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This spring the tremendous Collective (Co-Op) Farms of Socialism had a national Congress. One of the many inspiring speakers was Orusov Khidir, 80 years, and now president of his Co-Op "Turkmenistan." Young Irina Snalyanskina brought to the Congress the new invigorating determination that is transforming Co-Op agriculture with revolutionary perestroika. See report on Page-12.

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MOST OF US DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING

Yes, we all realize that the papers, TV and radio are paying a lot more attention to the Soviet Union than they ever did. But the happenings that don't make it into the media are even more important. Almost every week, important groups of people from just about every Western country are in the USSR for important discussions, conferences, negotiations.

This is a result of glasnost. The "opening" of the Soviet Union is working both ways. They're welcoming every kind of visitor and thousands who never thought of going there are eagerly joining one delegation after another.

I find that left-thinking people who talk to me are having difficulty explaining what's going on. I'm afraid they don't like the truth. The truth is that **perestroika has multiplied the attractions of Socialism.**

And you know why that's so? It's because *Socialism is now showing its true colors!*

MORE DEMOCRACY, MORE SOCIALISM!

The heavy-handed system of rule from above, which threatened the very existence of Socialism, discouraged millions of people who are "in the market" for freedom. Those who did go over there often found themselves isolated and felt rejected by Soviet people. In turn, Soviet people blamed the hostility of people from Capitalism, and that made the atmosphere still more frigid.

Things are changing so fast you can't believe it. Not long ago people in both systems felt that "the others" had nothing to offer. Indeed, *hating Capitalism was a mirror-image of hating Socialism.*

Hatred certainly isn't going to change into love! But just looking at each other is going to bring profound changes.

I THINK YOU SHOULD READ PAGES 4 AND 13

I mean, before you read anything else.

There is a struggle going on inside USSR. And it's heating up.

You may be angered by the thought that Socialism should now be **breeding conflicts**. But that's the way it is. *Anti-Socialism* is raising its head in the guise of anti-perestroika.

Our report on Page-13 shows you how this developed. And I'm positive that you know people over here who are seeking to discredit the Soviet Union by taking sides in the "battle" that's raging thousands of miles away from us.

THE NEWS HERE IS GOOD THIS SPRING

I'm surprised and glad to see how many 'NN' Readers realize that the need to know exactly what's going on in Socialism is greater today than ever. And that, friends, is my "commercial" for the magazine this month. 'NN' has a pretty good reputation for telling it the way it is.

For the good news check Pages 3-5-7-8-12-16-19-20-22. . . .

You've got it. It's the springtime spirit. Socialism is being reborn. *And the world is rapidly becoming a finer place.*

NN's Quote of the Month: "The persistent, fervent effort of our nation for peace and mutual understanding has become part of one gigantic movement of all people on earth, for the preservation of world civilization. We want more than merely to preserve the world. We want the world to be better, with more justice and freedom. Realizing our social goals, and developing Socialism, we see how closely connected this is with the solution of all mankind's problems." (Mikhail Gorbachov, *New Year's message to the Soviet people.*)

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What's all this good news about



ASPIRIN

How's your memory? Can you recall issues of this magazine back to 1972?

That year we ran our first report, from medical sources in USSR, on the many ways this "d rug" is used by Soviet doctors. That was at a time when most doctors here, and "natural" healers opposed to all drugs, were telling people to stay clear of any form of aspirin.

— Now hardly a week goes by without some researcher reporting another aspirin "cure."

— It started in 1981 with the findings at Yale University, that aspirin may prevent deadly "strokes."

— Even then, most doctors were trying to get the sale of aspirin in stores prohibited: too "dangerous."

— You saw the horror stories of pregnant women bleeding almost to death after taking the odd aspirin pill.

— Likewise, men rushed to intensive care because aspirins made their stomach ulcers bleed heavily.

But meantime the eminent British surgeon John Vane revealed that aspirin prevented the formation of those clots in the blood vessels which cause blockage and lead to heart and brain strokes. This was backed up in 1978 by Canadian research which showed that men who took four aspirins a day had their chances of a stroke cut by an astonishing 48 percent. Confirmed again at Oxford, where heart attacks were sharply reduced in men taking aspirins for whatever reason.

It's interesting to note that up to about 1980, doctors in the West were simply recording what their clinical records showed: they didn't *prescribe* aspirin for patients who seemed liable to strokes, they just noted the undeniable fact that aspirin in the bloodstream had a *preventative effect* on the complex process that makes clots form in vital vessels, supplying blood to the heart and brain.

● **You could date these findings back to 1763.** Then a British missionary told how he saved the lives of people stricken with deadly malaria, by giving them a medicine he made from the herb "willowbark."

What the minister (Rev. Edward Stone) didn't know was that willowbark is a potent source of **salicylic acid**. The chemical beginnings of aspirin.

It took about 100 years (pharmacy was just beginning then) before the giant firm Bayer found how to turn sodium salicylate into **acetyl salicylic acid**, the safe and easy-to-take chemical ASA... aspirin.

The stuff was so cheap to manufacture that in quite a short time people the world over were taking billions of the little pills every year. In fact, a recent survey shows that average people use about 100 tablets per year. For Canada and USA the consumption is now estimated at **250 thousand million** per year.

What boosted ASA consumption to such astronomic heights was the amazing power of this chemical to relieve many varied **pains** (headache, arthritis, rheumatism.) And at the same time bring down high **fever**. And produce curative effects in some diseases featured by severe inflammation and pain.

Claims of drug companies to the contrary, aspirin remains the best treatment known for arthritis.

As NN reported years ago, Soviet specialists regard aspirin as a powerful pain-reliever, inflammation-reducer, and in some cases of arthritis a **real curative drug**.

But for many years they've had best results by giving ASA along with Vitamin C. Their long-term dosage is two aspirins plus two 100-milligram Vitamin C tablets every four hours (roughly five times daily).

However, as a rule they combine this dosage with therapeutic baths and massage, plus other forms of physiotherapy if required in serious cases.

● **Soviet studies haven't yet confirmed some of the unusual claims made in the West.**

For example: old people, with diabetes, are said to benefit from quite small daily doses of aspirin. Some patients show definite relief of symptoms.

As for heart attacks: it is very difficult to determine whether or not aspirin does reduce severe blood-clotting that leads to strokes, because almost the entire population takes ASA now. After a heart attack ASA does seem to prevent repeat attacks in many people, especially men.

But a serious question is raised in USSR. Is there any point in prescribing "preventative aspirin" for heart patients, if they **continue to smoke**? Or, if they take no daily preventative exercises. Or, if they eat **foods** known to make some people prone to attacks.

On the other hand, if patients stop smoking, take exercises and eat suitable foods, who is to say that any daily dosing with aspirin lowers their heart-attack rate?

NN is as yet unable to offer any Soviet medical views on the newest claim from a Rotterdam research hospital: that women who give birth to premature babies can be successful in a normal pregnancy provided they get a daily dose of 80 milligrams of Aspirin. The effect is supposed to result from stimulation of the mother's body to produce more of the hormone *prostocyclin*.

This gains medical support from other research linking aspirin with that hormone. It is involved in normal **muscular functions**, vitally necessary in pregnancy.

● **Logical question: what have you got to lose?**

In our original Report on ASA we relayed the Soviet caution: that aspirin must **never** be taken by people who are **super-sensitive** to it (allergic).

Fortunately you can use your common-sense to settle that question. If you try taking an aspirin say every four hours for one day, and don't develop any negative symptoms, then you're probably non-sensitive to ASA.

But higher doses (some arthritics take 15 or more tablets daily) can result in serious problems for many people who are not allergic to small doses.

In the USSR many people who favor "natural" treatments, and don't go for "drugs," are impressed by the plain fact that the chemicals called salicylates were taken by human beings for thousands of years, in the form of many "herbs" found to have beneficial effects.

If this interests you we recommend that you read our Report No. 894: **Aspirin, Ancient Folk Medicine**. One copy \$2, or (for friends) 5 for \$6 by First Class Mail.

They're waging a sharp struggle over there now

Perestroika is succeeding but its enemies are becoming bolder

All observers agree that the Soviet people are carrying through a revolutionary remaking of their system, known as perestroika. The tremendous drive is succeeding. It is winning over millions more each month.

They've found it difficult to live in the remarkably changed "atmosphere" of glasnost (openness). It's turned out to be no simple matter to introduce democracy where, for generations, they simply followed the bureaucracy.

It's a fact that millions over there, young and old, still don't understand what's going on. A big part of the Soviet population still cannot grasp the serious situation that led to the drive for the salvation of Socialism.

But it gets clearer every day that millions of workers, farmers, intellectuals and young people are **struggling to carry through perestroika or to bring it to a halt.**

Those for-or-against are not divided on class lines. All classes and groups in Soviet society are involved in this struggle. And it's becoming more fierce each month.

The opposition is coming out in the open

Socialism in the Soviet Union has been so badly distorted, for such a long time, that millions oppose perestroika in the name of "preserving our principles." Or "defending our sacred ideals." Or "strengthening the foundations of our new system."

All this is one-or-another way of expressing the same idea: **stick with the way it was.**

The plain truth is that Soviet people always had an easy way out of problems. On production lines, out in what fields, writing books and poems, studying in college, treating the sick. If in doubt about what you should do, **ask the man or woman who is your boss**, and he or she will give you "the line."

Usually but not always the line came from the Communist Party; but in some situations you simply took orders from the one above you, Party-person or not.

Now the one above you is likely to *pass the buck to you!* You'll be told to make up your own mind about what action the situation calls for.

Many, many people can't cope with that, after living and working since childhood, totally dependent on people up above. Perestroika puts them in a state of confusion and doubt, they can't act confidently.

So they fear that perestroika is going to ruin Socialism.

Being scared in private is one thing, but now the frightened ones are getting their scares into the papers.

A long piece, *I Cannot Betray My Principles*, published in the important paper "Soviet Russia," showed millions that opposition to perestroika is getting bolder.

Nina Andreyeva spoke out for "antiperestroika"

In a long letter to the press, this Soviet woman got over to millions of people the views of those who want Socialism to stay the way it was. There's no doubt that she expressed the ideas of millions. But she also revealed to more millions *what opposition to perestroika really is.*

The major paper "Pravda" coolly and yet unswervingly exposed both Nina Andreyeva and "Soviet Russia" as voicing the **present opposition to Socialism's progress.**

Andreyeva, and the "Soviet Russia" editors who commented on her letter in that paper, showed in a striking way that they are opposed to everything in the perestroika program. And as "Pravda" pointed out, the opposition now has issued its "manifesto" directed against Soviet Socialism.

This document has convinced many people that perestroika is about to join other previous programs, vanishing to join the dusty failures of the past.

The opposition simply ignores that fact that the USSR was in a pre-crisis state before perestroika appeared. For all its "planning" the bureaucracy had lost control of Socialism. Corruption was spreading as never before. And that was one of the features of the system which arouses fond memories in the bureaucrats who want to preserve "principles."

As we know here in Capitalism, "friends" of Socialism shed tears over the Soviet campaign against out-dated thinking. They mean that Soviet people need a return to rule by authoritarian "principles," a system which is identified as Socialist but is actually a gross violation of the fundamentals of Socialism as formulated by Marx, Engels and Lenin.

The exposure of Andreyeva's letter has raised the controversy to a new high level.

Once more Truth proves to be most difficult

You may find it strange, but in USSR the revelations about their past are proving to be very "indigestible" to millions who did quite well up to the coming of perestroika. The nation is having to face *countless thousands of names*, of people in every category of Socialism, from leading Communists to famed generals of the Revolution, along with great scientists and writers of genius, all of whom perished (sometimes tortured to death) in the name of "principles" discovered by Stalin.

As for Stalin, the situation is unbelievable. Andreyeva quoted Churchill's praise of Stalin's character. Now it turns out that her "quote" actually came from the anti-Soviet propagandist Isaac Deutscher!

Opponents of perestroika demand that Stalin be defended. Here's "Pravda's" reply . . .

"The guilt of Stalin and his close associates for massive repression and acts of arbitrariness (read *murders*) is tremendous and unpardonable."

Perestroika fights for Socialism's fundamentals

Nina Andreyeva demands that she be left free to defend her "principles." It's clear that she means the principles formulated by Stalin. He "discovered" that in Socialism the class struggle *worsens* as the new system goes forward. This he used to justify mass murder of all who in any way **defended Socialism's fundamentals.**

Equally disastrous: that "principle" of Stalin was hammered into the minds of countless leftists outside the USSR, who thus became the most vicious advocates of anti-Socialism's fundamentals and left the way wide open for endless floods of anti-Sovietism in the world media.

A whole generation of the world's population thus equated Socialism with those tremendous, unpardonable atrocities of the "principled" Stalinists. And Capitalism was able to picture itself as the **defender of human freedom . . .** not merely free-enterprise but **human freedom to live.**

"Pravda" appeals to Soviet people for greater speed in grasping the full depths of Socialism's concept of freedom and reform.

"We can and must revive Lenin's practice of Socialist society . . . the most human and equitable kind of society. **We will firmly and unswervingly follow the revolutionary principles of reform: more openness, more democracy, more Socialism.**"



What do they think now about YUGOSLAVIA?



You'll recall that for many years the USSR couldn't find words bad enough to describe Yugoslavia and its leader, Broz Tito.

After Stalin died, Brezhnev re-established normal relations between USSR and Yugoslavia. But for a long time the term *Titoism* expressed the contempt of millions of Leftists for the country that went its own way building Socialism.

Today, the situation is baffling to most Soviet people. Yugoslavs say their country is in crisis. But visitors over there find excellent consumers' goods. Rather high priced but plentiful. And the people are friendly, hospitable.

On closer inspection, Soviet observers find that the standard of living is falling, after a time when Yugoslavs had it better than some West Europe countries.

Reason? Some say it's the peculiar version of Socialism they have. Others defend their "self-management" program, which resembles some features of the Soviet perestroika.

Yugoslavia was harshly criticized for welcoming foreign investments. But this turned out favorably, and there's no effort on Capitalism's part to "take over."

Maybe copying Gorbachov's famous words, Yugoslavs now tell the world that all their system needs is **more Socialism**.

But at the same time they are determined not to "turn everything over to the state." They're out to have the working people and their co-ops control the economy.

More Socialism, but no State Socialism, this is firmly backed by their Communists, trade unions, and most of the people.

Incidentally, though Tito was a strong leader, the Communist Party in general hasn't played a big part in guiding the economy.

This is very different to what happened in Soviet Socialism. But the Yugoslavs firmly believe that for both countries Socialism is the way to go. More of it.

Arguments in both countries are similar, and yet opposite!

A noted Soviet reporter asked Yugoslav leaders: "*What do you think is modern Socialism?*"

Impossible to give a brief answer. But many Yugoslavs want a return to basic principles of Lenin.

Especially the avoidance of any Party-State bureaucracy.

Also, vigorous efforts to strengthen democracy. Avoiding the forms of democracy so highly praised in Capitalism. Socialist democracy must include the vital matter of distributing the profits of this people's system fairly among all.

How about **political democracy**?

Well, Yugoslavs aren't so sure about

Soviet people are very much impressed by a question that's widely discussed by Yugoslavs. This concerns what is to them the very essence of Socialism, clearly achieved long ago... in the Soviet Union! This is what we'd call **social security**.

Yugoslav view: "So far the Soviet citizen's material well-being may have been lower than that of workers in highly developed capitalist countries, **but it has been guaranteed**. And unlike people in the West, Soviet people have never had to fear that their future was insecure, or that they might be threatened with something like, say, unemployment.

What puzzles Soviet workers is the fact that Yugoslav workers sometimes go out on strike. What for? "They want their material well-being to be assured."

Against whom do they strike? Not against Socialism. They fight against political bureaucracy that infringes on their rights sometimes.

The problem there is that these "rights" may be not at all clearly defined, so that strikers can be very confused.

Discussions, discussions... there's the reason why Yugoslavs and Soviet people get along so well nowadays. They call this "learning democracy."

Yugoslavs heartily agree with Gorbachov when he says that people in Socialism are only beginning to learn democracy.

Over here we may find this difficult to grasp. Because we're experienced in defending democracy against any kind of encroachment. But over in Socialism their management and planning set-up involved very little use of democracy, so people today *don't know where to start*.

They wonder: Who should I ask?!

new Soviet efforts to have multiple candidates competing with one another in elections. They tried a lot of that years ago. And ran into problems. Somehow elected management didn't fit well with elected politicians (like in Soviet councils).

They want their Communist Party to be the leader, but not the sole "power" in the land.

So no wonder Yugoslavia is the scene of heated arguments!

Here's an amusing true "story": the attitude of Yugoslavs to opinions, about themselves, being published in the USSR Press.

Yugoslavs who read these items (very popular now in those countries) find there is nothing much to criticize because... there's nothing much in them! Soviet observers are too polite to raise the sharp issues which any visitor comes up against.

Western observers write every kind of hostile story, but Soviet writing is nearly all warm and friendly. It shouldn't be! If only people from USSR would tear into the Yugoslav situation like the Yugoslavs themselves are.

It's easy to fight back against western slanders, but Yugoslavs want to argue with Soviet people, about Socialism, democracy, management, foreign investment... everything.

"Why can't we say that our friends, as well as our enemies, hold many different views? Arguing about such differences today is perhaps the main way that Socialism can develop more democracy."

In both countries people are just beginning to see that Socialism is experiencing **various forms of crisis**.

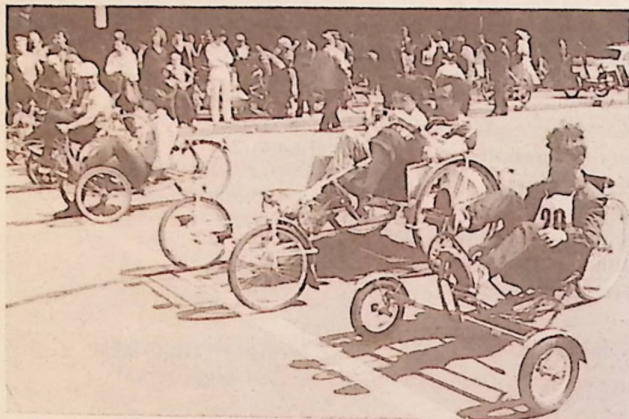
Of course it's always easier to point out what's wrong with the other side. Good! Take the easy way, and with both sides telling each other what to do, many a problem will become simplified, solvable.

Yugoslavs and Soviets alike are getting rid of obsolete ideas and methods. The idea is gaining strength that both countries might render Socialism the greatest good **by solving each other's problems!**

This is a far cry from when these two Socialist nations couldn't find words harsh enough to throw at each other.

Now then...*really what was Titoism?* Okay. What was *Stalinism?*

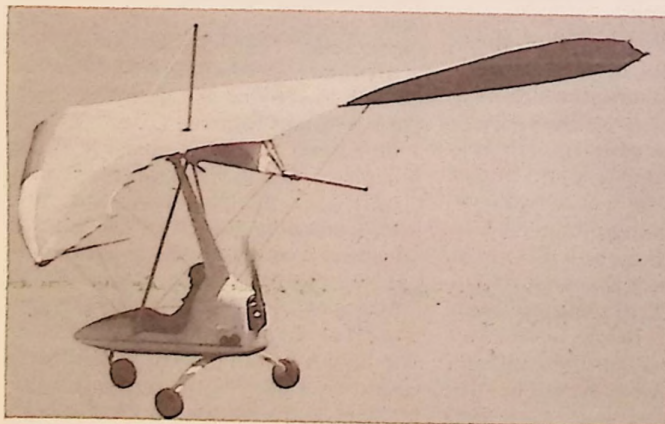
Going my way?



All the new entries go into a parade, and it's obvious that tricycles are in this year. Owners have invented many new drives, and foreign guests have picked some up. One, two and even three man riders are seen now in USSR and some other lands.



For young inventors it's no big leap to go from bike to plane. All agree that there's no thrill to beat the feel of those wheels leaving the ground.



Today 10,000 Soviet youth go for hang-gliding, and popularity is zooming as they add motors.

At right: frankly, we'd rather be selling him insurance than watch him take off... and our photographer, too, didn't wait to see.



Mr. and Mrs. Henrik Surkus are familiar cycle fans in Siauliai, Lithuania. Henrik has long worked in the town's big bicycle plant "Viaras." Each year the factory holds a contest and this time Henrik's new tricycle won first prize. With two people at the pedals it easily rolls at 30 miles per hour. The bike folds, too, and is very light.



If you look closely you'll see that these two bikes boast quite a few innovations.



14 Nations join in race for MARS

Show this news to friends. They'll read it several weeks from now, in midsummer.

Everyone will call it "The Phobos Project". Because Phobos, the Moon of Mars, is really the object of this science race into space. But the scientific truth is that this is the **most outstanding space effort** which we humans have so far undertaken.

In July the Soviet Union will launch two of its huge "Vega" rockets. They'll serve as carriers of an amazing collection of super-scientific devices, most of which have never before been used. On Earth they couldn't function at all. In space they'll be terrific.

Each Vega carrier will take roughly 200 days to reach Mars. Commands from the Soviet space center will put the craft into special orbits round Mars. Like those of Phobos and Deimos. One will move down in its orbit until it's around 150 feet from Phobos. And hold that position for some 20 minutes.

During that time equipment will observe Phobos' soil by means of beams of laser rays and ions. While super TV cameras record every detail of Phobos' surface with extreme resolution (clearness of detail).

While that goes on spectrometers will register the composition of Phobos' soil. Radar probes will "dig" into the subsoil of Mars' Moon.

We'd need this entire page just to list the scientific equipment that will be directed from Earth. It has been planned, assembled and tested by leading researchers of Bulgaria, Finland, East and West Germany, France, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the European Space Agency, Ireland and the Soviet Union.

Many cooperated to devise equipment that will shoot out from the main vehicles, **probes to land on the surface of Phobos**. And, if all goes as planned, other probes will be sent to the surface of Deimos.

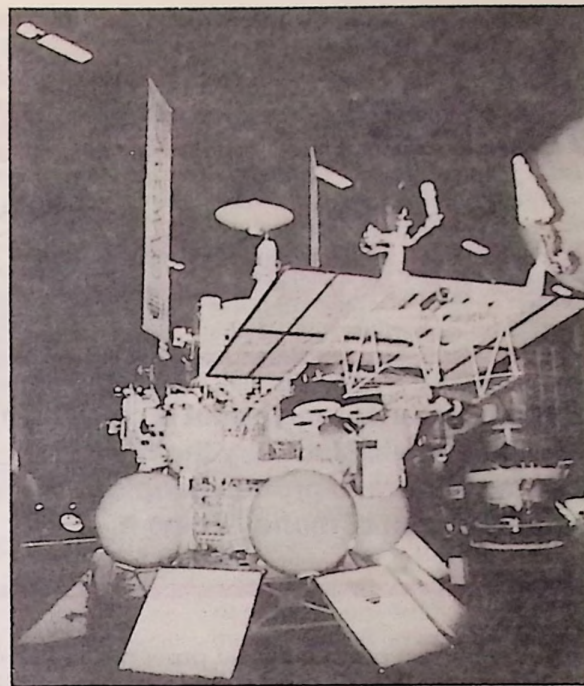
When the main activity is over, signals from USSR's control center will put the two major vehicles back up into an orbit around Mars, holding that position for some 140 days.

So the mission as a whole will be working for well over a year: 460 days and nights.

Considering that the whole set up, once it leaves the launching pads at Baikonur (on the Aral Sea), will be moving at high speed very far from Earth, you can imagine the kind of accuracy and reliability that has been built into these unprecedented devices.

Our media associate Ireland with repellent violence. So it's good to know that scientists of St. Patrick's College, plus the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, have been working closely with famed researchers of the Max Planck Institute of Aeronomy, in West Germany, and many of the top people in the Institute for Physics in Hungary and the Space Institute in Moscow.

Incidentally, this whole "Phobos Project" has very far-reaching aims. Thus it will carry devices to watch our Sun: rather, big areas of the Sun which we can never observe from here on Earth. Results may show us how to predict earthquakes and weather variations, both determined by solar motions.



One significant solar "find" could pay for the entire project many times over.

By the way, the Mars' moons are tiny compared to ours. Picture those "targets" such a distance away, with Phobos just 15 miles across and Deimos 7.

One question science wants answered: what are those "furrows" you see in telescopes pointed at Phobos, ditches 600 feet wide and 15 feet deep, all leading to a sport ridden with craters?

How did "nature" make such remarkable patterns on a tiny Martian moon?

We haven't space to describe the equipment. One is a laser-ray gun that fires "bullets" lasting millionths of a second. In that moment the ray will turn soil into vapor which will be instantly analysed by a delicate spectroscope. Revealing what Phobos is made of.

Both "missiles" going down to land on Phobos are made in Soviet laboratories. They'll stay out there. One is called an LAS ... long-term autonomous station. It will "harpoon" itself permanently to the Mars moon, and then go to work transmitting information.

Like what? Like vibrations that come and go over long periods of time.

The other LAS is fantastic: it's designed to "leap" over Phobos' surface, in 60 feet hops, gathering soil samples each time it hits.

One device they'll leave up there is a super-sensitive "ear" which will listen for the vibrations always being sent out by our Sun. "Maps" made of these motions will enable astronomers to study the structure of the Sun as it has never been examined before.

Some experts are most excited by the information they'll be able to put together, when they receive continuous flows of facts from the long-lasting devices. What fascinates most researchers who built this equipment is *one fact*: nobody knows what to expect!

One thing is for sure. This project is by far the most complex effort ever made out in space.

It will provide what scientists call "a quantum leap" for astronomy and many other sciences.

But the whole project is considered to be a kind of scouting mission, to pave the way for the next Mission to Mars.

That will **not** be a manned voyage, scientists of the Socialist world believe. They're placing their bets on *Men for Mars* later on, some time in the 1990's.

Making Profits from Health

Everybody's concerned about protecting Nature. In Socialist industry they're mobilising Nature to protect people. And making a lot of money doing it.

In one large Soviet plant (pulp and paper mill in Inguri, Georgia) they invested some \$13,000 in a unique "health room," and within a year the estimated profit from increased production was over \$80,000.

The inventor of this system, Boris Terekhov, won a gold medal at the Economic Achievements Exhibition in Moscow, but nothing came of that until he was invited to Inguri to see what he could do there. Luckily, the plant's Trade Union Committee had investigated, and pressured management to try not only the Health Room but a complete Terekhov system.

The workers and management had in mind a new way to overcome the bad effects of monotonous work. This slows body motions, strains the eyes, and sometimes leads to accidents due to absent-mindedness.

The usual "exercise breaks," widely used in USSR, didn't prove very effective at the Inguri mill.

Study by the plant's doctors and union activists led them to another problem. Not only monotonous work, but all kinds of stresses outside the job, at home and travelling to work, affect many production workers. So they arrive for their shift already tensed or nervously weary.

Boris Terekhov was sure he had the answer to that. At the entrance to one shop he set up what looked like a bar. With the help of the doctors the bar was stocked with unusual drinks. Cocktails loaded with herbs, natural juices, vitaminized syrups, egg-white. These drinks were all tasty, but Terekhov insisted that each worker get a cocktail "prescribed" for him by the plant doctors.

All the drinks included something we never see in any bar. They were loaded with oxygen. Oxygen fruit drinks have long been used in Soviet kindergartens and convalescent hospitals, for their marked tonic effect; oxygen is effective when taken through the digestive tract as well as through breathing. (Details you'll find in our Report No. 839, "New Oxygen Tonic," 65 cents.)

For good measure the bar has an air-conditioner that fills the place with delicate pine-forest breezes.

Believe it or not: the verdict of people passing through this bar and having a quick one before work is that five minutes here is more relaxing than a long, long walk out in the woods. Like a short outdoor holiday just before you punch in at the time-clock.

However, the inventor regarded his bar as nothing but a kind of introduction. The main project which the Union committee approved was a kind of "good mood center."



This is a big room. Elaborately fitted out with bird cages (complete with singing birds!) and aquariums (stocked with pretty fish). Lots of comfortable soft chairs. One wall is a huge "screen" with continually changing scenes, mostly of nature.

Workers average eight minutes soaking up Nature's relaxation. But then it's time for work. So for two minutes more the screen and the loudspeakers carry brightly colored scenes plus peppy music.

Already doctors have labelled this room a "prophylactic center." They claim it has prevented recurrence of high blood pressure, and disorders of the stomach, liver, bronchial tubes, and even some forms of heart disease.

Evidence? Plant workers are enthusiastic about this center. On an average day **some 3,500 men and women** spend ten minutes there; usually after a visit to the bar.

More facts? Plant economists and the Union committee have it down in black-and-white. Labor productivity is up by at least 10 percent. Defective production (closely controlled now in USSR) is falling steadily. Sick leave is down by 18 to 20 percent.

Besides these effects, all agree that the "atmosphere" in the Inguri shops is markedly better since the health rooms came into operation.

Naturally, management is most impressed by the profits. They were doubtful of investing \$13,000 in an exhibition system, however good it looked. But they never dreamed that their returns would be \$80,000.

That's a rate of profit over 600 percent!

And nothing of this was imaginary. The profit came from real production, marketed for real money.

Such results are the essence of the perestroika drive. *More Socialism*. More profits for the system that shares the wealth with all who produce it.

Plus better health for the producers. No finer way to raise the standard of living than to improve people's way-of-life and protect their future.

Producing more while feeling better is an unbeatable industrial "formula." Though NN has no count yet, we understand that dozens (if not hundreds) of Soviet plants are adopting one or another version of Terekhov's system. Our photo (above) shows one corner of a Center in a big textile mill, staffed entirely by women.

Leftists of the World ... UNITE?

For the first time ever, Communists in the USSR are raising serious questions about... well, what's usually called 'the world movement.' Where are Communists going from now on? In Socialist countries. Over here. Do you have the answers?



Up to the present time, when you raised questions with Communists in the USSR you got answers.

Today, the Soviet press is full of letters by people, young and old, *pleading for answers.*

One thing that bothers many is the fact that quite a few countries now have more than one Party claiming to be Communist.

If you had to decide, *which one would you join?*

It's really a **big** question. Because more than **100 countries** today have Communist parties. The economic and political situations in those nations **differ greatly.** But mainly, all have different **problems.**

You'd almost surely get **different opinions** about the best way to solve these problems of the Left and speed the movement to Socialism.

Once upon a time you could simply point to the USSR and say "**Thataway!**"

But today you face a radically different situation. True, the mighty Soviet Union *brought Socialism to life* on our planet. At the same time there is now a *world revolutionary movement* which has raised Socialism to a vital new position within *world civilization itself.*

This has greatly increased the **responsibility** of Leftists all over the world. Including the tens of millions of Communists in the USSR, who are engaged in **revolutionizing Socialism** in ways never before even imagined.

You need to check on some plain facts-and-figures to grasp the enormity of the Left's problems.

At the time of the Soviet Revolution (70 years ago, not so long) in all the world there were no more than 400,000 Communists. Today you can find **85 millions** of them!

Including millions living in Capitalism.

All is not well with some of the biggest Parties in the West. In Italy, for example, the Party **lost** over 780,000 votes in last year's elections. Only 17-in-100 young Italian voters supported the Communist Party's candidates.

Doesn't Socialism attract the youth as **it did?** Or, don't they buy the Left program as a way to achieve victory over Capitalism?

Lenin several times cautioned Leftists about "the revolutionary process." He warned that it is very complicated, difficult. If he were here today he'd find his warnings **more true than ever.**

One major problem is that the Left, in Capitalism, has been **far too slow** in facing major economic, political, social and moral changes in world civilization.

Soviet Communists don't suffer from that weakness. Right now they are warning Western Parties about the **serious change** in Left attitudes. Many of our biggest political forces are directed towards **improving people's life**, within Capitalism, rather than seeking a revolutionary way out, in Socialism.

The view in USSR is that this fundamental change marks a **completely new stage** of Left politics.

Will the Communists have to find a completely new place in the struggles shaping up for the coming century?

"The movement," says Mikhail Gorbachov, "is undergoing a renewal, and is united by respect for the principles of equality... open to dialogue, cooperation, interaction and alliance with all other revolutionary, democratic, and progressive forces."

And this at a time when no major problems can be solved **unless the problem of war and peace is settled.**

It's one thing to "accept" this and quite another to attract the widest democratic circles into a new kind of struggle.

Leftists are in desperate need to develop the ability to **listen to the views of others**, especially opponents who, in many cases, don't see Socialism as an alternative to the decaying capitalist system.

In USSR you find that they learned a great deal from the remarkable meetings they had, last year, with 170 delegations that came to Moscow to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Revolution.

Most of them were Communists. But 40 groups came from liberation movements and 30 from various Socialist parties.

Opinions were exchanged freely and nobody agreed with all the views put forward.

But it became clear that a real opportunity has developed for most Leftists to **unite** in their main struggles. Especially the two major trends in the working-class, **Communists and Socialists.**

The sharpest problem that came up disturbed many Leftists.

Not only has the USSR experienced quite a long period of **stagnation** (when Socialism "sat on its hands"), but within the world Communist movement also the word they used most often was... *stagnation.*

Politely, Soviet Communists pointed out that "the movement" in capitalist countries has been resting on long past achievements, and has to be "renovated."

Some said frankly that the Left need drastic improvement in quality at every level.

One favorable and optimistic trend was the agreement, on all sides, that Leftists must **strengthen their international ties** with every progressive force the world over. Where this has been done the results have been very inspiring.

The world's people are in a mood to unite for the future.

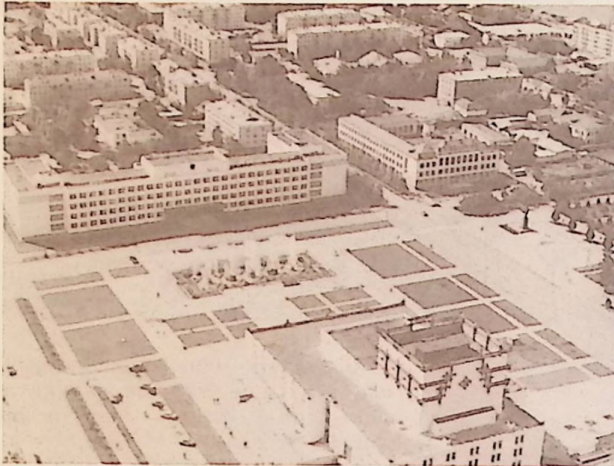
During those discussions in Moscow it became clear that one "problem" is actually a situation that opens big possibilities. This is the **widely differing kinds of people and beliefs that feature the Left today.**

When they're all welcomed, and not rejected, advances are certain.

This could be the boldest approach that came out in the meetings. It's **new on the Left.** And it works.

Far and wide away with your camera

This is a knowledge test. Or guessing game if you prefer.
Name the places shown. Don't cheat! Answers at bottom right.



1. Probably you've never heard of this city. It's the capital of an Autonomous Republic.



3. Everybody wants to take this scenic ride to get a marvellous view of a capital city.



2. Millions of tourists have looked down on this scene. City is bigger than it seems here.



4. This is earthquake country but these new buildings are supposed to resist any shocks.



5. Could be most famous statue in world but this night-time view may be unfamiliar to you.



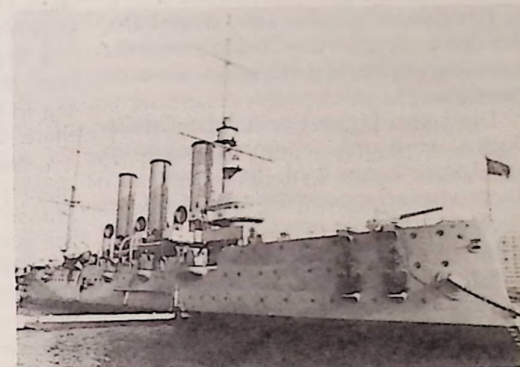
6. This city memorializes a great revolutionary and many tourists stop here on their way up or down the river.



7. A city of hundreds of bridges, founded by a great historical figure.



8. The monument honors the famed revolutionary calvary general, Chapeyev. Building is the Gorky Drama Theatre. Where?



9. After repairs this ship is back where its guns started the Revolution in 1917.



10. New town near scene of disaster. Whole world learned its name overnight. Working again.



11. University in a city you probably haven't heard of, but it's an Autonomous Republic capital.



12. Far away in Siberia yet a great many people visit here, by boat or train.

1. It's KYZYL, capital of Tuva Republic.
2. Beautiful Kutuzovski Prospect in Moscow.
3. Mountain top view of Alma-Ata, in Kazakhstan.
4. Here's Dushanbe, several times hit by quakes.
5. Statue rises over Mameyev Hill, Stalingrad.
6. City of Lenin's birth, now named Ulyanovsk.
7. Here's Leningrad, and this is Neva River.
8. This is Kubyshev one of biggest Russian cities.
9. You're in downtown Leningrad, cruiser Aurora.
10. Town for engineers of Chernobyl Nuclear Station.
11. City of Kazan, capital of Tatar Republic.
12. Another big Russian city: Khabarovsk.

Co-Ops are rivalling Socialism

As this is written the Soviet Union has well over 14,000 Cooperative enterprises. Today they're mainly into retail trade, services like repair-work, and restaurants. Now they're moving into construction and production. If you enjoy seeing ahead, the facts will help you.



Though not much publicity was given to them, Co-Ops in the USSR played a part in building the economy right back to the early years after the Revolution.

But people on the Left, over here, tended to despise the Co-Op principle, considering it just "a step towards Socialism."

Like: the biggest and best Co-Op Farms were only a temporary set-up until State Farms took them over.

So what's happened to make Co-Ops look so attractive now?

- They pay much higher wages (or "profit shares") than similar State-owned enterprises.
- After all expenses, a Co-Op divides its profits among those who own it, and work in it.
- There's a big incentive to make goods and services superior to what others offer.
- People will pay more for the best; Co-Op profit goes up.

- People in Co-Ops work closely together and don't need a staff of "managers" to direct them.

- Labor productivity is thus very high, meeting one of the main goals of perestroika.

- There's strong incentive to work hard and make the best, which is lacking in most enterprises owned by the State (Socialism).

- Indeed, Co-Ops solve one of the major problems in USSR today: how to arouse in workers a desire to "deliver the goods" in the most efficient way... and collect higher pay for doing that.

- What's more, Co-Ops change their "outputs" rapidly, to meet demands of their customers, and don't get bogged down in out-dated "directives" such as plague big Socialist enterprises.

Quite a few Soviet economists think that most of these points boil down to one main fact.

Co-Op owners work harder.

In a Co-Op restaurant, for example, cooks and waitresses may work a 12-hour day.

Why do that? Because you collect pay for 12 hours!

A state-owned restaurant is not allowed a 12-hour shift. Union rules (real laws) prohibit that.

Co-Ops are multiplying over there at an astonishing rate, because they can fill customer's needs as soon as the needs arise.

Repairing cars is very big. So are fast-service cafés. So are gymnasiums planned to serve ordinary citizens, not sports people.

Home-made candies and pastries. Lessons at home for kids who don't do too well at school. Music lessons for any instrument.

And endless kinds of service for older people and those who have disabilities; youth and children can work in such Co-Ops.

Co-Operators exploit only themselves, but there are problems

No question about it, some Co-Ops over there make too much money. So their members get too high incomes. This grates on the nerves of people working in Socialist enterprises.

A Co-Op may set up a small hotel on the Black Sea and rake in big profits, because there aren't nearly enough low-priced State-owned resorts to meet public demand.

Some say: tax them heavily. Others say: why do that when they're serving the public?

Some farm Co-Ops get a small area of un-used land and grow the most expensive fruits and vegetables, making "a fortune."

Nothing to stop State farms from doing that... except their managers couldn't care less, so long as they "fulfill the plan."

In the past, farmers, and workers, were never encouraged to "clean up" by raising production and lowering costs. It wasn't in the "spirit of Socialism."

But today, with Socialism dragging its heels in shocking ways, most people are inclined to encourage all kinds of Co-Ops... "God bless you!"

Amusing side-light to this: many local Soviets (elected Councils) are themselves raking in substantial taxes which they never could get before. From prospering Co-Ops. So there's more money for schools, clinics, transportation.

Another advantage: many people working in Co-Ops are pensioners and partly disabled seniors. For them it's great. For customers also.

Many critics of Co-Op expansion raised the warning that these enterprises would push up prices and lower quality, harming the public. But the opposite is happening. Co-Ops turn out better goods (to beat the competition), and very often sell at prices lower than set by the big Socialist enterprises.

Soviet Co-Ops are just beginning to give the public in Socialism a chance to "shop around," something we've taken for granted here.

Now for a shock.

The advantages of Co-Op production have become so evident that the system is moving into production in big factories.

The State-owned brick factory in Nevyansk has been taken over by the workers and run as a Co-Op.

Now another plant nearby (learning from example?), making dry-wall boards out of wood chips, has also "gone Co-Op."

Why? Workers immediately got higher pay; even higher for bigger output and better quality; and the plant thrives without an office full of managers and planners.

And the construction program itself is fast drifting towards various forms of Co-Op effort, since it rewards workers who break free from over-regulation and speed up much-needed building work.

Just beginning to appear: Co-Ops may help solve the prices problem in USSR, by lowering the prices of many articles in big demand.

How Socialism got stalled



Even before the seventies, Soviet people felt that their economic system was slowing down. Only after Gorbachov took over leadership was it openly admitted that Socialism had lost its former speed-of-advance. This has mystified millions round the world. 'NN' consults Dr. Andrei Zdravomyslov to find out who slammed on the brakes.

Just about a year ago the Soviet Communists' Central Committee introduced the strange idea that something was happening to **put the brakes on Socialism**.

Let's get it straight: their investigations showed that certain people, operating the Socialist economic system, were indeed grinding it to a halt.

People at all levels of life over there expressed faith in the power of Socialism to return to its former rate of development, when the system was continually **accelerating**, rather than slowing down. Millions (from top flight planners down to shop workers) felt that Socialism had a *built-in mechanism for progress*.

It soon became clear that "applying the brakes" to Socialism wasn't a simple act comparable to slamming down on the brake-pedal in a car or truck. Braking turned out to be **very complicated**: it involved all sides of the planning and management of Socialism.

Braking wasn't noticed for a long time because it developed slowly, after the post-war reconstruction boom. Nobody noticed it. Nobody expected it.

This, in spite of the fact that Lenin warned time and again that **managing and planning Socialism would give rise to many unforeseen problems**.

Like what?

Braking takes place within the "management" of Socialism. Those who do the braking are **bureaucrats**. Gradually, year by year, these highly paid people became obsessed with the idea of keeping all things **running smoothly**.

Their unspoken slogan is 'Don't bother me!'

Don't ask me to introduce any new products, any new production methods, any new ways to distribute goods. If some people are dissatisfied with what they're getting from Socialism... *what do they want, a return to Capitalism?*

That way, dissatisfied people **shut their mouths fast**.

Braking became harsher as Socialism expanded and its management likewise grew. Bureaucrats **divided up their work**. Ten big departments soon became 100 smaller offices. All working smoothly to help the ten on top to avoid anything new and disturbing. *Don't bother us!*

Somewhere along the line **some bureaucrats became corrupt**. Got their hands in the huge "cash box" of Socialism. But in USSR they recognize that corruption is a "sideline" and doesn't explain braking at all. Braking is the work of **all the bureaucrats working as a gigantic team opposed to all forms of progress**.

Lenin foresaw that in a planned society, as it grew, the growth of bureaucracy would be a real menace. But he died before he could do more than try to predict *what the brand-new untried system would run into*.

Here's one big problem: unlike corrupt types, who can be tossed into court, bureaucrats **always obey all the laws**. Not only that, but honest bureaucrats firmly believe they are **servicing Socialism well**.

You can see that these features of braking made it difficult to expose and eliminate.

Dr Zdravomyslov stresses that bureaucrats thrive in an atmosphere of "dogmatic" thinking. Living according to "dogmas." What is called *Marxism-Leninism* is crammed with dogmas: instructions on what you should think about everything. Generations of Soviet people grew up with no knowledge of ideas or thoughts which are different to what you're told by Marxism-Leninism.

Obviously, this was the climate in which braking grew far and wide, until it penetrated every aspect of life in Socialism.

Now, where does Stalin and Stalinism fit into this?

Dictatorship by one individual fitted perfectly into bureaucratic braking. To this day millions of people think that Stalin's brutal rule was "necessary" for the speedy growth of Socialism in the thirties.

This is a highly immoral attitude, since it means that *Socialism needs a leader who killed millions*. Who wants such a system?

But many people (in USSR and abroad) believe that Stalin wasn't "chosen," he was *forced on the Socialist system* by all the complex processes of history in those times. Whether Stalinism just happened, or was approved by the Soviet people, doesn't really matter. Stalinism laid the basis for **braking Socialism almost to a halt**.

You are certainly justified in putting your own thoughts and opinions into this problem, because right there in the USSR, where it is all happening, people see clearly that they are just beginning to study these difficult problems. And they're far more interested right now in **putting an end to braking**, rather than explaining it.

As the economic, social and political brakes are released, Socialism opens before the people *endless opportunities* for expressing themselves, realising their dreams.

This applies also to many of those "bureaucrats," who are now being set free from domination at the top.

It applies most keenly to the **vast majority** of the population in Socialism. In a very real way (economically) Soviet people have been "levelled," and at a low level too. Only now are they beginning to live with Socialism's great historic principle: *From each according to his ability, to each according to his work*.

In rather crude terms familiar to us: Socialism is only now **beginning to pay off for the people**.

In terms more familiar to people in the new system, Mikhail Gorbachov has asked them: "Are we not retreating from the positions of Socialism, especially when we introduce new unaccustomed methods of economic management and social life? Are we not revising the Marxist-Leninist teaching itself? No wonder that there have emerged 'defenders' of Marxism-Leninism, and mourners for Socialism."

As you know, such people have "emerged" among the Readers of NN. They need the encouragement that is pouring from the USSR now.

Socialism is no longer stalled, the brakes are off.

Science out on the fields of Social

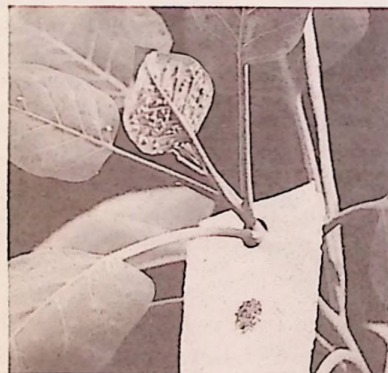


Tatyana Poluiko and Vitaly Sudakov are developing new ways of boosting yields by increasing the daily "dose" of radiation plants get. Their greenhouse has large batteries of artificial "suns."

At right: Dr. Boris Moshkov heads a Leningrad lab where special intensified lighting makes wheat mature in 60 days. More important: experimenters can get 18 generations of seed in 3 years, instead of 18 years required in ordinary hot-houses.



They find one of the most promising ways to boost yields is to use growth stimulators. Already more than 20 such compounds have been put into production, and their use is rapidly spreading throughout the USSR. All are approved after extensive tests.



Moldavian farmers are already fighting insects with newly bred insect species which devour even the worst aphids.



In the Edinets district of Moldavia big Co-Op farms are united in ownership of a modern sugar refinery. Combining farms with food processing industries is a big production gain for them.



Rape-seed is a very valuable oil crop. USSR bought large quantities abroad, for stock feeding. Many trials for a commercial harvest in Soviet conditions. Then Czech came to the rescue. Rather, the big Czech agricultural "Mir." They grow a special variety called Silezia, specialists felt this would thrive in spots like the field in the highly productive Kuban Region. Our photo shows they were right. On this Soviet farm they brought 100 bushels per acre, first time. Green rape added to cattle ration sharply increases dairy cattle weight gains and

In their drive to raise the output of farmlands already they're getting results from intensive scientific research.



Truck driver Anatoly Gorbachyov spotted two bright patches on the roadside near Kuibyshev. Turned out to be these gigantic "rain mushrooms." Edible and tasty, these two weighed over 20 pounds.

Above, at left: New stimulants for plants and fish are being made from deep-water ocean growths. One is called "gangline." Made from fishery wastes.



High school teen-agers are being mobilised to do valuable research on grain crops, seeking best varieties for specific soil, weather conditions.



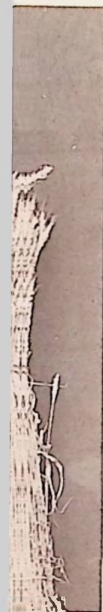
Biologists Dr. Sadykin and Dr. Nyutin work in a "climatron" which reproduces any weather. Aim is to give farmers highly productive vegetables.



Many farm researchers in USSR are convinced that study of crops and soil from space is the next revolutionary advance in farming. As this is the coffee-plantation owners of Brazil have paid over a million dollars for Soviet space photos showing condition and prospects of crops.



Science of statistics is beginning to play a major part in Soviet farming. Getting very accurate facts from every district shows that many Soviet farmers get remarkably high yields. So urgent problem is to see that all farms duplicate the best.



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Shaking up "The Arts" in Socialism

Friends of the Soviet Union in the western world have always envied what they believed was the lavish support (financial included) given to musicians, dancers, writers, painters and others in the world of the arts. Recently the head of Socialism's first "musical cooperative," Vladimir Polevoi, revealed that the Music Education Centre of the Kazakhstan Composers' Union received an official budget of... 90 dollars per year.

Now the music co-op, called "Ruan," has been packing concert halls. Promoting music by offering a wide variety of performers and programs that are *welcomed by the public*, instead of concerts "decreed" by the Ministry of Culture.

This is but one result of perestroika applied to the world of culture. **Restructuring the Arts.**

USSR has many "literary magazines." These heavy journals paid good money to "authorities" who could write endlessly about the successes of literature. But on the newsstands such magazines gathered dust for months on end.

Today you can't get a copy of the major Soviet literary papers. Ordinary people snap them up the day they appear. Because they've been publishing stories and long novels that were *suppressed 10, 20, 30, 40 years!*

Literature in Socialism has been liberated.

Comments about this, in our media, are invariably hostile. What the critics are overlooking is a very significant fact. These suppressed works of literature were all **produced by Soviet writers** and are truly the **finest literary productions of Socialism.**

In Soviet drama theatres the changes are remarkable. For example, recently in the lobby of the Yermolova Theatre (Moscow) people circulated a petition to build a monument *"to the eternal memory of the victims of Stalinism."*

Today there is a direct link between what's shown on the stage and the burning moral, spiritual issues confronting people in Socialism.

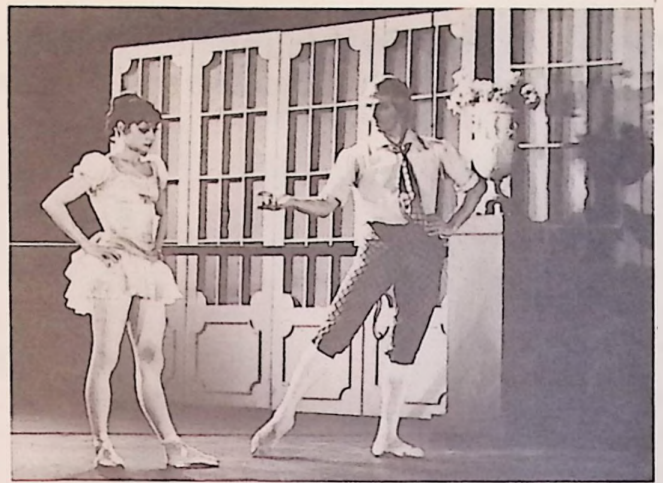
One soul in the Yermolova lobby whispered "But do you think this is legal?!"

Practically everybody then signed the petition.

Incidentally that theatre was packed. But less than a year ago many Soviet theatres played to empty seats. And no matter: the same types who voted 90 dollars a year for Music Education always picked up the huge tabs for dry-as-dust theatre productions. Nobody cared because all got their fat salaries always.

No longer. If a play is good (legal or otherwise!) it packs them in and makes a good profit (higher wages for all concerned). But if the play is something "ordered" from above the theatre will empty fast and there will be little or no pay on pay-day.

Profits are ruling the Arts now. Simply because if the people don't want what the Arts are offering they won't buy it and profit will vanish into losses.



An amusing sidelight on this appeared at the Young Communist League Theatre. The place was being sold out night after night and this "inspired" a counterfeiter to produce fake tickets for sale on the nearby streets before showtime.

In more and more Soviet centres the theatres are becoming informal meeting-places where the public can discuss what's seen on the stage.

This applies also to movie theatres. Once limited to showing "approved" movies (mostly not approved at all by the audiences) these places reflect the radical change in movie-studio operations.

Today the Board of the Soviet Cinematographers Union has firmly taken control: not in the old sense but in the direction of giving **creative and financial independence** to all who write and produce movies.

Documentary films are appearing by the dozen. **They document Soviet life.** Present and past.

And they're selling abroad as never before.

In the music world *change* is the theme.

As in other lands, so now in USSR the **radio** and **TV** and every kind of **recording** are transforming music into a genuinely mass Art.

And this can't be separated from the fact that serious students and critics of music are facing up to both the finest "classics" and the latest "rock" creations. Both **extremes** are appreciating the need for **all** popular music to develop in response to the demands of the most widely varying tastes.

In the world of **books** Soviet publishers are now "on their own." No longer do they receive a yearly list of titles which they must print and sell.

Mountains of unsold books are disappearing, while the sold-out titles are being reprinted regardless of "plans" laid down from above.

Perhaps the most unusual problems have come up in the "visual" Arts. Painting and sculpture don't easily lend themselves to public criticism. Worse than that, in USSR restructuring of these Arts is very slow because the artists themselves have never been "public" the way musicians and writers are.

They're trying two solutions to the problem. First, many more exhibitions, properly advertised to get public viewing. To support that, they're encouraging anyone and everyone to set up "Arts societies" for popularising sculpture and painting.

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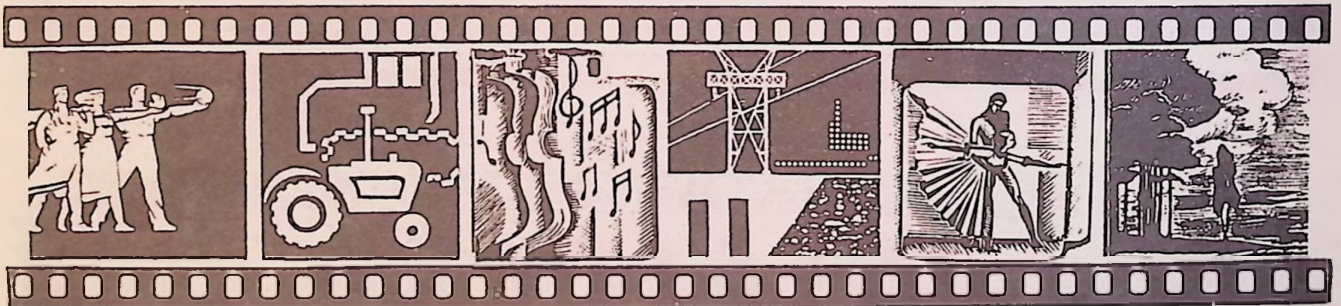
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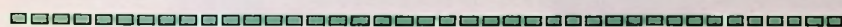
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Different world... different word... RE-EMPLOYMENT

Soviet planners foresee sixteen million workers out of their present jobs. Everybody over there is talking about it. A problem they haven't faced for some fifty years. What's happening?



In the thirties, when we were just experiencing mass unemployment, the new Socialist system in USSR had **completely eliminated** that terrible social disease.

Today they know, well in advance of it happening, that 16,000,000 people won't be keeping their jobs much longer.

"Perestroika" is putting their system on an advanced modern base, so that every "surplus" worker, from manager down to sweepers, must work usefully for Socialism. This means millions will be laid off as production is streamlined.

By the end of their present 5-year Plan, 3,000,000 will lose their present jobs in production and management. From 1990 through 2000, another 13,000,000 will go.

Obviously, to find **new jobs** for that many people is something no system has ever attempted. But they're tackling this now.

Maybe you can see another complication they face. They're determined to modernize (mainly through automation) every aspect of their economy, and so those sixteen million new jobs must conform to the specifications of highly efficient production. Nobody is going to stand for "make work" projects as a way out of mass joblessness.

They'll have no "labor camps" for the kind that ruined the lives of millions of youth in the years of our Black Depression.

The Soviet government has thoroughly discussed the situation and has already told managers, at all levels, that they must begin **now**, before any lay-offs start, to organize all the necessary "machinery" for moving those who will be let out into new jobs suitable for them.

The key to this enormous program is **re-employment**.

Meaning, workers who'll be laid off must have **new jobs waiting** for them before they're let out.

If this sounds a little like making-wishes-come-true, here are moves they're taking...

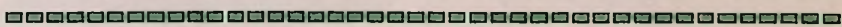
- Several million workers will get new jobs right where they're now employed, in **second and third production shifts**.

- Others will move over to new divisions of their old plants, now being **rebuilt, up-dated**.

- The balance will get jobs in brand new **factories** and on big **construction sites** where there is now a shortage of workers.

That shortage is serious. Latest returns show that the Socialist economy is in need immediately of **one million men and women**.

Besides what we've mentioned here, the whole new "continent" of Siberia

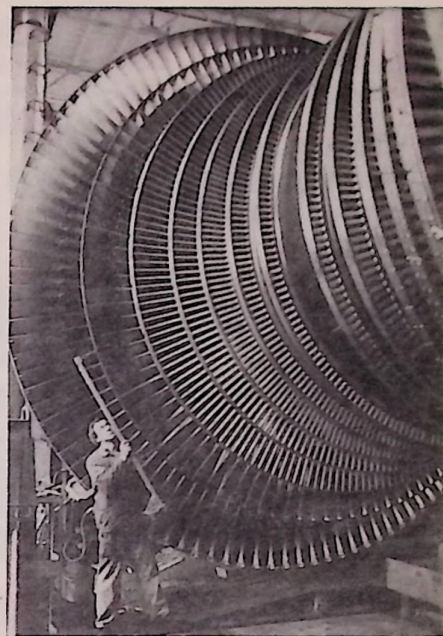


One fascinating aspect of this re-employment plan is that thousands of Soviet enterprises, needing newly-trained workers, will be **paying the costs in full**, out of the increased profits they'll make from highly efficient labor.

But **one complicating factor** is the situation in Central Asian republics, where a **real surplus of workers** is painfully evident. It's largely caused by national customs, which discourage young people from leaving their backward rural homes.

Interestingly, **live TV shows** are helping to get the youth out into the modern Soviet world that is waiting for them: **with jobs**.

Vocational training schools are also playing a positive role.



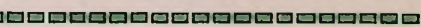
along the new BAM railway is going to have "Help Wanted!" signs going up on a breath-taking scale.

True, not everybody wants to go pioneering into Siberia. But the inducements are substantial, especially high wages and longer vacations.

Many will opt for **re-training**. Factory and office workers can get completely new skills, in many centres now being set up. While re-training they'll get **full average wages**.

But there is no doubt that several million Soviet workers are going to switch from paid jobs over to "working for themselves," in the countless new "individual enterprise" opportunities now opening up.

These will be mainly in **service work**, a field that will be enjoying a boom for many years to come, as Socialism pushes to fill a big gap in its economy. Reasonable to call that **Jobs Unlimited**.



A survey of the Soviet press shows that there is no alarm over the need to "re-employ" millions of people in a fairly short time. Reason for this is something we can easily grasp: their Council of Ministers recently broadcast an **urgent appeal** for one **million** production and office workers to fill jobs in important centers where there isn't a solitary person looking for work.

Clearly, their far-reaching shakeups in production, based on "perestroika," are going to make re-employment a **practical task** that arises from the real needs of their Socialist system.

Socialism is creating new jobs faster than they can be filled.

Do you believe we'll live in One World?

With country against country all over our planet, seems dreamy to speak of us all getting together for the good of human progress. But don't be too hasty with your scepticism. See what's happening.

Our Western media surely have given a lot of space to USSR's "perestroika" program. But nobody seems to have noticed another historic problem with Soviet Communists tackled at the same time as "re-structuring."

This dealt with the rapidly growing opportunities for raising the idea of One World.

Already world economic relations are swiftly expanding.

Science and technology are crossing all borders.

TV and other media gain international influence every day, via Space.

Resources are being developed in multi-nation projects.

Protection of nature is regarded as an urgent world task.

But you may object that the *One World* ideal has a poor record. The League of Nations, and then UNO, didn't get far trying to unite the world for Peace.

But now look at the changes . . .

- Many former colonies have joined the ranks of strong nations.

- The idea of having One World with headquarters in Washington has lost its former appeal.

- USA is no longer the supremely powerful nation; West Europe and Japan have challenged it.

Over and above all that, the **Socialist Soviet Union** has risen to world stature, economically, politically, militarily.

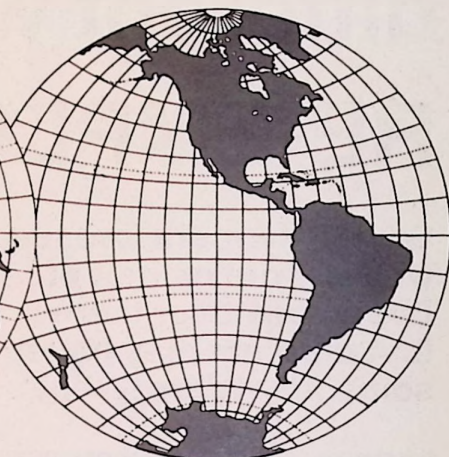
And besides the "super powers" our world now has a large group of nations **non-aligned**, really a Third World, with rising economic and political influence every passing year.

Instead of "theorizing" let us take a practical look at our world.

Trains and planes cross everyone's borders under mutual controls.

Shipping roams the seas free from attacks, with piracy strictly an antiquated menace.

TV and radio broadcasting are almost universally controlled.



Indeed, the field of "international law" is now so tremendous that thousands of experts administer it in the interests of all.

A major fact pointed out by Soviet Communists is that our world has tremendously increased what economists call *the international division of labor*. Simply: through world planning and trade, workers in many countries "exchange" their labor; and, indeed, could not enjoy the standard of living they expect today if they used only what they produce themselves.

But the picture as a whole is far from uniform. For example, great progress has been made in the **health field**, especially with the world-wide control of epidemics. But on the other hand, failure to agree on **the protection of nature** has led to a situation that is becoming extremely bad.

The latter problem has recently been tackled at world conferences, but it is generally admitted that we urgently need international action and enforcement. Some experts fear that destruction of nature's protective systems (like the appearance of the "ozone hole" in the Antarctic) could prove to be as great a menace as a nuclear missile war.

It is significant that another major problem has been taken up by such varying organizations as the Soviet Communist Party and several large Christian churches. This is the extreme and rapidly worsening **poverty, starvation** and **sickness** closing in on some big nations today.

Lately warnings about this problem have also come from world financial circles.

Enormous **debts** crushing some

peoples could become far worse if their emergency needs are not met by world action. "Collapse" of the debt "structure" could have grave effects on most of the world's nations.

Quite a few observers see great positive effects as the **nuclear missile limitation agreements** are extended, even if slowly. To many, this is the ultimate purpose of strengthening world "law and order": if the missiles ever are launched there would be no world left to manage.

Most recent of all international problems is the sudden and alarming spread of **the AIDS virus**. You saw here in NN last month the latest grim warnings from Soviet science. And yet this terrible new threat to human life has become, in itself, another sign of the **optimistic world approach to all menaces**. One after another the nations have discussed how to mobilize against AIDS, *internationally*.

You need not be an admirer of the Soviet Socialist view to appreciate that their attitude towards "managing our world for all" is much more realistic than the typical western approach. For example, the British political "scientist" Mortimer can only ask **which nation** should take over ruling the world from USA, the Japanese no doubt?

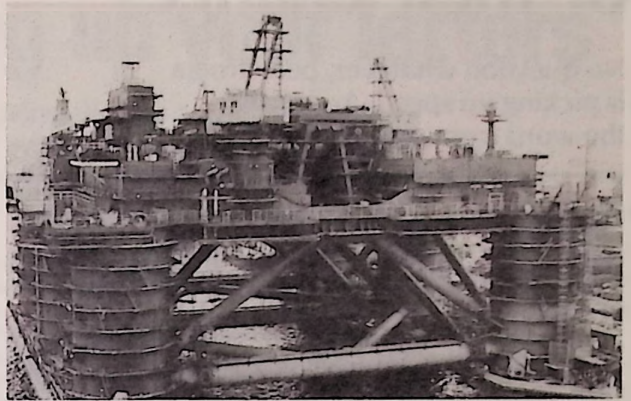
It's precisely that antiquated kind of thinking which must be ruled out of the growing world drive towards international management.

The future of our planet cannot be linked to any boss-nation programs, either Capitalist, Socialist or Third Force. Fortunately, the big advances we've already made will be influential enough to guarantee that everyone can go along with the coming progress of One World.

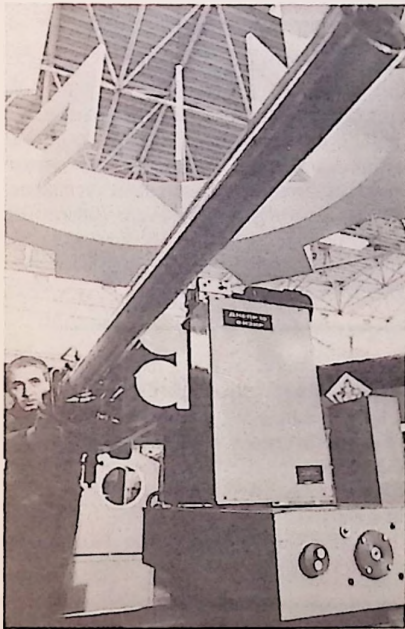
Their latest



Director B. Siupskene of new vocational school in Lithuania shows newest creation of students to teacher D. Zhelobovskaya and pupil M. Demidova. Class designs go right into store for sale. Shop and school are both on profit-making basis.



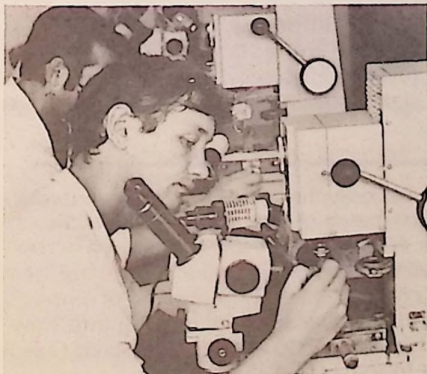
Vyborg ship-building port near Leningrad is now turning out giant off-shore oil-drilling rigs on production-line basis. Assembled while floating.



Their oldest heavy-machinery plant (started by Peter the Great) now specializes in nuclear power plants, giant excavators, huge forging presses. Its advanced designs find ready market abroad.



Maricultural Research Center turns out 25 tons of mussels yearly, using special tanks fed with aerated water that is rich in plankton. System will be extended for very large mussel output.



Newly trained workers at Kazan medical equipment plant operates powerful electron microscope needed to make superfine hypodermic needles. Called "Micro" this factory already produces some 200 high precision medical items.

This is celebrated cyclotron at Dubna Nuclear Research center. It accelerates nuclear particles faster than any such device elsewhere. With it, scientists have created the 110th element, non-existent in nature. So far they've made just 40 "samples" of the newest of all the elements.



Hard to keep track of their changes

No question whatever, perestroika is picking up speed. And that's the word from all their Republics.

Workers in the big Minsk Radio plant found their output being decreased by defective parts. Their Council made a claim against supplier-companies, ordering them to pay appropriate damages. They collected.

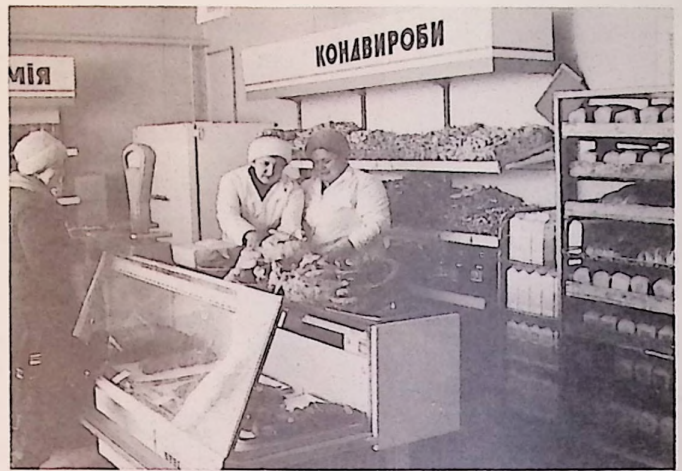
"Consumer chemical goods" (cleaners, detergents, polishes, personal grooming aids, etc.) have been very short in USSR. But for past two years perestroika has brought a 15 to 25 percent increase, assigned to retail stores by heavy-chemical industry. Supplies to people will rise even faster from now on.

With the campaign just getting underway, Soviet people have already joined over 14,000 co-ops. Most are in trade, personal services, public catering. But now building co-ops are springing up. Northwest of Moscow the "Volkhov" co-op of 150 skilled workers has beaten all construction records, at same time paying record wages to its members. Not only is pay-rate high but co-op is delivering high quality housing, at a fast pace.

Agricultural-industrial "combines" are getting bigger. One centered in Novo-moskovskoye is made up of nine big farm co-ops; five state farms; poultry, dairy and meat plants; confectionary factory; construction enterprise. Total of 33 farm-industry units. Works on 145,000 acres. Employs 8500 men and women. They share in profits. Lately they voted to fire 193 "managers" at saving of \$250,000 a year. Further reduction of 170 this year. But nearly all the "bosses" decided to stay with the combine in jobs actually related to production. All managing positions are now filled by elections. Some 70 percent of production is bought by Socialist state at fixed prices, but remainder is sold more profitably. That's especially true as the combine is sharply increasing its output.

So successful is the "Adazi" combine in Latvia that it is now selling its experience and methods for growing and processing farm crops. Actually Adazi agrees to take over "management" (in broad terms), practically guaranteeing a big increase in profits for its "customers." In our terms, Adazi collects "royalties" for the use of its advanced methods. But the payees make handsome profits themselves, and nation gains in many foodstuffs.

Last year food producers in Moscow area were given the right to sell any goods they could find, after they sold a fixed amount to the city-owned outlets. Today the "Central Market" is jammed. It's selling quality foods much cheaper than the state stores, thus disproving the charge that "Central" would be a profiteer's heaven. Instead it's packing in the customers by offering wide varieties: 14 kinds of sausage, 14 other meats, 12 smoked meats. "Central" is well supplied mostly by spare-time farm families in big Co-Ops and State Farms.



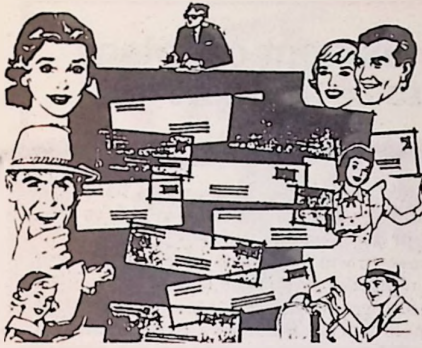
Giant USA computer firm Honeywell is latest big timer to join in a Soviet-American industrial company. Actually Honeywell has been participating in Soviet ventures for 20 years. The new plants will produce mainly mineral fertilizers. Systems were displayed at last year's "Chem Exhibition" in Moscow, but the joint venture idea came later after Honeywell realized what a gigantic scale of production USSR plans.

Biggest poultry enterprise in Kahabarovsk (Far East) decided to expand by selling shares to its workers. Over 100 joined at once, and expect dividends of 15 percent this year. Most of the share price will go into production, but a considerable amount will be used to build housing and other facilities for the share-holders and for other plant workers. Latest news: Conveyer machinery plant in Lvov (Ukraine) has sold 50,000 shares at 50 roubles each to its employees. First payout is expected to be 10 to 20 percent of the investment, which is going into increased production.

In a world's-first deal a big British locality, in Derbyshire, has teamed with a large Black Sea vacation enterprise, to sell super-quality vacations, and at same time produce fashions for the Soviet market, plus Crimean wines for Britain. It's much more than that. Derbyshire Council's big pension fund will be involved financially. Aeroflot and the Yalta Soviet (Council) also will be partners. There will be frequent flights between Derbyshire and the Crimea, with thousands of Britishers and Soviets exchanging holidays.

The whole co-op movement in USSR is talking about a new buy-and-sell co-op out in Novo-Kuznetsk. With a staff of only six people this outfit toured the countryside buying up fruit and vegetables. Called "Liana," the venture made a profit of over 100,000 roubles in three months. As for pay, the members of Liana agree that the more a worker buys, and sells, the more he or she earns. Surprisingly, their policy is to always, always sell below the going state store prices. They aren't anti-socialism, just pro-efficiency! Besides, out of that 100,000 roubles the state took in 30,000 in taxes. (They're learning!).

The "Luch" Co-Op has only five members. They rented an abandoned ranch. First batch of chickens was 1500. Ready for market in 56 days. High quality. Now they plan a "crop" of 27,000 birds. Everything is sold by contract to the big local (official) marketing co-op, which can never get enough chicken. Those industrious five are now moving into flowers, strawberries and honey. Up to now they're taxed only 2 percent. Who wants to join? Who doesn't!



Great Debate in USSR is heating up your letters

Though 'NN' is giving all sides of the Perestroika arguments, quite a few Readers still do not see how revolutionary the situation is in Socialism.

"NN is a breath of fresh air. You are partisan for education, care of children, the elderly. That's the way we must be in our own self-interest. You should run more articles on the real wages of workers in USSR and here." **F.L.**

"I draw the line at your March issue with an assinine, misleading, false attack on Stalin. You have reduced yourself to the level of Ronald 'Ray-gun.' I assume people like you will be jumping on the 'popularizing bandwagon' to resuscitate people like Boris Pasternak who wrote the bad novel 'Dr. Zhivago.' If people close their eyes then when serious problems arise they will look for a scape-goat." **K.F.O.**

Note: This Reader's letter would fill four pages of NN. We've only one comment. We're presenting a fair picture of what goes on over there now. Yes: *Dr. Zhivago* is now recognized for what it is, a very fine book. Unfortunately, Soviet people "closed their eyes" to it, since they were forbidden to read it, and the Stalins found a scapegoat in Boris Pasternak. *Whose works they are now able to read for the first time!*

"It would be most helpful if you would include a comprehensive order form for all books, reports, etc., which NN offers each month. I would find this more convenient and would order more often." **P.N.**

"Do you have to give so much space to advertising? I know your books and booklets are well worth reading but I'd rather have articles." **J.V.V.**

Reply: Well, there we are. A complete order form would require a double-size NN which would be prohibitively expensive. Our order form is a compromise.

"Here's a small donation to help you enlighten people about the wrongs of the world. NN does an invaluable service to people of all nations, educating them to the truth about the world situation. God bless you." **R.W.D.**

"We spent two weeks in Cuba and regardless of what you read or hear the people there seem to be very happy with their system. We love them because they are so friendly." **R.R.D.**

"I'd like you to run more articles about the many Socialist countries." **B.L.**

"Years ago a good friend of mine who liked some things about the Soviets asked me why they always had to 'worship' a leader. He spoke especially about Khrushchov. 'Mark my words,' he told me, 'no sooner has Stalin been put to rest than everything they issue begins and ends with Khrushchov. Before you know it they'll switch to someone else. Can't they appreciate groups of leaders, like their government, the cabinet?' You know what happened. For years Khrushchov was the USSR. And then? Out he goes and everything is ... **Brezhnev.** I hope to God they don't make Gorbachov into another godly type." **M.R.**

"My father used to criticize the Soviet Union because, as he put it, 'they are always doing flipflops.' Meaning they go from one extreme to another. One day Mao Tse-tung is a holy man; next year they can't damn him badly enough. Then it was the hero Tito; soon he was a foul type. My father said this was part of the Russian character, but I doubt that. Do they face up to this now?" **G.K.V.**

"Billions of people live on the face of this Earth and the nations spend a trillion dollars a year on arms. We could have a Garden of Eden on this planet of ours if we used all that money to build a better world. The almighty dollar is god for some and death for others. We are the gods who could make Earth good for all human beings. I love all peoples and we will be masters of Earth and then there will be Peace." **P.J.**

"Have read NN for quite a few years and appreciate it very much. However I have to call your attention to misinformation in the February '88 issue. You replied to a letter-writer that "... farmers claim the sulfite treatment doesn't harm consumers." Farmers may make this claim but it isn't true. Sulfites cause severe allergic reactions in many people. Fortunately, most super-markets (in USA) have posted signs saying they no longer use sulfites." **L.C.B.**

Note: We won't join the argument but must point out that if all effective food treatments were banned, the cost of foods would soar. This "debate" is now going on in the scientific press, with no one opinion so far prevailing. Many natural foodstuffs contain sulfites.

"We've been reader of NN for a long time. Found it consistent in its support of the Soviet Union. Many problems such as China, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland were dealt with in a clear and correct way. Perestroika and glasnost will eventually have a big impact in capitalist countries. There is nothing wrong with admitting past mistakes. The greatest shame is not doing anything to rectify them. It is the working class that suffers when mistakes are not corrected." **J.B.B.**

"I'm replying to your January letter but can't send a donation at this time. I'm a pensioner. I suggest that those who are better able to afford it should include a few extra dollars when they send in their sub renewal, on a voluntary basis. I'd also suggest a reduced rate for pensioners and those on welfare." **T.R.G.**

From NN: Many, many Readers do help us this way, it's how we keep going!

"I suggest you put the main clause first, subordinate clause second. Like 'You can beat anxiety, with great health gains, once you can see what is bothering you deep inside.' Instead of 'Once you can see what is bothering you deep inside, then you can beat anxiety, with great health gains.' Becomes more direct, punch, with main clause first." **A.B.**

From NN: This is an 'eternal question' among writers and editors. Your view?

"Look, I'm not flattering NN's Readers, but I sure do respect them. Two examples. First, they raised the question of 'What happens to the Class Struggle in Socialism?' And from what I see in Soviet news, this is a real hot topic for them and no clear answers yet. Then along comes the 'profits' debate. Why did every leftwinger over here puke at the mention of profit? Profit is a key factor in Marx's analysis of capitalism and socialism! Your Readers see this and realize that Soviet people, too, will have to change their attitudes to people who want to make a few extra bucks. I say NN should keep right at it with these argumentative ideas." **M.L.S.**

"I'd sure as hell like to see the end of this rotten system of ours. My grandfather was a Socialist and told me all about the Russian Revolution and he used to say, 'Maybe we'll have one like it.' I have some pro-capitalist relatives who think that Gorbachov's visit to the USA was a good thing." **E.P.**

"Want to take this opportunity to congratulate NN for the excellent job you are doing in this extremely puzzling situation in the Soviets. All you have to do to keep this up is give us facts and more facts and let us make our own decisions." **J.T.**

"Please renew my Sub and put the extra money into your reserve fund. I know the way money disappears these days, so you can sure use it." **C.K.V.**

Their papers give you a broad picture of Socialism

For first time ever, big co-op and state farms of Turkmen Republic are growing cotton to meet exact specifications of major textile factories. The latter are also taking "orders", but from the public. Only fabrics that appeal to consumers are now being turned out. Formerly, cotton farmers couldn't care less about what people wanted. Now they either satisfy popular demand or their crops pile up on storage dumps.

Those famous 'Matryosha' dolls, which are really many dolls that fit inside each other (to the delight of little kids), are now bypassing the tourist shops in USSR. Big USA firm, Shelmar Imports, has signed a deal to take 20 kinds of the wooden dolls made at a big Brest factory. Turns out that the Brest workers already sell their beautiful souvenirs in 12 countries. Some 500 different items bring in many millions of dollars per year. Plant can't meet the demand.

Growing the wonder-herb ginseng in laboratories, as reported earlier here in NN, has gone industrial in Kaunas, Lithuania. Ginseng tissue can be rapidly grown in special glass jars, with appropriate fertilizer. What takes nature many years to grow can be harvested monthly in the lab-factory. Natural ginseng costs \$800 a pound but "bioginseng" is profitable at a small fraction of that price. In suitable preparations it has excellent therapeutic effects.

The drug-abuse problem in USSR is being controlled. They now have 131,000 registered addicts, and achieved cures in some 15,000 during 1987, many of them teenagers. Police say this effort accounts for a 26 percent drop in juvenile delinquency last year.

Will baseball catch on with the Soviet public? Unnoticed in their press (or ours) they already have 30 baseball teams. The sports-loving public so far isn't impressed, dismissing the game as "another form of rounders". Rounders is very much older than baseball. It's popular in Britain, where baseball hasn't been able to get off the ground. But USSR Sports Committee now has an official Baseball Coach and he calls it "a dynamic, spectacular game". It's being introduced to Soviet youngsters in several schools. Biggest problem: they can't get Soviet factories to turn out needed equipment. Evidently some managers still wait for someone "up there" to give them orders.

Estonia is leading the way in tax reforms. Families with five or more children, who get an allowance for them, now don't pay any income tax, regardless of parents' income. Four children also bring substantial tax deductions.

Their anti-alcohol drive seems to be paying off. Police report 6,000 less drinking-related road accidents in 1987. Fatalities connected to drinking are down more than 50 percent. But! They have so many people making the stuff at home that their output of alcohol is greater than that of government distillers! Some 167,000 moonshiners were convicted last year, but the police say they simply can't cope. Now the authorities are allowing factories to increase the output of certain drinks, like wines, cognac and beer. Hopefully, these will go to "social" drinking and not to addiction binges.

Soviet Niva 4-wheel drive car (new version of the Lada) is making it big in Britain. Over 1,000 were snapped up in showrooms. Almost double last year's sales. Now they're out to beat that with two more models: the Cossack and a convertible. What surprised most people in the trade was the fact that a large percentage of new Lada owners say it is their first car.

The famed British auction house, Sotheby's, is going to run a first-ever sale of Soviet contemporary art, in Moscow, later this year. Sotheby's chairman, Lord Gowrie, negotiated the deal with the Soviet Ministry of Culture. There will be over 100 works for sale. Some date back to the "futuristic" paintings of 1910-1932. "Preview" exhibitions will be held in London, New York and Paris, because the auction is expected to draw a great many collectors. Lord Gowrie predicts long-term collaboration between his firm and USSR's art circles.

Nobody was more surprised than Soviet coaches, at the Calgary Olympics. They hadn't dreamed of taking 29 medals (11 golds), biggest "haul" in their history. More, athletes of 12 Soviet cities scored those victories. Skier Vida Vencene became first ever Lithuanian to be a champ at the Winter Olympics (cross-country skiing).

Sorry that our clippings have to be so short

Perestroika has been hitting the Communists hard. Every Party organization has had membership meetings to discuss all aspects of the situation. No less than 4,800 Party Committees were found to be so unsatisfactory that they've been replaced. Some 89,000 individuals on elected bodies also got tossed out. Many had problems relating to their acceptance of (or?) democratic methods of leadership. Stress is laid on the need for Party members to reaffirm their right to be in the vanguard of the campaign to restructure Socialism.

They're breaking records every month, but as this is written the biggest ever "joint" deal has been made between the Soviet Oil Industry ministry and giant foreign companies: Occidental Petroleum, Montedison, Enichem, and the Japanese firm of Marubeni. They'll set up an enormous petro-chemical center to use the raw casing-head gas from the Tenghiz deposit (Caspian Sea). Cost of this: \$6,000,000,000! (That's billions). Output will include 600,000 tons of poly-ethylene per year, plus many other modern chemicals. At least half of this will be sold on world markets. Socialism retains control through 51 percent ownership.

A revolutionary new kind of helicopter, made by workers of the Kamov plant, has been designed to serve heavy freight transport into the Soviet Arctic. Has two powerful turbo-shafts and elaborate electronic guidance equipment. Can "see" and "hear" in dense fog. Main feature: it's the only chopper ever made that can unload heavy freight containers from the deck of a ship, while the ship continues moving on course.

Another hushed-up scandal: many experts opposed building the gigantic dammed-reservoir power plants in mountain regions of Tajikistan. They were shut up on orders from "above". Danger is in catastrophe if earthquakes strike. The outflow of water would be like dumping a sea on the lands below. Now still another project of that kind, on the Varzob River, would have a dam 430 feet high, at an altitude of 6,000 feet above sea-level. A burst dam above the small city of Sargazan last year gave people a preview of dam disasters. So public sentiment now is to kill the Varzob project. Better: concentrate on preventing the loss of billions of gallons of water in faulty irrigation systems, which need no further supplies.

Imagine watching 300 million acres of farmland, at once. Being done by five "space observatories". Only two more, and Soviet agriculture will have almost every farm region under constant surveillance. Crop prospects, and fertilizer needs, can be determined this way as never before.

"No smoking" can pay off in cash. At a new computer center in Latvia workers who do not smoke will collect, as a monthly bonus, half a day's pay. The center figures it will make a real profit because smokers use up a lot of time and their productivity is poor.

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