace in USSR — and admit that **The Right to Housing**, given for the first time in history in the 1977 Soviet Constitution, was clearly taking shape for all to see.

As noted earlier, this "Right" will be realised for all by 1990.

It turns out to be very expensive.

In the past 10 years Socialism has spent on housing (and its services) more than 250 thousand million dollars. This fantastic sum came from profits which, in their system, do not go to individuals but to society.

But money alone won't make housing. Most housing in USSR today is turned out in 480 factories and 20,000 other plants making construction materials and equipment.

For years, over 2,000,000 workers have staffed the USSR's home-construction industry. None have ever been out of jobs.

Housing specialists today work in 270 research-and-design centres in USSR. Those experts have put into production some 2,000 different housing units, widely varied for the country's many climate zones.

No private enterprise, or personal profit, is involved in any of their housing projects.

Yet home construction there exceeds any elsewhere in the world.

In Socialism, you get housing *not* according to what you can pay, but according to your family needs.

Today, as a rule when people have to move out to permit major building renovations, they get new housing. All repairs are paid for by the nation — Soviet budget now allows 4.8 billion dollars a year for this, since none of the cost is ever charged in their rent.

Rents, by our standards, are hard to believe.

They vary a little in different regions. Average is 21 to 26 cents, per month, per square meter, not including halls or bathrooms (they're free). This works out to roughly two to three percent of a Soviet family's income.

Charges for light, and cooking fuel, are extremely low.

The nation's one "landlord" (the people's own economy) today loses over 11 thousand million dollars per year on housing, paying out that much more than people pay in for accommodation.

Latest advance in Soviet "factory house production" is the complete construction of kitchens and bathrooms on the conveyor-line. This sharply cuts labor time (and cost) in plumbing and wiring. Units are delivered ready to "plug in" at the building site.

They now have eight factories turning out such units.

For years, USSR lacked skilled workers for house "finishing". Today you can see how this is being solved, and their new housing steadily improves in quality and in features that make for living convenience.

Homeless People

According to *U.S. News* 200,000 people now live in USA without any housing whatever. They "keep dying in distressing numbers."

They sleep in streets and parks, and as a result many freeze to death during cold weather.

Some of these homeless people might find temporary (charitable) shelter, but they are too ill or broken to stand in the long application-lines seen everywhere in USA today.

In Washington, the capitol, you can see homeless men sitting on sidewalk gratings to keep from freezing, and many sleep there.

"Bag Ladies" is now the name given to women in USA who live in the streets, carrying everything they own in plastic garbage bags.

Thousands of industrial workers in USA now are homeless, and many are sleeping, with their families, in old cars.

Welfare departments, and charities like the Salvation Army, have great difficulty coping with homeless people, since President Reagan cut billions from such services.

Washington has "only" 10,000 people who cannot now be accommodated.

But New York City has over 35,000 people who live all year round without any shelter.

As never before, young people are living in the streets: unemployment is highest among them and welfare "economies" hit them hardest.

All over USA promoters are tearing down cheap housing, or converting it for wealthy tenants. In 7 years New York City lost 35,000 units once occupied by the poor.

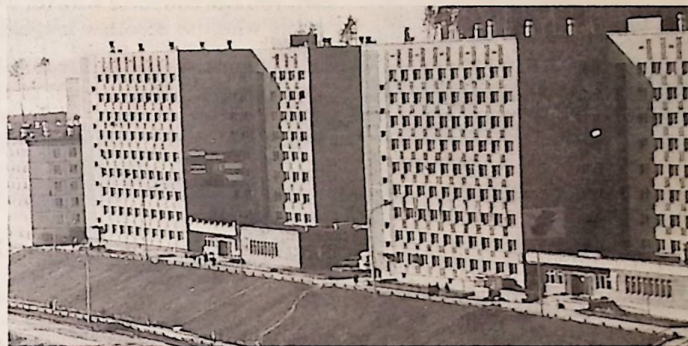
Social workers no longer even discuss the fate of girls who can find no work, and have no money for rent.



Whether you're in Moscow (left) or way out in Ufa (right) you see new housing developments surrounded by forests. Greenery is a natural way to combat atmospheric pollution.



Rusanivka is a new residential area in Kiev (Ukraine). It's complete with schools, stores, entertainment centres.



Here's new housing in Ust-Ilimsk, fast-growing city far out in Siberia. They get it 60 below zero without fail.



Down south in Rostov new housing rises in all directions.



Rural housing also is booming over in Socialism. Styles vary greatly to suit regional tastes. But one-family homes are favorites. This is typical of houses in Russian Republic, with two storeys and very big basement.



Here's Krivoi Rog, a major Soviet iron-and-steel center, and this is a view of a new miners' housing district.



Why 20 million people learn Russian

London *Financial Times* tells its influential readers that the popularity of Russian is growing rapidly. In France, more people now study Russian than English, something never known before.

- Hundreds of millions of non-Russian people now know that language, and it's taught in 100 countries.
- That way, people of 100 nationalities can talk together in *Russian*.
- Three-quarters of all information, published in *the entire world*, now is available in Russian.
- Besides, the USSR is the world's *fastest translator*, so new facts are available very quickly, *if you know Russian*.
- This is very important in our modern world, for the rapid spread of scientific and business-economic information.
- As more countries advance, they issue more vital information in their own languages ... which becomes available to every nation **when it appears in Russian**.

Right now, about 120 million people are learning English, and 80 million French or German. As for Russian, 20 million are studying it ... up from 14 million in 1970.

Yes, some people do find Russian *different*, if not all that *difficult*. Of the 33 letters in the Russian alphabet, *only 8* are the same as ours.

Russian has more verb forms. Six "cases" (like in Latin). No fixed accents (as in French).

Unlike English, you don't get bothered by so many different sounds.

Soon we may be able to learn Russian in a **24-day course**, developed by a Bulgarian expert, Dr. Georgi Lozanov.

This general system has been modified (for effectiveness) by several Soviet teachers, who have given thousands of students a good working knowledge of Russian *within a month*.

The same system is used in USSR to teach English and French.

Taking this course, you study 4 to 5 hours daily for the month. So you put in about 100 hours all told.

And where do you get?

Well, you learn 2,000 up to 3,500 words (depending on language).

You see how this works when you look *inside* the USSR. Roughly, 6-in-10 Soviet people use Russian as their native language. Among the 95 or so *other* languages used in USSR, already 1-in-5 people using them *also can use Russian*.

Look at it this way: if you know Russian, you can converse with (or write to) people who use **95 other languages**.

All languages used inside USSR have "equal rights". But in most of their 38 distinct republics many different languages are used by different nationalities living there. Only if you know *Russian* are you able to "get by" no matter who you meet.

Nobody, even a genius, could learn the 95 Soviet languages. Much less all the "tongues" in the world. Now on a scale never before known, people are taking to Russian as a language of intercourse between **hundreds** of nationalities.

However, Russian is much more than just a "working tool".

Russian *phonetics* (sounds) are easier to master than English. And it has no marks above and below letters.

Some experts even consider the alphabet in Russian is the best of all.

Yes ... but ... **how difficult is it?**

Marx learned Russian very well when he was 50! So well he read the finest Russian literature, including poetry.

And after the Revolution, Russian was made **easier**: extra (useless) letters were removed.

President De Gaulle of France learned Russian fluently *in his eighties!*

Both words and grammar are **left out** if they are found **rarely** in the language you are studying.

The **real secret** of the new system is that you learn **along with the teacher and everybody else in the class**.

It is *Collective Learning*.

Teacher doesn't depend on authority or direction, but acts as a *member* of the study class.

It works so well that often, in one session, students get 100 new words (compared to 15 or so in ordinary language schools).

Actually, in USSR this method of work is *not new*.

Linguists will tell you that the **vocabulary** (words) in Russian is **bigger** than the Romance languages. It has more **grammatical forms** than the Germanic tongues. Plus much of the **brevity and richness** of Greek and Latin.

Russian is *not as difficult to learn* as many think.

Partly because Russian has been "growing" for centuries, and has *borrowed* many words from other languages. In addition, over 50 **brand new** tongues, created by Soviet scientists since the Revolution, have enriched Russian with thousands of expressions never before known widely.

When the British scientist and Sci-Fic writer, Dr. Arthur Clarke, tried to guess *which language* would prevail all over the world, in the next century, he concluded that it would be *English or Russian!*

Dr. Clarke overlooked one point. **Socialism** is rapidly spreading, and for obvious reasons Russian is taught in all Socialist nations.

Many modern Russian words are already *in English*. Like Czar, Kremlin, sable, vodka, samovar, Bolshoi. And modern ones also: sputnik, soviet, katyusha, kolkhoz, gosplan.

Lots of English words are today *in Russian*. Such as industria, motor, pilot, pressa, ekzamen, diameter.

In recent times the International Association of Russian Language Teachers has widely popularized the study of Russian. Dozens of magazines for Russian students are published round the world today.

It has long been used for subjects other than languages. The entire class *learns as a team*. The "weak" are helped by the stronger ones, and in that process the slower students learn how to study better.

Best of all: collective study is **not a grind**, but something all students look forward to.

(Sorry we can't offer you such classes. But we **do** have a supply of what many people say is the **finest Course** in Russian for **self-study**. Nina Potapova's famous "*Fifty Lessons*", complete with compact dictionary. See Page-28 this NN).

World's greatest Music grows in Socialism

Franz Lizst, the great composer, wrote music especially for *the first concert ever given on the organ in Dom Cathedral, Riga*. That was in January 1884. Exactly one hundred years later, that *completely rebuilt organ* will once again give music-lovers what experts say is **the best sound in all the world**. It's quite a story, as you'll see.

Most of the world's famous organists are familiar with The Dom. They agree that the exceptional beauty of its music is due to an unusual combination: the marvellous organ itself is housed in a cathedral which has wonderful acoustic properties "matching" the pipes.

Dom Cathedral was planned (believe it or not) *back in 1201!* The land was sanctified in 1211, and the building slowly took shape.

The "sound" in this place is matched by the remarkable stained-glass windows which seem to provide an exalted mood for listening.

When the cathedral is filled for a concert, *the organ's echo lasts five seconds*.

This echo is considered ideal for works of the great organ composers like Bach, Beethoven, Handel.

Last interview of Aram Khachaturyan gives Socialism's view of music

Music has always played a part in human life. "A man does not exist who can do without music, though not everyone is aware of it. Many who say 'I'm not musical' constantly participate in musical life, mainly as listeners."

Khachaturyan was the first to blend the folk music of the East with advanced musical forms of the West. But in his view "Music always expresses national character. It reveals the temperament and psychology of the peoples, their way of life. The world of folk music is inexhaustible, and will never lose its influence on people and composers."

However, Khachaturyan does not "idolize" folk music. He disagrees with Glinka who said "*the people create music, we only arrange it.*" His experience is that "music created by the people *only serves to arouse my imagination.*"

And he objects to being called a "folk-artist". He studied the most advanced Western music while at the same time "I did not break away from my native soil."

But *which* native soil? He was born in

The tone of this organ is indescribably beautiful. It has 6,768 pipes, ranging from tiny 9-millimetre tubes to some 10 meters (30 feet) long.

Most are made of wood: oak, apple, pear, beech, Baltic pine and palm.

Others are of metal (mostly an alloy of tin and lead).

During World War Two the Nazis stripped the organ of its metal pipes, but workers in Socialist Germany replaced them.

For the first time, in 1962 Dom Cathedral was equipped with a large concert hall, and since then the public has enjoyed some 200 concerts per year.

It's always difficult to get seats for these concerts. Since Socialism came to Latvia, the cultural level of the people has steadily risen, and so there is now a

Georgia, of Armenian parents, and lived with the music of the Azerbaijan people. "But in upbringing and education I'm more Russian than anything else. So my 'folk' music is of different nationalities, and quite complex."

He opposes "copying" others. "What I'd like to stress is that the modern musician's world is big and varied, his links broad and intensive."

What does he think of records and tapes for popularising music?

"They are the greatest source of man's contact with music. Everywhere I went in the world people were proud of their collection of recordings. I found that people in all professions love to listen to music while they work. Music stimulates people, gives them strength."

Despite his high position in the music world Khachaturyan respected all kinds of music. "Names like *light* and *serious* music irritate me. Far more important is the difference between *good* and *bad* music."

The great composer was even more popular than many realize.

He wrote "light" music for 20 plays



large public for one of the most "advanced" musical forms, the organ.

So many concerts brought on the problem of *wear-and-tear*. Experts decided that the organ must be taken down completely.

Over 1000 pipes have gone to the "Flentrop" organ specialists in Holland. At the same time Dom Cathedral is being repaired.

When finished, the organ will be installed on two balconies instead of one. For its second "premiere" on January 9, 1984.

and 25 movies. "I looked on this work as most important in helping people to appreciate art."

More: "I always express my love for MUSIC, the great art that became my destiny. Music has always ennobled man, purified him spiritually, evoked lofty emotions, encouraged people to perfect themselves.

"**And I maintain that the role of music will grow**, as it has grown in the past few decades."

In the USSR today composers are pleased to see that noted people in the West (Penderecki, for example) are returning to realism in music. That is, music written for *others to understand*, not "abstractly", just to gratify one or another small clique of musicians.

Such "schools" considered themselves the voice of the future, but they all vanished in a few years.

There is a return in the West to "romantic" music, such as *opera*.

Perhaps this will develop into a union with *true folk music*, of the kind that gave Khachaturyan his greatest inspirations.



These kids are in Kuusinen University, up north in the Karelian Autonomous Republic. They've got it made. Before they graduate they'll all have jobs waiting in the line they've trained for.

YOUTH

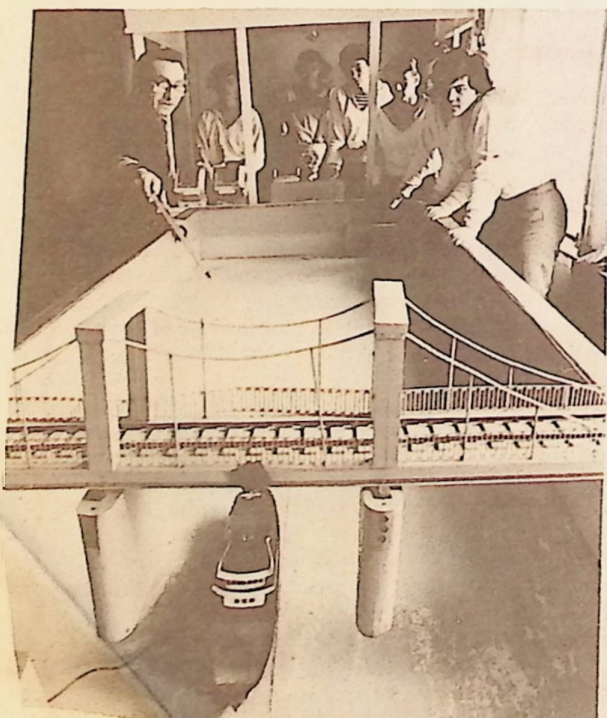
Unemployment among youth in our capitalist system is verging on catastrophe. In Socialism, with millions more jobs than workers, boys and girls can take their pick of employment. For a change, take a look at a happier way of life.



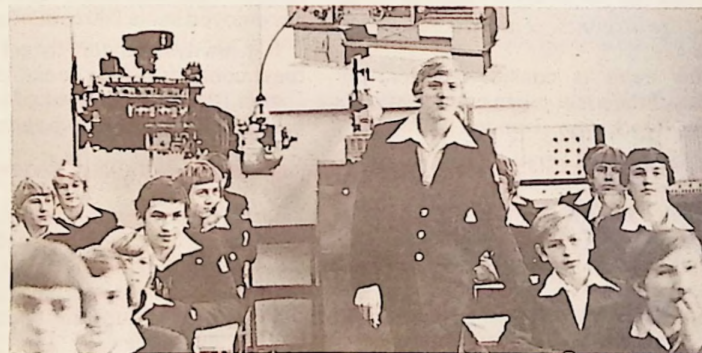
Most Soviet students take summer jobs out on actual construction sites, like these young engineers at Ust-Ilim Hydro-Power Station.



Here's a "school factory" where high school students take regular jobs each week, training for future. In this school they make transistor radios, toys, doll's dresses.



In this training school Soviet boys with a love of the sea get training for a life career before their first job.



Many Soviet youngsters want "early jobs", without long years in college. But they do get thorough training to fit them for skilled, well-paying work that's waiting.



In this Lvov Polytechnical Institute students do real research: as on TV equipment for major space ships.



When they can go right to jobs.



As So forely

or JOBS

USSR has 890 universities, and this is at Tashkent in Central Asia.



Below: these steel plant workers take advanced courses at night to fit them for waiting jobs in laboratory.



At Udmurt U' (left) and Leningrad (right) students work with advanced equipment so they require minimum of further training on-the-job.



After graduate from high school they go into computer programmers'



They rate health highly so schools and colleges are well equipped for sports.



Internationalism and trade spreads the world over, learning foreign languages is vital for millions in USSR. Latest



equipment at left. Right: famous mathematician Kolmogorov visits school for young mathematical-physics students.

EAT MEAT OR NOT?

Lots of vegetarians in USSR,
but how does Science view them?

Some of the so-called "diseases of modern life" are, indeed, caused by over-eating meat. This is widely publicised in the Soviet Union, by doctors. Nowadays, however, they tell us that the other extreme is becoming common: people quit meat completely, for health.

Soviet nutritional scientists say that the principal harm in excessive meat-eating is that it makes the body deal with too much protein. Essential to life, excess "amino acids" in protein can cause health problems for people of middle-age and older.

But the real problem is that going on a vegetarian diet robs the body of absolutely essential food factors. You can get these from milk, eggs and fish, but not from vegetables alone.

As you know, many "health fans" quote doctors over here who say that it's possible to live by vegetables alone (including fruits, grains, of course). And the high price of meat is turning more people that way every year.

Some vegetarians argue that it is "natural" to follow their all-plant eating system. Soviet biologists can't see that at all: the human race evolved eating meat, and naturally so . . . early Man had no way of storing vegetables and fruits, which were eaten only in season.

Further: animals like cows get valuable nutrients out of plants which we can't digest, and by eating meat we thus get many excellent food factors, including very valuable trace minerals.

Vegetarianism isn't very popular in USSR because every child knows that in the North people, since time immemorial, have never eaten vegetables, grains, or fruits, because such things don't grow in the Arctic. People have thrived for thousands of years on nothing but meat and fish.

Also, nutritionists (to say nothing of family doctors!) here in the West, as in USSR, know that serious food deficiency diseases (like rickets) are often seen in babies and children of vegetarian families. This problem is tragic on a mass scale in the impoverished countries today, where meat is unavailable for millions.

Not so common, but nevertheless reported now and then, are "vegetarian children" in USSR who don't grow normally, do poorly in school, get many infectious diseases, have liver troubles, and even are stricken by anemia. They are cured, of course, by proper diets.

With adults, the problem of vegetarianism is often related to lack of sufficient B-vitamins, choline and iodine, essential for health of the glandular system. This leads to decreasing sexual desire. Older people unfortunately may not notice this (or assume it to be "natural"), but it can be ruinous for youth and adults.

Incidentally, in the past, in places like prisons or orphanages, doctors often cut down on meat deliberately to lessen sexual urges. This was supported by folk lore which says associated potency and desire with "rich" meat diets.

In England and Europe quite a few doctors have seen the results of vegetarianism, now associated with some religious sects. As in USSR, children deprived of meat do not grow normally. Some are made seriously ill by anemia (lack of iron) and by deficiencies of calcium and other vital



This is only a rare problem in Socialism, since nearly all children eat at school on most days of the year, and schools are prohibited from inflicting vegetarianism on them. In Capitalism parents insist on their "freedom" to feed their children as they see fit.

But what about vegetarians (some of them famous, like Shaw and Tolstoi) who live long and well?

The Soviet view is that such very rare individuals only prove that some humans can adapt themselves to almost any extremes. In USSR, where they have studied this systematically, they find that vegetarians rarely live as long as people who eat normally.

And many very old people are found in the Arctic, where meat and fish were the only foods they knew.

Incidentally, vegetarians like to "overlook" the fact that in Argentina, far below Canada in standards of living, people live longer than we do . . . and eat very much more meat than we do, far less fruit and vegetables.

The very oldest people in USSR (in Abkhazia) eat meat and cheese in quantity, from infancy.

And the most unhealthy, mal-nourished people on Earth live in the impoverished nations where they are compelled to exist on plant foods.

In vegetarian "literature" you often see claims made for wonderful improvement in health when meat is eliminated. But the truth is that poor people, long denied meat, often register immediate and remarkable gains in health and vigor, when given sufficient meat.

Over here, where "vitamin supplements" are promoted for millions in profit, many could get all the extra nutrients they need from one weekly meal of liver-and-bacon.

In their efforts to reduce excessive meat eating, Soviet nutritionists rely heavily on promoting fish.

Soviet people already are far ahead of Canada (and USA) in fish consumption. The average is 17 kilos (37 pounds) per person per year.

Their planners are bracing for a drop in ocean-fish catches, world-wide. But they are countering this by introducing new fish dishes based on less "popular" fish and on formerly discarded parts of fish. Such dishes from the Far East (notably Japan) are now promoted in Soviet public eating-places.

Mainly they are depending on a tremendous increase in fresh-water fishing, including "fish farms". Just in the current 5-Year Plan they will increase fresh-water fish consumption by 80 to 100 percent.

Soviet farmers will increase their commercial fish "cropping area" by 1,250,000 acres (water). In Siberia they'll be using hundreds more lakes every year, stocked with the finest tasty-and-nutritious species.

Fish doesn't fit the vegetarian diet. But as with animals, so fish consume nutritionally valuable plants which we humans cannot digest . . . and pass the precious food factors on to us. In USSR today doctors often get patients to cut down on excess meat consumption by switching to fish. With them the health rule is . . . Eat Meat and Fish and Vegetables, every good food.

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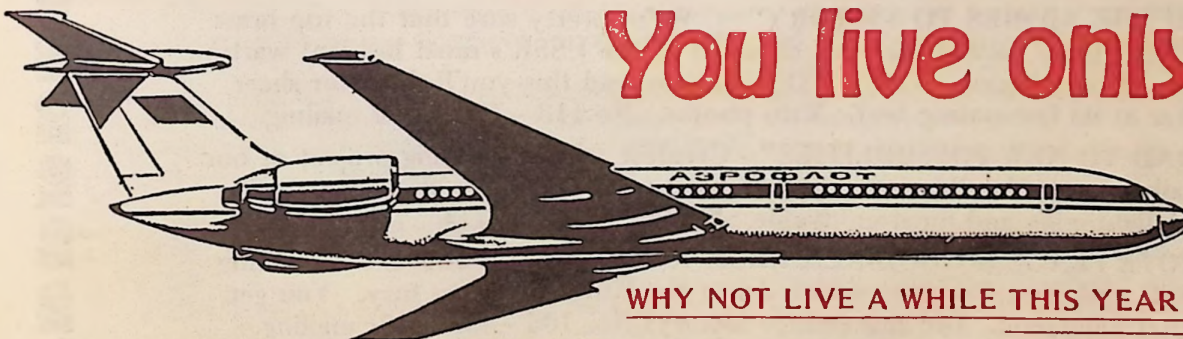
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Is Space paying off?

Our media give us little information on practical uses of space-flights. Mainly because most reports, here in the West, are "classified" — suppressed by the military. In contrast, Soviet people are constantly informed of many vital applications of space, in Socialism.

Today, more than 600 Soviet economic centres, employing thousands of specialists, apply information sent to them by equipment and cosmonauts orbiting our Earth.

- USSR's "earthquake warning" centre was able to change plans for a huge new mining center, when photos from space showed there were no dangers from seismic "faults". Saved the economy \$64,000,000.

- One older oil-bearing region, studied "here on Earth" for 60 years, was considered worked-out; geological studies from Space revealed 84 promising new oil zones in that area, passed up by land-based testing.

- Around the oil-rich Caspian Sea, cameras in space found another 16,000 square miles of petroleum reserves, of really tremendous economic value that was not evident at all in earthly exploration.

- In Turkmenia, space studies showed hitherto unknown pastures, in mountain valleys, capable of supporting 120,000 head of cattle.

- Special "water strata" photos from Space revealed fresh water reserves under the Kyzylkum Desert (as distinct from known salty waters), now being used to create a new beef-cattle industry immune to drought.

- Studies of ocean currents near USSR's coasts, made by orbiting cameras, show how to trace movements of various types of fish, and this is already changing the face of coastal-zone fishing.

By using ordinary aircraft, scientists have long speeded the study of waters, crops, mineral reserves, etc. But space-observation can achieve, in five minutes of camera work, more fact-finding than an airplane crew can carry out in two whole summers.

The study of Earth from Space has barely started. Today, in addition to "ordinary" photos, scientists are making *electro-magnetic-radiation studies* of our planet. This promises a revolutionary advance in probing every layer, from ocean waves down into depths no drills have yet reached.

One large problem is to *set up study centers* fast enough to make use of the in-pouring information.

Another challenge: devise radically new equipment for use in orbit . . . a whole new field for human endeavour.

For example, observation space-craft must be powered,

because cameras, TV beams, etc., must be kept pointing precisely downward. Can't use rocket-fuels to move the ships continually, for years. Special solar-power packs had to be developed.

Then, observations must differ greatly. A weather-watch camera may keep its TV eyes on strips of Earth 600 miles wide; whereas a camera hunting for special (hidden) rock or water formations must "squint" down on a strip no wider than 100 feet.

Consider where these research craft fly. Some of them you can see with your naked eye (if you know where and when to look). Others, like the international Marex-A craft, sent up to provide contact with thousands of ships at sea, "hovers" at a precise location above the Atlantic, at a height of 21,600 miles!

In 1982 search-and-rescue space-craft (two sent up by USA and two by USSR) begin a marvellous new system of contacting, and locating, any vessel on any sea, if it gets into trouble. (Some 350 ships are lost, every year, usually before their distress calls can bring help.)

Right now two Soviet Kosmos-1000 space-craft can locate any ship at sea with incredible accuracy, reporting a vessel's position *within 250 feet!* The cash saving, in preventing navigation errors, and choosing best routes, is almost beyond calculations at this time.

You will realize, of course, that many of these uses for Space have military applications.

Although the facts are *classified*, it is well known to specialists that "spying" from Space has reached unbelievable levels of accuracy. At correspondingly high cost.

Washington, for example, admits spending some 3 billion dollars a year on "classified" space projects, in addition to \$5,800,000,000 more or less approved in the official budget.

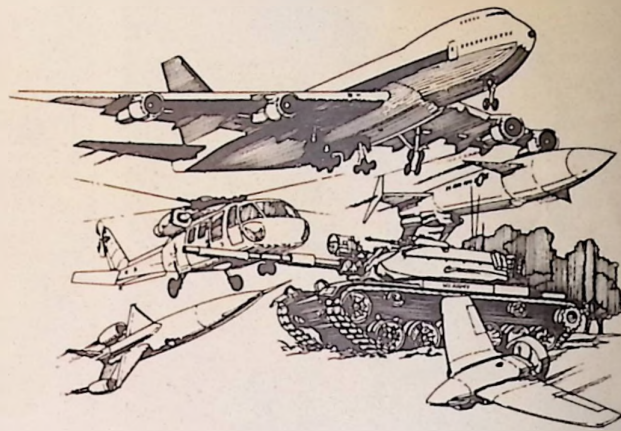
The Pentagon continually stresses its need to "catch up with Soviet military supremacy in Space". This disregards Moscow's repeated proposal that both nations join a world ban on military equipment anywhere in the cosmos.

Latest demand in USA is for billions to set up laser beam "guns" in orbit above Earth. Clearly, this deathly proposal to launch the arms race into Space could wipe out all the savings now achieved in orbit.

Almost as tragic for humanity's progress is the fact that Reagan's return to *confrontation* is preventing Science, on both sides, from applying Space for Peace.

A war to end the world?

Defending USA by destroying USSR



There are times when plain Common Sense is more potent than propoganda put out by the cleverest talkers.

When President Reagan tells us that the vital interests of USA must be protected in many places, he certainly isn't voicing *mere hopes*. He's telling it straight. Right now (indeed, for years) USA is "protecting its interests" in more than 1,500 heavily armed bases, all outside its own territory, inside 32 countries.

Half a million USA troops staff those foreign bases.

And where are they? What impresses you forcefully, the minute you glance at a Map of the World prepared in the Pentagon, is this obvious fact: nearly all those USA bases abroad are *far away* . . . almost all right on the borders of the USSR or its socialist allies.

They have 200 of those bases in West Germany alone!

Another 60 are located in Turkey.

Of course the USSR's borders extend across the top of the world over to the Pacific. In that region, USA now maintains over 300 of its powerful armed centres.

Recently, because USSR also has the Black Sea for one border — and that's near the Middle East — the USA began round-the-clock arming of major new bases in Oman, Somalia, Kenya and the island of Diego Garcia. Plus beefing up its already powerful bases in Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Israel has long granted USA full use of its powerful military centres.

You might naturally say that all these bases, encircling the Soviet Union, are intended to "keep that country at bay", so to speak.

But the USA itself does not agree with that. All those 800 foreign bases are officially described as part of Washington's Strategic Offensive Forces.

Meaning forces for attacking the Soviet Union.

These forces have been *growing for a long time*.

- In 1960 they included rockets and bombers armed with 4,700 nuclear weapons.

- In 1970 they had in place their "Triad" — triple offense by means of rockets, long-range bombers, and missile-launching nuclear submarines.

- In the 80's they've placed new gigantic missiles in planes, rockets, submarines, and now "cruise" weapons; plus submarines like the *Ohio* with the striking power of ten huge *Polaris* subs.

- Finally, now, Reagan has ordered a 50 percent increase in all these Strategic Armed Forces, at a price of hundreds of billions of dollars.

It's one thing when observers see that these forces literally surround the USSR. But it's something else again when military experts point out the nature of the new USA offensive forces.

— Take the M-X Missile. Each has 10 nuclear bombs of incredible destructive power. This, in military circles the world over (notably in the West) is known as a First Strike Weapon.

— Look at the Trident D-5 submarine-missile. This is another version of the M-X super-bomb. That is, another First Strike Weapon.

— Consider the Stealth Bomber. They hope Soviet defense radars won't be able to "see" it coming. The Pentagon frankly rates this as a Super First Strike plane.

What are you to make of the term *First Strike*?

It's perfectly clear. It means a weapon to attack some other country first, not waiting to see if that country is getting into an offensive position.

First Strike means *destroying the stricken nation*.

The idea dates back to Hitler with his *Blitzkrieg*, or "Lightning War".

Hitler didn't have nuclear weapons but he had enormous ground forces. Today, USA has its ground forces *all around the world* . . . all equipped with nuclear bombs.

These forces, with their bombs, rockets, fleets of offensive planes and helicopters, thousands of tanks, artillery using laser-ray-shells, and now *chemical* weapons . . . these forces are also *First Strike*.

Recently the Pentagon up-rated its ground forces with the new military grouping called *Division-86*. This is, in ordinary words, the most advanced form of ground force, but so mobile that it can literally be rushed to any spot on Earth before the defending forces can be mobilized to meet it effectively.

Yes, you're right: it's another *First Strike* force.

"Division-86" can be multiplied to make up an entire Army. Such an Army is not intended for the defense of USA but for attack thousands of miles away . . . *against the Soviet Union*.

Along with this, but separate from it and from all other forces, USA is revolutionizing its "Tactical Air Force". Reagan plans to equip that force with 3,000 of the gigantic super-speed fighter-bombers F-16.

They carry missiles, rockets and air-bombs, making the F-16 a tremendously powerful offensive aircraft.

Finally, the United States Navy.

In the past 20 years this force has been completely modernized, based on *nuclear power* and *nuclear missiles*.

Lately, arming all kinds of ships with Cruise Missiles makes them capable of attacking nations anywhere on Earth, from far off at sea. In just a few years the U.S. Navy will have 4,000 Cruise Missiles capable of wiping out 4,000 "targets" inside the USSR.

As with the other weapons discussed here, Navy Missiles have no part to play in *defending* the USA. They are purely and simply *offensive* weapons for use against nations remote from North America.

And the nature of these forces confirms that they are, as the Pentagon claims, for *First Strike* action far away from the shores of USA.

By diplomatic custom, rival nations used to call each other "the enemy". But today Washington seems impatient with diplomacy. From the President down to local TV commentators, the enemy is the Soviet Union.

An enemy to be destroyed, in "defense" of USA. Further NN Report on this question next month).



Cities of Kiev and Kyoto are "twinned" for friendship. Here a big Japanese delegation poses for our camera man in Ukraine capital.



Eurika Usachevaite and Rajnish Kawatra were the two top winners among 10,000 children who sent drawings to the International Book Fair in Moscow. She's from Lithuania, he's from India, and they're both 14. Many drawings were of high standard.

WHO'S HERE?

Right: Sylvia Kalnitsems is disabled, but a Riga factory supplies all equipment so she can do skilled work at home.



Weather was tough up in reindeer country this winter, but kindergarten at "Rassvet Severa" got these tots out for their daily walks, well bundled.



Above: Republic of Kirghizia is where you see elaborate and artistic hair-dos. Jeanne Semerkina, of Frunze, has won national awards for her hair-dressing. Soviet Airline Aeroflot expands so fast that training stewardesses is a big job. But the jobs are permanent... far from any airline layoffs, their trouble is getting enough qualified applicants for aviation.



Conquering the Arctic

Soviet people are carrying out right now one of the greatest continental explorations and developments in all history. This is their daring push into the Arctic from the waters that freeze solidly around the North Pole. Canada lags far behind in opening the untold wealth that awaits us in our own Farthest North, as you see at once from the latest news.



In the West people consider the developed part of USSR as a vast land. Few of us realize that their Arctic Zone, as yet barely touched, consists of millions of square miles, known to contain half of all Soviet natural resources.

Top petroleum experts now believe that the entire Arctic Ocean coastline of the USSR is a continuous oil bearing belt.

Those capitalist nations which are not under the thumb of Washington view Soviet Arctic wealth as a world resource, and are eager to take part in developing it.

But aside from resources, shipping from the West to Asia "over the roof of the world" has breathtaking possibilities. Using the Suez Canal, freighters average 23,000 kilometers, while the Soviet Arctic route is only 14,000 kilometers!

But in the Soviet view, there is no other route possible to reach their Arctic Mainland. No railways or highways. Planes cannot handle enormous freight-loads. Siberia's Rivers flow only north-south, while the great need is for linking the Arctic east-and-west.

Interest in this shipping route dates back 100 years, when Norwegian capitalists tried to use the Polar Sea to reach rich gold-fields in Siberia. Not until 1978 did modern Soviet ships and ice-breakers open up the western portion of that route all year round.

A year earlier the ice-breaker *Arktika* made history, when its giant nuclear engines took it through the "eternal" ice right to the North Pole.

For a time, Soviet navigators figured they had it made. But nature hit back in 1979 with the worst-ever ice in memory... 124 accidents damaged many ships, proving that still better equipment would be necessary.

Such ships will become available starting in this 5-Year Plan (ends in 1985).

Core of their program is the use of nuclear-powered ships.

The *Lenin*, world's first icebreaker with "unlimited" power and no re-fueling problems, has been sailing now for 20 years. It has covered over 360,000 miles and escorted more than 2,000 big freighters.

Its successors (*Sibir* and *Arktika*) each have 75,000 HP engines (*Lenin* had "only" 44,000), and a fourth 'breaker, *Rossia*, will soon be launched.

Next to come: big freighters with nuclear engines, capable of going through all but the heaviest ice by themselves.

Results already achieved make Soviet freight planners confident that Polar routes will, by the year 2000, handle as much cargo as the USSR's famous Siberian railways. Thus revolutionizing Arctic developments.

Interesting to note that the Berlin scientific journal *Aero-Arktis* in 1930 predicted that the Northern Sea Route would never be opened "in our geological epoch".

That same year Soviet workers started on the port of Igarka, 350 miles up the Yenesei River. Today, Igarka handles millions of cubic yards of timber every year, all of it taken out on freighters sailing the Polar Sea route.

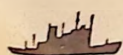
In that period, Canada "opened" its Far North to some 60,000 people. While USSR built 91 cities each populated with 10,000 to 500,000 people!

Tough work. To lengthen Arctic shipping, from a 100-days to 200-days season, required 30 years.

But nuclear power has changed all that. Just in the past 8 years cargoes brought in and out over this route have soared 600 percent. And when the "season" extends to 360 days, the resulting expansion will be tremendous.

That will be realized not only "on top" in the Polar Sea but up and down Arctic rivers, smashed open year round by special river ice-breakers, atom-powered.

Last year their Arctic river boats carried 80,000 tons of gas pipe-lines, as much as 3500 rail cars could handle. *Gas for Europe.*



Kapitan Izmailov
Diesel-electric 3400 HP



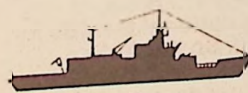
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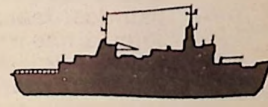
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Diesel-electric, 41,000 HP



Lenin ice-breaker
Nuclear, 44,000 HP



Arktika ice-breaker
Nuclear, 75,000 HP

Month of May is good over there

WORLD'S FIRST CENTER for Psychic Health, not mental illness, is going up in Moscow. Based on clinics used for years, in individual Soviet plants, it will test and develop every possible means to help people to relax, lower strains, add enjoyment.

WORLD'S FIRST FREIGHTER to carry small loaded landing-craft called "lighters", and powered by nuclear engines of 40,000 HP, will soon start work in Far North. Ship will carry 74 "lighters" at once to Arctic centers that have no deep-water ports. Will be able to work many routes in winter without depending on ice-breakers to clear the way. Big possibilities for Polar oil development.

LOTTERIES FOR THEATRE TICKETS! Moscow's 30 drama theatres are so popular that 120 million tickets aren't nearly enough. New proposal claims lotteries would be the fairest way to distribute tickets for those Sold-Right-Out shows.

APPLE TREES NOW BEAR FRUIT up past the Polar Circle. Considered impossible. Soviet breeders have come up with varieties that stand 195 days per year below freezing, yet blossom and give luscious fruit.

A "CIRCULAR WHIRLWIND" fire extinguisher which can be handled by only three men, uses a stream of explosives plus dust. It forms a violent whirlwind that can choke off the hottest oil well blaze in one second flat. Explosions are set off in "pulses" that pick up 100 pounds of cement dust very rapidly. "Cyclone" shape of gas flow kills any fire while preventing re-ignition.

ANTI-CANCER DRUG "FTORAFUR", made in USSR, is now being used in several Western countries. Report shows 60 percent of patients with adeno-carcinoma are cured. Also useful in bladder and intestinal tumors.

CUBAN AND SOVIET SCIENTISTS, on two specially equipped research ships, spent 50 days of the "hurricane season" in Gulf of Mexico. Already they've developed new ways to predict disastrous storms that strike Cuba so often. In one case, their warning led 33,000 people and 60,000 head of cattle to safety. New research concentrates on where and how hurricanes begin to form.

AND ELDERLY NURSE who still works in a clinic in Ryazan has been awarded the International Florence Nightingale Medal (of the Red Cross). Mrs. Fedyukova displayed exceptional courage during World War Two when she convoyed across the Volga, under fire, more than 500 wounded Red Army soldiers.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT IN 1981 increased in value by 33 billion dollars, and the number of new jobs in USSR went over 1,600,000. No nation in Capitalism achieved any comparable rise.

REAL PER-CAPITAL INCOMES continued to rise slowly but steadily across the USSR last year, increasing 3.3 percent. This was clearly reflected two ways. Retail trade increased by 17 billion dollars, and people added to their savings accounts by 14 billion.

DESPITE POOR CROP RETURNS in 1981, Soviet farmers built new facilities for 9 million head of cattle and 6 million poultry. Broiler farms are now ready to produce some 100 million marketable birds during 1982.

Not only is their system free from Depression, but so is their news, sampled here.

AIR FRANCE WILL BE THE FIRST capitalist airline to use highly efficient Moscow-Tokyo air route from Europe to Far East. Service from Paris to Tokyo via the Soviet capital starts July 1, and will use Boeing 747s to cope with heavy traffic. About same time Aeroflot will start up two new lines: Moscow-Paris and Leningrad-Paris using the big IL-86 liners.

RETAIL STORES IN SOVIET CITIES remain badly over-crowded. Unlike the consumer sales slump we experience, in Socialism they must plan to cope with a huge rise in business from now to 1985. The extra sales will exceed 122 billion dollars per year. With all construction enterprises busy, it's doubtful they can find enough workers to put up new stores in demand everywhere.

A NEW MEDICAL "SPECIALTY", treating illness by means of dancing, has appeared in Vilnius, capital of Lithuania. Called *choreotherapy*, this scientific combination of music and motion is intended mostly for people with heart, circulation, breathing and nervous problems. Developed originally for older people it will be extended in suitable forms for youth and adults also.

GREAT CONFIDENCE OF SOVIET FARMERS in their ability to multiply grain harvests is seen from this year's record program for building elevators. Some of the biggest storage facilities ever constructed are rising in Voronezh, Volgograd and Saratov regions, in the Ukraine, Byelorussia and Kazakhstan.

NO LESS THAN ONE MILLION MOSCOW PEOPLE went skiing this past winter. Many took part in races, set up for everyone from kindergarten age to pensioners. No less than 5,000 entered the 36-mile race between two big ski bases; half didn't make it past 15 miles, but 1,620 crossed the finish line. Viktor Firsov (railway sport club) and Valery Mikhailin (trade union club) tied by completing the run nose-to-nose in 3 hours, 6 minutes, 10 seconds.

INTERNATIONAL HORSE AUCTION, in Kiev, was a surprising success. Ten stud farms entered animals for sale. Some 70 horses were sold at prices ranging from \$1800 to \$6500.

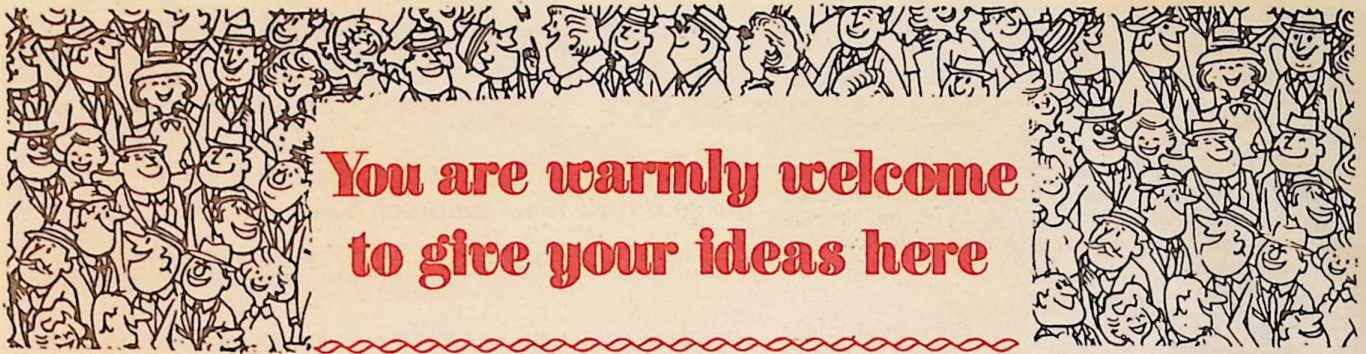
OUR PAPERS DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT, but a remarkable high-technology loom that uses no shuttles was sold and delivered to a Canadian firm. How many editors know Cheboksary, where the loom was made? It's the capital of Chuvash Autonomous Republic. Loom delivers fabric 390 centimetres wide (154 inches). But main advantage is loom operates a low noise level (problem in textile mills).

ONE COMPUTER CENTER IN USSR, programmed to assign freight cars to several basic industries, soon cut down car travel by 20,000 million ton-kilometres per year. In plain English this meant releasing over 10,000 freight cars for other haulage. That's big, in Socialism, where railways can't cope with ever-rising freight. (In North America railways have laid off many thousands of men, and cars.)

IN EFFORT TO FIND MORE WORKERS, the big cotton-fabric industry of Uzbek Republic is starting up small-size plants in little towns and rural areas. In 1982 alone new workers (mostly girls and women) will handle 245,000 spindles and 11,400 looms. Final output will be more than 70 million garments. Other republics, and Siberia also, are taking up the novel idea.

AN ORE PROCESSING PLANT in Rozdol, Ukraine, was ordered to cut its emission of pollution dusts. Equipment cost over three million dollars, and operating expenses is over \$700,000 a year. But respiratory disease has plunged 70 percent over a wide area. So has laundry cost. And farmers got marked crop increases. The saving works out to \$1,328,000 a year. Plus another \$160,000 for plant profit (recovered wastes).

DESPITE YARNS ABOUT SOVIET "HUNGER" in our papers, people in USSR now eat 143 pounds per person more milk and dairy-products per year than do people of USA, and 300 percent more fish. They even eat more eggs (per person) than we do in Canada with our "surplus".



You are warmly welcome to give your ideas here

"Re letter by L.F. from Grenada in February NN, I want to thank all Readers who made it possible to send the magazine to that new Socialist land. I couldn't afford much, but some I know were very generous. Good to find out that the English-speaking Socialist country likes our magazine." D.V.

"Today more than ever we need to educate all peace-loving people for the survival of mankind. We must use NN to counteract the vicious hate campaign directed against the USSR." A.D.

"Sorry I can't contribute money, but just wanted to say that we here in Grenada really appreciate what NN is doing and we are behind you all the way. 'Forward ever, backward never!'" K.G.M.

"Good to see that in this time when we have over a million unemployed, people are losing their homes, cut-backs hurt the most defenseless ... NN is consistently on the right side." J.B.B.

"Donation \$50 enclosed. We have just had a letter from Poland. People there are satisfied and happy. Martial law put an end to crime, raping girls, robbing homes. Best wishes to NN for truth." A.D.

"My brother first got me to read NN. Now I'm hooked. When it comes, soon as I can I get to my room to read it. Sometimes it's 2 in the morning when I look up at the clock." M.N.S.

"My wife sometimes hides NN so she can get to read it first." L.E.

going on but it was nice to know how close I was to being right. Whenever there is trouble the CIA is there." E.C.

"My usual donation is doubled. I remember NN's editor speaking in London (Ontario) with the Dean of Canterbury. Knowing what your struggle has been since then makes it easier to struggle now. How much we owe to the Soviet people!" L.G.M.

"Just returned from two weeks in Cuba. Yes, Cuban people are happy, having freed themselves from the clutches of CIA. Here's new NN sub for a friend." N.P.W.

"Had a stroke last year. But I'm glad to be living to see that imperialism is really being challenged today. Have been looking forward to this since I was 18 years old, and I'm now 89. Here's donation for NN." H.S.

"Why don't you answer the conditions in Russia as reported in *U.S. News* (March 1) in 'Communism, the Great Economic Failure'. See if you can answer to the satisfaction of your readers." G.E.

Reply: Did you read all *U.S. News*? Every week? It's nothing but a record of The Great (Capitalist) Failure. Worse, that magazine has shrunk smaller than ever since it began publishing. Advise you to keep following NN on Steel, Autos, Housing, Crime, Drugs ... and check each report with ... *U.S. News!* Who's got the failures? Who leads the world?

"NN is very interesting. I pass each issue on to others. That's all I can do. Wish I could donate more." M.M.

"Wish Moscow would have dancing, bonfires and bands in Red Square instead of an Army parade. Would be far more effective to see Soviet people enjoying themselves." B.F.

Reply: Military parade is all our TV ever shows, but it lasts only a few minutes. Then millions of Moscow people march through the Square with every conceivable demonstration of their happy and productive lives. May Day actually is a joyous celebration over there, though our media never give us a glimpse of that.

"Was going to give myself a birthday present, but decided NN needed it more than I do. Great success in 1982!" E.V.E.

"You'll see from this article (in *Newsday* Feb. 19) what 'housing' is like in USA. Right next door to the White House is Lafayette Park. Beautiful. But *homeless people* sleep there in tents every night. A few steps from the President's front lawn are *heating gratings* in the sidewalk: homeless men sleep on them to keep warm. Paper tells how government tried to put them out of the Park but the court said No. Citizens now call this area 'Reaganville'. Do you think if this was published in Moscow the people would believe it? I doubt it. It's incredible." F.L.S.

Reply: By coincidence, you see in this NN a "Housing" Report. We agree that Soviet people, who see USA movies and magazines, would wonder whether or not "Reaganville" was real. NN knew a Soviet person, living in Canada, who *would not believe* that men sleep on heat gratings *right in bitter-cold Toronto*. Toronto the Rich.

"Few years ago I was in Germany and a friend here in USA sent me a bundle of NN's. But all that reached me was an old Sears Catalog. Shows you the power of NN. They know it packs a wallop and want to sabotage it as often as they can." F.W.

"Two things come up in my discussions with others about Soviet Union. One is workers' involvement in management. Other is narrowing the gap between highest and lowest paid. Have seen NN articles, but would find a pamphlet or book useful. Here's \$100 donation to help." D.C.C.

Note: We'll try to get them to produce that pamphlet. But developments are proceeding so *thick-and-fast* it would be hard to present the subject up-dated.

"My great great grandparents migrated from coal pits of England all the way around Horn of South America to coal pits of Nanaimo, B.C. in 1854. Three generations worked down in those pits, but when my turn came the mines were shutting down due to competition from oil. So I worked in the woods. Man oh man, do we know what the great fight is all about! I started working just when the Great Depression hit." J.W.P.

"Like to thank the NN neighbor who found your Office Cat. She is truly a very progressive and intelligent cat. I love cats. Nice if we could have a yearly magazine on animals in the USSR. Don't let Maggie get lost again!" D.T.M.

Note: Maggie has "taken over" our new premises and is *very well* (too vigorous!). We'll try to run more animal reports.

"These days when Reagan clamours for 'clean bomb games' and lie factories are busy day-and-night, the picture is often gloomy. NN supplies us with facts, whatever they are. We need it more than ever. Your report on Poland is so timely. Today, the 'news' often does not mention Poland at all. Take care!" H.B.

"I signed that petition and sent it to Reagan with a note saying that it makes no difference to me, as I am 80, but I'm thinking of the millions of children you are going to burn alive." C.N.

"Very pleased to get NN's report on Poland. Had a pretty good idea of what was

"We subscribe to many publications, daily, monthly, etc. But NN is always 'first'. There is no other source of such wide coverage of the Soviet Union anywhere in the world. Only truth we get in our media relates to wars, monstrous military spending, and criminal actions everywhere. Keep up with NN's news on every phase of life in the Soviet Union in every issue. We need it." J.D.C.

Note: We try, but *can't* really succeed, because today *so much goes on in Socialism*. Our "Press Review" page actually amounts to about **two dozen** major developments which we outline in paragraphs, because *we haven't the needed 24 pages to print them*.

"USA blames USSR for interfering in foreign affairs, while they send men and arms to the bandits in power in El Salvador. Imagine USA blaming the Soviet Union for the problems in Poland! As I see it, the truth is that it was *lack of Soviet direction* in that country which caused their difficulties." M.L.S.

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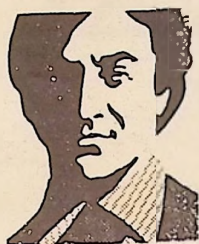
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