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Irina Rodina and her husband Alexander Zaitsev broke all Olympic records at Lake Placid, for a skating team. It was Irina's third time World Champion, and Alexander's second win.



Their triumph this time round was all the more amazing because they took more than a year out of sports, while Alexander Junior was arriving, and few people thought they could make a comeback. It was a real tribute to working-class sport that both second and third places also were taken by Socialism (USSR and GDR). Contrary to notions we often hear, Socialism can excell in such a highly "individualistic" sport as figure-skating just as well as in the "collective" team sports.

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## WHY I'D LIKE YOU TO FEEL WONDERFUL!

I don't have to tell NN Readers that a lot of people, friendly to the Soviet Union, expected the current vicious drive in the White House to have far-reaching "bad effects".

By this time, you probably realize that these timid souls were **wrong**. True, quite a few business men and farmers in USA have lost bundles of money (through forced cancellation of deals with USSR and in the "commodities market", which Jimmy Carter bust wide open). But all over the world, and even inside USA, a wave of anti-Carter feeling has brought to light very powerful opposition to the President's private Cold War launched to grab votes from the red-necks.

And **you** are right inside this. My friends, some people felt we should hold off our January Appeal for financial support. Because of the anti-Soviet "atmosphere". As you know, we **didn't** back off. And you people got behind us with the **biggest support you've ever given NN!**

Please, friends, take a little time to *feel wonderful* about that.

(And if anybody out there put off responding to NN's appeal, here's a reminder that is **valuable to you**. All you need to do is drop us a line, even if you **can't** make a donation, and we'll send you one of the hottest Reports ever: *Who Can Trust The USA?* Along with a most unusual Health Report: *Monkeys Can Save Your Life.*)

## NOW IS THE TIME TO COME ON STRONG!

Even if I am the editor, I don't mind asking you to read something *else* first, this month.

You have it right now, enclosed as our Supplement.

This powerful statement, by **Boris Ponomarev**, will up-date your understanding of our world, and **where we're going**, better than a shelf full of college textbooks.

What the media **don't know**, or **won't tell you**, is here ready to read.

And please don't ever forget that *other people*, who don't see NN, can gain enlightenment from Ponomarev. Can you use extra copies? If so, it's easy to get them, using Page-26.

## WHO AM I TO TELL YOU WHAT TO ENJOY?

Just for that, I won't.

But I can't resist pointing out that we've tried to give you a very wide choice this month. Personally, I like the hearty laugh that you can get on the very next page: those USA spy-types should really work up a variety show for TV, they're super for comedy!

If you've played around with diets, and been miserable, sit back and maybe munch a nice healthy snack while you **toss diets out** (on Page-5) and follow soundly proven advice from Soviet specialists.

Our Olympics Preview (Pages 8-9) you should mail to Jimmy Carter, world's top-rated sports saboteur.

And if you would like something very different, for a change, let me take you to Page 16, to meet one of the greats of all time, who surely must be smiling up in Literary Heaven, watching what they do to him.

**NN's Quote-of-the-Month:** "We have nothing to fear from Russia. We — not only Kuwait but the whole Persian Gulf — are 100 percent sure of that. We reject President Carter's claim that the Gulf is a zone of vital USA interests. Isn't there a smooth flow of oil? What more do they want? There is no need for the pressure they are trying to put on the Arabs, or for American troops in the Gulf. Who are they going to save us from? We don't need any saving!" *Sabah-al-Admad al-Jaber al Sabah, Foreign Minister of Kuwait.*

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# SHHH . . . ! (Mustn't read Soviet Secrets!)



Thanks to a *Soviet college-course text-book*, large numbers of USA electronics experts are greatly broadening their knowledge of **secret weapons**. This was revealed at a meeting of the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers. These weapons enable both defense and attack radars to **overcome the enemy's radars** (called "electronic counter-counter-measures", or ECCM). No USA college has **any course** in this secret subject. But **now** they have. Because a smart publisher got that Soviet book, translated it, and is **selling it openly** . . . violating the law *because the information is secret in USA!* If you think this is crazy, read on and have a good laugh with **NN**.

English title of this book is "*Principles of Electronic Warfare*". It is not a "military manual" intended for secret use. On the contrary, in USSR they regard the information as "beginner's stuff" — for young electronics students who will, **later on**, move ahead to **advanced weapons** used by Soviet armed forces.

As you can see, a "course" book like this is **quite out-of-date** before it is released for **public sale**.

Yes, **foreigners** can buy it in USSR. (We're glad to give this tip to the boys in the CIA.) A leading USA expert in ECCM, asked why USA universities have no such book, gave this reason: **no college in the whole USA** has any advanced courses in radar, so nobody's going to waste time, and money, preparing a text-book.

But that's a *feeble reason*. The main reason is that CIA (or worse) would instantly **knock off** anybody making ECCM secrets public!

Truth is: until this winter they *never dreamed* that USSR colleges were teaching whole classes of engineers **things considered top-secret in USA**.

Sorry, **NN** can't print here any of those Soviet secrets — we might be thrown into prison for . . . well . . . what would you call it: "*Disclosing top-secret information available to the enemy public in bookstores?*"

We'll just have to say that the Soviet book describes highly advanced radars; they "seek out" enemy radars; they "jam" them (make them useless); they "tune in on" enemy radars, use them; they really screw-up enemy planes, missiles, guided by radar.

When that expert spoke to the USA Institute, he said that no USA expert could publish a report on such topics, **because the Defense Department would never allow it**.

Yet this "top secret" info *has been publicly sold in USSR for years*.

They're really glad, in USA. Now the Army, Navy and Air Force can teach engineers **quicker**, using that Soviet college book. Sounds crazy?

But not so crazy as what's going on in *the mathematics world*.

Maybe you noticed a newspaper story, last November, about a Soviet discovery "*rocking world of computer maths*."

Since experts got wind of this, the phone lines have been jammed with frantic appeals for details.

What happened?

Young Soviet computer scientist, L.G. Khachian, a *whole year ago*, ran a report in the famous USSR journal *Doklady*. It publishes **discoveries**. But USA mathematicians don't (can't) read it. Who bothers with what those Russians are doing?

But somebody, on a trip to Germany, heard that Khachian (nobody in USA knew of him, naturally) had made a **revolutionary discovery**.

Back in USA they had to go to a *Hungarian* (Dr. Laslo Lovasz, working for a while at Rochester U) to read what Khachian had written.

*That blew it!*

Imagine . . . a *Soviet* mathematician had solved the **greatest problem** in the computer world.

Very hard to explain, but you might try it this way . . .

Computers can solve some problems **very quickly**; but if the problem gets just **one step** more complex, then the biggest computer would need *billions of years* to solve it.

The Soviet discovery drastically **simplifies** (speeds up) the solution of "impossible" computer programs.

Immediately, experts saw that the mathematician from Socialism had found a way to save countless billions of dollars in Capitalism.

What knocked them over was that young Khachian's solution is so simple it's *amazingly brilliant*.

But it didn't make any sensation in USSR maths circles. Cool truth is that in mathematics, Soviet researchers rank with the world's best . . . or, if you wish, *somewhat higher*.

Turns out that Khachian doesn't even have his "doctor" degree. He's only 27 and is just another scientist in the Computer Center of the USSR Academy of Sciences.



The pompous USA magazine *Science* (renowned for its vicious Zionist anti-Soviet campaigns) could have been very red-faced, but instead swept the facts into its "letters" columns. **One** USA mathematician got in, admitting that knowledge of Soviet maths science, in USA, "is in general low."

So low, in fact, that all the professors, editors, reporters and what-not, called Khachian a *Russian*. He's an Armenian. His father Genrikh has his own reputation in USSR, as an **Armenian** mathematician.

We don't blame you for laughing at the USA scientific community (and business-computer world). The situation is more disgusting than amusing because our media have just finished a mass campaign (front pages), reporting the **grim decline of Soviet mathematics** . . . because it has gone anti-Semitic!

**Psychiatrists**, not mathematicians, would do our media and their bosses more good today.

Particularly when you see that in the *secret-radar-weapons* scandal what was involved is really **maths**.

Obviously, the Soviet command isn't revealing its **latest** radar-maths in college text-books. Maybe they've got **lots of Khachians** working in that field, too?

Never mind. Khachian's **great** thing is that he has solved the biggest problems in **Socialism's planning** (see **NN** on computers last month).

And Jimmy Carter wants to keep scientific secrets *from them!*





## Truth-of-the-Month

# Lenin gave People control of History

*We all gain personally by remembering what Lenin did*

Marx and Engels *predicted* the coming of Socialism, but it was Lenin who developed their revolutionary approach to human society, and *worked out in practice* exactly how the people could rid themselves of Capitalism, to move on into the next stage of life here on Earth.

Lenin left us when still young. But not only did he lead people into the world's first successful Socialist Revolution; he also had such an impact on every country, advanced and backward, that *all important political changes of our times* are linked with his name, his discoveries, his heritage left to all peoples.

The immortal greatness of Lenin you see in the fact that he was **the prophet of the people**: the first "Great One" in all history to establish a revolutionary new doctrine, **faith in the strength, intelligence and courage of the vast majority**, who now are re-making our planet.

At the same time, Lenin convinced millions of people that they must hold **unshakable faith in themselves**, never allowing the cleverest of enemy intellectuals to tempt them with easier, inferior beliefs.

### The might of People with their own politics

Since the idea of Democracy arose (very long ago, in times of Slavery), the promise of "everybody running the system" was sabotaged by the rich, the powerful, the crafty types, who **used** the majority to carry through their own aims.

Lenin ended all that by showing the working-class how to organize **its own political party**, excluding every character from opposing classes. All objective observers rate this — creating a party of a radically new kind — as **Lenin's greatest service to history**.

It amounted to taking political power out of the hands of everyone who opposed the new People's Society.

But it went much farther: as soon as the people used their new party to overthrow Capitalism, then this new political force **went on to accomplish the colossal job of building Socialism as a new way of life**.

During his lifetime (and he lived *very few years* after the Revolution) Lenin was able to foresee and plan so many details of Socialism, that before our eyes the Soviet people have **completed** the creation of that new system, and now are going on to **the next higher stage**, which is Communism . . . joined by many other nations, and attracting most of the world.

### People's Power, greatest force on Earth

You have only to pick up a newspaper, or listen to a news broadcast, to realize that the politicians of *Capitalism*, their endless squabbling parties that infest the West, *are no longer "in control"*. Practically every move they make — or try to make — is a response to something being done by the peoples of the socialist world, or the under-developed nations.

No intelligent person can avoid this: the world-wide political movement of the people, created by Lenin, is **the most powerful and influential force** in the whole world today.

And this has tremendous personal significance for every one of us. The humblest individuals (the once-scorned "masses") now **are actually in control of history!**

If you prefer to "come down from the clouds", well, just

look at **everyday life** we're now living. Our system, Capitalism, is rocking from one crisis after another. Unemployment, inflation, scandals, crime, violence. USA is now trying to "cure" this with the ultimate crime and violence of a new Arms Race. This is astonishing proof that Lenin was right on — we're living in **Imperialism, the last stage of Capitalism**, the system which has no future regardless of who struts in the White House.

In this situation, intellectuals try to tell us that Capitalism really means *freedom*, and Socialism *puts people down*. Turning reality **inside out** was a favorite propaganda device in the days of Hitler. *That didn't save fascism*, and lying about freedom today cannot hide the truth: never before have **the people** lived with the freedoms they enjoy in Socialism, **their system**.

### Supremely powerful force of People's Science

It took the world a long time to see this, but Lenin was able to prophesy fundamental changes in human progress, as a result of **Science going over to the people**.

Most scientists of Czarism-Capitalism preferred to desert the Socialist Revolution. And it took more than a single generation to raise a whole nation from illiteracy to the highest level of intelligence: scientific research. But Soviet people achieved this, until now **the Science Revolution** has become **the decisive force** in the conflict between the new world and dying Imperialism.

But what many people do not yet realize is that the **coming together** of the two Revolutions — in Society and in Science — is the result of **the working-people taking history into their own hands**.

You can't exaggerate the importance of this.

USA Imperialism is now breaking its neck, mobilizing all Capitalism to smash Socialism with *new military means provided by Science*. But research for war inevitably is superior in USSR, since it is **directed by the people, not for waging war but for preventing it**.

The Socialist Revolution itself succeeded because Lenin led the people forward with the cry of "**Peace!**"

### Lenin enabled People to give History a brain

Before Lenin, even the best scholars tried to ignore Marx and Engels, the men who proved that human society advanced according to understandable processes, not as a result of individual whims. But Lenin confronted them all with **theory working in practice**: after his Revolution, in Socialism the people drove forward not by merely understanding "the laws of history" but by passing their own revolutionary **new laws, Society with a human brain**.

Recognizing this, the entire Soviet people this month are celebrating Lenin's 110 Anniversary by adopting the appeal: "**To live, work and struggle as Lenin did!**"

Such a call scares you away?

Don't fall for the notion that Lenin was some kind of superman. On the contrary. *Lenin owed all his greatness to the people*. To live, work and struggle as he did is to be **really human now!**

Our age is not the time for remembering Lenin. It's the day for **doing what he did**.

Lenin put you in control of mankind's future.





## Why you should LAY OFF those Diets



You've read about *people dying*, in USA, after going on radical diets to lose weight. They're worried about this problem in USSR also. So NN took it up with Dr. V. Shaternikov, Director of the Nutrition Institute, USSR Academy of Sciences. Someone you know **needs** this information.

We've always had odd-ball diets with us, but present-day concern about the dangers of **over-weight** have led to all sorts of "miracle" systems claimed to cut down those pounds.

Obesity is now recognized by Soviet medicine as a **real disease**. It appears on a large scale when people have *over-abundant food* and, at the same time, *do less physical work*.

Over there, just as here, doctors estimate that *about half* of all people in middle-age are overweight. As a result they **lose attractive appearance, aren't able to work** as well as fit people do, and **double** their chances of dying from heart disease.

For a long time doctors regarded obesity as "a personal problem", but now they're emphatic about it being a **definite disease** which requires intensive treatment.

However, Soviet doctors differ from most of ours, in two approaches.

- Obesity must be tackled by the use of *scientifically balanced diet*.

- Each individual has to arrive at his or her own diet, based on *how much weight should be lost, and how physically active* he or she is throughout the day.

The notion that any radical diet system can be tried by everyone is **very dangerous**, they say.

That's especially true today, when most highly-publicized diets are *totally unscientific* and are doing great harm to many dieters.

This happens because people read of "miracle results" **always** claimed by **every** newly promoted diet. As a rule, none of these diets are really new, just re-hashed "systems" tried long before modern medicine.

One example: raw fruit and vegetable diet, now popular, was presented as a magical cure for all ills, *away back in Moscow in 1914!* Indeed, the "vegetarian way to health" has been a **re-current fad** all through civilization's history.

It helps *some* because, if you eat only fruit and vegetables you are certain to *eat less*. But such diets can do harm, especially to unborn and young babies, children, pregnant women.

In USSR, several fad diets popular in the West have won "believers".

— The "anti-sugar" people who follow Yudkin's theory that **sugar** must be the cause of modern diseases, which appeared along with sugar. Ridiculous. **Many changes** came when sugar arrived: industrial life, tobacco, lazy living.

— The "no-fats" people blame heart disease and cancer on **animal fats**, now completely disproven. Indeed, heart-disease **soared** in USA after people **cut down drastically** on butter, switching to vegetable fats.

Soviet specialists insist that fats are **essential** to balanced nutrition, and should be **reduced**, not eliminated, in weight-loss dieting.

They also point out that animal fats add greatly to **the flavor** of good food, stimulating appetite and digestion, both of which are **essential** to a healthy diet.

There's **only one diet** that will bring weight down safely and keep it there ... **eat all foods, but less of each**.

Older people, just because (as a rule) they are less active, need to cut down **carbohydrates** a little more than other foods (less bread, pastas, pastries, candies, etc.).

But cutting down doesn't mean cutting out. Just note this: if you *drop four ounces of bread* out of every day's meals, your body will *drop 15 pounds in one year*.

Average people can steadily lose weight on a **diet balanced this way**: 14 ounces of milk, 5 ounces cheese, 8 ounces meat or fish, one egg, some bread (or other grain food), a little butter, vegetable oil in cooking or salad, vegetables, fruits in season, a small dessert.

But if *weight doesn't go down*, cut a little from *all foods*: **eat less**. This is **far easier** to do when you eat just about everything, than when you deny yourself foods you like.

If you have been "sold" on one or another radical diet, you may find it surprising to learn this view of Soviet nutritionists, on the general problem of losing weight.

The famous "Atkins Diet", promoted for money, attacks both the sugar and fats faddists, blaming all ills on eating **any carbohydrate foods**.

That's not only scientifically silly, but **very harmful** to humans.

And so, also, is **prolonged fasting**. Soviet doctors use fasts only on patients with specific (rare) illnesses, and **only in hospitals**. (That doesn't apply to people fasting for one or two days, for weight-reduction.)

Fasting can lead to accumulation of *poisonous breakdown products*, which may cause permanent damage. This is why Soviet specialists strongly oppose "amateur fasting" as a way to lose weight. Often it results in aging of the skin, loss of hair, unsightly wrinkles, nervous problems, decreased sexual urges.

All these diet fads are harmful and **unnecessary**.

All people (not suffering from some specific disease), from childhood to old age, should eat **all** ordinary foods, including **sugar, meat and animal fats**. But the "mix" of foods each day should **change with age**.

In middle age, and even younger if you're adding on weight, you should **gradually cut down** on sweets, bread, fats, meat, eggs, replacing them (partly) with vegetables, fruits, milk and fish. But **never removing** any of them from your diet.

Losing weight can be speeded up if you cut down (or eliminate) one **non-food**: salt. That will make it easier to keep your **liquids intake** down, a great help in reducing.

They repeat: to drop pounds, eat just about **everything** in smaller quantities each day.

*No diet system can be simpler than this, and none works as well*. With it you'll lose weight and **keep your health**.

(Further useful Soviet views you get in "Keeping Young by Eating Right", "Enjoy Food and Stay Healthy", "To Stay Young Keep Off Diets", and "But You Must Eat Fats", each 20-cents postpaid and available from Northern Book House.)

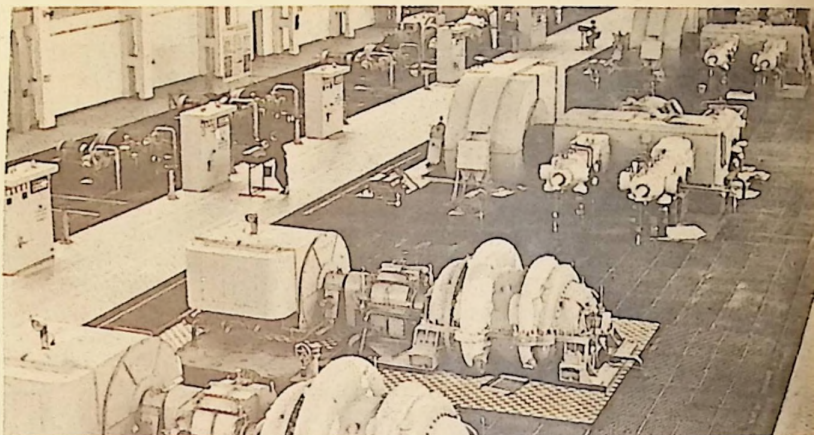


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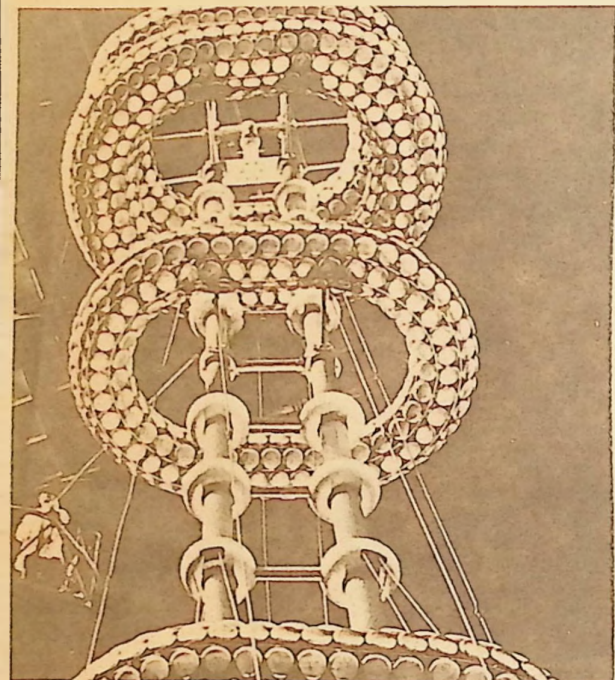
It's becoming riskier, nowadays, to lie about Soviet "backwardness", because the advances of Socialism become known to more business men every year. Take these examples.



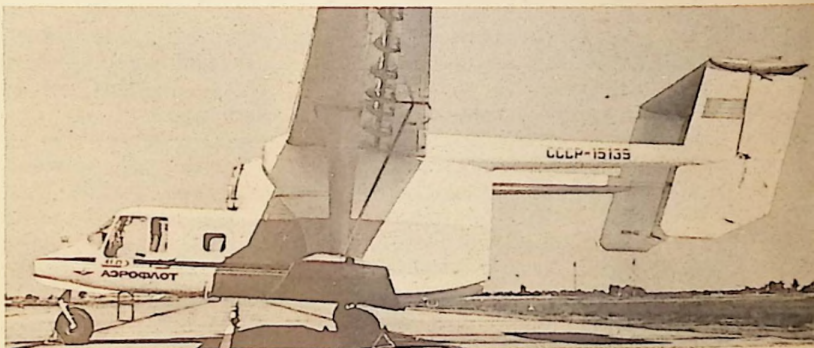
Soviet engineers and workers now turn out the most powerful turbine-generators in the world. This is the wiring for a 200,000 KW generator, at the Elektro-Tyazmash plant. On a grand scale, but parts must be of high precision.



Advance of agriculture in USSR is to a large degree the result of fertilizer production. This is just one unit, in one plant, which extracts nitrogen from the air (by liquefaction) and converts it into nitric acid, basis of highly valuable nitrate fertilizers. It's at Grodno. All Soviet made.



Since USSR now out-rivals even Norway for super high voltage electric-power transmission, they must have the world's most advanced research center for designing the necessary equipment. Size is the most impressive feature.



Soviet farmers are by far the most advanced in using aviation. But other socialist countries help: this very efficient "farm plane" (M-15) was developed jointly by Polish-Soviet engineers. It can spread fertilizer on 3,000 acres per day.



Not a space-ship or an aircraft, this is the control center of gigantic new Soviet crane, one of several erected at Magadan, new seaport in the Far North. Worker who operates this is really a highly skilled engineer.



Our media never mention it, but Moscow is a major ocean port now. Next time you're in the Soviet capital, take a trip and see this for yourself. Moscow Port has to expand constantly to handle the swiftly-growing international trade of Socialism.



# The Roubles are coming?!

You've seen earlier reports in 'NN' about the "solid gold rouble" of Socialism. Now take a look at the latest talk, not for publication, which can be heard behind locked doors in some of the highest financial circles.

As you know, the price of gold has risen higher than anyone ever thought possible. This has radically changed the "workings" of Capitalism.

USA economist R.R. Aufhauser expressed this by saying "The economy is sitting on a powder keg."

Because the USSR is a major gold producer, and has immense holdings of gold, the great increase in price has equally increased the economic might of Socialism. To the point where world influence is markedly shifting towards the Soviet Union.

Business Week (Feb. 11) says gold's soaring price changes "the geopolitical balance between the West (Capitalism) and the Soviets."

And this happened because of the USA's incredible blunder, in **seizing the assets of Iran in USA banks**. All over the capitalist world, the rich began dumping dollars to buy gold, which USA cannot grab.

Top bankers in USA have called the White House move "a disaster". No one will ever forget that Washington acted as a **financial pirate** in seizing Iran's assets.

Top-ranking Arab banker, Abdullah Mazuri, confirmed that: "This is a black spot on the future. It will not be forgotten."

But **already**, the rise of gold to \$800 an ounce **finished off** the role of USA's dollar as the dominating world currency.

On top of that, USA is trying to start the **Second Cold War** against Socialism, at a time when its financial power is **badly weakened**. The dollar no longer "rules" Capitalism.

Cold fact is that USA, far from "bossing" West Europe and Japan, as it did for decades, today must have support of its "allies", financially, at the very time when **this support is fast wearing thin**.

USA can't be trusted (see what it did to Iran's banks) and the dollar is giving way to gold.

The "impossible" is actually now taking place: gold is replacing the dollar as **guaranteed money**. This is what USA loudly proclaimed would never be allowed.

To worsen the situation: major oil producing nations (due to soaring price of oil and USA's **dependence** on petroleum) are **taking over control** of capitalist-world finance, thus further **sapping USA's power**.

Hidden from our media is another "crisis". Suddenly, with gold **20 times higher** than it was just a few years ago, the "money value" of all stored gold has shot up 20 times... this is really "the powder keg" of **uncontrollable inflation**.

Just in one year, 1979, stashed gold rose in value by 1,000 billion dollars: \$1,000,000,000,000!

This amounts to a **tidal wave of new money** threatening Capitalism with **destruction of finance by inflation**.

In this situation, it is "every man for himself." Each ally of USA has one thought: make the best deals with oil and gold, regardless of "Help!" signals from Washington.

This makes President Carter's Cold War look **ridiculous**: USA can't wage such a war **alone**, and already the West's "alliance" is **breaking up**, as each nation goes all-out for deals with **the oil producers**.

Remember: USSR is world's leader in oil output. And only South Africa mines more gold than Moscow. So **who wants USA's Cold War?**

Who's crazy? Not France, Japan, West Germany, Italy, Sweden, Spain, Britain... **nobody**.

USA lost control of oil years ago. Now it's fast losing control of Capitalism's life-blood: **money**. After the way Iran was treated, who wants to move billions into USA? Well, **where** will all this wealth go?

You'll find it hard to grasp the size of this problem. In about 3 more years, the oil nations (of Capitalism) will have **500,000 million dollars** piled up. Probably not dollars at all, but **gold**.

Actually, what has happened is the **dumping of dollars** to buy gold.

Middle East countries can no longer count on buying USA **grain** (for food) with their oil-money, since the White House **broke its agreement with USSR** for grain sales.



"Who Can Trust the USA?" That is the question asked very sharply by nations, and financiers, who have billions to lose. Besides Iran, strong countries like Libya and Algeria are not only mistrustful of USA but **burning with anger** against Washington for its open threats to **seize Mid-East oil by force**.

Naturally, in this situation all countries in Capitalism are taking close looks at the Soviet Union.

What they see makes them wonder if the white House has **flapped**.

USA is going to **weaken USSR** economically by embargoes and boycotts? When USSR's gold reserve now is worth **hundreds of billions!**

And when the Soviet Union's **oil and gas output** is soaring, with a lot of it going to Europe!

As for **grain**, how can USA do any harm to USSR, when Socialism has enough money (**gold-backed!**) to buy all it needs from dozens of eager-seller countries?

What leading financiers see vividly is that any Cold War touched off by USA must involve fighting on the **financial front**. And who is going to take on Socialism?

In the real world today, the very foundations of wealth are **petroleum and gold**. Both of these assets are abundant in USSR.

Well, if you think in terms of **war**, those assets are **weapons**.

As gold moves back into power in the world of finance, **Soviet power gains equally**.

As for oil: the USSR can at any time join forces with other giant petroleum producers, to arrive at a mutually beneficial policy — you can be sure **it won't be slanted towards the Cold Warriors**.

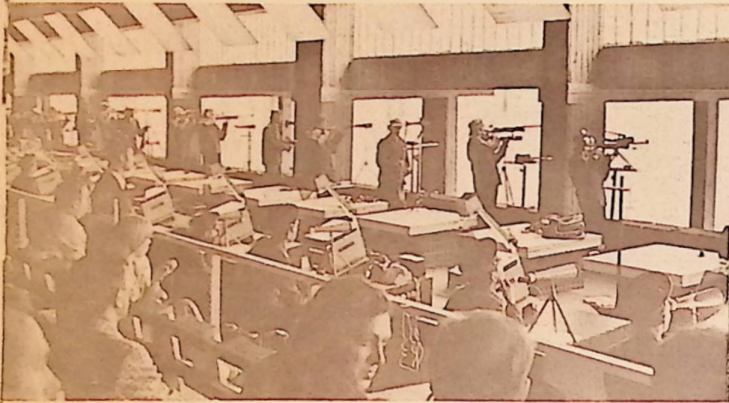
The noted authority on gold, Franz Pick, strongly advises **holding on to gold**. And he raises an astonishing question: What would anybody sell gold for now... dollars or **roubles?**

So the roubles are coming!



# All set for Summer Olympics

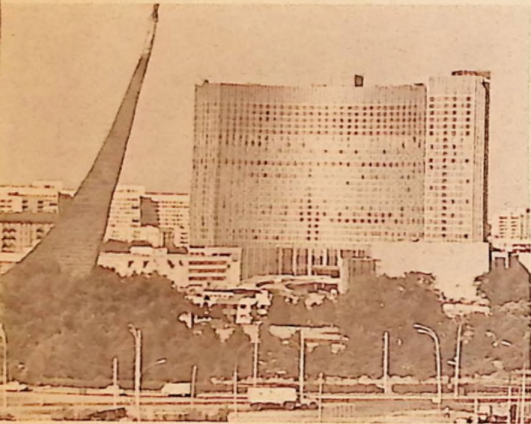
Visitors to Moscow and other Olympic cities report that preparations for the Games are much more advanced than they were in Montreal in spring of '76. Some people took cameras with them as you see here.



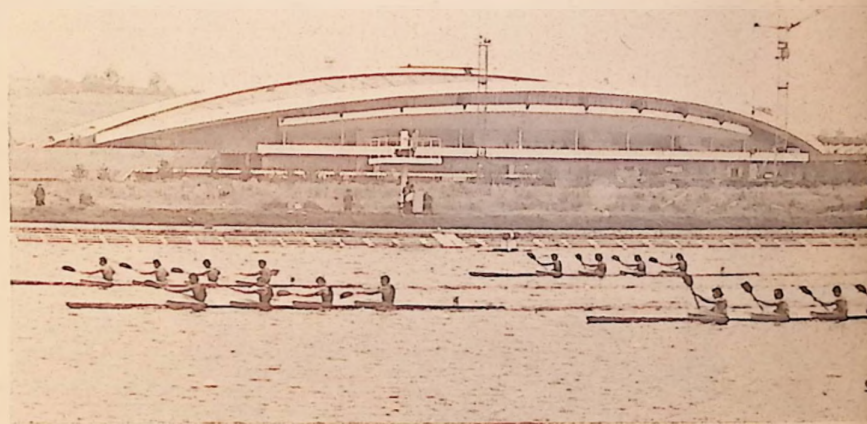
New shooting range is located outside Moscow in town of Mytishchi. Was already in use last autumn, and shooters who tried it praised facilities. As you can see, the most advanced viewing and scoring aids are available here.



Olympic chess contests will be played in a new exhibition hall in the Krasnaya Presnya district in Moscow. World champion Anatoli Karpov is giving it a try here, but the sharpest critic seems to be someone who isn't playing.



Quite a few Canadians (including those on a recent "NN" Tour) have sampled the fine accommodations at this newest of Moscow's hotels, the Cosmos, very big.



The Olympic rowing canal is located at Krylatskoye, on fringe of Moscow. Behind it is the bicycle race-track, said to be the finest made so far, and embodying all advances. Canal was in use last summer in USSR's national Spartakiad Games.

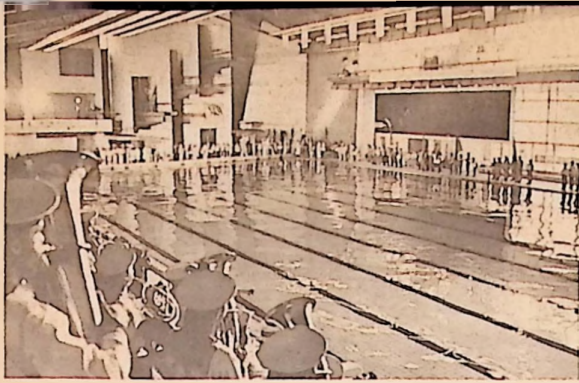


Also at Krylatskoye is the big archery range, which can accommodate many contestants at once. You can see roof of the bicycle track in background. This will all make up a permanent sports center for Muscovites after Games.

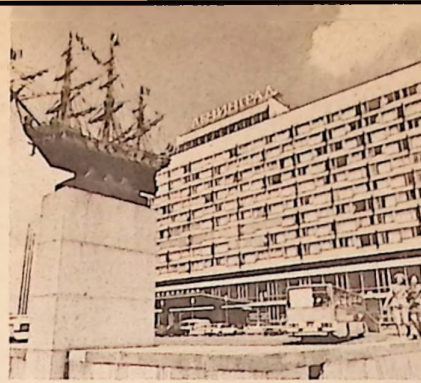


Both the players and spectators at Olympics look forward to more than the Games. A rich cultural feast is being prepared in Moscow, including performances of outstanding artists in Central Concert Hall.





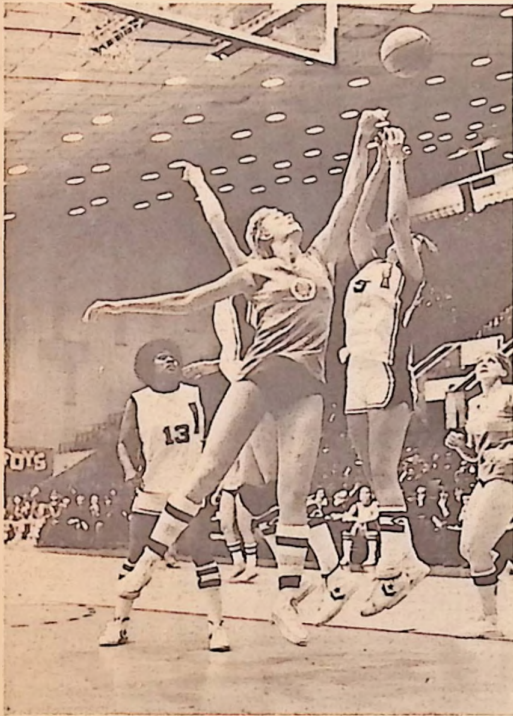
One of the swimming pools to be used next summer is the new Central Navy Sports Club pool in Moscow. Probably this will be the place for the high diving contests.



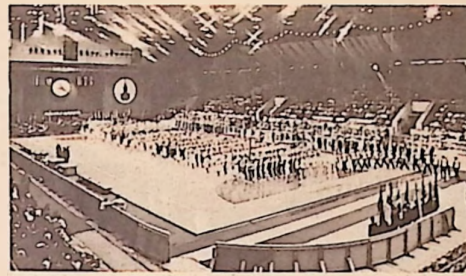
For the games in Leningrad, the excellent "Leningrad" hotel will accommodate visitors, in a very attractive location.



This is typical of the many smart restaurants opening for the Games. It's right in Luzhnik Stadium, Moscow.



If basketball is your game, you'll be going to Vilnius, capital of Soviet Lithuania. Here's the new sports hall for basketball. It was open for games last summer.



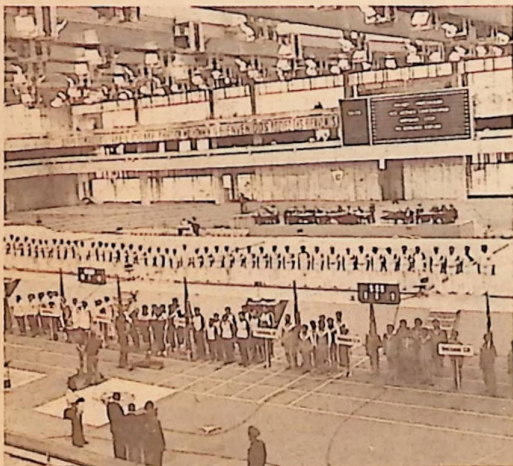
Handball, anyone? If you go for it, you'll go to Kiev in Ukraine, and here's where Olympic contests will be held.



Volleyball your favorite? Off to Moscow for that. Games will be played in brand new "Druzhba" (Friendship) indoor stadium just finished in the Luzhnik Sports center inside Moscow.



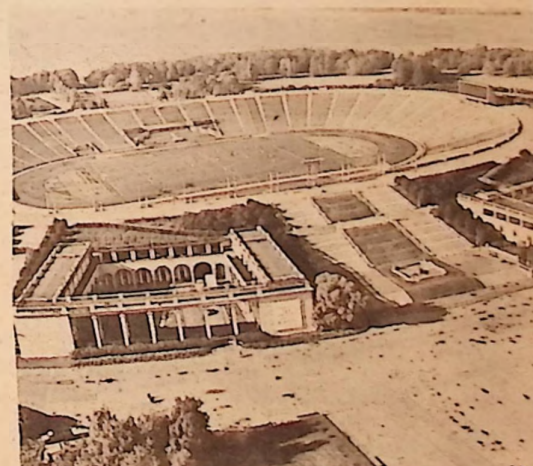
Central Hippodrome in Moscow, modernized and enlarged, will accommodate some equestrian contests. Other facilities, farther out, will also be used.



Central Army Sports Club inside Moscow will be scene of judo, sambo, free wrestling meets. Excellent facilities here.



Up in Tallinn on Baltic, right in the city, yachtsmen from all over world will compete in just about ideal conditions.



Splendid Kirov Stadium, in Leningrad, will draw packed crowds for the Olympic Football contests, always fierce.



# Socialism doesn't need USA's food

You worry that Soviet people will go hungry because USA cancelled those cattle-feed shipments? Relax. You find the truth where our media would never think of looking

Perhaps the least-known aspect of Soviet trade is its export of food-growing technology—from **complete farms to processing factories**—aimed at putting less-developed countries on the way to *agricultural prosperity* best suited to each nation.

On an astonishing scale they now deliver everything needed to grow and market vegetables, fruits, grains, tea, coffee, tobacco, cotton, cattle, poultry, milk ... *and whatever*.

This began in 1964. It's now a gigantic "industry" united in one socialist enterprise called (in English) **the USSR Agricultural-Industrial Export Corporation**. Abbreviated here as Selprom.

In 15 years this firm has gone into **58 countries** in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe, and set up no less than **800 big farms and factories**.

That's not a true picture, since Selprom started slowly. Now it's booming. In the 1971-75 period it expanded 80 percent, but in the current 5-year Plan (to 1981) its operations are more than doubling.

**NN** just hasn't space even to list Selprom activities in 58 countries, and it's tough just to give you a limited survey.

**In Vietnam.** Huge areas of land opened (formerly unused). Mostly grain, rubber. Seventeen big food factories. One flour mill handles 220 million pounds per year. Already, Vietnam is **exporting** tea, coffee, bananas, pineapples, to say nothing of rubber. Selprom now working on timber.

**Mongolian People's Republic.** One of world's biggest potential **cattle** growers. First 20 big ranges set up by Selprom. Concentrating on pedigree-beef, fed by harvests on irrigated, drained lands. Clearly, Mongolia can prosper greatly exporting quality beef to USSR and other Socialist nations.

**Iraq.** World records broken, building 40-mile Tharthar-Tigris Canal. Two purposes: end age-old floods near Baghdad, and open huge areas of fertile (dry) farmland. Tharthar Reservoir will be one of biggest in world, holding over 17 *cubic miles* of water.

Another giant project in this region tackles the ancient Euphrates River. Just one area to be made fertile is over 900,000 acres. Some crops will then be exportable for first time in this part of world.

**Syria.** Selprom works on very big scale here. Main projects: **grain** (harvest to increase 340 percent), **meat**, (to rise over 1000 percent). Also big cotton and vegetable farms being set up.

**People's Democratic Yemen.** This little country is getting its first prosperous farms since Selprom built network of irrigation systems. Used already by five large State Farms. Dairies and farm machinery repair plants also built here.

**Afghanistan.** Our editors can't even bear to learn that Soviet-Afghan co-operation dates back many years. Big farms set up before present regime started. Citrus fruits, olives grown on large scale. Our papers said Red Army was *amazed* to see such "luxury foods" ... liars didn't realize that the "amazed" men included some who had *set up the farms!* Afghans have been profiting nicely by sales to USSR. But they also export to world market (olives a rich crop for them now, for first time).

Note our photo at bottom of page, showing big Jelalabad project. In course of this work, USSR trained some 13,000 young Afghans in advanced farm-machinery use.

Afghan people have been free from **age-old curse of locusts**, since Selprom launched an "invasion" every time these murderous insects appeared. Soviet vets have virtually ended epidemics of parasitic diseases in cattle, poultry (very bad in these regions). In one drive over 2,500,000 cattle were vaccinated.

**Iran.** So we're told Iranians are "threatened" by Soviets? You tell *them*. Recently Selprom turned over to Iranian government eight very large, modern grain elevators, and a flour mill. Many other elevators and mills will help to make Iran a *food-exporter*.

Just imagine what happens if CIA finds Iranians exporting grain and meat to USSR! Carter will rush a "task force" to blow grain trains off the track?

**Algeria.** Here Selprom concentrates on drilling deep water-wells, which

appear to be answer to drought over large areas. In one project they sank 168 wells, linked by 15 pumping stations, 10 miles of water mains, and reservoirs.

**Libya.** Wait until you see headlines about Soviet invasion here. It's for real. Some 400 "bureaucrats" from USSR are all over Libya, telling them what to do to get the best results from irrigation, farming, oil production. Imagine ... not one capitalist involved, and Libyans like it that way.

**Ethiopia.** "Invasions" here, too, by Selprom "army". Irrigation, grain elevators, packing plants, dairies, canneries. First thing you know, Ethiopians will be eating well and selling food to the hungry. They might even (horrors) be glad to export surplus to the invading hordes.

**Many socialist nations** are customers of Selprom. We can't even outline this, but Less Developed Countries get major help. As in Zambia, Mali, Guinea, Mozambique, Madagascar, Sudan, Guinea-Bissau.

**Large-scale** modern enterprises have been established with Selprom's help in **Bulgaria** and **Hungary**. Both these nations are now big food exporters. In **Cuba**, also, Soviet Technique is revolutionizing agriculture, and not only in sugar.

**Get this over-view:** today Selprom is such *big business* that some **800 Soviet factories work for it!** And everything they produce **goes abroad**, to multiply humanity's food.



Main dam of vast Jelalabad Irrigation Complex which has for years brought prosperity to Afghan farmers.



# How will WE get Socialism — and WHEN



Some people who have "doubts" about Socialism ask you: If the new system is **so good** why hasn't it come to **major advanced countries** of West? Of course *vast areas* of our world are now in Socialism. And it's *spreading* very fast. But still the question remains . . . to make it personal, **why** haven't North Americans, British, West Europeans, *gone out of Capitalism*?

First of all, this question isn't worrying just *leftists*; there's hardly an economics journal appearing today, without real concern about **basic change** in Capitalism.

None of these "studies" seem to have consulted **Lenin**, who put the problem very concisely long before Socialism became a world-wide issue. Highly developed (monopoly) Capitalism, said Lenin, takes a country *far on the way towards Socialism*; but at same time capitalists become far more experienced in *opposing, postponing Socialism*.

Here's what we're up against . . .

- Enriching itself at the expense of Third World countries, our Capitalism can "bribe" workers, farmers, middle class, with **high incomes**.

- Our capitalist politicians are very smart indeed at putting up **barriers** on the way to Socialism.

- They're especially good at **splitting the people** into rival groups.

Lenin foresaw this, and predicted that people in weak, *exploited* nations would be first into Socialism.

Our struggle for Socialism, said Lenin, "*will continue for many years and will demand much effort.*"

You've often heard of Lenin's view that each country would find *its own* way to Socialism. What we're not often told is that Lenin insisted that **all** peoples would get out of Capitalism following the **same principles**.

The **main principle**, he believed, is the weakening of Capitalism by the people's struggle for **democracy**.

Democracy isn't Socialism. But by **fighting** for it, against the rule of Monopoly Capitalism, the people will find themselves away ahead . . . "it will still **not** be Socialism, but it will no longer be Capitalism. It will be a tremendous **step towards** Socialism."

Maybe you can see *how difficult it is* to "get this across" to people.

On the Left, in Canada and USA, you often see confusion here, when people **forget about Socialism** and talk **only** of fighting for democracy.

In this struggle we Canadians are quite a way ahead of USA, since we have had a **Socialist** as well as a Communist Party. Because of that, the big question of **how** and **when** we get rid of Capitalism is sharply raised.

Indeed, **all over** the advanced world of Capitalism, socialist parties are in a state of *total confusion*.

In **France**, they now say flatly that they don't want simply to "improve" Capitalism but to **replace** it, by a different system.

In **Finland**, socialists are very clear on that, and fairly close to communists. But in **Britain**, and **West Germany**, "socialists" are often little more than left-liberals.

This is true of our **New Democratic Party** in Canada, which is about as far away from Socialism as it's possible to get, today.

No doubt you saw that, in 1978, when the **Socialist International** had its world convention in Canada.

There, the "socialists" from **major capitalist nations** preached to the Less Developed Countries on how they should seek salvation in "**a third way**", out of Capitalism but *for sure not in Socialism!*

This didn't go over so well. Many *honest* socialists believe what they say: they **want Socialism**, period.

Large numbers of working-people and intellectuals (especially youth) are getting fed up with "third way" chatter that **gets nowhere**.

They demand an end to **unemployment** and **inflation**. But not a single "third way" leader has any program whatever that can solve these major problems.

Millions of people in the West now see that *nowhere* has "third way" Socialism ever changed Capitalism. In Britain, Scandinavia, even in our Saskatchewan province, "socialist" governments remain **identical** with capitalist regimes.

The harsh truth was exposed by Lenin long ago. The **aim** of the false socialists is to **deceive people**.

By *talking* Socialism, they make sure that *Capitalism is preserved*.

As Lenin forecast, the struggle to expose this "will continue for many years and demand much effort."

In recent years, mainly in Europe, **deception** was carried beyond Socialist Parties into Communist Parties. You remember the term: **Euro-Communism**. We exposed it here in **NN**.

Still "another way" to Socialism, especially for Europeans. As it turned out, Euro-Communists soon dropped the struggle for Socialism, to concentrate on **attacking the Soviet Union**.

This line first fell into disrepute in **Italy**. There million of Left voters rejected the phony "line".

In France, Euro-Communism was very strong, but late in 1979 it was **cleaned out** of the Communist Party of France (and in Spain also).

You don't have to look far to see why **socialist-minded people** turned down Euro-Communism.

They **want Socialism**, and they know that **only in the Soviet Union** (and its allies) does the new system exist . . . *nowhere else* in the entire world has there ever been *any other kind of Socialism*.

Bluntly: Socialism is **the system without capitalists**.

Either you live by working for capitalists or you live by working for yourself with all other people.

**No way there is any third way.**

The entire mighty propaganda machine of Capitalism is working to keep people from seeing this truth.

As Lenin insisted, all peoples will **not** come to Socialism by the same path taken in the USSR.

But every nation **must** arrive at the new system by completely doing away with Capitalism.

This is a change which many millions round our Earth now recognize as "*the revolutionary transformation of the world.*"



# Is Socialism winning the fight against Alcoholism?

Alcoholic drinks are very much part of "the good life" in USSR. You can get champagne in theatre lobbies, on trains, even in sidewalk cafes in summer, although they don't have the countless bars and lounges we have. Truth is, alcoholism is a very serious problem in both Socialism and Capitalism. Newest facts. . .



Dr. George Lundberg, noted California alcoholism specialist, tells the Medical Association that USA now has **10 to 20 million alcoholics**.

Others believe this is under-stating the facts. But they agree with Lundberg when he says that alcoholism, already ranking next to heart-disease and cancer as a **cause of death**, is fast increasing in USA.

Police and medical records indicate that out of every 100 deaths in traffic, 50 must be blamed not on cars and trucks but on **drinking**.

On top of that, half of all **victims of murder** are killed because of their own behaviour while drunk!

And if that's not bad enough, the Society for Treatment of Alcoholism says that the great majority of suicides, battered wives and battered children can **blame alcohol**.

This new evidence adds weight to the view advanced years ago in USSR. Doctors and criminologists in Socialism have long blamed **excessive drinking** for the great majority of criminal offenses.

In USA, the situation became much worse after 1965, and is worsening even faster now. In USSR, they've had an "offensive" under way against alcohol for **several years**, and at very worst their problem is not becoming anymore acute now.

**One reason:** as part of their drive on drinking, they've **raised prices** of "hard" liquor several times, so booze is now an expensive addiction. But in USA, experts like Lundberg blame **low-priced alcohol**, and high incomes, for today's drinking "epidemic".

Still, as recently as 1977 they noted a 5 percent **rise** in consumption of alcohol. But that included wines and beers, which they find are far less responsible for alcoholism than are strong liquors.

NN checked the situation with Dr. Eduard Babayan, head of the USSR's Narcological Service. He says flatly that 9-out-of-10 of all Soviet adults today use alcohol, so it is really everybody's problem.

But this leads Soviet researchers to a conclusion very *different* from what we hear from our experts.

Here, we're told people drink as a result of anxiety, insecurity, lack of achievement, inability to relate to others, etc. etc. Soviet doctors (for example in big industrial city of Gorky) studied many **drunks**, and found these "causes":

90 percent blamed parties, family celebrations.

Only 5 percent said they got drunk because they were bored.

Less than 6 percent used booze to "escape" from work troubles, weariness, or family conflicts.

So, in the Soviet view, the alcoholism problem is the result of people **not knowing how to enjoy leisure time along with a drink**.

Instead of "drinking casually" they make **drinking the focus of leisure**.

To change this, in 1978 (as we reported in NN) a new national campaign began in USSR, aimed against all forms of **over-drinking**.

Main "weapon": bring public opinion to bear down on drunks.

**Is their drive working?** First evidence that it is: hospitals are now getting only *half* the number of people who are stricken with *mental disease* due to *excessive drinking*.

However, they also recognize that **curing** an alcoholic may be a lifetime task. That's why many Soviet cities are applying a method worked out in Tartu, in Estonia. This is a real "social movement", called **The Anti-Bacchus Club**. As its name implies, members are **against booze**, period.

It's been growing for 10 years. Unlike our "Alcoholics Anonymous", it makes no attempt to ask for God's help — help is strictly by *people for people with the same problem*.

Members finance the Club with dues of \$25 a year. And the emphasis is not on "preaching" but on **having a good time without drinking!**

They take that seriously.

This may seem strange in our competitive, capitalist society. Who wants any neighbor telling you when you've had enough? Who would put up with fellow workers lecturing when you drank too much? Public opinion can, indeed, be effective only in a society where the concept "I am my brother's keeper" is woven into the very fabric of everyday life and work.

But you can't just "have a talk" with those alcoholics who have passed from "over-drinking" to **real alcohol dependency** (addiction). For them USSR now has a service network, uniting doctors with assistants who have special training to deal with alcoholics. In many Soviet neighborhoods they now have "**local narcological** (addiction) **centers**".

These provide a 45-day treatment, either out-patient or in-hospital. Out-patients continue at their jobs. All must return regularly for checks, **for three years**, and are kept under observation another two years.

For the most serious cases they now have special work-enterprises, where patients are paid wages.

For example, when they found that the best music and dancing in town was at the "Sigma" restaurant, they got that place to remove *all liquor* two nights a week!

The Tartu city council backed them up, so it's "the law".

Families of Club members help a lot by organizing **dry parties**.

One strict rule: members have to swear off drinking **for life**. If they touch it, they're **expelled**, and it's next to impossible to get members to re-admit anyone bounced.

The good word is that only 30 men and women have been put out of the Anti-Bacchus Club since it started.

However, although he approves of all such efforts, Dr. Babayan feels strongly that only by **starting with children in school**, only by preventive education, will alcoholism be eradicated in USSR.



# Why Capitalism falls behind in

## BIG STEEL

Do you wonder why, at a time when Carter says he'll take on the world, the once-mighty steel industry of USA is **shutting down big plants, and firing tens of thousands?**

That giant, **U.S. Steel**, is all set to **lose** about 300 million dollars this year, by far the biggest setback in this industry's history.

*What's happening?*

People are buying far fewer **cars** (smaller ones) and far fewer **home appliances**, so USA doesn't need so much steel. Carter's **arms boom** doesn't help because it won't use up nearly so much steel as major **consumer-goods** industries.

However, you won't get the whole picture by looking only at USA. *Steel is sick all over Capitalism.*

Major companies as far apart as **Germany** and **Japan** are deep in trouble. In Europe the "Common Market" has put **emergency "crisis" rules** into action. That won't help **France**, so the government there is rushing to take over bankrupt mills.

It's a classical "bust" picture. Steel mills are running **away below capacity**. Big steel companies want workers to *produce more . . . meaning fewer jobs*. In turn, that means *less demand* for cars and all other steel-using goods.

You see the size of this problem when you learn that **31,000 French steel workers face firing . . .** even if the government takes over. In Britain, where they **did** take over, the crisis is **still worse!**

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Even people handicapped by their anti-Soviet prejudices cannot fail to wonder what gives, when they check with steel in Socialism.

- Last year USSR produced 26 percent more steel than USA (*before* the current slump and mill-closings).

- Not so long ago (1950) USA turned out 300 percent more than USSR.

- At that time, USA had 500 percent more electric power than USSR, and 700 percent more oil production.

- Then, Western economists said these differences were *permanent*, and Socialism *couldn't catch up*.

- But Socialism already has caught up and **far outpaced USA** in steel and petroleum.

This is very serious. Because steel is the **foundation** of modern civilization, the **main thing** in production.

Even people who favor Socialism often do not see **what this means**.

— Steel requires very large money investments (costly plants). Today, Capitalism has **problems** finding needed funds for modernizing. Socialism has **plenty** of money.

— In our "free market" system the price of steel **shoots up** and **falls down**, making things difficult when planning future demands. **No such fluctuations** in Socialism; constantly growing market.

— In Capitalism today it is hard to find investors willing to **risk billions** in new steel plants, when profits are **so uncertain**, as they are everywhere you look.

— Maybe the biggest problem here in Capitalism is that most steel plants are *badly out-of-date, inefficient*. In USSR, they've poured billions into *advanced* steel-making systems . . . they even **license** firms in West to use new processes.

— One example: *continuous* steel production method, now applied on grand scale in USSR, is by *far superior* to the batch system used in most countries.

— Of great importance is fact that Soviet steel mills now use **much less energy** than old-fashioned USA plants, a vital factor as the cost of energy zooms.

— Another advantage: the *bigger* the steel plant the *more efficient*; today USSR has concentrated the bulk of its steel production in just **ten gigantic centers**, and these are being expanded still more.

— To carry through all this, Soviet people have invested in steel the equivalent of **24,000 million dollars** in three years, something which **all** capitalist nations together can't even consider.

— So now you see at their Novolipetsk Works **sixty** kinds of products, ranging from continuously poured steels to fertilizers.

— **One** of their new furnaces can deliver close to **five billion pounds** of pig-iron per year, because it is controlled by **eight computers**, with very high level of efficiency.

— At their Beloretsk plant (in the Urals) a radically new rolling mill deliver rods at the rate of 180 feet per second . . . yearly output is around 400,000 tons.



In several Soviet steel plants today they're introducing very high temperature electric furnaces which are really *plasma smelters*. Not long ago in the "laboratory" stage, they're now scaled up to point where they take loads of **70,000 pounds** at once.

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None of us are steel specialists, so it's time to step back and see *the real meaning* of these facts.

- Before the Socialist Revolution, capitalist Russia made only **one ton** of steel for every **seven tons** poured in USA plants. Today, USSR is **well ahead** of USA, and gaining faster.

- Socialism enabled Soviet workers to achieve this "miracle" in spite of *severe technical backwardness* (in pre-war years) and *tremendous damage* to steel plants in the war.

- This **change of position** of USSR and USA, in steel, **decisively changed** the balance of economic forces in world, **in favor of Socialism**.

- Soviet steel output is *rising* about 19 percent per year, while USA output is steadily *falling*.

- At same time, USSR has built steel plants for its **socialist allies** and **developing countries**, something which USA avoids . . . since it means **more competition** in Capitalism, thus threatens profits.

- Hard to believe, but Soviet workers have built, for **other peoples**, steel plants with **far more capacity** than all the plants run by Russia's capitalists in times of Czarism!

On this 110th Anniversary of Lenin it is enlightening to recall his  **frankest prediction** (many thought he shouldn't have made it).

Lenin said Socialism would justify itself *only when it enabled people to out-produce Capitalism*.

Well, how's that prophecy doing? Look at **steel** and you'll see.





Of course the name "Lenin" was an assumed one, and the man we know by that name was one of the Ulianov children. Vladimir is at lower right, above, age 9.

# 110 years with Lenin



Vladimir was a handsome child, very bright for his age. He was just four when this picture was taken, with his sister Olga. It was a large, devoted family.



This anniversary year has special significance to Soviet people, as they see Lenin's ideas gaining power the world over. This month, in 1870, was born the genius who made Socialism come alive.



At age 49 Lenin still looked very youthful. This photo was taken at a May Day demonstration in Moscow, just 18 months after the first Socialist Revolution.

May Day 1919, and before he spoke to the demonstration Lenin had a chance to talk with visitors from abroad. Unfortunately his wife had her back to camera.



Two rare photos of the historic "confrontation" of Lenin and famed British sci-fic author H.G. Wells, who made one of his few "boners" when he dismissed Lenin as a "dreamer".



No one dreamed, watching Lenin and Gorky (top left) at Isle of Capri in May, 1908, that the Socialist Revolution would shake the whole earth in just nine more years. Two men were very close friends.

The Institute of Marxism-Leninism in Moscow has several recordings of Lenin's voice. This shows the kind of equipment used then. It was taken March 29, 1919, when Lenin was in vigorous health.





Visitors today who admire the Karl Marx monument in Sverdlov Square, Moscow, rarely are aware that Lenin himself laid the symbolic cornerstone for this statuary.



On July 19, 1920, Lenin held talks with Communists from other lands, who gathered in Moscow for sessions of "Comintern" (which later was disbanded). This photo was taken in Petrograd (now Leningrad).



Truly historic occasion: opening of Kashinsky Hydro Power Station, Nov. 14, 1920. Everyone in Kashino village wanted to get into photo! You see Lenin right there in center.



At that Comintern conference Lenin found time to meet everyone. Here you see him listening to the problems of those revolutionaries who came from Italy, 60 years ago. Long, difficult struggles lay ahead of them. But principles laid down by Lenin endure to this day.



Some of the finest newspaper writers of the revolution are in this picture, though unfortunately we do not have their names. They stayed to have a discussion with Lenin, after he made his April 25, 1921 photograph recording. Do Readers recognize any of them?



Unusual picture of Lenin with famed commander Voroshilov (he's just above Lenin here) after the Kronstadt counter-revolution was put down by loyal Red Army men.



Lenin was not only popular for his kindness to people, but well known for his love of animals. His favorite cat often managed to get a place in photographs.



This outstanding photo of Lenin taking notes at a meeting was "source" of a famous painting, and to his day not many people realize the photo came first.



# Why they fight about him to this day

**Anton Chekhov** probably rates next to Shakespeare as the most popular writer of **plays**. His **stories** have excited millions, for generations. In the literary world, the bigger the critics the fiercer they fight over Chekhov. Here in Capitalism they put **ridiculous ideas** into Chekhov's writings. But even so they are **compelled** to stage him and publish him. Why? He'd love to see the truth today.

Our photo shows Chekhov reading his play "The Seagull" to the greatest actors and actresses of his time, the Moscow Art Theatre company, in 1898.

These people knew him well. Knew that his father was a **serf**, and before him his grandfather also was "owned" by a rich man. Somehow the young Chekhov managed to support the family, take up writing, go through medical school. Always in poverty.

No one seeing his plays and reading his stories, while Chekhov was alive, imagined that Russia had only some 20 years to go before its millions would rise to the center of the world stage, permanently, leading mankind into Socialism.

Even then, Chekhov was irresistible: because he belonged with life's "little people", the **awakening masses**. Ruthlessly, and yet lovingly, he showed the people's lives, their tragic-and-funny existence inside a **cruel class society** based on power, bootlicking, and wretched hypocritical "moral values".

Today's intellectuals fear to understand Chekhov, because the West, now, is **that very same cruel system**, money-power, brains grabbing bribery, the disgusting hypocrisy of "human rights" in an inhuman society.

Chekhov developed a new kind of story that revealed the rich emotional lives of "ordinary" people, their dissatisfactions, **their yearning for a new world**.

For a time, Chekhov was under the influence of Tolstoy and his "brotherly love" as a cure for evils.

Already ill with tuberculosis, the young doctor took a pilgrimage all across Russia to the dread island of Sakhalin, then the Czar's "devil's island". There his ideas about society took firmer shape.

He saw that "Justice is no more than an outward show when prisoners are in the dock."

This concentration on the need for justice in human society liberated his mind from the Christian preaching of Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky, with their dream-world approach to people's needs, their suffering.

Chekhov was able to develop as an author because he had one priceless quality: "The great power of his talent," said Gorky, "lies in the fact that he never invents anything, never writes about anything that does not exist." **Truth**.

While other great writers often twisted the facts of life to fit their private theories of "what's wrong and how to right it", Chekhov experienced the reality of life in Capitalism so personally that he refused to "escape" in fanciful ideas. Yet his genius kept him from **limiting society** to its "lower levels".



Chekhov knew how to make men and women of the ruling class writhe in shame, since he saw, from personal life, that **all human beings** dream of a finer life. This drives modern critics, who are **mere serfs of Capitalism**, to every extreme in "explaining away" Chekhov.

They refuse to see his clearest "message": mass human suffering in Capitalism is caused by that system's cruel, organized oppression of the great majority.

What angers them still more is the fact that Chekhov was not content with "picturing misery". He holds out the bright promise of a **new world to come**.

No, you cannot hear in Chekhov's plays and stories any "revolutionary battle-cries". But there is no question now that in Russia Chekhov created "an atmosphere" **favorable to the coming revolutionary storm**.

As his talent developed, Chekhov moved on from his wonderful pictures of "ordinary existence" to the thought that **people have a duty to change the world**.

He did this in his "criticism" of happiness. If humans live only for **their own personal contentment**, this inevitably condemns many others to **suffering**.

And people who rise above their own needs achieve **true human dignity**. This is the road to **really human happiness**, life devoted to the supreme cause of building a new, just society.

Here you see the secret of Chekhov's **world-wide growing popularity**, and at the same time the furious squabbling that goes on among reactionary critics.

They want people to think that Chekhov was pessimistic, saw only misery, "killed human hope" (as Shestov said, back in 1908). But Gorky saw correctly that Chekhov's work **"strikes a note of vigor and love of life."**

The great German novelist Thomas Mann saw vividly that Chekhov's picturing of a finer world "disclosed something of the enthusiasm for building Socialism that is seen in Russia today."

And the modern French author, Claude Rois, says: "Following the workings of Chekhov's heart we feel how necessary the Revolution was, that all living, thinking and suffering Russia cried out for it . . ."

"This gentle physician, who believed neither in God nor the Devil, **never stopped for a moment believing that Man was the author of his own future.**"

This is why the intellectuals who serve Capitalism strive harder than ever to present Chekhov as a moaner, bewailing "society". They dare not see that this genius tore the mask from Capitalism, and at the same time opened people's eyes to a **vision of the finer world which human beings are now actually creating**.

(Why not see for yourself? Now you can enjoy, in two splendid new volumes, the finest of Chekhov's stories and plays. See Page-28)



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# Nuclear Age belongs to Socialism

- o USA has just **cancelled** four giant nuclear power plants (Toledo, Ohio).
- o Their Nuclear Regulatory Commission has "**frozen**" atomic energy construction.
- o USA "left" goes farther, supporting demand to **close down** existing plants.
- o In Canada, we are **recovering** from anti-nuke hysteria; now seems certain we'll **go ahead** with the atom, to slash consumption of priceless petroleum.
- o However, you can find evidence of **new problems** facing the atom in Capitalism.

Last year, Soviet nuclear power plants delivered 50 thousand-million KWH of electricity. They saved more than 17 million tons of fuel, improving the environment by eliminating that huge amount of pollution.

On a world scale, fuel-burning energy stations pour out 250 million tons of soot, 60 million tons of sulfur dioxide (acid pollution), and by the year 2000, *without the atom*, that deadly smoke will rise to **2000 million tons!**

If only for that human-health reason, Soviet planners figure on using **three times more** nuclear power in the immediate future.

To realise this, new nuclear plants are now being made on a production-line basis at the Atomash factory. This giant on the Volga, only one of its kind in the world, is giving the atom a big push ahead in Socialism. One Soviet authority tells **NN** "The advance of our national economy is **unthinkable** without nuclear power."

Already, atomic power is increasing at a rate of **35 percent a year**, in USSR, which is **far faster growth** than for any other branch of socialist industry.

In sharp contrast to the incredible ignorance, lack of training, and shortage of staff, revealed when the USA's "Three Mile Island" accident was investigated, in USSR every atomic plant is manned by *hundreds* of highly skilled men and women. Their training ranks with the costly, lengthy education of *airline pilots*.

This is a big factor in their safety record. In all their plants, and in all surrounding communities, **they've never had one case** of exposure to radiation.

The confidence of Soviet people in their nuclear scientists and engineers you see strikingly displayed at the Bely Yar station. On an average Sunday some 20,000 **fishing fans** go to that nuclear plant, to enjoy themselves casting for the fish that thrive in its cooling-lake!

In Socialism, people would question the *mentality* of anyone opposing nuclear energy. Soviet people know very well that **electric power is the key factor** in civilized human life today: *the good life*, in its very best sense, is "made electrically". They also see that the very greatest need of *impoverished, undeveloped countries*, is immediate rise in power supply.

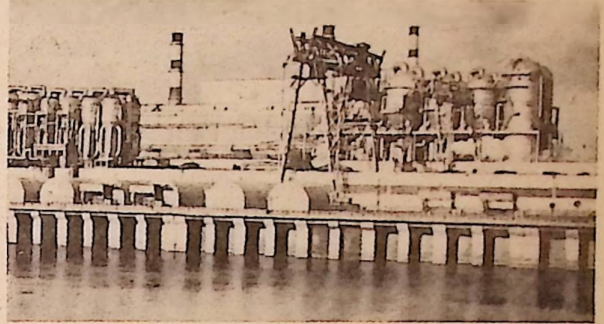
Not for nothing did Lenin say: "**Communism is Soviet power plus electrification of our whole country.**"

Whole countries, desperately poor, can **never** be electrified by burning **oil** or **coal**. Their sole hope rests with the clean, abundant atom.

That's why Soviet specialists say flatly that the **world** (regardless of what the freaks in USA Congress decide) will get **45 percent of all its electricity** from the atom, by the year 2000. And 60 percent by 2020.

There seems little question that USSR is ahead now in this field. Their Ignalinskaya station already has *single units* of 1,500,000 KW capacity, and they're designing new ones of 2,400,000 KW output . . . not being tackled anywhere else the world so far.

And they're *far from satisfied*. Mainly because today's plants use only a small part of the uranium fuel they "burn". A much superior system is now in sight.



This is the so-called "breeder" (or fast-neutron) reactor. Too technical to discuss here, this system not only delivers power but actually *makes more new nuclear fuel than it consumes*.

Net result: supplies of atomic fuel are increased **dozens of times over**, ending threat of shortages.

USSR was first in the world to operate a commercial "breeder" plant (at Shevchenko, and you see it in our photo). France and Britain have smaller ones, and France is building a giant (1,200,000 KW). Work is so promising that soon these plants will be *using the plutonium waste* (which worries so many uninformed "anti-nuke" types) from ordinary stations.

Based on good results at Shevchenko (125,000 KW), Soviet scientists are now designing a "breeder" reactor of 1,600,000 KW capacity.

In contrast to advances in USSR and France, in USA Jimmy Carter, with his usual credibility gap, *stopped work* on the Clinch River plant. Now it turns out that the USA plant was far behind world practice, so maybe halting it was really a face-saving move.

**Looking ahead:** Soviet planners picture *enormous* nuclear power "complexes" rather than smaller plants scattered all over the country. But this isn't even in engineer's dreams, in capitalist countries.

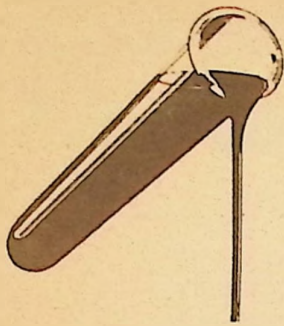
Main reason is that world's most powerful corporations, **petroleum multi-nationals**, are making sure that nuclear energy meets **every possible obstacle**. They're buying up uranium mines, but **for now**, with looming shortage of petroleum, they want to haul in **hundreds of billions in oil profits**, before oil is finished.

In this situation, Socialism naturally is turning to the atom, not only for the sake of its own peoples, but to *save the vast majority of mankind* from continuing low-energy impoverishment, and from the *pollution disaster of switching from oil to coal*.

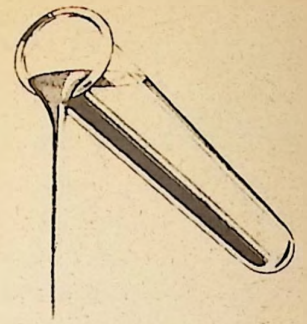
It seems increasingly doubtful that Capitalism will be able to cope with nuclear power. Not only because **oil profits** (coal profits, soon) are a serious barrier, but also because the private-profit system **no longer has reserves big enough** to invest in atomic energy.

The Soviet view, at the very top and right down, is that **one of the very greatest tasks** facing our world today is to **go over rapidly to nuclear energy**.





# Mysterious WATER



- o Suppose someone told you that water changes with the time of day?
- o And that water is different when the Moon is full?
- o Don't laugh. Here's super science news to talk over with your friends.

Water is a substance studied by chemists since very ancient times, so you'd think they knew everything about it by now. And they thought so, too. No longer.

— When you expose pure water to radiation, it breaks up into its elements, **hydrogen** and **oxygen**; but in addition, you find the gas **nitrogen** is there also; and ocean water is super-saturated with nitrogen. *How is it formed?*

— Ordinary water changes markedly when you expose it to **magnetic force**; this is now used industrially to cut down "scaling" inside large steam-boilers; in USSR it is used to prepare medicinally active "magnetic drinks".

But latest and most astonishing research on water comes from Hydrogen Energetics Laboratory, in the Byelorussian Academy of Sciences. It began in quite a hum-drum routine way, studying the production of hydrogen, by breaking up water with nuclear (gamma) radiation.

Dr. Mikhail Yeroshov, Deputy Chief of this laboratory, supervised and checked hundreds of experiments, until he could no longer overlook what his fellow researchers were reporting. Ridiculous though it seemed, their very accurate instruments showed **wide variations** in the amount of hydrogen produced.

To add to that puzzle, exactly the same amount of gamma rays produced **much more hydrogen in winter months** than in summertime!

Scientifically, that seemed impossible. Patiently the staff checked every conceivable source of error, with no result. **No error**, period. At different times of year, water absorbed gamma-energy at different rates.

This research extended for **years**. By that time, Yeroshov and his co-workers had something to show for their labor: year-in, year-out, water changed by the same, exactly-measurable degree — in January, 90 percent **more hydrogen** was produced than in May. The variation in production followed an exact curve, or graph.

Then came the next incredible finding: **at six in the morning** they got more hydrogen than **at six in the evening** on the same day!

How can water "tell" the time and the season?

The answer seems apparent, now. Water changes its properties according to **gravitational and magnetic** changes.

Dr. Alexander Elkin, of the same Hydrogen Energetics Lab, has "timed" the behaviour of water and finds that it changes according to **the effect of the Moon** . . . which produces the rise-and-fall of **Earth's tides**.

Dr. Boris Rodimov has startled scientists by reaching another conclusion. He believes that the **changing properties of Earth's tremendous masses of water** (oceans) has its own effect, and is responsible for the **different speeds of our planet's motion around the Sun**, in winter and summer.

Of course this brings us directly to all **living things**. Biologists have long known that life is affected by the "time of day", monthly changes, seasonal changes.

The importance of the new, exact measurements, is easy to see. Water is a fundamental component of **every living cell**. And now it is clear that every cell must be influenced by the marked changes within its water.

Far away from Byelorussia (it's in Europe), out in the Kazakh Soviet Republic (bordering on China), two agricultural chemists — Drs. Vadim and Igor Zelepukhin happen to be twins and work in the same laboratory — have long studied the effects of **soaking seeds in water**.

All amateur gardeners are familiar with the need to soak tough-skinned seeds before planting. This procedure is very important with some industrial crops, like cotton. Soaking was long held to be just a kind of "softening" process, speeding up germination.

By accident, Vadim Zelepukhin spilled some boiled water (used in experiments), and had to prepare more; to save time, he **cooled it quickly**. When he used **that water**, he got results so striking that he could scarcely believe his observations.

Naturally, he and his brother checked. Repeated tests **confirmed** results. Boiled water, quickly cooled, then used for soaking seeds, was 200 to 300 percent **more active** in stimulating growth.

This not only worked on cotton seeds, but on **tomatoes, potatoes, corn, wheat**.

**Sugar-beet** gave most striking responses. Mature beets, grown from cooled-water-treated seeds, are **40 percent heavier** than normal, with higher sugar content.

Similar effects are obtained when "rooting" cuttings, such as those of berry plants. Ordinarily, to get fast rooting a plant hormone is used. But roots will form even **faster**, if no hormone is added to soaking-water . . . water that's been **boiled, then rapidly cooled**.

Research soon showed that plant leaves absorb water very differently — if the water has been taken from the tap, or boiled and cooled slowly, or boiled and rapidly chilled down to room temperature. (You can try this yourself, using birch-tree leaves.)

It's been known for a long time that **boiling water** breaks down its molecular structure. But it also **removes gases** found in ordinary water. If you boil water and cool it fast, no gases get back into it. Is this the explanation for its increased absorption by plants?

Seems the answer is very complex. De-gassed water has **many** different properties: its **density** is greater, it has different **electrical** properties, and it has markedly greater "**potential energy**" within its molecules.

Does this affect **animals** as well as plants? First tests on rats indicate marked changes in the blood, when de-gassed water is fed.

And research going on is even more puzzling: clearly, water's mysteries are far from being cleared away.





# Many Readers, many views... how about yours?

"If you haven't seen this you may enjoy it as I did. (Pages from *United States News & World Report*). You'll see that their figures reveal very serious inflation in many countries shown on their map. But look again, and you see that all Socialist countries are **blank spaces!** Because they have no inflation. Now take one more look. On last page, at bottom, printed so fine you can hardly read it, it says 'In many centrally planned economies, such as those of Soviet Union and China, prices are set by government policy makers rather than market forces.' What a confession! Would it help Capitalism if we had a few similar 'government policy makers'?" **G.V.E.**

"Enclosing \$30 to keep me on tap for **NN** for a few years; use balance where it will do most good. You might be interested to know that I've been reading history of my home town of Wellington, in Somerset (England). Believe it or not, the famous Soviet general Timoshenko, who held the Germans from Moscow in 1942 (and commanded other big fronts later) was the grandson of another 'Russian' Timoshenko, who was really 'Timothy Longshanks', an Englishman who moved from Wales to Russia long ago. He was born in the Jenkins family but became a 'Timoshenko' in Ukraine. Small World." **C.J.M.**

"I came across a 1973 copy of **NN** and would like to order publications listed there. Also want to subscribe. Please start my sub right away, and let me know the price." **W.A.**

"No doubt you have heard of the controversial drug H-3 widely used in Rumania. I'm sure this is also used in USSR and wonder if **NN** could get information and give it some publicity." **L.M.A.**

**Reply:** We long ago published the first report in the West on H-3. It was widely tried in USSR, but in the end with limited results. Just like Chinese "needle-prick therapy", H-3 works only on patients who are highly "suggestible". Both needle treatments and H-3 are used in some clinics in Soviet Union.

"Reader **E.S.M.** had better subscribe to magazine *Soviet Sport*. In it was printed all information wanted about winners at the 1979 'National Games (Spartakiad) in Moscow, in issues No. 10 and No. 11." **L.M.**  
**Note:** **NN's** face is red because we didn't see that listing, and told **E.S.M.** we had no way to find it (in English). Thanks to **L.M.** for setting us right!

"Have wanted to visit USSR for some time. As I am a farmer I would like to visit State and Co-Op farms, equipment factories, processing plants, with historical side tours. What is the possibility of **NN** organizing a tour of this format?" **P.H.**

**Reply:** Excellent idea! We're sure **NN** can arrange such a tour. But first, please, we must be fairly certain of a minimum of 25 people. So, we ask all interested Readers to drop a line immediately to Jane Kelly at **NN**.

"Watching Winter Olympics at Lake Placid (on TV). Understand that host nation will stress its own athletes. But USA commentators and spectators went overboard! In view of latest anti-Soviet hysteria it was a sight to watch Soviet and other Socialist athletes in action. What dignity, strength, poise, and no ballyhoo! Number of medals they captured speaks for itself. What a people Socialism has raised!" **A.B.**

"Your note about **NN** going to so many countries is very good news to me. With **NN** covering such an area of our world, to me giving this donation is more satisfying than wasting words." **L.C.**

"**NN** can help to build confidence, but you should avoid such rude statements as the report '**Who Can Trust The USA**'. See how foolish both USA and USSR act. Both fail in trust!" **J.H.R.**

"We are farmers and boy are farmers mad at Carter! He promised there would be no embargo. So now we have it. His word isn't worth the paper it is quoted on! As for boycotting Olympics, what a fool Carter is going to look like!" **H.H.**

"I've read **Who Can Trust The USA?** and it's powerful stuff, coming from USA itself. But you should have added more information. Not just Soviets but most other countries have learned they can't trust Washington." **D.J.L.**

"I told a friend the first plane over the North Pole was Russian. A single-engine plane that ran out of fuel near Los Angeles, in the 'thirties. My friend disagreed. Can you verify this event?" **J.B.**

**Reply:** Partly right-and-wrong. It was a famous Soviet 4-engine plane (ahead of its time) and it landed in the state of Washington. It was the first.

"Just to let you know I always feel good when I get **NN**, after all the doom and gloom in our news media. **NN** renews my faith in the good things that can be accomplished by the people when they have decent leadership, leaders who believe in humanity, people who work for the good of man. Glad to send this donation." **G.W.M.**

"Here in Vancouver we have a court trial following death of a baby delivered in the mother's home. Doctor testified that the mid-wife was capable and careful, but could not prevent the baby's death due to complications and no proper emergency equipment available at home. He said exactly what **NN** said (views of Soviet specialists) that home births are very dangerous. I think many of our 'natural life' fans are stupid and ill-informed. Medical science has saved countless lives in childbirth, compared to 'the good old days of natural birth'. I believe Socialism's biggest contribution to human happiness is its development of scientific medical practice." **H.K.**

"The U.S. imperialists have reached a point when they have to make a stand or die. And die they surely will just as sure as General Custer died when he made his 'last stand'. They can't win with conventional weapons. So it is tempting for them to resort to nuclear weapons. If they do, the 'compliment' will surely be returned. How much bloodshed and pain they'll inflict remains to be seen." **O.O.**

**From NN:** a great many letters arrived in response to the editor's January appeal. Would Readers like us to print two pages of letters? This would mean that our page of Soviet press news would be left out. Tell us — letters or news? It's up to you.

"I, too, was turned off **NN**, as was Reader **L.K.**, when you called Mao and Chou madmen. But you'll note I never cancelled. I'm confused still because I don't have that feeling about them personally. But your analysis of direction Chinese leaders (including Mao and Chou) were taking is borne out more and more, almost every day, by historical facts! Love and struggle!" **P.L.**

"We in Canada will need **NN** more than ever with Premier Joe Clark in a hurry to do as much harm as his time permits on the international scene. Our Canadian embassy in Iran harboured some CIA agents, and our Joe got them safely out. Please keep us informed until sanity returns in Ottawa." **H.B.**

**Note:** For benefit of USA and other Readers we're happy to say that Canadian voters really swept Joe Clark out. He had imitated Jimmy Carter by going for hysterical anti-Soviet voters, but it turned out that they were in the minority.

"Glad to send donation. We use material from **NN** in our peace work here. We want to see a better future for our people, so we do everything for peace." **S.O.P.**

"Is it as hysterical in Canada as in USA? Reminds me of the climate that was created by 'the Tonkin Gulf affair' (leading to war in Vietnam). Only puzzle: why did almost everyone in USA jump on the anti-Soviet bandwagon? **E.T.N.**

**Note:** Impression created by USA news media isn't truthful, and as you see now, many intelligent people are coming out in strong opposition to Carter's line. Hope you can use **NN** to help.

"With heating up of cold war hysteria **NN** is needed more than ever. Kept press once again in whipping up their anti-Soviet lies and slanders. My donation is to help in your excellent work counteracting these monstrous lies and bringing real facts of Socialism to people." **S.S.**

"**NN** has made many contributions to the titanic job of saving our world from nuclear annihilation so we can reach the glorious shore of Socialism." **C.S.**



# USA isn't slowing down Socialism

**THEIR TRADE WITH OTHER LANDS** hit a record level in past year, reaching 120 billion dollars. That's a **10 billion** rise in 12 months. Most of gain was in deals with main capitalist countries, *not counting USA*. Moscow now has trade agreements with France and West Germany running 10 to 25 years ahead. More than 5,000 western companies exhibited their products at shows inside USSR last year.

**AN ALL-SOLAR COMMUNITY** is going up in sunny Turkmenia. Installed in a distant sheep-raising area, a new Soviet solar-power installation will heat and cool a large house, heat barns for 2000 sheep in winter, provide all needed electric power (for house and pumping water for sheep) ... even run a "chlorella" plant growing super-productive protein animal fodder.

**REMARKABLE NEW KIND OF LINEN CLOTH**, developed by Lithuanian chemists, will not absorb water or oil stains (even inks). However, it can be printed in any colors before being made dirt-proof.

**POSSIBLE BREAK-THROUGH IN CANCER** is joint discovery, by Bulgarian and Soviet researchers, that one form of acid-milk bacteria gives biochemical substance with power to stimulate "immunity" in animals. Its effect is so strong it brings about "rejection" of malignant tumors. Not yet tried on humans.

**MAYBE THE WHITE HOUSE HASN'T HEARD**, but this year Soviet farmers are counting on a 19 percent increase in USSR's meat-and-dairy processing plants, in turn based on many new animal-feed plants now being built. They don't seem to be concerned about getting fodder grain on world market, outside USA.

**ANY "SLOW-DOWN" IN USSR**, as the CIA claims? Socialism's planners haven't heard of it. This year their system is investing well over 220 billion dollars, a sharp rise of 10 billion over the expansion originally called for by their Plan.

**MOVIES FOR BLIND PEOPLE** are a new development of All-Russia Society for the Blind. They worked out a way to make a tape recording of actual dialogue and music on movies, with addition of a "background" voice that skillfully describes what takes place on the screen. First such movie, made in special Blind Society studio, is now being distributed. No theater needed, just a tape-player.

**NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD** could you meet a young woman like Lyudmila Taranova. First of all, she's a skilled interior-painter, out in Irkutsk. So popular there they elected her member of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament). Ever hear of a painter here making it to the top? And a woman, too?

**CARTER DOESN'T REALLY COUNT** in world Capitalism. Giant Imperial Chemical Industries of Britain has just opened offices in Moscow, its business with USSR is that big. Follows on them landing two huge contracts to build petroleum-methanol plants in Tomsk and Gulakh. Deutsche Babcock (name sound familiar?) is the 31st big West Germany company to set up permanent offices in Moscow. Italians and French also have such facilities. Incidentally, ICI is 13th British firm now located in Socialism's capital.

**MOSCOW IS ONLY BIG CITY** that's a "center" for wild-life. Around the city today you can "visit", in natural surroundings, 38 species of animals, over 100 varieties of birds. Latest count is 15,000 elks (moose), 10,000 wild boars, 6,000 foxes. The once almost-extinct auroch (like a buffalo), is multiplying just outside Moscow (small herd brought from big reserve in Byelorussia). At rate animals are spreading, experts say their numbers will double, possibly treble, in the next few years.

## Month's press clippings show how they're advancing

**IF YOU MAKE IT TO MOSCOW** for the Olympics, you'll enjoy something new in their beautiful Metro (subway) stations. Most signs will be in English as well as Russian. Pick up a special phone and dial 22; you can then get almost any information you want, in English. Dial 23 and you get your questions answered in French. Number 24 brings you German, 25 Spanish. System starts working in June, to help big inflow of foreign experts who will be there well ahead of Games.

**SURPRISING SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY** has been made by researchers from Kharkov, working near South Pole in Antarctica. They found great disturbances in temperature, density and pressure in atmosphere about 50 miles up. All agree this can be caused only by some unknown source of energy. Like torrents of ionized particles from Sun. Discovery was made with a new powerful laser-beam.

**ALTHOUGH 1979 WAS A VERY BAD YEAR** for most Soviet farmers, the total farm output of USSR reached equivalent of 210 billion dollars, and that is 9 percent **higher** than output **average** in years of this 9th Five-Year Plan. They took in their **biggest-ever** cotton crop. Four million tons **more** potatoes than in 1978.

**WORLD'S NEWEST LONG-DISTANCE AIR ROUTE** has just started. It will fly you from Moscow to Odessa to Aden to Maputu (in Mozambique) and then to the South Pole. Aeroflot has established two airfields there with ice runways. Route established to serve many Soviet scientists working in permanent Antarctica research bases. Took too long to travel by ship. Even by air, the trip is 10,000 miles!

**FAR FROM SLOWING DOWN**, Soviet economy barreled ahead last year with over 200 new major enterprises starting up. Especially big growth in electrical power (hydro and nuclear). New mines with capacity for 19 million tons of coal per year came into production.

**SIGNS OF THINGS TO COME?** Industrial workers are beginning to ask Collective Farms whether they can be admitted as members. Many Co-Op farm families now net 5000 rubles a year (\$8500), which is a high income in USSR (on top of all benefits). Nurseries and kindergartens free for all families. Free dinners for field-workers. Sports facilities, swimming pools, restaurants, movies, all are appearing throughout Soviet farm lands. Many farms take in \$4,000,000 and up, have ceased borrowing funds in off-seasons. Socialism once aimed for equality of farm and factory life, but in many Soviet regions farmers are well ahead now.

**INSTEAD OF "CHARITIES" WE KNOW**, which aren't needed in Socialism. The Soviet Peace Fund attracts millions of donors. Recent years have brought over 75 million donations, mostly from workers. Although huge, fund has only 12 on permanent staff. But they're aided by 4,500,000 volunteers. Money goes mostly to help people in countries struggling for liberation (such as children of Nicaragua). Surprisingly large donations also come from people living outside USSR.

**ABOUT TWO MILLION MORE PEOPLE** joined ranks of workers in 1979. They helped to raise retail shopping expenditures by 17 billion dollars (no increases in prices). Besides that, Soviet people added some 24 billion dollars to their savings-bank accounts.

**CONTRARY TO YARNS IN OUR PAPERS**, aid to the suffering Kampuchean (Cambodian) people, mostly from Socialist lands, is efficiently distributed. James Grant, director of UNICEF (children's fund of UNO), jointly with the Red Cross, complimented relief work. He was "staggered" by the disaster caused by Pol Pot's Pro-China government, but today he and his colleagues found no evidence of any famine. At same time *France Presse* revealed that four-fifths of all aid came from USSR and its allies, despite the loud cries about help sent by Western countries.

**AMONG THE 200,000 GYPSIES** living today in USSR are many writers. One play about the old days has run in the Gypsy Romen Theatre (only one of its kind in world) for 1,200 performances! It's by Germano, whose books are sold out, in huge editions. A gypsy researcher, Inga Andronnikova, has collected thousands of Gypsy proverbs, 500 songs, 100 fairy-tales, working fast to capture the past on paper before it disappears. Very few Soviet gypsies now are wanderers.

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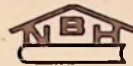
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