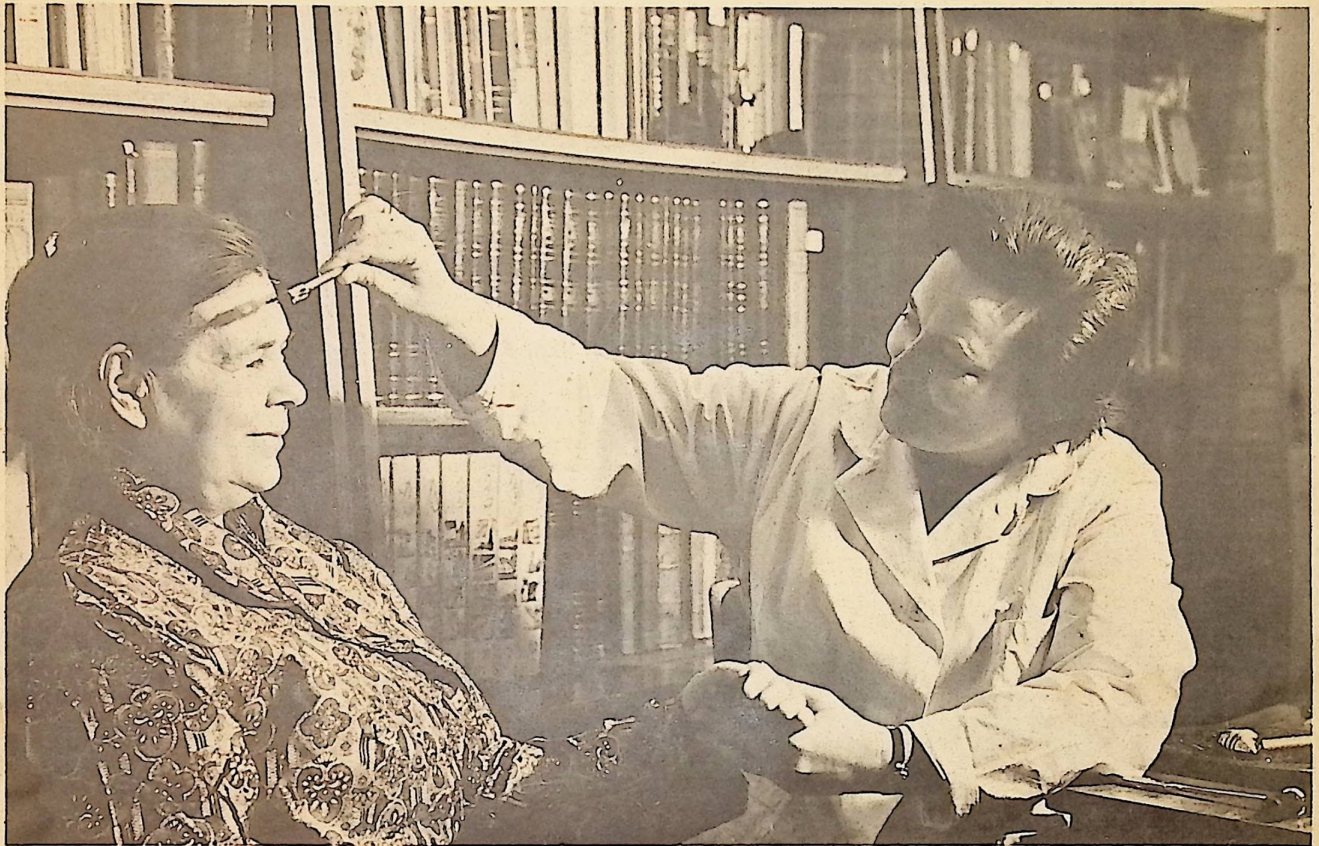


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THEY'RE OFF . . . PLAN OVER-FULFILLED!

Now we can tell it: originally, here at NN we thought that our Anniversary Tour would be successful if it attracted 50 Readers. Other people cautioned us that 40 was more realistic. Well, friends, believe it or not, at this date (a month before departure) NN's Tour has 120 Readers all set to take off.

Problems! "Intourist" had to pull wires and stretch points to take even 100 on this extra-special tour. Finally they just groaned and said "Okay, okay, 120 . . . BUT 120 PERIOD!"

Here's NN's hearty send-off: "Have a wonderful time in all those Soviet countries, come back safe, tell us all about it!"

COMING REAL CLOSE TO OUR ANNIVERSARY

It's an event of some kind, and you can spot it on our cover. Yes, this happens to be NN Number 200.

Recently we had all NN's, and its predecessor **NEWS-FACTS**, bound in library volumes. Quite an impressive shelf-full. This custom, hand-made job of work is expensive. But if any Reader would like a complete bound set (18 volumes through 1973) we will quote the best available price.

NN is available on Microfilm now. Not every volume, so far, but all will be processed quite soon.

THE CHARLOTTE CARTER MEMORIAL FUND

The Secretary asks us to let NN Readers know that the Fund has been joined by several new Trustees. All knew Charlotte. They are: James Tester, Rev. I. G. Perkins, Stella Choptiany, Helen Lucas and Harold Dean.

The Fund's attorneys are arranging to make formal incorporation, which will increase the effectiveness of the work.

A major new publication, revealing for the first time the remarkably inspiring Soviet work on restoring to life children and youth who are both blind and deaf, is nearly completed. With the Fund's assistance, this valuable work should be widely circulated, since the USSR has much to contribute to solving these tragic problems here.

NN's Quote-of-the-Month: "Vladimir Lenin knew history so well that he could and was able to look at the present, from the future. He himself said 'We raise questions not only in the sense of explaining the past, but also in the sense of a bold forecast of the future, bold practical action for its achievement.' As no one else before him, he could foresee what was to be. It seems to me that he could and was able to do this because half of his great heart lived in the future." Maxim Gorky.

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This Plan gave better results in the past year than ever before!

Should you buy Gold?

Every month more Canadians put their dollar-savings into gold. Soon USA will legalize gold ownership. N-N has often given Soviet opinions about gold, and here we offer a summary of views from B. Mayorov, Chief of Foreign Exchange Dept., Ministry of Foreign Trade.

The "monetary crisis" which flares up every so often is having serious effects on all currencies in Capitalism, and is sharpening conflicts between nations.

Repeated conferences result only in minor decisions, and the problem of sound monetary relations is nowhere near solution.

- o Back in 1961 major Western lands set up the "Gold Pool", with gold at \$35 USA per ounce.

- o USA dollar lost value, so in 1968 a "Two Price" system began, but major banks were forbidden to deal in gold at rising prices.

- o This was hailed (in USA) as the end of the "gold problem"; but soon the USA dollar weakened more, as inflation worsened; Western money problems became acute, and by 1970 confidence in the USA dollar fell to a new low.

- o In 1971, Washington was forced (by reality) to devalue its dollar officially . . . by raising the price of gold.

- o That happened again in 1972 and 1973, in actions taken independently by the USA authorities.

These maneuvers by Washington, to aid the dollar, had bad effects on some other currencies, and caused much ill-will. Meantime, the real price of gold had soared past \$100 (USA) per ounce, and USA was seeking every way to force this price down.

Towards the end of 1973 the artificial "Two Price" system was abandoned. USA hoped some central banks would sell gold and depress its price; but this didn't happen, since the value of gold kept rising.

Actually, rising gold prices meant that the world was "running away from the USA dollar" (selling paper dollars for real gold). Not only did European and Japanese banks hold on to all their gold, but USA itself didn't sell a bar, refusing to follow its own "advice".

However, the long-term aim of USA financiers—to get gold out of the world monetary system, replacing it by the USA dollar—has not changed to this day. Lately they have tried various means to turn gold from real money into just another "commodity" like copper, wheat, soybeans, to be traded by speculators, but not used to regulate the dollar.

But the facts of life prevent this. Unlike other commodities, gold is

in a steadily rising trend, and USA has failed completely to convince any of its allies that dollars are superior to gold as the base for all currencies.

Recently the USA dollar has still further weakened, leading to a new "gold rush". . . everyone trying to unload their inflating dollars in exchange for ever-rising gold. The notion put forward by Washington, that countries would "dump" their gold for USA dollars, has turned out to be preposterous.

However, the West badly needs to maintain outward "unity", especially in vital currency matters (lack of confidence can lead to grave disturbances). Hence the polite, reassuring press, after each new currency-gold conference.

This year, most European banks have openly discussed using gold increasingly, to settle trade and currency dealings — the complete opposite to "de-monetising" gold. This is what they are all striving for, in spite of widely different views made public in Britain, West Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland, France, Italy.

These "differences" are no more than maneuvers to employ gold in special ways that will be to the advantage of one or another country, its big banks, its trade, etc.

Such proposals greatly irritate Washington. Mainly, because the other Western nations plan to use gold at its real (high) market value.

That would be, in effect, making gold the basis of their currencies,

leaving the dollar to find its own level as paper money . . . contrary to basic USA plans.

- o Fact is: all major capitalist countries regard gold as their most valuable monetary asset, which they price on the basis of today's high gold price (in dollars).

- o Fact is: the USA's "official" very low price for gold has no real meaning any more; for years, no exchanges have been based on this purely fictitious price.

- o Fact is: far from turning their gold reserves into inflating dollars, many countries plan to turn their dollar reserves into gold . . . a plan which sent gold up to \$180 per ounce early this year.

This explains why gold has become one of that most acute "areas of disagreement" between USA and its close allies. Already, France has converted large reserves of USA dollars into gold.

It must be pointed out that there is no way that gold, or dollars, can resolve the basic problems of world Capitalism, since monetary problems are only symptoms of the General Crisis of Capitalism.

Short-term gold price forecasts are not easy to make.

Some countries may sell some gold to cover payment deficits; others may buy gold to increase their real monetary reserves (as inflation further weakens the dollar).

But in the long term, when all factors are taken into account, a definite upward trend in the price of gold seems indicated.

In June, the desperate Italian government was "granted" the right to value its gold reserve at the real market price; this increased that reserve from 3 to 17 billion USA dollars!

Later, gold declined to \$126 per ounce, but soon rose again past \$150. And shares of producing gold mines rose, while industrial stocks collapsed on Wall Street, London and other exchanges. Sales of gold (bars, coins, jewellery) to the public steadily increase.

"The gold mania which has stricken West Germany and other countries," says 'Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung', "can only be explained by panic buying by thousands of investors. Many people see no alternative but to escape from paper money regardless of the price (of gold)." Even staid Swiss bankers recommend a "survival kit" (for wealthy people) consisting mainly of gold.

"Sooner or later," says the prestigious 'Barron's Weekly' of New York, "demand (for gold) may be something to behold."

And Portugal's loss of its African colonies may well lead Africans of South Africa to seize control of the West's richest gold mines, a development that would be catastrophic for Capitalism.

Caution: nothing said here should be read as advice from "NN" to buy or sell gold bullion, coins, futures, or gold-mine stocks.

Nearer comes the Liberation of Mankind

New major events suppressed for you by the kind effort of our "free" press

This summer, some important things happened on the way to our future.

You might say they began with the first visit of the new Prime Minister of Libya, Abel Jallouud, to Moscow.

Both sides stressed that the friendship of Libya and USSR "is the friendship of revolutionary peoples, and is not something temporary, but permanent."

Afghanistan, too, has a new leader, Mohammad Daoud, who came to the USSR. His country is now rapidly progressing, with Soviet aid. Fierce opposition by Pakistan (backed by China) is being successfully resisted, and you may reasonably predict that the Afghan people will move closer to the Socialist world.

In Algeria the National Liberation Front (FLN) is developing as a mass party, and has moved to strengthen ties with the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, mainly to aid the world-wide struggle for peace, justice, freedom.

N. V. Podgorny, Soviet President, in mid-summer went to the Somali Democratic Republic. General Mohammed Barre emphasized that the Somali people are now advancing by use of "the principles of scientific socialism, proclaimed in the second charter of our Revolution."

Black Liberation must also include Whites

Some NN Readers will remember "Pan-Africanism". It belong to an earlier period in the Liberation struggle, but for 30 years (since its 5th Congress in 1945) that movement was left behind by swift events.

The 6th Pan-African Congress took place this July. Very different, now. Instead of a group of students and intellectuals, Black Liberation today mobilizes hundreds of millions.

Perhaps it was the Cuban delegation which gave the real-life picture: everything meant by Liberation, in today's world, must be upheld for all people regardless of the color of their skin.

Held in Dar es Salaam (capital of Tanzania) the Pan-African Congress heard Nyerere's stirring caution that "if in championing our positions as Black people we regard ourselves as totally different from the rest of mankind, we shall only weaken ourselves."

On the basis, the Congress firmly linked racism and imperialism with Zionism as enemies of liberation.

"The present-day international situation favors the forces of progress, the unity of all revolutionary liberation movements in the world."

New power behind progress: BIG Socialism

The past season saw one of the biggest changes ever, in the economic relations between out-going Capitalism and on-coming Socialism. This was the economic agreement between Japan and USSR.

Actual "deals" total over a billion dollars. But the plans are much bigger, symbolised by a new electric railway all across Siberia to the Pacific.

This railway will enormously speed up economic progress of Socialism. So it is strongly opposed in Japan (and in Washington and Peking). But the cool reality is that the railway will be built . . . and if Japan doesn't participate, too bad, for Japan.

Deals with the USSR (and other Socialist nations) offer Japan a measure of relief from the worsening crisis of Capitalism. Where else can the old system turn today for a little stability?

If you run into sceptics when you bring this up, just let them know what our papers never breathed: the Argentine Republic is now so interested in long-term trade with Socialism that it wants to establish relations with the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance . . . that's CMEA, the Socialist world's economic-scientific integration center.

But Argentine is capitalist. So? CMEA is open to capitalist countries participating.

But why? Because Socialism is BIG now. And the world capitalist system is deep in trouble. So the growing might of the new system, and especially its stability and freedom from inflation, make all kinds of co-operation very attractive.

More trade, faster growth of Socialism.

All mixed up . . . Politics and Economics

Of course you know what has happened in Portugal. Some people you know may have exaggerated those events into a "socialist revolution". Not so. But what you should impress on others is an even bigger thing . . .

Portugal immediately established diplomatic relations with USSR, because any form of liberation in our world today must have the backing of Socialism.

And that, as you now see, works two ways. Portugal at first was unwilling to give its African colonies total freedom. Now they have it. No other way, as you saw here in "NN" (June Page 3).

Next? The African peoples of South Africa and Rhodesia will soon overthrow their white racist rulers.

Which brings in a spectre terrifying to Capitalism: Africa's gold going the Liberation road!

From Africa it's a long, long way to Trinidad and Tobago, but Socialism is right there, too.

Trinidad and Tobago is a capitalist new nation. Not poor, man, but rich. Oil and gas bringing in vast sums of dollars, to an undeveloped land.

So they've exchanged ambassadors with the USSR.

What else? Trinidad and Tobago are going for big industry, and needs stable Socialism for trade that won't fold up in Capitalism's crisis.

A little Leninism is good for Leftism

Among the basic discoveries Lenin's genius gave us, two are coming together now before our eyes.

One: victorious Socialism must support Liberation movements everywhere, at all times, because that is the way the world is heading, out of Capitalism.

Two: Socialism cannot possibly "export revolution" into other countries, and will show people the way to the future only by proving that Socialism is best, above all in the field of economics.

So today, if you've always "felt in your heart" that Socialism would win the world, now you can know it in your head, too.

Mao-ist Chinese, preaching liberation-with-bombs, and scorning economic progress, have lost their leftist enthusiasts all over Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America. Leninists are picking up the Liberation movement by the example of Socialism-in-Action, the USSR and its allies.

So don't be too hard on newspaper and TV editors who just can't bear to tell you the best news. They'll have to, soon. Liberation is coming so near that it's bound to liberate our "free" press eventually.

Questions to ask yourself about Living Forever



Many scientists believe we'll soon be able to live on, and on. Do you want to? You're sure? Take another look.

Living forever—or, say 100 years more—isn't just a dream. It could be a real question facing you in the near future. Indeed, it's fast becoming one of the great problems of the Science Revolution, and here NN brings you angles being debated by biologists, philosophers and sociologists in the USSR.

Hard to beat this, for getting into arguments!

◦ **To begin with**, nearly everyone looks on death as undesirable, but today, for the first time in history, living forever has become something very different from "life eternal in heaven". . . it now means **your life continuing here on Earth**, indefinitely.

Well, let's say living on for hundreds of years.

Some animals live a century. Trees live 1000 years. No biological reason why Man can't equal that.

Take the simplest modern medical view: once we find the **specific causes** for growing old and dying, we'll eliminate them one by one. That's feasible, because science **already has** beaten death many ways.

◦ **Researchers now have 100 theories** about what makes us age-to-death. Briefly, and looking on the bright side, they have three basic approaches . . .

✓ To live forever, "**mobilize the body's reserves**"; thus, 96 percent of your brain is unused; the heart has astounding ability to recover from damage.

✓ Some prefer to tackle "**the weak spots**"; just by preventing heart-and-artery disease we could extend average lifetimes by many years; same for cancer.

✓ Most far-reaching idea is to get right into our body cells and "**change the program**" so its stays where you want it . . . youth, middle-age, maturity?

You can be sure of this: all researchers in this field tell us **revolutionary advances are coming**, so we'd better straighten out our ideas about long life.

Some tell you: "What's to worry? Hand me one of those Live Forever Pills and I won't argue!"

◦ **Never mind "forever"**, first let's be practical, say a 50-year extension on your life. This could happen surprisingly soon, because it is forecast on the basis of definite research tasks . . . tackling today's big killers as we did yesterday's plagues. No problem.

So living to be 125 will be like reaching 70 now.

You'd be happy about that?

Here we disregard certain financial problems, like a **minority** of young working people toiling to pay the pensions for a **big majority** of very-old-agers.

Could be that it won't happen that way at all.

◦ **Suppose you were offered long-life YOUTH?** Right away the arguments start boiling. Of course, prolong youth! But . . . teen-age? Twenties? Isn't the best age 30-to-40?

Hear the middle-agers protest! Everybody knows the **mature** person is most valuable. And who is mature . . . some wonderful skills flourish after 60.

Seriously, there are good arguments against "holding" youth or middle-age, since the human personality does **develop through life**, and "eternal youths" would be a kind of weird biological robots, non-people.

You could waste a lot of time there, because other practical questions must be taken into account.

◦ **What do you mean by "the peak of life"?** Athlete's attain highest performance levels long before some mental workers. But even there . . . mathematicians may make their biggest finds before 25, and skilled physical workers can be highly productive past 55.

Youth "temperament" is very valuable. But if we could make some workers (hand and brain) live "at age 70" for another 50 years they'd far out-produce most youth, could be big economic advantage to society.

◦ **Are the main questions personal, or social?** You come up against this as soon as you look at your own personality . . . if you are **old**, and if millions like you went on **living old**, wouldn't that have a repressing effect on human development?

Why? Many oldsters adapt to the new very well.

Yes, but millions living past 100 will **worsen the world's population problem**.

On the contrary, old people don't have children, so they might solve that problem very fast!

In any case (scientists speaking now) if our best thinkers were saved from death it wouldn't be long before Space Science found us new places to populate . . . like building our own little planets near Earth.

"Philosophers" don't like this at all. Taking a broad view of human evolution, they say mankind **must have completely new, fresh generations of people**, in order to "rejuvenate" our species.

That's old hat, others reply; new discoveries about body-and-brain will give humanity rejuvenation such as nature hasn't ever achieved.

◦ **Soviet philosopher-scientists come in here:** they take the broadest view of all, and it's optimistic, typical of Communist thinkers.

In brief: life has **never** put before mankind any problems which the human race cannot solve at that time.

In fact, as you can see, we are posing all these new problems **ourselves**, and the very fact that scientists are raising them shows that they **foresee solutions**.

The optimists again: because we must get solutions, this is going to be a **terrific stimulus to progress**, perhaps the big next stage of revolutionary Science.

No "perhaps" at all, others insist. It has **started**. And that confronts us with another viewpoint.

◦ **Prolong life will speed the Revolution.** Many Soviet (and other) scientists insist that it is most urgent, today, to **change conditions of life** for hundreds of millions, or else lengthening their lives will be cruel, intolerable.

Only a **rational planned social-economic system** can cope with us living forever.

Thus, once again, revolution in Science is **forcing the Socialist Revolution**.

But still . . . by its very nature this whole question is **intensely personal**.

One fine day you are going to wake up and face some discovery that offers you many more years of life.

Even if you are sick, poor, sad, lonely . . . would you turn it down?

When health, prosperity, friendship could come next?



Could our politicians learn anything from Soviet voters?

With only one party running, how could you lose? But it's not all as simple as our papers try to tell you.

Over 161 million Soviet people voted in their recent elections (held every four years). Nobody compels anyone to vote. And they can vote against the Party . . . some 330,000 did.

Why, then, did the overwhelming majority turn out to vote for the politicians who ran?

Common-sense tells you Soviet people aren't stupid. You can get some interesting angles on their thinking, their system — and their elections — from the facts.

Main election appeal pointed out that their 9th Five-Year Plan (now well under way) is a **big success**. In four years, for example, their industrial output rose 7.5 percent each year. And anybody could see that boom going on . . .

—Like 1600 big new enterprises hiring armies of workers.

—World's biggest power plants guaranteeing **no energy shortage**; biggest-ever **auto and truck factories**; enormous new oil and gas fields **eliminating fuel problems**.

—Some 900 other plants, making **consumers goods**, markedly improved supply situation in their shops.

—Ambitious new **Siberia railway system**, and vast **Central Russia farm modernizing plan**, are; new projects of great benefit.

Soviet politicians had no trouble convincing the **farm vote**. In four years Socialism had invested over **100 billion dollars** in farming; the results were clearly apparent in every Soviet person's home . . . **all quality food sales up sharply** (for first time exceeding USA's per person consumption in some foods); **all-time record grain and cotton crops**.

Life on the farms is clearly much better; incomes higher each year; all crops sold; yet **no increases in any food prices . . .**

Clearly, Soviet political leaders **must be doing something right**.

That applies right up to their election day (June 16) . . . industry **barrelling along at a faster clip** (8.7 percent rise) and farmers set for **new records in delivering food-on-the-table**.

Now try to **picture yourself** over there. Should you vote for the man (maybe a woman, youth) who promises you **more of the same?**

Like **more money in your wallet**. In four years since the previous elections, per capita income in Socialism went up **20.5 percent**.

In cities, that is. Farmers' income rose just over **25 percent**.

BUT NO PRICES WENT UP.

"Public Consumption" money (we don't have it) climbed **faster** than cash income — that's "**for free**" in Socialism (education, pensions, subsidies for transportation, housing, kindergartens, etc.).

You guess how 45 million Soviet voters figured it out . . . they are the people who **moved into new housing** since the previous elections. Paying, as before, **the world's lowest rent** (just a fraction of what housing costs us).

And no problems getting their children to schools — **no transport required**, with 13,000 big new schools built to accommodate all newly housed families.

And no problems getting jobs after the youngsters leave school. Each year since Soviet voters last went to the pools, **millions of new jobs** opened up and were filled.



By the way, you might **miss** one thing in Soviet elections. None of their candidates campaigned on **national or racial lines** (though USSR has over 100 nationalities).

But every candidate promised **all-out efforts to make the trend towards world peace permanent, solid**.

How do you feel about **women in politics**? Soviet voters not only like it, but nearly **one-in-three** of all the candidates they elected this year, are **women**.

By the hundreds of thousands their **youth** (18 years) turned out to vote for the first time. They had plenty of young people to vote for. **Young and old, Soviet voters elected 279 youth** to their Supreme Soviet (Parliament).

Without exception, candidates went to the electorate with **this frank appeal**: "I have no interests except the interests of the people, and our Party is doing everything to be worthy of the trust and support of the people."

Would you buy that?

Soviet people **did** go for it. Out of 161,724,222 names on the voters' lists, 161,689,612 cast ballots.

They elected 767 members to the "Soviet of the Union"; plus 750 others to the "Soviet of Nationalities" (their second "house", guaranteeing fullest representation for even small national groups).

Over half of all winners were **workers and farmers**. All others also work, in the professions, sciences, arts, etc. . . . since no one in Socialism can live off "capital investments", nobody in that category is ever elected.

Though you saw not a mention of it in our papers, 420 people elected this time are **not Party members**.

And 332,664 voters make up the "dissidents" we hear so much about; **they voted against**. These people number 1-in-500, so judge for yourself their influence.

For any party to win at the **rate of 500 for to 1 against** is, to any impartial observer, a record which might well give our own politicians something to ponder.



how we live high off
hunger and death of
hundreds of millions

new hard look at West's affluence

Why don't the starving masses of the undeveloped nations **wise up, work hard as our farmers do**, and that way produce plenty of food, **the way we do?**

No way. **We eat their food.** We steal their energy and ores to make our machines and fertilizers, so they have **no money.** We use their land and labor to grow food to stuff into our livestock and chickens, **so their children die of starvation, malnutrition.**

Wakened by Soviet economists and their own young scientists, the world's starving peoples (they total over a billion) are beginning to see through the big boast of **Capitalism: The Affluent Way of Life.**

—Vast areas of rich farm lands in those starving nations **grow crops for our companies;** tea, coffee, cocoa, bananas, sugar, peanuts, coconut, etc.

—Equally huge acreage is given over to producing **industrial crops for us:** cotton, rubber, fibers.

—Millions of head of beef-cattle are raised in countries-of-starvation; just USA alone gorges one quarter of all that meat.

—A quarter of all the world's fish (three quarters of the tuna) is stuffed down the throats of North Americans (obesity is our Number One health problem).

—Our supermarkets are loaded with **soap** ("Don't those Africans know how to wash?!") and **margarine** ("They don't need expensive butter!") because **immense crops of high-quality seed** are snatched from hungry peoples, to give us this day our Affluence.

—Our brainy, industrious farmers load their fields with fertilizers, their poultry and cattle with cheap feed: . . . **produced by the world's starving people.**

—Hundreds of millions of pet cats and dogs we coax to eat highly nutritious foods, made from meat and fish **produced by parents of hunger-doomed children.**

It may be unpopular to say, but our poorest people, who sensibly eat cat-and-dog food, **live far better than the stupid, starving nations that make it.**

Stupid? Better say ignorant. Up to now. Now it is **changing.** Humanity is wising up to us.

- Have a cuppa tea? Still cheap. Millions face death in Sri Lanka (Ceylon) today. Can't grow food crops on tea plantations . . . **we affluent types** must have our low, low prices every day.

- Have a cuppa coffee? So easy and quick. Instant coffee means great farms out of food production in Africa, to grow new coffees for "instant", for us.

- Wanna candy bar? Run down to the store (or drive down). Lots of cocoa and sugar "on the world market". The world of famine, lifelong illness, young death.

You get their food and our rich get their money.

The reason the starving people can't earn \$100 a year is because all the wealth they produce is stolen by our Western corporations. Makes our affluence.

Then, we turn around and **sell our wheat at peak prices** to the famine lands (mostly for money borrowed

from us at criminally high charges). Literally, **our wheat spreads starvation and poverty.**

Other methods our capitalist system uses, to keep us affluent, would fill 10 pages. Systematically our governments, financiers, corporation, **drive down the prices** we pay for starving mankind's food and industrial crops. And listen, now, to the howls of rage, because Jamaicans are going to raise the price of their aluminum ore . . . man, you gonna stand by while they snatch the foil off the turkey roasting in your oven?!

Our aluminum-foil workers get **ten times the pay** of Jamaicans. So you know who has the ovens and the turkey to go in them.

Up above our workers live the aluminum-rich; the tea-and-coffee-rich; the rich from meat and fish and cotton and sugar and . . . **affluence from famine.**

When just ONE commodity, oil, was boosted to a fair price, **Capitalism went into a financial panic.**

But you've seen nothing yet. Nothing like what is coming when the **prisoners of starvation** rise in revolt. Against us. Against our affluence.

Here's a **grim new thing** the West promoted: despite Soviet warnings, big companies started convincing African mothers to use **prepared baby foods** instead of breast milk. It's a scandal in the medical-science now. Poor-nation families have no sanitary facilities for making up "baby formulas". **So disease and infant death are soaring.**

So what? Don't they have too many babies anyway? And **the profits!** Some mothers will spend **half** the family income on baby's "formula". . . agents, dressed like **nurses**, go through the villages peddling these fraudulent foods as "modern, scientific".

And a **grim new fact** about grain: we affluents boast of eating lots of protein, but our meat, milk, eggs, use up enough grain to feed **five times the population** of Canada and USA combined!

Indeed, our fried-chicken kings use up 22,000 pounds of concentrated fish food to produce 2,000 pounds of snacks for us. Have another helping? Anyway, a kid dying of hunger can't digest fried chicken . . .

Things are changing. Say that again!

- ▶ Starving people are that way not because they don't know better, but because we of the affluent capitalist system **keep them starving so we can live high.**

- ▶ What happened to Oil will happen to **FOOD**; when it comes, Capitalism will experience **an earthquake** that will shake every shelf in our bulging super-markets.

- ▶ In many lands, the coming revolution will not be to overthrow native exploiters, but to **clear us out of the starving continents.**

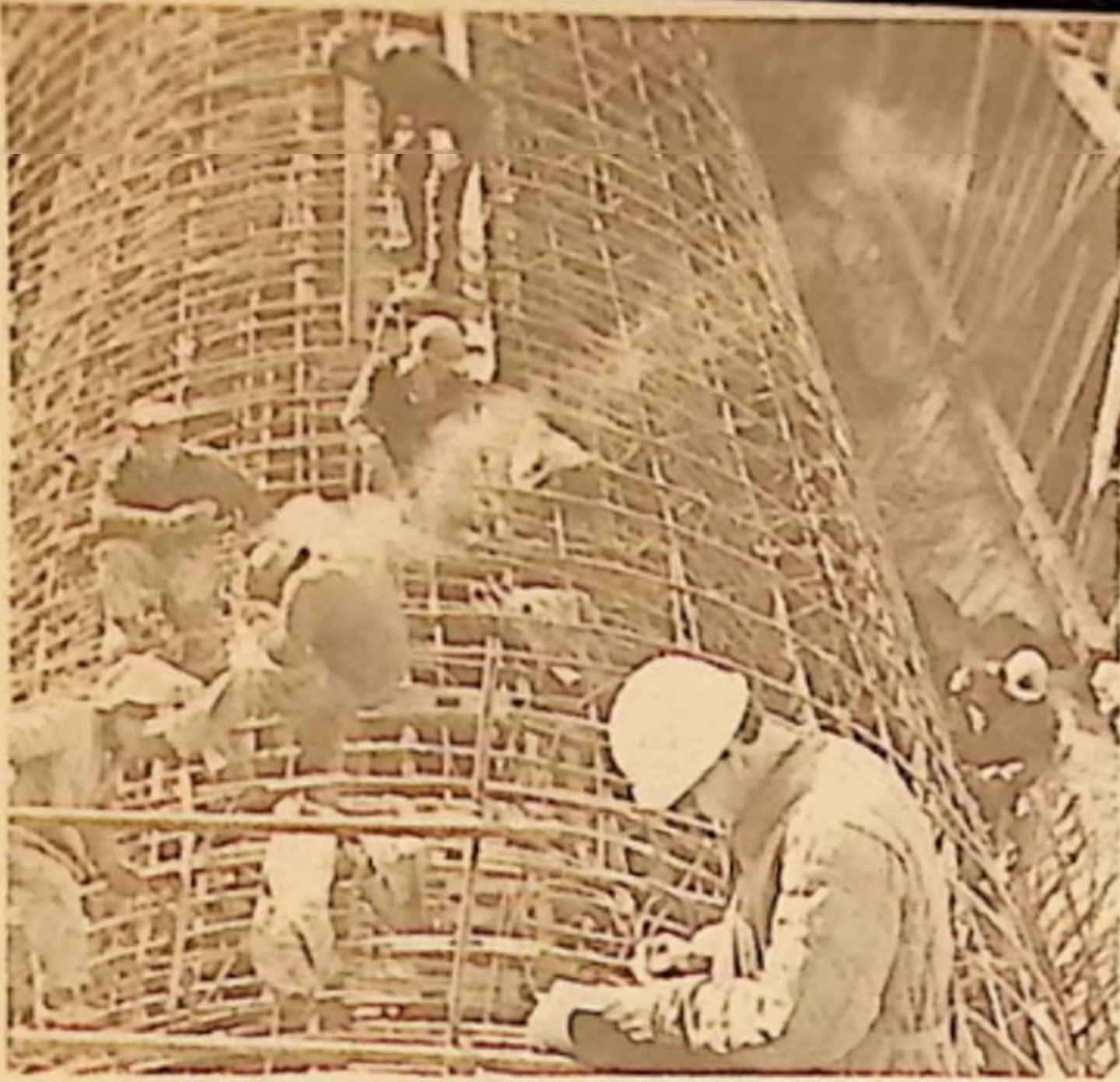
Then we'll discover how we became affluent. When it's all over, and we have to live off our own labor.

Like the way people do in Socialism?

Here, an awful lot of **hard new thinking** is required.

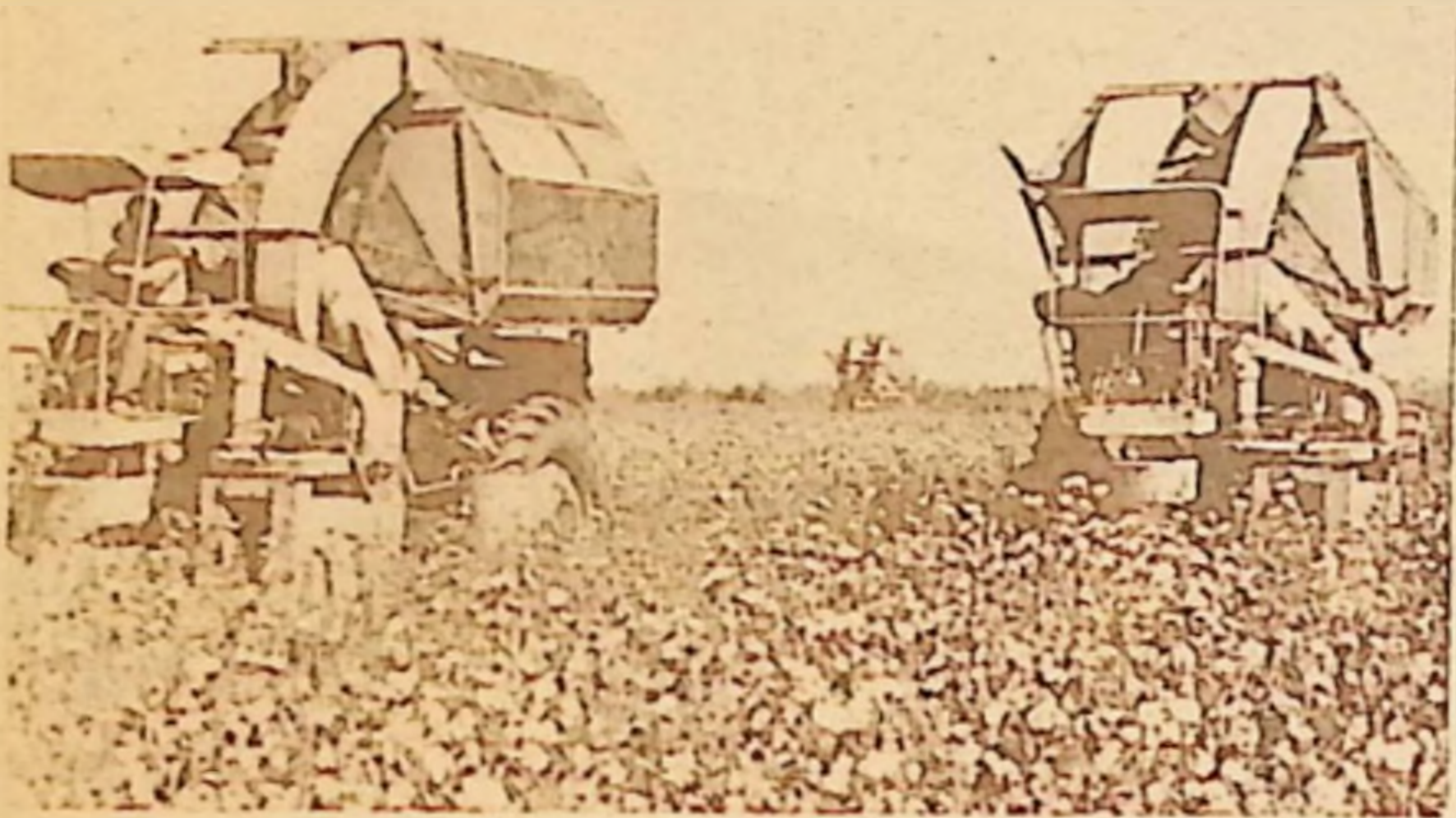
[Don't like this? Or, want to know more? See "End of Capitalism's Dream", Page-17]

IN CENTRAL ASIA



Crack team of Gennady Tregubov installing heavy reinforcement.

Far off in the mountains of the Tajik Soviet Socialist Republic a great Hydro Power Plant on the Vakhsh River is nearing completion. The dam is over 300 feet high. Already, a huge "Vakhsh Sea" is piling up behind it, storing the waters of a river that varies from tempestuous floods to near trickle. The dam will store the colossal volume of 10 billion cubic yards of water, which will flow in a regulated way through the dam's power turbines . . . nine of them will deliver a total of 2,700,000 KW of electricity.



Today at Kirov Collective Farm, irrigated. Deserts of Dangara will soon look like this.



An earlier Tajik power project, at Kairak-Kum, brought water (and power) to large area that's now drought-proof.



Cotton-sowing time on high-harvest irrigated Tajik farm, Tyubin district.



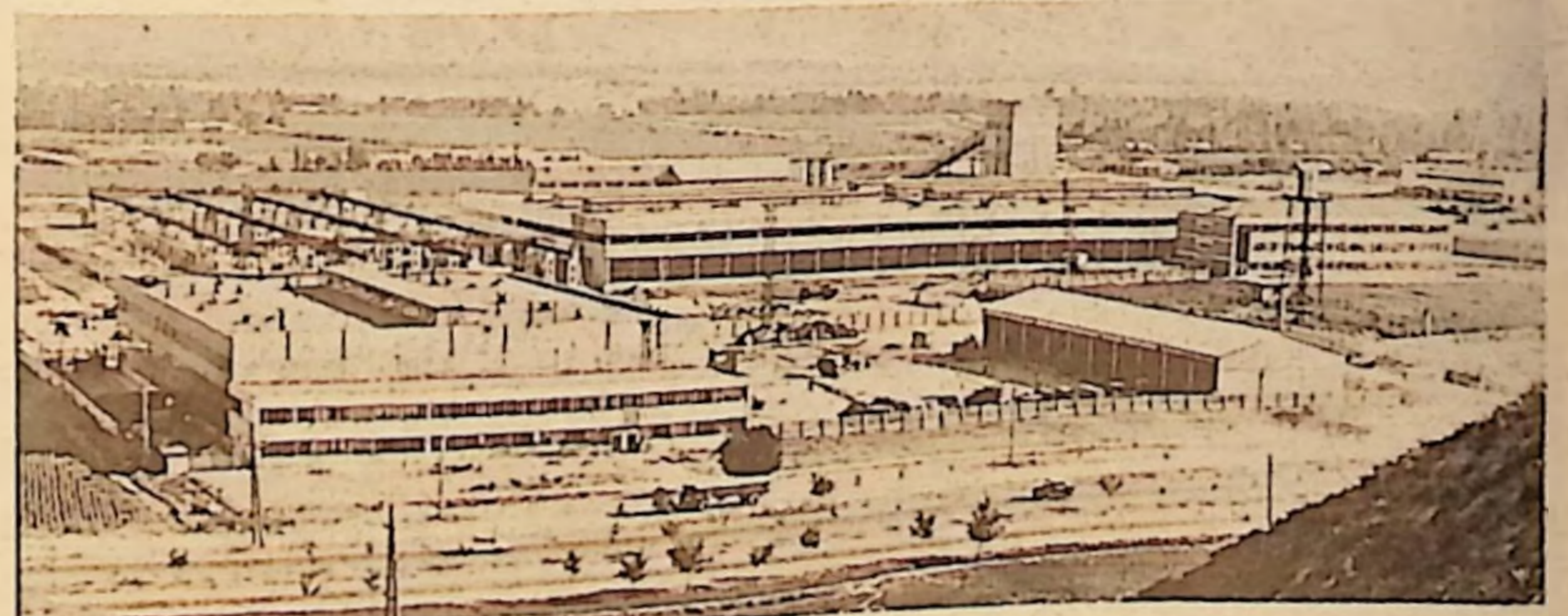
Zulfya Samadova, skilled gold-thread embroiderer, is still kept busy in Tajik industry, but thousands of Tajik women today work with machines. On right is production line in plant making machines that weave Tajik carpets.



Some of the USSR's most productive sheep farms are high in mountains of Turkmenia. This one, Bulunkul State Farm, has pastures up at 10,500 feet elevation.



Folk music of the Tajik people has appeal all its own. Many of their ensembles (like the "Lola" girls shown here) are popular all over the Soviet Union.

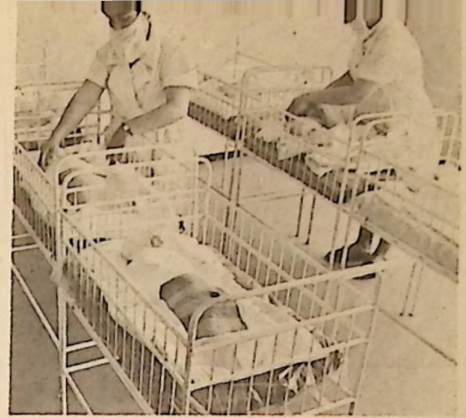


Rated as just an "experimental" plant, in Tajik capital of Dushanbe, this factory automates production of irrigation pipe (concrete) and other items made of cement. Much larger complex of concrete plants will arise, using power from Vakhsh dam at Nurek.

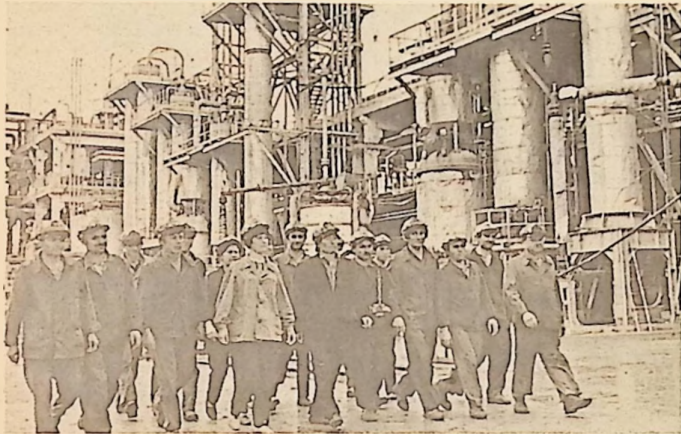
A NEW POWER CENTER



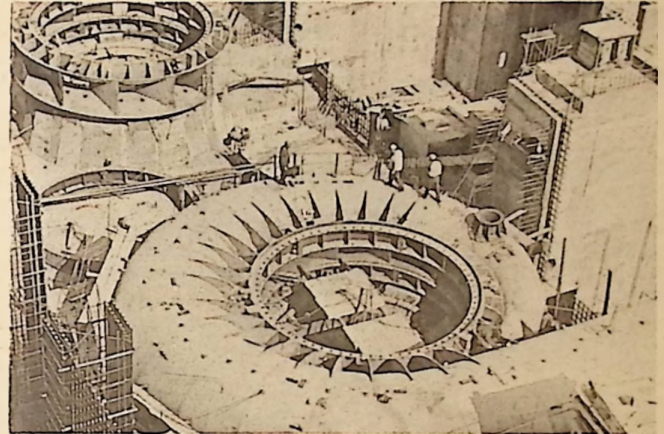
The power of the tamed Vakhsh will operate great new industries in Central Asia. Principal among them will be the Regar Aluminum Works and the Yavan Electro-Chemical Combine. However, a major pay-off from this massive project is lifegiving WATER. No longer wasted in disastrous floods, billions of cubic yards of purest Vakhsh mountain waters will flow through an eight-mile tunnel out into the now-arid Dangara Steppe. There, a whole new region of cotton and grain farms, and orchards, will flourish, transforming a large region.



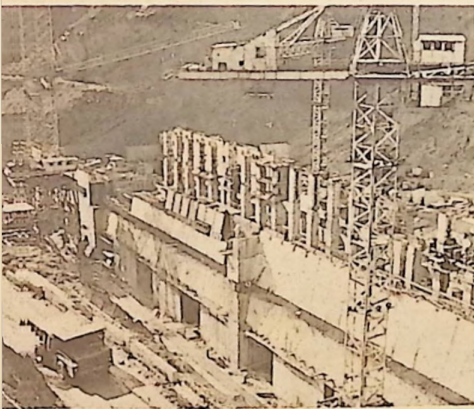
Though not yet complete, new power center already has its "native born."



Already in action is Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant, where men and women of 18 Soviet nationalities started production.



One of giant spiral-conduit chambers to carry flood of water from 300-foot drop into the turbo-generators.



Based deep in mountains, Nurek dam is solid enough to resist earthquakes.



Tajik State University in Dushanbe, the capital, had to enlarge Chemistry Department to train hundreds of young specialists for the new industries.



Brand new city of Nurek is rising as power plant is built. Fully modern, it will house workers of many big industries.



Full-speed construction guarantees early completion of new power center, which began generating in 1972.

Sleep your years away?

The legend of Rip Van Winkle, who awoke in a strange world after years asleep, is familiar in folk tales. Recently the world press told of Mrs. Nadezhda Libedina, who suddenly awakened after a sleep of 20 years. But Soviet medical science is not interested in her impressions . . . because her sleep is of profound biological importance. Our report tells why.

Back in 1952 Mrs. Libedina, of Moghilyov (it's in Ukraine, near Dniepropetrovsk) had a bad case of 'flu. After, she complained of headaches. Then she would fall asleep in the daytime, for hours.

Repeated tests at the clinic failed to show anything seriously wrong. At this time Nadezhda was 32 years old, and had a teen-age daughter, Valya.

In February 1954 she was taken to hospital in a state of nervous excitement, of no known cause. The doctors treated her without difficulty. But suddenly, in April of that year, she fell into a deep sleep, and could not be awakened.

Prolonged sleep has, of course, been observed many times. At first Mrs. Libedina was totally unconscious and had to be fed through a tube. But gradually, in the course of several years, some of her functions returned. Food could be given her with a spoon, and she could swallow. Otherwise, she was unconscious.

In 1958 her mother and sister decided to take Nadezhda home. There, for more than 15 years, they cared for this patient who could not respond to any efforts made to waken her.

Last summer, in July, Nadezhda's mother died.

That day the sister started crying while attending to the patient. Nadezhda suddenly opened her eyes, cried out "Oh mummy, dear!" and then screamed.

She was instantly, fully awake.

Though very weak (and with some muscles atrophied from long disuse) she left her bed at once, and in an astonishingly short time was living normally.

Mrs. Libedina was taken to the large Mechnikov Hospital, in Dniepropetrovsk, where Dr. Valeria Mirtovskaya (see our front cover photo) started investigating the case while supervising treatments. In our photo above, the patient is getting physio-therapy for muscle weakness.



To researchers, an interesting fact is that when the patient regained consciousness she had no idea at all that she'd been sleeping 20 years. In fact, for a time she couldn't accept her daughter, Valya . . . she remembered her as a teen-ager, and now she was 35 years old.

Naturally, Mrs. Libedina was astounded by such new things as television (nobody in her small town had seen TV back in 1954). And the transformation of the Ukrainian countryside, to say nothing of the cities, astonished her.

It took Nadezhda nearly two weeks to "learn" how to walk again. That was mostly due, however, to very stiff joints and considerable muscle wastage.

"But everything is in order with her mind!" says Dr. Mirtovskaya. "I think the lengthy sleep had a favorable effect on her psychic health."

What about her body. At first this case was classed as "lethargic sleep"; in that state the patient's metabolism slows down, little energy is used up, and the process of ageing almost comes to a halt.

But Mrs. Libedina showed remarkable changes: not only did she stop ageing, **but she became younger.**

Thus, when she woke up, she could read without using her glasses . . . a remarkable, measurable body change.

Study proved that at times, when "asleep", Nadezhda heard voices around her. She even made "efforts" to respond (to doctors) but never could. And she definitely did not suffer any "shock" which started her sleeping (as in most cases of that kind). On the contrary, it was the shock of her mother's death which ended her 20-year slumber.

Present view of Soviet specialists studying this patient is that the all-powerful brain center, which governs the sleep-starting "inhibition" of brain activity, in some unknown way changed its "program". But this does not explain the most fascinating fact of all . . .

For several months after she awakened, Mrs. Libedina **did not look her age at all**, she was unbelievably youthful. But . . . before the eyes of her family, and the specialists, within three or four months she aged very rapidly, to become a normal woman of 64 years.

Many Soviet (and some Western) researchers earlier proved that special forms of sleep can have positive effects on mind and body. And (see NN Oct. '67) sleep can also bring on physical disease symptoms.

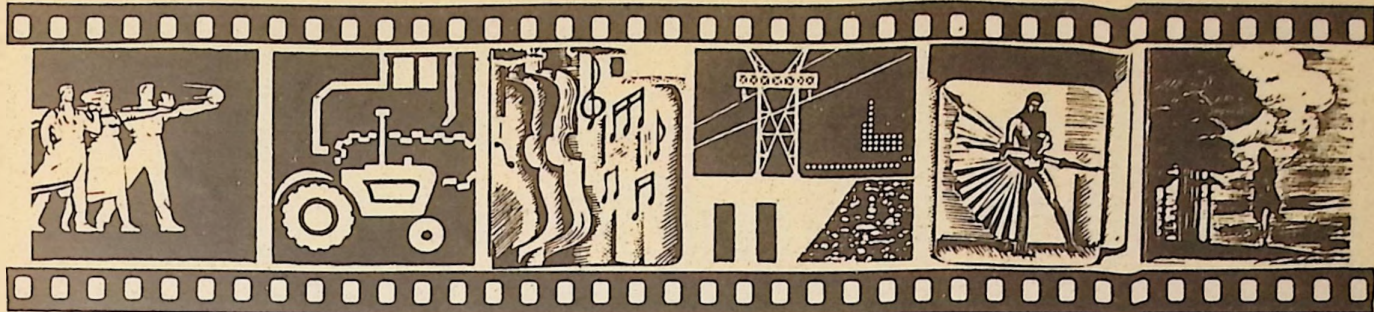
For many years Soviet scientists have insisted that our bodies are "secondary" to all important control or programming function of our brains. Indeed, the classic study, in world medicine, remains that of Platonov, who proved with hundreds of normal people how great is the power of "mind over matter".

However, this new Libedina case is bound to arouse fresh investigations. It is one thing for the brain, during sleep, to bring on (or relieve) symptoms of, say, heart disease or asthma; but it is a totally different achievement for the sleeping mind to **stop the processes of ageing** and even restore such functions as youthful eyesight.

Many biologists today claim that ageing is "put into body cells programs" before birth. Suppose it turns out that the super-computer of all, the human brain, is capable to **changing programs within every cell?**

This new evidence — by no means yet understood — adds weight to the conviction of many Soviet brain researchers that discoveries now on the way will **revolutionize** medical science and the conquest of ageing.

Case proves that human brain has extraordinary powers over all functions of the body.



Movies are for what?

Do you know why Cinema is the greatest of all Arts in Socialism?

A lot of foreign film people went to Moscow recently to celebrate the 50th birthday of the oldest "Hollywood" in Socialism. And many of them got some real surprises, came away disturbed by strange ideas.

Of course they were impressed by the fact that the people of Mosfilm have turned out over 1,000 feature films, including world classics like "Potemkin," "Ballad of a Soldier," "Fate of a Man," "Chairman."

Far more impressive was the fact that **right now** Soviet movies are **loved** by tens of millions . . . just about everybody in the USSR goes to shows often, buying 5,000 million tickets a year.

So, you see, Lenin was right. "Cinema art is the most important of all the arts for us," he said. Because movies reach **all the people**, have tremendous emotional power, reach right into personal life to **change human behaviour** . . . for beter or worse.

Over here in Capitalism movies are just entertainment, so few of us realize that **the Soviet cinema played a major role in creating Socialism**, and thus was a big factor in changing the world.

Today, movies in the West are in a grim state of decline, but in USSR they can't produce them fast enough to satisfy the public. And TV, far from lowering movie appeal, has notably raised it.

You're going to find that hard to believe, when you learn that today's Soviet movies strongly play up the newest big "drive" in Socialism — making the 5-Year Plan a super-success by working more efficiently.

That's for movies?!

In Socialism, it surely is. Socialism is "the new Kingdom of Labor" and the people know, **from their own lives**, that everything comes from their labor (their hands or brains or both), nothing from any boss, or from any capitalist employer, or from the government . . . **only from the work they do themselves.**

They are making the new world, and the problem of **how to make it better and faster** is central to their very existence, **their material and spiritual life.**

And if you think that "how to work" is an awful drab subject for creating cinema dramas, just look at some of the "themes" packing their movies now . . .

- People who are building a new world often do grand and heroic things; cinema-makers in Capitalism sneer at work, but that's **their shallow souls** showing.

- People who work with devotion to the cause of all society can be beautiful, and their lives (on the screen) can make you feel very good.

- Working not only for your own country (USSR) but for people desperately fighting for liberation (like Asians, Africans, Latin Americans) **gives life a splendid meaning** . . . even if it requires sacrificing, for a while, higher pay, beter clothes, a family car.

- When you see mean, selfish, lazy people in living dramas on the screen, you recognize types that still exist in Socialism, you see how to cope with them.

Does all that still seem so drab to you?

Speaking of today's movies in USA the star (now a director) Gene Nelson admits that deciding on movie themes is finding "the package that will draw most backing from the money lenders." To "they'll go the limit, they'll pay \$1,000,000 for a single actor, they'll put on an ad campaign that costs \$2,000,000 **in the hope they will get the big killing.**"

That's what movies are for, in Capitalism.

Not for you, not for society, not for any imaginable good, but solely for the big killing: Profit.

And millions pay high prices to see "Last Tango," "The exorcist," "Jesus Christ Superstar," created by millions of dollars and pandering to loathsome perversions, medieval idiocies, even anti-Semitism.

Siegfried Krackhauer, a USA scholar, justifies all arts in Capitalism, including the cinema, with these terrible judgements . . .

—We live in an age when our ideas are crumbling in ruin; all attempts to show otherwise are doomed.

—In this situation the human mind and spirit, too, are in wreckage, nobody believes in anything.

—Since our life is chaos, without meaning, so the arts must portray this sickening reality.

Our movie-makers are doing a pretty good job!

But as you know, **it's not all that bad.** Some movies directors in Capitalism do excellent work, and several won top honors in Soviet film festivals . . . like Japan's "Live Today, Die Tomorrow," Italy's "Confession of a Puplic Prosecutor," Britain's "Cromwell, Senegals "Hemethai," Brazil's "In the Family."

However, since you realize that nothing stays where it's at, in our modern world, you'll be wondering if **Socialism's cinema future** looks promising?

Well, it's good to know that they're taking steps." In a way we can hardly understand, over here.

- They have 30,000 amateur movie studios where young and old are creating thousands of features.

- For 15 years these groups have been assisted by professionals of the Soviet Film Workers Union.

- Now they have a regular national TV show "Lens," which presents the best amateur creations to the whole Soviet population, for opinions and advice.

- Most amateur films are very short, and many thus require great skill and imagination.

- Soviet amateur film makers are in every corner of the land, and bring to light countless aspects of life in Socialism that could be missed by professionals.

- National amateur film festivals (contests) have already revealed some brilliant productions, shown all over the country, and not a few producers have been invited to take up cinema as a career.

The greatest of all arts in Socialism today has a powerful appeal for creative youth, and the not-so-young also, and in their system **movies are for them**, for society, for mankind and the future.

Even if you can't visit the USSR . . .

You can still meet Soviet people. You can see Soviet movies. You can enjoy the company of others who share your interest in the USSR. You can do all this right here in Canada.

"This is the first time in my life that I'm talking to . . . shaking hands with a Soviet citizen . . . and they're just like us!"

Overheard at a recent reception of the Canada-USSR Association. Where Canada's "detente" policy is carried into action all year round.

All through the Cold War this Association promoted mutual understanding, with exchanges of tours, movies, books, exhibits. But two years ago it was "re-activated", with Micheal Lucas as Executive Director. Today there are Canada-USSR Association Branches in Halifax, Saint Johns, Toronto, Hamil-

ton, London, Guelph, Brantford, Windsor, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, Regina, Kamsack, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Vernon, Grand Forks and Victoria.

In Quebec our French Canadians have their own organization, with several branches: La Société Culturelle Québec/URSS Inc., headed by Dr. Adélarde Paquin, in Montreal.

NN finds it isn't easy just to keep up with Canada-USSR activities. Consider the Committees . . .

These are groups headed by Canadians working in special fields. Such as doctors, university professors, architects, trade unionists, people in the arts (their special group is known as Interarts).

But "ordinary" Canadians take full advantage of these specialists, because the receptions they hold, for visiting Soviet groups, are open to Canada-USSR Association members. These gatherings become more enthusiastic every year . . . it's there you can really enjoy meeting Soviet people when they are re-

laxed and eager to meet you.

But the special Committees are popular also because of the Soviet films they show . . . often with lectures, forums, exhibitions.

Perhaps the very best times are had by Association members **who like to help**. Help Soviet visitors to see our country. Help the many schools who want Association films, books, displays . . . this work is expanding fast now, as interest in USSR becomes widespread.

Films shows may be the most popular activity now: they're held often in most Branches. Naturally, these shows turn out to be social affairs, where you can enjoy lively exchange of ideas and opinions.

And the increasingly wide variety of Soviet films, available from the Association, make "movie nights" so popular that lots more people are needed to help with them.

The Association also arranges Tours of the USSR; some for specialists, others for members-in-general, and NN is told that much more is coming up in that direction.



Left: Igor Zabrodin, head of USSR-Canada Society in Moscow, speaks at banquet for big Canadian delegation. Center: reception in Toronto center. Right: Michael Lucas accepts gifts from Soviet visitors recently in Canada.

From now on, many Canada-USSR Association members will be getting involved in new projects: special exhibits of photographs (of Canada), art work, handicrafts, etc., will be collected by the Branches, for sending (on tour) to the many branches of the USSR-Canada Society over in the Soviet Union.

In return, Association members will have the pleasant task of exhibiting exchanges, sent from USSR over to Canada.

Sometimes such exhibitions are the occasion for banquets, formal and otherwise . . . always a happy social event because the **very spirit** of the Association is friendship, mutual understanding, exchange. Happiness is what happens there.

Yes, the Association does welcome people who don't understand the USSR's socialist system, and don't favor it for Canada. Indeed, these friends **enjoy themselves** because they like to tell Soviet people why our country and our system seems best to them.

Soviet people go for that. In all 15 Republics they have USSR-Canada Societies now, and that's where they want to know us and our way-of-life more than ever before. To them, it's very clear: detente means peaceful coexistence, and that involves **mutual understanding and genuine respect**.

Incidentally, in 1975 the Association hopes to begin a program of exchanging Canadian and Soviet children.

Not for keeps! School boys and girls, who can spend a term or two having the time of their lives, in foreign classrooms.

Members of the Canada-USSR Association are never at a loss for friends **anywhere** . . . today, hundreds of similar societies exist in practically every country on Earth.

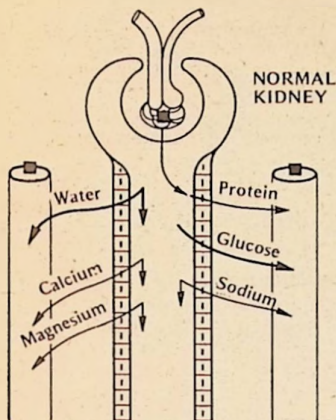
Now the main thing. How can you get involved in friendship?

Contact Mr. Michael Lucas, Executive Director, Canada-USSR Association, at the head office (a very modern, attractive place, too): Suite 404, 55 Bloor Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1A9 (phone 922-4217).

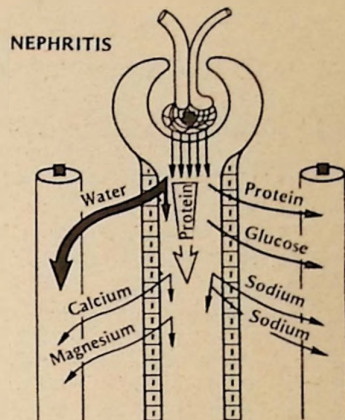
He can put you in touch with the Association branch that's nearest to you. You'll be welcome.

You might well save a life, or prevent a lifetime of misery, by showing this to someone who needs to know about the

killer kidney disease NEPHRITIS



Few of us know that here in North America close to 9 million people suffer from kidney disease. It's serious, the fourth worst killer today. Most common is "nephritis" — kidney inflammation leading to many other disorders. So NN consulted a leading Soviet specialist, Dr. V. V. Sura, and offers you this very condensed, factual report.



The human body's two kidneys play an extremely important role in eliminating poisonous wastes; regulating salt, acids, alkalis; controlling blood-pressure. All our blood is "cleansed" by passing through the kidneys some 60 times daily.

Nephritis (kidney inflammation) strikes those key tissues called nephrons, so they can't work normally. The **urine** they pass contains proteins and blood cells which should be retained in the body; salt and mineral excretion **changes**, disturbing body functions.

What causes nephritis? **Infections**. Mainly those associated with sore throat and colds. But some drugs, medicines, alcohol, exposure to cold, and (above all) **physical exhaustion or strain** can bring on an attack of nephritis in susceptible people.

It's a highly "individual" disease. Most people **never** get nephritis. With others, its **chronic** (comes and goes year after year). A **few** have it very bad.

Main "treatment" for nephritis is to prevent it.

Soviet medicine distinguishes three "varieties." In one, nephritis strikes **suddenly**. With marked swellings (water accumulating), headache, thirst, nausea, vomiting, gasping breath. Often the urine flow sharply decreases, and may show tinges of blood.

In other people nephritis starts with few symptoms you can notice, and is detected by the doctor only by means of urine tests.

Then, there are people who come down with nephritis yearly or more often . . . the chronic sufferers.

Nephritis can be relieved quickly today, but the cure is something else indeed. In USSR, Socialism makes treatment more effective than here, because patients can get the **necessary bed rest** (which cuts down blood circulation in kidneys) at no cost, and without losing their income (paid under medical care).

However, only about 1-in-3 nephritis patients must be put to bed. Most are relieved by anti-biotics, rest, dry and warm rooms, no smoking or drinking.

Chronic nephritis varies with **locality**, and in USSR such cases range from 10 to 30-per-100. These men, women and young people (nephritis can strike children and youth seriously) are treated "socially" over there: they get **frequent checks**, and constant attention to their **diet, work-and-play, general health**.

Soviet doctors stress the need to avoid exposure to cold and work or play that is physically tiring. Or, still better, careful **conditioning** of the body to stand ordinary cold weather and physical exertion.

Very important for nephritis cases is to **avoid all contact** with people who have colds or other infections.

Also, when the "nephritis prone" individual does catch cold, then **total rest in bed** is essential.

Dr. Sura stresses that care of the digestive system,

particularly **avoidance of constipation**, is necessary for preventing and relieving chronic nephritis.

How so? Because normal, efficient digestion, and elimination of wastes, **relieves the kidneys** of all "extra" processing of harmful residues in the blood.

Almost equally important is continuous watch on the health of **teeth and throat (tonsils) and nose**; that's where infections can directly bring on nephritis.

Soviet specialists caution against **vegetarian diets** often recommended in the West, for kidney ailments. Meat, fish and milk proteins are **superior** to those in vegetables, so less needs to be eaten. Far more important is **sharp reduction of salt intake** . . . the less consumed the easier the load on kidneys.

Mustard, pepper, vinegar, all spices should go on the banned list for people susceptible to nephritis. Again, removing such foods rests the kidneys.

It goes without saying that in USSR a **specialist** draws up detailed recommendations for each **individual patient**. These even include clothing; extra warm underwear and stockings, in winter, have a very good effect on those with weakened kidneys.

"**Physical load**" is the most difficult problem. On the one hand, regular exercise (especially walking and easy sports) is **necessary** to maintain general health. On the other hand, **physical weariness** can quickly bring on a nephritis attack, especially in winter.

Many thousands of Soviet people are "prescribed" a permanent change-of-climate for nephritis. But here, too, the **individual** is considered: generally, warm and dry regions can help to relieve, prevent, sometimes fully cure nephritis . . . but **some people** are healthier in the north rather than in soft climates.

Mineral waters and grape-watermelon diets are widely used to treat kidney patients, in USSR, and many "take a grape cure" every summer, eating all the grapes they want (but with some other food, of course).

Soviet doctors regard nephritis **optimistically** today, because treatments are very effective. True, in a few cases kidney operations are required; and in rare patients an "artificial kidney" is used at time. But the very big majority of nephritis sufferers **avoid** such hospital treatments.

And they can **avoid nephritis attacks**, too, by facing up to their condition, and working out a reasonable, individual prevention-system.

Soviet specialists believe that elimination of alcohol, smoking, spicy and salty foods; and avoidances of cold, dampness and exhaustion; these simple measures can **eliminate** nephritis attacks in most people.

Still, it's useful to take this seriously, when you remember that kidney disease, over here, today kills more people of all ages than all traffic accidents.



Fun reading poems out loud and acting the parts in them. It's a good way to get right into real literature even in the early grades, and you really learn how to read well.



Nowadays they have lots of open discussion periods. Teacher won't reprimand you even if you interrupt someone else. But you'd better have a better idea to talk about, or the others won't approve. Boys and girls try to get everyone to speak up, because everyone has ideas you should pay attention to.

What it's like

BACK TO IN SOC

Mother and Dad aren't worried. Everybody you know who finishes school today that school is exciting. School is Socialism-in-Action.



Diko Pranishvili loves to sing, so instead of just reading out loud he sings the words. After, everybody spells his words.



Most kids think swimming lessons are the best. Not all Soviet schools have pools, but more get them each year, and in lots of places the Unions let kids use their pools.



You can't always be laughing, but school is mostly happy. You have that good feeling with everybody helping everybody else and something new all the time.



Tanya is Junior Red Cross, and for serious. She has to approve of everybody's clean hands before teacher comes in. Or else. Or else off to the washroom.



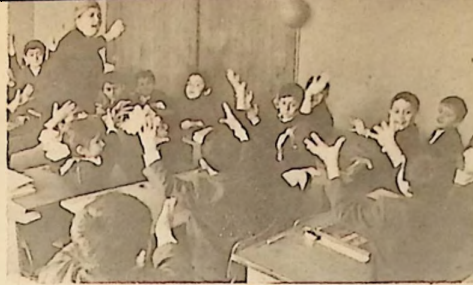
Millions stay in school after class (until Mother or Dad finishes work) and then you can do what you want most, like Tamara has piano lessons, and she can play by herself after (nobody says she can't play NOW).



After you cook it you eat it. A girl can get just about any job in Socialism, but if she can cook, too, that's no handicap, for sure. Girls do some things better (so do boys); better still if they get a chance to learn how it's done.

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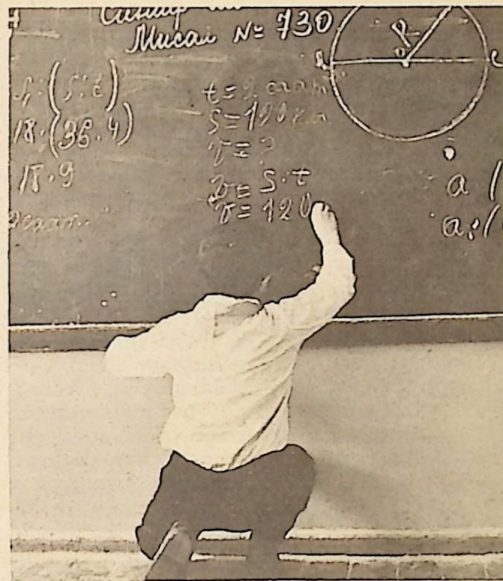


"Mental arithmetic" they stress a lot, and today you can learn how to figure fast in your head with games, and the faster you figure the more fun for all, teacher included.



You can't get sick and hide it. The doctor comes often for real "physicals." If anything is wrong, Mother and Dad are told, and whatever treatment is needed, you get. That way nobody worries about some chronic trouble that might get worse as you grow up.

ing about a depression coming. ed school has a job. things to do when you grow up busy, the best place of all. Have a look with N-N.



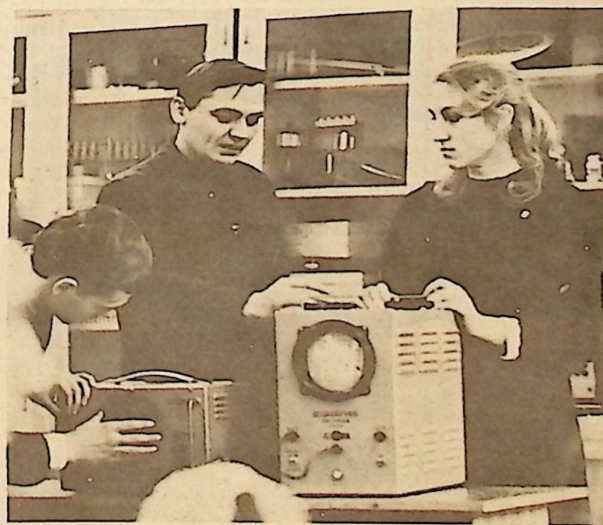
All maths is for serious in Socialism, so even in early grades you get a chance to tackle equations that apply to real things like physics nad machinery and crops or whatever comes up in other classes.



After school (if you don't go home) you can spend hours with friends in the library, with librarians who know how to find the kind of books that turn you on at your age.



If you dream of the stage you get lots of opportunity, and you can help other by trying a little directing, only you have to take it seriously, the theatre is so very important.



You get the real things in science classes, because millions of science jobs are out there waiting for you You can quit school for a job. And continue schooling while working. Or go right on to college. Or move into technical training for some special job. In school you find out exactly what you want to do.



A great many girls now go in for chemistry (maybe they'll take it over like medicine?). If you like it, it's one of the most fascinating jobs.



Learning other languages is marvellous now, with electronics. You don't just talk back to the teacher, but everybody listens. Before you know it you're talking in English (in this class, in Sumgait) to all your friends.

Which way is it tipping now?

The World Balance of Power

You can find your directions in our troubled world. What's happening is not so puzzling as it seems to millions. Take a refreshingly cool look at that old war-maker's bogey, "the balance of power", as it appears from the USSR.

▷ As Lenin long ago pointed out it's impossible to get a realistic picture of the way the world is going, much less help to move it along, unless you can see what major forces are at work, determining events.

For hundreds, indeed thousands of years, scholars spoke of "forces" only in the crudest sense: military might. From the days of Babylon and Persia, through Rome and Greece, to modern empires, troops-and-arms were believed to be the only effective forces.

▷ But the power situation changed radically in 1917. Then, the first Socialist Revolution divided our world not into countries or empires but into two absolutely different social, economic, political systems.

And this new division widened greatly after World War II, when the USSR was joined by other nations, to form the absolutely new Socialist World.

You'll find there is a lot of confused thinking on this question. But you cut to the very essence of the new balance of power when you see that the new power in our force, Socialism, is different in a truly revolutionary way . . . the first power in history to deny war as a means for extending its influence.

Indeed, the aim of eliminating war is central to the aims of Socialism. Yet you should see that this is not old-fashioned "pacifism," or peace for its own sake. Peace speeds mankind's progress, especially in our time of unbearable waste of money-and-brains on armaments.

▷ But such peace required a change in balance of power. This came about recently, when Capitalism, led by USA, lost its half-century of military superiority over Socialism . . . when Capitalism was forced to admit that nuclear-missile war against Socialism would be no more or less than suicide.

This historic change in world power-balance explains why USA and its allies must negotiate with Socialism to guarantee peaceful co-existence.

▷ It's easy to make a serious mistake here. "Arms" alone, though highly significant in this age of the Science Revolution, are not the only changed factors.

The "great powers" alone do not account for the way the balance of power is tipping. Liberation of former colonies, their growing economic and political might (especially their resources!), is weighing heavily against Capitalism today.

Even though most of the "new nations" are within the capitalist system, they are all lined up against war, against imperialism, which remains their main enemy.

And, significantly, you can add the fact that these nations have won their liberation, and are winning new power every year, mainly because they have had the full support of Socialism.

"World politics has ceased to be the monopoly of a few powers," said Leonid Brezhnev . . . with strong approval, because this swings the balance towards peace.

▷ Still another new force affects world power today. Going beyond national boundaries, a tremendous Communist movement has developed; plus enormous militant Trade Unions; and a wide variety of Peace movements, liberal and democratic movements of students, lawyers, scientists, etc. . . . all of them united on at least the key question: opposition to war, imperialism.

You can hardly under-estimate this force. It is new in our world; in its size and rapid growth, and in the wide variety of its supporters.

▷ Even the most confused people, Social Democrats, such as the New Democratic Party in Canada, who long stood in extreme opposition to the Soviet Union, have been compelled by events to shift positions.

Thus, all such "socialist" parties had to condemn the fascist take-over in Chile (thus condemning USA imperialism). And in France, Italy, Japan, some other major countries, Social Democrats enter into one or another "working agreement" with the Peace movement, radical Trade Unions, even Communist Parties. And "working" means working against war . . . further tipping the balance of public power towards peace.

▷ Aren't these Soviet views all one-sided? True, but that doesn't blind them to contrary developments.

Example: Zionism developed into a very powerful, western-world-wide force opposing the liberation movement, serving as an actual military force for USA, racist South Africa, the international petroleum financiers.

Examples: the Trotskyite movement, and the pro-Mao organizations, often working together, have tended to weaken anti-war forces in many countries.

But the Zionists have met with sharp defeats, and influence of Trotskyism and Mao-ism certainly isn't growing (it has decayed in some countries, especially as China's internal situation degenerates).

▷ But in spite of the realities of life, you still see a flow of new books like "Games Nations Play" (Spanier), peddling theories of power that date back to Hannibal, Napoleon, Czar Alexander, Hitler, John Foster Dulles.

Why? Are the propagandists of "power plays" just too stupid to see how our world has changed? To some extent they are blind, or backward. But . . .

There is method in their power-games approach. If they can make you think Socialism and Capitalism are both out to "take over" each other, then you won't see how radically world power struggles have changed.

Those struggles now are not between "rival powers" but between mankind and its enemies.

Perhaps the best way of all to grasp this is to see how goes the balance of forces right now. . . .

▷ Take economics. Capitalism is writhing in its worst crisis since World War II, while Socialism's boom is attracting business men as never before.

▷ Take politics. Never has mass opposition to war been so powerful, so rapidly growing the world over.

▷ Take armaments. Everyone sees the USA negotiates with USSR no longer from "position of strength."

What conclusion can you draw? You'd be unwise to say that the world balance of power has gone fully over to the side of Peace and Socialism. But the main trend is definitely that way. And mainly because all the forces of progress are united against war, whereas the opposition is no longer united for war.

Indeed, the capitalist powers have never been so deep in ruthless competition, as now.

And yet, you should be careful. War-makers, led by USA, remain tremendously powerful, clever, ruthless, as witness their success in Chile.

▷ But see how they failed in Portugal! You are correct in viewing that country's recent change as one of the greatest shocks suffered by enemies of Peace, because it revealed the immense popular forces waiting to burst into action, even where they've "disappeared."

If you like it "in a nutshell": the World Balance of Power has tipped in favor of the world's people.



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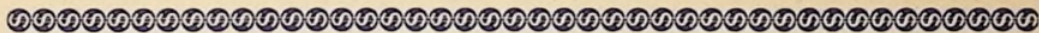
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"Dare to be true, nothing can need a lie!"

Our Depression of '30s caught anti-Soviet slanders off base

Lying about Socialism could never be the same again, after our press, predicting the collapse of the new workers' economy, suddenly had to face the real collapse of Capitalism in its worst-ever crisis. For first time, editors' efforts to kill the Soviet Union began to look funny, in a sour way.

1928. Year when working people changed economic history of world, with **First 5-Year Plan**. Blind to remarkable success of Socialism (a 13% production growth in '27), our papers went all out for Doom. Told us planners were **interfering** in the economy, and this would inevitably cause the system to crash.

Convinced a lot of people because at that time USSR's production, and people's income, were **very low** in comparison with West. Nobody was told that Socialism **inherited** this backwardness from Czarism . . . and had set about ending it, fast.

Actually, Socialism was only in its **beginning stage**. Sensible people would have said: "Let's see". But enemies of Socialism **lack sense**. This was vividly shown when our papers repeatedly forecast **quick failure** of economic planning, in comparison with super-success of Free Enterprise . . . just when experts already were warning that our Boom was heading for Bust.

1929. Trotsky had been expelled from USSR, and Western press broke out all over in a rash of his dire predictions . . . "Impending crisis of Soviet economy will inevitably, and within very near future, crumble the sugary legend that Socialism can be built in one country . . . first shock may throw Soviet society into civil war."

Whee! Let's have more Trotsky! He was Page One everywhere. Nothing pleases a liar more than to get support from another liar . . . indeed, where else?

Never mind facts. Yet facts were coming through. In 1928, the Plan achieved a 21% production rise, never before known anywhere. Big business watched closely.

Alas! The wild excesses of the 'twenties passed the point of no return, and in November a shocked world watched catastrophe strike in Wall Street. A "sugary legend" did crumble then, but this happened in rich USA, not poor USSR.

How they told us
a new lie



—every year

1930. Historic year for Soviet workers and farmers . . . they turned out their **first tractor** (at brand new Stalingrad plant).

This was both a symbol of **giant progress**, and a sober truth about **extreme backwardness** of USSR. In 1930, we in North America had more tractors than we could use . . . they piled up unsold, rushing, a **fierce crisis** struck agriculture.

Millions thrown out of work. No money to buy foods. So what to say about Socialism now?

Came the line: "Soviets drive millions to work in new factories. They are sent where they're told . . . they have no freedom!"

This line was effective in times of prosperity, but 1930 was a poor year to start it off. **What freedom** did millions of jobless workers enjoy in Capitalism?

In this period, anti-Soviet slanders were rather **strained**, and for first time a great many people in West looked curiously at Socialism.

Socialism off to a fine start, Capitalism stalled . . . the slanders become desperate

1931. With middle-class bankrupt and unemployment reaching terrible levels, editors over here could no longer just dismiss Socialism as a dream. They had some facts going for them . . .

Papers began to play up **low level** of Soviet economy, wages, farm and industry output, poor housing, limited food variety: **poverty**.

As earlier, they just **omitted** to point out two main facts: poverty was a **hangover** from Czarism, and already Socialism had made **astounding gains** for the people (no more famines, millions earning wages, education soaring, health very much better, big housing program started).

Biggest "silent lie": failure to tell people here that **Socialism had now come to the land**. This was year when the new Collective (Co-Op) and State Farms triumphed completely over individual (capitalist) agriculture, an historic development destined to have world-wide impact, uniting aims of workers and farmers.

1932. Even ill-wishing bankers saw that the 5-Year Plan was more successful than even Soviet people hoped. In four years, **new jobs** created for 12 millions! This, in face of that fact that Socialism had **wiped out** last remains of the capitalist system in USSR (now less than 1-in-100 people worked for private enterprisers).

Great Dnieper Hydro Power Station was a remarkable feat. USSR had completed no less than **1,500 major industrial enterprises**. Soviet trade was becoming a real factor in the world (especially as crisis in the West wrecked trade).

Greatest victory: Socialism had finally, forever, **ended unemployment**.

How did they slander that away? "**Russia In Transition**", by E. M. Friedman, set the tone for lying. Straight out of his foggy brain, Friedman predicted a **severe crisis and depression** for USSR.

Just you wait, our people were told . . . "Reds Edge To Disaster".

1933. Some disaster that was. With First 5-Year Plan over-fulfilled ahead of time, Soviet people swung into their **Second Plan**, in national spirit of great enthusiasm. Far from having built paradise, still they were **catching up** with advanced nations rapidly.

In our capitalist world, **slander went desperate**. Faced with many true stories of starvation over here—contrasting with ghastly pictures of burning wheat crops, dumping unsold milk into sewers—types like Cardinal Innitzer of Vienna spread horrifying story of **cannibalism** in Soviet Union. American and German engineers (after visit to USSR) said **people were eating people!**

History may show that this was the **last really insane lie** spread over our front pages. It died fast since few believed it.

Truly, "nothing can need a lie". Realism won out over lying in a dramatic way, when USA **finally agreed** to recognize existence of USSR.

"Someone must go and tell the mother"

Nikolai Amosov is one of the world's great surgeons. He specializes on the heart, and has pioneered in this field. Amosov is immensely popular with Soviet people because of his "health lectures". Live without falling ill! is his slogan. But he is also a modern philosopher.

"You see, a doctor has to deal with people who are suffering. He tries to relieve suffering, make people a little happier. But often time passes and a former patient returns with more troubles. So our relief did not last long. That is why I have always been interested in society as a whole. The physician does make people a little happier, but he does not solve the main problem.

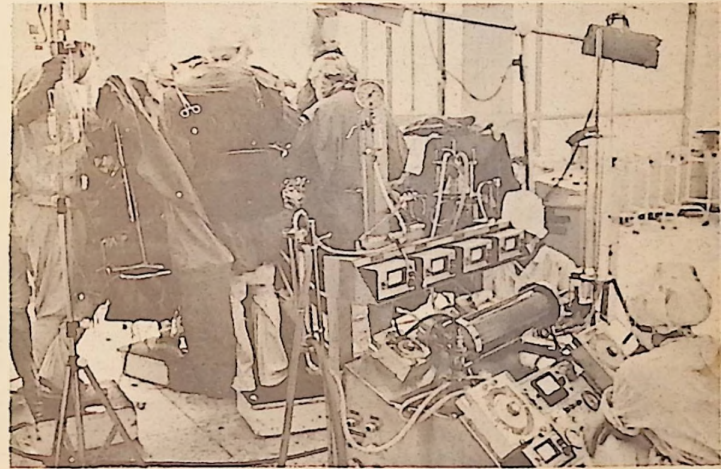
"We must find correct solutions for mistakes. We must make good health the fashion for everyone."



"Children with this heart defect have thin, fragile bodies. It makes one's heart ache. It is a serious operation, and it makes me sad to hold a child by the hand and look into its face. And today, now, someone must go and tell the mother. It should be I, but I cannot. I sit there, silent, hoping someone will do it for me. Someone says 'Go and tell the mother!'"



"Everything is both simple and cruel. We are preparing to do something that may result in one person's death. If we could regard it all in a detached way... a person has been put to sleep, his chest is opened, a machine switched on, the heart is stopped, we do some things, suture the wound. We apply electric current. The heart starts beating, faster and faster. The person wakes up. He is alive. This is a miracle indeed!"



Amosov's books (*Life in My Hands*, *The Open Heart*, and others) have sold seven million copies in USSR alone, and have now appeared in 26 foreign editions. Best known of all is "*Meditations and the Heart*," which portrays the dramatic struggle for human life in a poetically beautiful way that captivates all readers. A long film about Dr. Amosov will be available soon.

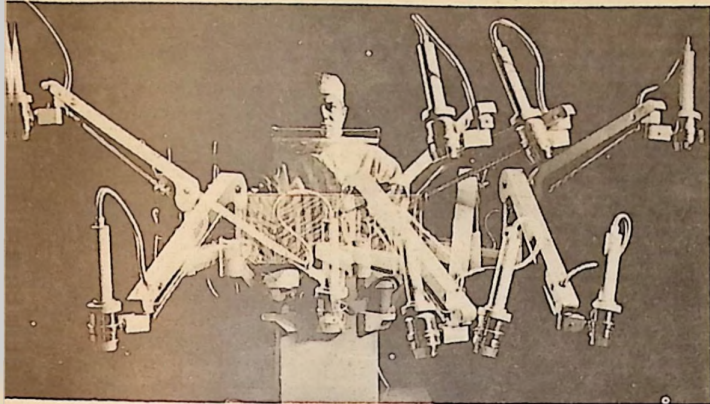


"Now, when I have already lived through most of my life, I want only one thing—to understand what Man and Mankind really are. What I and other people, young and old, must do in this age of ours when everything rushes ahead at such a mad rate."

today's scientific views on

CURE OF CANCER

Who isn't critical of our doctors' inability to cure cancer? Yet few of us grasp the tragic problems that baffle them. And facts show that marked progress is being made. NN's second review of the situation, from Soviet specialists, shows why hope is now stronger than ever.



In the heart of Africa today you can meet an almost unbelievable disease mystery. Briefly: people who speak the Bantu language, though of different regions, customs, life-style, etc., never get the disease multiple sclerosis, and rarely ever have kidney stones.

But: Bantu-speakers have a shocking rate of throat cancer.

Now get this: other people, in exactly the same places, living like Bantu-speakers but speaking different languages . . . they get multiple sclerosis, kidney stones, and far less cancer of the throat!

Ridiculous? How can a language influence your changes of getting or avoiding serious disease?

But it's a fact, so far baffling to Science. Here's another . . .

Perhaps atomic radiation is what gives some smokers cancer of the lung. Radically new facts point to extremely few particles or radioactive lead in smoke; those atoms change to more active forms in 10 to 20 years . . . and then, very fast, give off cancer-causing rays.

This explains why lung cancer appears suddenly after many years of smoking. But it doesn't explain why most smokers stay alive.

But this new "atomic" theory of lung cancer excites researchers . . . they wonder if many other cancers start from atoms which give off deadly rays many years after victims "take them in". If it's so, it complicates the problem greatly.

But in spite of such mysteries, doctors are curing many patients nowadays.

Just two years ago you had a very poor chance to survive bone cancer. Today, 9-out-of-10 patients go on living.

For our grandparents, cancer of the throat was almost always fatal. Today, most people with that disease are cured and live.

In USSR (as NN earlier reported) 1,500,000 people, treated in recent years, have survived cancer. That's because every modern treatment is available, through some 3,290 special cancer "centers" examining millions of people every year.

With all treatments given free.

One group of Soviet scientists

(biochemists) believe drugs are the main hope we have. Because . . .

✓ Ten very bad cancers are now being overcome with drugs, so patients live out their normal lives.

✓ In two, the cure is effected with a single specific chemical.

✓ In some, a drug "finishes" the cure started by radiation (which by itself was not effective).

✓ In several cancers, 3 or 4 or more chemicals, used together, kill the growths, save the patient, and many "combinations" are tested.

Sad to say, tests take a long time, and people cannot be used like animals. So, 9-out-of-10 cancers don't respond to known drugs.

Often in the news are reports of "cancer vaccines", based on the idea that infectious viruses cause many cancers. Most people are immune to those viruses . . . so why not make us all immune, with vaccines?

In the USSR's Institute of Biological Physics an entirely new approach to drug treatment has appeared. Living cells are given big doses of atomic radiation; the cells produce special "toxins"; these powerful "radiation drugs" prove to be fatal to some cancers. This work is promising, since many new kinds of anti-cancer toxins are probably going to be found.

However, other Soviet scientists believe the most promising field is the search for anti-virus drugs.

Means what, That's the puzzle! Do viruses start cancer, or do they follow it? Further, a virus may be in the body for many years before cancer appears. So, how can we

discover such attackers? When should we attack them?

Most optimistic view: discovery of cancer-virus vaccine would make it possible for us all to "take shots" making us immune to the big majority of cancers.

That still remains a theory.

Other scientists tell you that a very different approach is needed: finding out why some terrible forms of cancer disappear without any treatment, "cure themselves".

Lately, researchers have gathered full details of hundreds of such cases . . . people near death, who amazingly recovered full health.

Indeed, such "self cures" are the basis for quack (fraudulent) cancer treatments. Just one such cure will create a whole "cult" around the person (doctor or not) who takes credit for a natural cure.

Today, several such fraudulent "cures" are based on radical diets. Actually, they are cunningly based on a scientific fact little known to the public: drastic diets, low in protein, sometimes halt the growth of some cancers. Rarely. But just one patient, feeling better, "spreads the word", creating false hope of a cancer "cure".

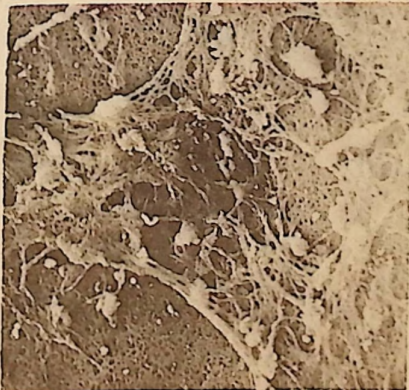
In USSR, USA and all advanced countries, cancer researchers are using new cures which cannot (and should not) be published, since they are not yet verified; or are possibly dangerous; or may work on very few patients.

Example: Ukraine biochemists have a drug now being widely tested, because it has stopped the spread of cancer (metastases) after operation; and also can stop cancer growth in serious cases where no operation is possible.

In Britain, a complex drug made with platinum has saved men from cancer death . . . but it has had bad effects on kidney and liver (chemists are working round-the-clock to overcome those "side effects").

No disease ever before has been attacked by so many scientists, using so many different approaches.

The situation is changing fast, for the better, and it is literally true that "at any moment" one or more kinds of cancer will become curable, as others have.



That Cop is a Lady



Wesma Yensen is often posted to the old Riga streets, narrow and dangerous. But it's now going to be her career. Like many women police in USSR, she is studying at University (in her case, for law).



All girls in traffic work must be excellent motor-cycle drivers. Here a platoon is ready for the day's work, getting briefed by the commanding officer. Why a man?



Wesma likes her work with school-children, because getting them thoroughly acquainted with traffic problems is one of the biggest guarantees that they'll grow up accident-free.



Here's a women's platoon down in Uzbek capital, Tashkent. The work is taken very seriously, because traffic in USSR is rapidly increasing as car production soars. In this model the instructor is able to pose serious problems for the girls to work out, applying traffic laws.



Galya Sopova is on duty in Control Room, where constant attention and fast reactions are essential. Girls train for a wide variety of traffic police duties, and have to know the law thoroughly.

Anya Kravtsova examines cab-driver's documents before she politely but firmly gives him a ticket, and collects fine, right there . . . you are fined on the spot for minor offences. They say drivers rarely feel upset when women cops pull them in.



SUPER-SONIC PLANE, TU-144, is flying regular Moscow-Vladivostok-return schedule. Six of these giant aircraft make several flights each week. Now, they carry mail only. But passenger service is obviously not far away.

OUR MILK CONSUMPTION, and production, is going down, but in USSR it has soared to 90 million tons a year, equal to combined output of USA, Britain, West Germany. World's biggest milk-processing plants now being planned, as farmers expand dairies.

HARVESTING MACHINES AND MOWERS kill a great many rabbits, hares, foxes. USSR's Wild Life Protection Board has tested new systems: cut crops from side of field opposite woods or bush, so animals can get out to safety; better, cut from center of field, out to edges. In 1000 acre harvest they killed only one bird. But tests show that harvesters today kill ten times more hares than hunters do, so all Soviet farms are asked to take up problem.

LEARN CAR REPAIRING FROM THEM? Could be. New "Technical Center" on Warsaw Road outside Moscow has made repairs on 55,000 cars in past 12 months! Works like a production-line. Capacity will be still higher as new methods worked out by mechanics.

AND NO OIL OR GAS SHORTAGE . . . for first time ever, Soviet crude oil output (half that of USA just 10 years ago) will soon go over 4 billion barrels per year, well above USA's best production.

AFTER SHIRALI MUSLIMOV DIED, title of "world's oldest living human" passed to another Azerbaijan citizen, Medjid Agayev. He should have retired back in 1900, when he was only 65, but there were no pensions then (except for well-to-do). But Medjid worked right on through Revolution, for 120 years! This summer, his fellow Collective Farmers induced him to take it easy, starting on his 139th birthday.

NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR SOVIET CHEFS came up with 235 different breakfasts and 356 different dinner menus, all figured out for proper variation in nutritional contents, based on foods readily available, and within budget limits of school cafeterias.

GRIM EARTHQUAKE WARNING has come from Sergei Filipas, young Soviet researcher in Vladivostok. After studying 20,000 Pacific quakes, recorded in 70 years, he predicts a very bad one (catastrophic) coming up in middle of Aleutian Islands arc. Could be followed by disastrous tidal wave.

HOLIDAYS ON BIG RIVER-BOATS are very popular in USSR. Next year they'll have world's only passenger "catamaran" ship, accommodating 1500 people with everything from comfortable cabins to dance halls. And it's different: big automatic "gangway" can let people off at places that have no docks, for outings or picnics in beautiful spots.

ABKHAZIA'S LONG-LIFE CHOIR has made its first trip abroad, to Budapest. Youngest singers are two 87-year-old farmers, oldest is Selakh Butba, now 112. One singer, Sina Dzhenia, 93, also serves as Member of Supreme Soveit of Abkhazia.

ANOTHER VERY LONG AIR LINE, covering the 10,000 miles between Moscow and Lima, Peru, has started regular service for Aeroflot.

GREAT MANY TOURISTS now go to Island of Kizhi (in Lake Onega, northwest USSR), to see and take photos of priceless wooden architecture . . . ancient cathedrals, churches, log houses. Scientists have made them fireproof by installing network of delicate "sensors." When temperature rises beyond normal limit, devices turn on harmless spray of foam which extinguishes any fire in seconds.

THIS MONTH CITY PEOPLE who go out to Soviet countryside to help bring in harvest will get half their regular pay (where they work) plus the hefty bonus-pay that is now offered to anybody who wants to give a hand with the crop.

Our papers never tell us what makes news in Socialism

NATURAL SUPER-POWERFUL "ICEBERG BOMBS" have been discovered by Soviet scientists in the Antarctic. Bombs have not been observed exploding, but their remains, and other evidence, definitely confirms their existence. Thousands to millions of years ago, in glacial period, huge masses of ice were formed in such a way that microscopic bubbles of air were encased in it. As mass solidified, pressure on air rose very high. When ice broke from shore, took to sea as a berg, slow melting caused it eventually to turn over, split. Such splitting started off the explosive release of vast amount of compressed air, causing a blast of unknown but clearly immense destructive power. Even now, small bits of such "bomb ice" explode when touched by a knife.

FAMOUS LILAC GROWER, L. A. Kolesnikov, has been awarded the Gold Lilac Branch of the International Society of Lilac Growers. He died not long ago and honor was accepted by his daughter. Kolesnikov's gardens are world-famed, and he created no less than 300 new varieties. Most widely known are "Dream," "Red Moscow," "Galina Ulanova."

SOON TO BE KNOWN OVER HERE are USSR's "Cheboksary" tractors. Take name from town in Volga region where enormous plant is nearly finished. Tractors it will make are already tested, and the T-500 is unique in world. With tremendous power, engine located behind cabin, it is air cooled, designed for reliable operation in worst conditions.

BEAUTIFUL LAKE SEVAN IN ARMENIA is no longer losing more water than it gets. Ukraine Hydrometeorological Institute scientists have succeeded in boosting rainfall over Sevan by at least a quarter, in winter, and more in summer. It's done with powerful jet (heat) engines blasting air currents up to clouds.

SOCIALISM AT SEA is impressing the world's travel agents. While Western companies (British, French, Italian, German, Dutch) are all going out of the luxury-liner business, because of bad drop in number of customers, Soviet Fleet can't build, and buy abroad, enough cruise ships to meet tourist demand. How come? Soviet ships are safest, cleanest, have friendliest crews, most interesting food and entertainment (without any night-club atmosphere or gambling), and offer ocean tours that people can afford . . . rouble prices never rise one kopeck.

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LAMB IS BECOMING COSTLY HERE, as sheep-growing declines, but in eastern USSR it is enjoying biggest-ever boom. Biggest expansion is in Turkmen Republic, 80 percent desert land. They've found that salty waters (brine) from lower depths, which rise when deserts are irrigated to grow cotton and fruit, do not need to be piped away (very costly). Such water is suitable for rich pasture growing. Soon 100 million acres of Turkmen desert will turn bright green, and millions of sheep will produce meat and wool.

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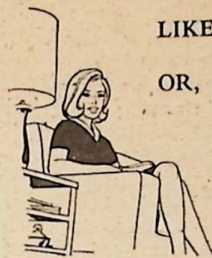
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