

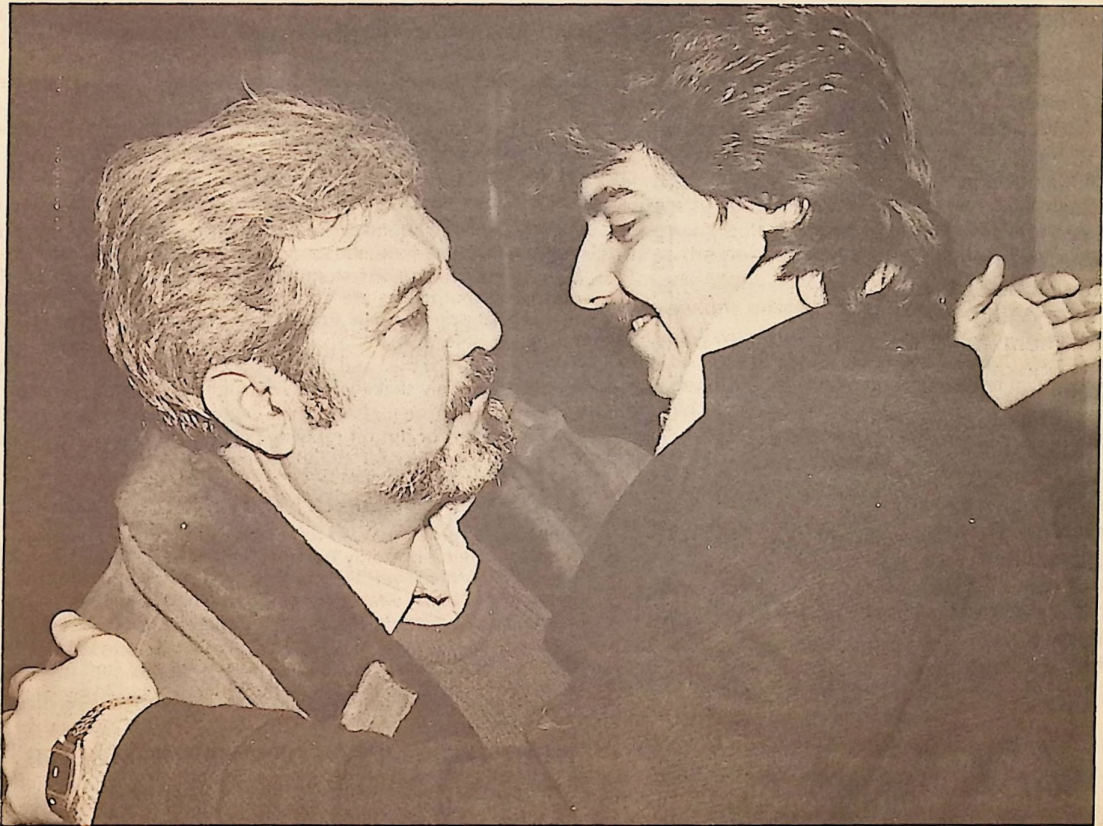
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Rashid Atamalibevov's son met him at the airport when he returned to the Soviet Union. Before he defected to USA, Rashid was a movie director. He found that in the "free world" he couldn't even dream of any intellectual career. He was a taxi driver, a factory worker, a boiler-cleaner. "I began to think of my motherland. Couldn't reconcile myself to the fact that everything is measured in dollars. I tell those who are under the spell of western media: you are under delusions. I was shocked by the spiritual shallowness of American society."

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## FAREWELL TO ALEX!

He and his wife have long been strong supporters of 'NN'. You can imagine how we felt when the news reached us. They had been taking a trip, when the accident struck them. Alex lived in hospital five days. His wife remained there months with serious injuries. She could not attend the funeral but is glad to tell us that Alex took his departure as a fighter for "Peace on Earth and a better life for all mankind."

Alex's memory will live on in the deeds of The Charlotte Carter Memorial Fund.

## THANKS TO THOUSANDS!

We've never had such a response as this year, answering the appeal I made in my letter that went to you with the January 'NN'. I'm especially

I'm especially grateful to those who wrote such warm comments about the work we do here. In this coming period, when the progress of Socialism is going to be faster than ever in the past, and when all kinds of out-dated approaches are going to be swept aside, it is wonderful to realize that so many NN Readers clearly grasp the new historical era unfolding before us.

You are part of this, and, to borrow Gorky's wonderful words: "Dear Friends, I warmly shake your powerful hands!"

Please forgive me for being frank: we need the help of those who didn't read my letter, or put off replying. What help? Whatever donation you can make. Or, every bit as appreciated, a note from you.

## I DON'T LIKE TO SINGLE OUT INDIVIDUALS

But you'll realize how we felt when a long-time Reader made a trip to see us, bringing not only his own donation, but a very substantial gift which he turned over as though it were from "J.B.", a mutual friend through the years, who, this year, is no longer with us.

And another Reader, P.K., sent us a special kind of "gift". Going through old issues of NN he recommended that I take the editorial of October 1965, revise and up-date it as necessary, and once again bring home its message, more timely now than it was 22 years ago.

Read it on Page-4.

## PLEASE TAKE TIME TO CONSIDER THIS REQUEST!

Some progressive people don't like what's going on in USSR today. It's very suspicious that the media happily report these critics, seemingly in support of *the-USSR-that-was*.

NN will be tackling this vital question every month. But I'd deeply appreciate **your views**. Don't be backward, speak out!

And if you're sensitive about this question, remember we won't print your name, only initials.

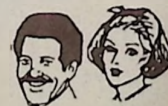
Hope I'll be reading you soon!

**NN's Quote-of-the-Month:** "While continuing our efforts to free mankind from mass annihilation weapons, the Soviet Union will work for its armed forces to be on a level precluding USA strategic superiority. Washington should understand that it cannot base relations with the Soviet Union on erroneous ideas and illusions. One of the most dangerous illusions is to view the USSR's peaceful intentions as a sign of weakness. I want to be frank: they will not exhaust us through the arms race. They will not defeat us from space or outdo us technologically." (Marshal of Artillery, Georgi Peredelsky).

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# Chasing the buck in Socialism?

**"Blessed are the poor" says Christianity. For a long time progressives over here thought it was great that Soviet people didn't go after nice things. There weren't any. But now it's different.**



"Leftists" in the West are very upset because the Soviet people are now able to produce all kinds of things that make life better. These critics claim that growing vegetables and fruit, then selling what you can't eat, is *terrible*. People who help feed others for money are going to forget all about Socialism, and become buck-chasers.

Some Communists say outright that *Socialism should not use economic incentives at all*, because the new system should depend on people working for, well, just for the love of work.

Sharpest opinions come from those who say that the very principle of money-payments for work is **wrong**, and was supposed to **disappear** when the system was cleaned free from capitalists.

These criticisms of the Soviet Union come from people who call themselves socialists but, apparently, *never did learn what Socialism is*. They were exposed away back at the beginning of the struggle for Socialism as opposed to all kinds of "utopian" theories about the future. The Bible said it best . . . *Blessed are the poor!*

Lenin came up against that approach repeatedly. And he fought against it, stressing that workers and farmers must concentrate on **increasing production**. To succeed, they'd have to **pay themselves for their labor**. The more they **produced**, the higher the pay they deserved.

For many years some Soviet intellectuals (including some economists) said that money-incentives to work better would "impoverish people spiritually". Make them mere buck-chasers. Fortunately, those who built the Soviet Union saw that working **just to stay poor** (and of course, *blessed*), had nothing to do with real life but only with the dream-world of utopians.

In actual practice, the **failure** of the Soviet incentive planning system, in many important sectors, made millions of workers *indifferent to how they worked*, and this held back the development of Socialism for many years.

Today Marxist-Leninist (scientific-socialist) principles have been applied to their entire system. **People are paid according to their production**. Those who work best get more, those who drag their feet get less.

As Marx put it: every individual in Socialism **gets back what he or she puts in**, minus production costs.

The main thing, of course, is that wages tied to production are the most powerful incentive **to produce more and better goods needed by society**.

Economic incentives don't "work against Socialism" but on the contrary **enormously speed its growth**.

Today in USSR they regard as main tasks making sure that every working citizen gets back everything his or her labor is worth; and making sure labor that's not up to average means less pay, so poor producers don't prosper at the expense of those who are most efficient and work hardest.

After debates which involved millions of members, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union decided that a **faster social and economic growth** of Socialism is linked with a **fairer distribution of goods and services**.

There was no way out except to tie the wage bills of all enterprises to **the sales of the goods** they produce. Simply because many enterprises had long turned out goods **unsaleable** to the public, with the national budget picking up huge losses.

From now on: *unsaleable goods, no wages*.

Even today, with the new system not fully in force nationwide, many workers still get wages, bonuses and other monetary benefits **in spite of management failing to get paid for goods unsold**.

As you may well suppose, once such situations are cleaned up, then the big majority of workers link *their individual production* with rising sales, rising income, **higher wages**.

To us it sounds painfully simple. Why should anyone be paid anything for producing goods that no one will buy? Soviet sociologists point out that in the wages-without-sales situation a kind of **immoral attitude to work developed**.

Ending this "immorality" has brought an immediate improvement in people's attitudes to their work. Far from "harming" Socialism, making wages depend on output has markedly tightened up the system.

As you can see, Soviet workers aren't chasing the buck, they're striving to match their incomes to the usefulness of their labor.

Very rapidly the entire Soviet people are coming to realize that their individual **well-being** depends entirely on their **work-performance**.

Money is by no means the most vital element here. Wages are important, but even more significant is the *rising personal sense of responsibility* to the people, their Socialist economy.

Other material values also come into this, outside of pay-rates and bonuses. Only as the system's entire profitability rises will all the people be able to enjoy higher pensions, better education, longer holidays, superior health care, better housing and transportation . . . all "paid" to the population without individual charges.

As these facts "seep in", the people's interest in economics and politics rises markedly, as you can see in letters to the Soviet press today. The promises of "the future" are now seen as **realizable tomorrow**.

Depending upon *how well each individual works*.

"Everything for Man, all for the good of Man!" The slogan is still as valid as ever. But **everything** has to be **produced!** Carrying out that job is for the good of Socialism and thus all of its people.



## Truth-of-the-Month

# History calls you to show people their power

*What could never be done before has now become possible*

We live in an age when, at long last, the people are becoming conscious of their ability to control the destiny of our planet Earth.

Since civilization began the great majority of mankind was treated as "the dumb mass". Some leaders of the ruling class regarded people as "the scum of society". Others had more sympathetic attitudes but firmly believed that the masses were not capable of intelligent action.

Right up to very recent times the rulers kept **foreign policy** as far away from the people as they could hide it. Indeed, only the very top section of the Upper Class was entrusted with diplomacy, making and breaking alliances, maintaining peace or declaring war.

The first profound changes came during the French, English and American revolutions. Later, in the Paris Commune, the people actively took part in shaping policies, but that brief period soon ended.

**The great historic turn came 70 years ago**, with the Soviet Socialist Revolution. This opened a whole new era in human history. Not only was the Revolution **carried out by the people**, but it was entirely **directed by them**.

### Never again could they settle Man's fate

Today we are inclined to forget how the terrible First World War ended. It was ended by the Soviet Revolution. The masses of the mighty Czarist Empire **took foreign policy into their own hands**, when they climbed out of the trenches and called upon "the enemy" **not to surrender but to stop fighting**.

You have to find the papers of those days to grasp the **ungovernable fury of the rulers** on both sides of the war, facing People's Power. They realized that never, never again would the "upper classes" hold world affairs entirely within their gloved hands.

*Never, never again did they sleep securely!* Nightmares struck them as the world began to move into the Age of Socialist Revolutions and National Liberation, the two irresistible forces of modern history.

People transformed the First World War into the great triumph that is being celebrated this year for the seventieth time all round the world.

Now whole continents have been liberated from the slavers of colonialism, and the once-despised masses have **won decisive battles** in control of "foreign affairs".

### Now all mankind is rising against wars

For a long time, anti-Soviet propaganda convinced most people in the West that "peace" was nothing but a weapon of Socialism. Then came the mass arming of the main powers with **nuclear missiles**. More and more rapidly spread the truth that a **nuclear war could have no winners**. Peace appeared in a new light: *human survival*.

This has aroused people of all countries, all systems, all classes, to see that **war cannot be permitted**.

Tremendous new forces are being created by this reality. Parliaments and Congresses are facing up to it. Not only youth and students and senior citizens are mobilising for peace, but even *millions of children* are insisting that war be exposed and opposed as intolerable.

Perhaps the most astonishing change is that Capitalism can no longer mobilize science to achieve total supremacy over Socialism. **The faster Reagan pushes war research the stronger the opposition grows even among his own followers.**

There cannot be any more "secret weapons". Everywhere the people see that nuclear war fought in the seas, on the land, up in space, **would end the Earth and us with it.**

What's more powerful by far: the people now believe that they can **end the very threat of war.**

This is no longer the belief of small groups of "peace activists". Hundreds of millions already are marching, talking, thinking peace. They're exerting power greater than all the bomb-missiles stockpiled everywhere.

### No one can rule by catastrophe

The enemies of the people have reached a nuclear dead-end. No longer can they carry through a policy that dictates their will to the people, since this policy *would bring their own end as well as ours.*

Here is the challenge we face. Every concerned person, regardless of "politics", must begin and end every day with preaching the sermons of peace.

We need to ponder on the fact that when we speak to **one other human being** about this, **millions are doing the same thing every day!**

No one is "alone" any longer. No one is "powerless" against the war-makers. No one is up against a "brainwashed" public. Even those who are still confused in one way or another are **refusing war!**

What can we all do to encourage them?

Inspire them with the rightness of their ideas and the feeling that the vast majority are with them and the certainty that people will win, *humanity will survive.*

### Your special place in the front line

Even the West's propaganda is having to admit that this 70th Anniversary Year of Socialism already has aroused world-wide attention. Mostly, *astonishment!*

The most striking truth is that all the changes taking place in the USSR are **strengthening Socialism.**

And reality is blazoning this historic truth: Socialism was born out of peace and to this day supports peace everywhere it appears.

Now, however, the Soviet people are with peace not only for their own system but for all systems, all people, LIFE.

No propaganda can hide this. The Soviet Union's policies are winning round the world because all opposing policies are inevitably tied to war-making, DEATH for our Earth.

Explaining this to people is the most important thing you can do in defense of mankind. It's possible now because it means **giving people belief in their own powers.**

In everyday simplicity we're saying *You are the most!*

Evidence of this covers the front pages of the papers and fills the news broadcasts on our screens.

At long last the people everywhere are the most important. They're the most powerful.

It was never before possible to show this to people, but now it is.

**You must do it because you can't lose!**



# Don't you count on it!

Remember, a few years ago we thought we'd soon contact High Intelligence out on other planets? 'NN' reported on views of Soviet scientists who agreed, and disagreed. Well, their latest discovery isn't going to boost the hopes of those who want to meet Super-Man.

Some 16 years ago, when astronomers and physicists of USA and USSR got together in Soviet Armenia, they were really hot on contacting Beings (better than us, no doubt) Out There. They set up CETI: Communications From Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence.

We were told that probably a million civilizations were waiting to talk to us.

Luckily, no company offered us stock in CETI.

Some of the finest and most powerful observatories stayed tuned day-and-night. For years and years. In the end, they quit looking and listening.

Not one call from a Super Being. Or any creatures more or less like ourselves, wanting to meet us.

Of course the odds were that among a million other Worlds there would be hundreds or thousands we could detect in today's "listening posts".

But nobody yet has stopped the evening TV news to break in with a story of phones ringing from Out There.

This was all the more puzzling because biologists had come into the act. Including famous researchers like Alexander Oparin, who assured the world that Space was swarming with chemical compounds such as form the basis of "beginning life". Trouble was, as more scientists observed all that raw stuff-of-life, more reported that life didn't seem to have begun anywhere.

Except here, on Earth.

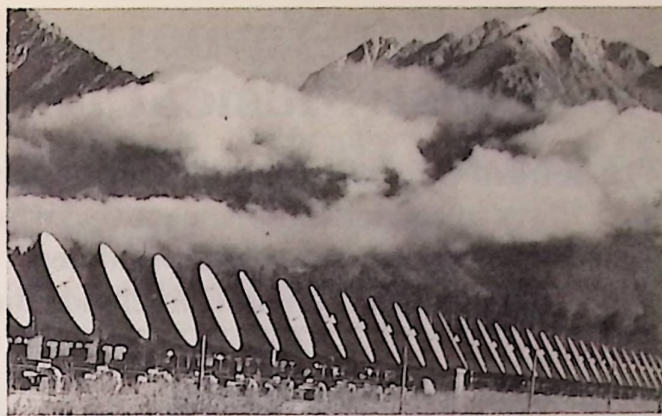
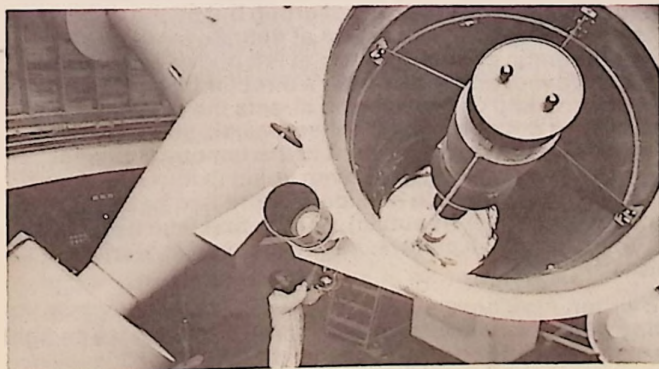
But quite a few believers in a Better Beyond just brushed off the facts. They even gave a name to those raw chemical ancestors: **proto-bionts**.

Sounded very scientific. Maybe proto-bionts even had sex? Or was sex reserved for advanced-bionts?

That's us. So if we bionts rose from **protos** to **advanced**, then why couldn't others do it?

It was only natural that Soviet scientists, like for example **Dr. Iosif Shklovsky**, should get up nerve enough to say flatly that the **Universe's Supreme Intelligence** is right there looking at you in the mirror!

Maybe not you personally, but all humanity.



So far we've reviewed mostly the situation that dates back to the beginning of CETI. A lot has happened since then.

One of the latest developments is from the Special Astrophysical Observatory of the USSR Academy of Sciences. They have the world's largest optical telescope. In December they surprised the research world by announcing that this super-scope is now searching the heavens to see if anyone is sending us **laser signals**.

Here's the point. Formerly, radio (short-wave) signals were the form of "communication" which CETI observers tried to detect. But calculations showed that laser beams, from whatever source (natural or "beings") would easily pack **100,000 times more speed** (units of intelligent messages, per second) than radio waves.

Try it a different way. Sending messages in *millionths of a second*, one laser transmitter within 24 hours can "contact" **millions of stars**.

Those scientists with their laser devices can "search" millions of possible planets in a single night. Indeed, by programming their system they can **call every night**, if desired, hoping for a response.

Again, the pessimists interrupt us. They point out that if Someone beamed a laser-signal at **our Sun**, hoping that in the solar system Someone else is listening ... what chance of that? Just remember, in our solar system **only Earth could respond**, since all the other planets are **totally dead**.

While Earth is teeming with billions of people, Mars and Venus don't even have one bacteria!

*We've come to the latest climax. . . .*

Dr. Roman Sorochenko, Soviet mathematical-physicist, has been exploring Space for those chemical compounds supposedly just waiting to burst into proto-biont life. But he narrowed down the search. The compound called **glycine** is the very elementary amino-acid which is absolutely essential to life. Now this substance can be identified by radio-wave telescopes. So?

So for **five years** Dr. Sorochenko and colleagues have been roaming the heavens looking for glycine.

Heavens, indeed. They've searched the incredibly gigantic molecular clouds of the Constellations Orion, Archer and V-51. Each of them covers distant space *stretching 10,000,000,000 kilometres across!*

You've got it. No glycine. No possible proto-bionts. No bacteria. No living thing.

You don't have to be prejudiced to realize that if there is **nothing to communicate with** in that stupendous chunk of our Universe, then the remainder is also empty.

Sorochenko communicates with us, all right.

"There is no evidence that we aren't alone in the Universe. More horrifying: every inhabitant of Earth is sitting on a powder-keg holding four tons of dynamite. The 50,000 nuclear warheads stockpiled on Earth can kill 12 times over all things living on our planet, and destroy four neighboring planets."

It's our historical-eternal responsibility to save Mankind, the unique supreme inhabitant of the Cosmos.



# Yakov Yavno: star of Jewish Musical Theatre

The Jews of Canada and USA have no theatre like this. Plays to capacity audiences everywhere it goes. Everybody wants to see and hear Yakov Yavno of the Jewish Homeland, Birobidjan.



Yavno is an accomplished dancer, and you see him here doing the "Freilechs" (Joy). It's part of their production "Lomir Ale Ineinem", meaning "Join Us".



In Soviet Georgia, where Musical Theatre is very popular and highly developed, they greeted Yavno enthusiastically. Noted Georgian film producer Paradzhanov (at right) threw a big party for the Musical Theatre cast.

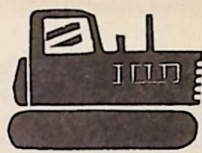


Above is a scene from Sholom Aleichem's classic "Teue the Milchiker". Produced not by the Musical group but by the Jewish Drama Theatre. By "freezing" the action at definite moments the actors achieve dramatic effects. The trio at left above are actress Pontyatovskaya, Yavno, and the theatre's director Irena Gasparyan. At left you see Yakov and Gubenko, who directs the drama theatre. Yakov Yavno had an unusual career. After a music school for children, in Minsk, Byelorussia, he went to the famous Gnesins Music College in Moscow. But after seven years in musical shows he learned in 1977, that a Jewish musical theatre had been formed in Birobidjan (Soviet Jewish Republic). For the first time he found himself immersed in Jewish culture. Yavno first had to learn to speak Yiddish!

"My favorite writer, Aleichem, said 'Joy is the best teacher'. The nucleus of any nation's culture is justice, good, and hope. Let's fight evil together and defend good. Let us save our children!"



# What will you be eating five years from now?



## years from now?

Considering the news, maybe we'll be lucky to eat at all. Facts show you why our media aren't eager to compare the food situation in Capitalism with eating in Socialism.

Quite soon there will be 6 billion (6,000,000,000) people here on Earth. And just 100 years later the "mouths to feed" will pass the 10 billion mark.

So it's only natural that concerned people in both our world systems are putting the question squarely: *can we feed that many people, can our farmers produce enough food to make 30 billion meals a day?*

Right now several hundred million people are very hungry or are dying of starvation.

Right here in prosperous Canada we get these newspaper stories (complete with photos) showing that **thousands** of adults and children hardly ever get enough to eat. To feed them, "food banks" are multiplying all across the country. This is a situation that bothers people whose eating problem is the opposite: *eating too much*.

First let's look at the basics of eating. The fact is that to go on living we must consume a certain minimum of **fats, carbohydrates and proteins**, plus vitamins, minerals.

Why? First, to supply the "fuel" we use up every day. Then, to build all the body tissues which are broken down (worn out) continuously.

For food-fuel we need fats, proteins and carbohydrates, in fairly well known amounts (depending somewhat on age and occupation). But for "rebuilding", our needs are more complex.

Reason for that is: our bodies have to **renew every cell more than 200 times during our lives**.

All our lives we must get proteins complete with some 20 amino-acids, the "building blocks" of cells. It's not enough to eat a certain **quantity** of food per day: the proteins must have the **necessary quality**.

That's why scientists concentrate their efforts on producing enough quality proteins to keep people reasonably healthy.

They're not doing this in kitchens run by master-chefs. Their main aim is to get proteins on the table (for 10 billion arriving eaters) in quantities to prevent famine.

- One way is to add pure proteins to familiar foods like meat, milk, bread.

- This can be done by extracting proteins from today's "food wastes", such as skim milk.

- Another way (already gaining popularity in USSR) is to make "fish products" (ready for cooking) from **small fish** (like Baltic herring) which don't appeal by themselves.

- Soviet biochemists have made "**synthetic sturgeon**" from small *capelin* fish, and some experts think this will become mass-produced in a few years, to increase quality protein consumption markedly.

- In several countries they're working on the "waste" of sunflower seed (after oil is extracted); and similar **cotton-seed waste**.

- Probably such protein additives will go first to **livestock**.

- Besides increasing our protein supplies, such products would raise **farming-profitability** notably.

In a quite different direction bio-

chemists are looking for food proteins in living organisms which we've never tried before: such as **algae** and even **one-celled plants**.

You needn't worry about someone serving you seaweed steak or plankton omelettes just yet. Chemistry has a real problem with a lot of "synthetic foods". Maybe they are rich in protein, but some of them are **deadly poisonous**.

And it's difficult to determine what's a poison and what isn't: the big Soviet institute working on this says it takes about **two years** to clear a new food substance.

Then again, the safest, most nutritious protein additives are usually . . . just **white powders**. Nobody wants to **sprinkle them** on their hamburgers or fried chicken!

Not all "artificial food" turns people away. Your editor tested Soviet "**black caviar**" made from sunflower seeds flavored with sturgeon roe. It's good and it's going into production.

They even have "ham" from soybean and "salmon" from shrimp-meat.

Recently the Soviet people have been reading of plans to greatly improve their daily diet. But not in terms of millions-of-this-or-that. They're planning now on actual foods-for-dinner.

Like this. In 1990 they'll be getting 70 kilograms of meat **per person per year**.

**Milk**, 330 litres. **265 eggs**. **127 kg of vegetables** and **68 kg of fruits and berries**.

You multiply those supplies by 2, 3, 5 people in your family, and you see what the dinner-table is going to look like.

This is very appealing to Soviet consumers, who can now "translate" farm production plans into what they're **actually going to eat**.

Already, Soviet people **eat better** in some respects than the wealthiest European countries. They get far more calories per day than the British, French, Netherlanders.

But their calories come from **too much bread and potatoes**.

Major changes have begun.

These changes are very impressive to dieticians over here. For example, in 1965 average Soviet people ate 41 kg of meat. By 1985 this had **soared to 61 kg per person**.

**Bread dropped** from 156 kg in 1965 to 134 kg last year.

This dietary improvement leads them to predict that by 1990 (just three years to go) their food-on-the-table will measure up to the "ideal" diet of world nutritionists.

So the average Soviet family can confidently expect to serve on the table, around 1992, 82 kg of meat **per person**. A very big increase over 1985 (61 kg). Especially when you think of their whole population, which will then be over 290,000,000 people.

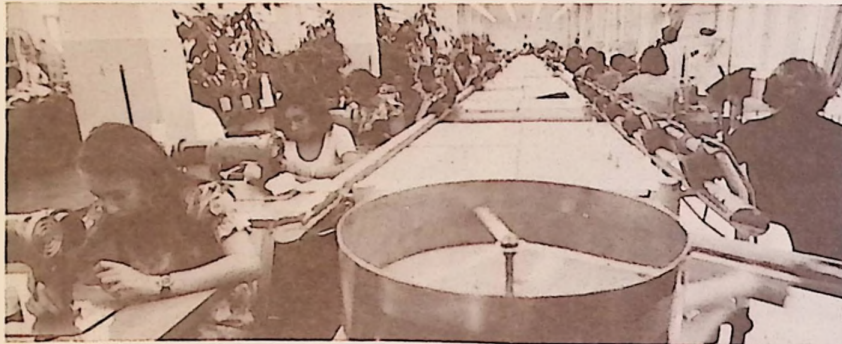
You might try that from the farmer's viewpoint. In just five years, Socialism's farms will be supplying stores with **19 kg more vegetables per person**. That will be roughly **5,500 billion kilograms more** than this year!

If you still think in **pounds**, that increase is some **five million tons more vegetables** for their tables.



# How goes the "Women's Movement"?

Possibly you've forgotten that 77 years ago this March 8 women gathered in Copenhagen and decided to celebrate Women's International Day every year on that date. But now we have two women's worlds, Capitalism and Socialism. Interesting to see how the systems measure up in the two major powers.



After smouldering for some years the struggle for "women's rights" is blazing up again in Canada and USA, as our economic situation deteriorates and workers' rights in general come under attack.

What our media never tell us is that the "women's problem" has again come to the fore in the Soviet Union also, and you'd never believe what they're doing about it. We'll see. First...

- Everywhere, the main problem is that women bear a **double burden** in modern society: they work at a job and they try to bring up a family of children.

- But recently working women have cut down on child-bearing so that a one-child family is now common; some have two children, but a **third child now is rare**.

- This is serious for society, because it leads to **population decrease**.

- This problem is becoming acute in USSR because in Socialism the very big majority of women have jobs, which most of them regard as essential for happiness.

However, scientific studies of the situation lead Soviet sociologists to "divide" the women of USSR into three main groupings.

It's interesting to note that in Socialism they don't divide women according to any "psychological" or sexist rules, but strictly according to their real position in social, economic life.

And they don't view women in the light of a "theory" but solely as they are in Soviet life.

**First.** Women who devote themselves to a profession (science, art, theatre, medicine). They're **fully equal to men** and nobody in USSR expects them to spend hours a day doing household work. There are **not many** such women yet.

**Second.** The "backbone" of Socialism, are the great majority of women who **hold jobs and bring up a family also**. Without them, production would slump, society would crumble.

**Third.** Making up about a quarter of all Soviet women, these wives and mothers work **only because the family needs their income**.

Close study of these types convinces Soviet experts that **all women must be considered equal**, and their differing problems need **very careful attention**.

In Socialism this translates as *what help can society give them?*

How to change society in order to give all women **maximum benefits** that "fit" their personalities?

Some of the practical measures already widely applied in USSR you have seen described here in NN.

For example, **paid leave from the job is extended to 18 months**, during childbirth. Many women can now work **shorter hours**. Day-care for pre-schoolers will soon be available to every mother.

With many **millions** of women (and their families) involved, you can appreciate that Socialism will have to budget **billions of dollars** for women's "rights".

The Women's Councils effectively ended that kind of "action" with their stress on real situations.



It is easier now to compare the position of women in USSR and USA because at last the leading capitalist nation has been able to make about half of its available jobs open for women. This historic advance is what raises so sharply the issue of women's "rights".

In Socialism, the situation is clear-cut. The Soviet Constitution specifies flatly that **women and men have equal rights.** This is backed up by equal pay, equal educational opportunities, equal promotion on the job.

In Capitalism, the 200-year-old Constitution of the USA **still does not make any provision for equality of women with men.**

Indeed, an amendment to end this situation came up in 1982 but was **defeated!**

A look at government reveals the *effects* of women's "no rights" status. There are some 24 women in the U.S. Congress (4 percent).

**Tanya and Nadya are helicopter pilots, but manage to have families and also get their hair styled.**





## You may not believe what Socialism has in mind for women, in the new Plans just drawn up



While the USSR has 492 women in its Supreme Soviet (Parliament), or about one-third of the total.

Another aspect of "rights" you can see by looking at the jobs USA women now hold. According to official Washington figures, eight out of ten women working in USA hold the lowest paid positions, mostly in "services" and stores. Only 14 percent of USA scientists are women.

In Socialism, 40 percent of their scientists are women. Far over half of all doctors in USSR are women, whereas only 12-in-100 MD's in USA are women.

How far the struggle for equality still has to go, in USA, can be seen in the "wages problem". That problem is very simple. For equal work, equal training, equal seniority and all other job factors, USA women draw **one-third less pay** than the men beside them.

Even *Time* magazine explains this as a reflection of the community's attitude to women.

*U.S. News*, stalwart defender of Free Enterprise, admits that "the gap between what men and women earn hasn't changed much in 50 years."

*Science* magazine, a high-prestige journal, has just published a long study (Vol. 232, April 86) which concludes that "the economic well-being of women (in USA) in comparison with that of men **did not improve between 1959 and 1983**".

No wonder that the media in USA now mention, without batting an eye, that in modern Capitalism *poverty has become feminized*.

Two reasons. Women who work get paid less than men. Women who don't work are **unemployed** far more often and longer than men in the same occupations.

The Bible needs changing to read *The poor women ye have always with you*".

The first stage in radically improving woman's position in Socialism will be giving all working women **six month's leave of absence before childbirth**, with no cut in pay.

Then, mothers should **stay at home with tots** until they are **three years old**, also with full pay.

Finally, working women should be on part time, full pay, until their kids are ten years old. With the youngsters in nursery or school facilities during those years.

These proposals raise another question in USSR: what about women who want to devote **full time** to their children, but can't do without the income from a job?

However, surveys show that such mothers are, today, **few and far between**. Because the great majority of Soviet wives want to be **financially independent of their husbands**, with their own spending money (and money for the children as well).

Just as important: women in Socialism are proud of their working-record, which guarantees them **maximum eligible pensions** on retirement. They aren't attracted by the prospect of doing nothing more for society than run a kind of private family day nursery.

The new proposals take this into account: a mother drawing maximum "benefits" for children would still have **ten years of full-time work on the job**, before leaving permanently on pension.

Two facts stand out in latest discussion of these proposals. First, no simple "decrees" are going to solve the complex economic and personal questions involved.

What would be the reaction over here, if such huge sums were provided for women's problems?



Second, to finance the maximum benefits involved in these plans to "liberate" working mothers, Socialism would have to advance considerably ahead of today's production and service levels.

The **immediate prospect**, however, is feasible in the nearest future: millions of workers will be "released" by automation, which will make it possible for millions of working mothers to go on **shorter and shorter work shifts**.

Many Soviet sociologists believe that as working mothers are given more time at home, they will tend to have **more children**. So the return of the "big family" is by no means unlikely in USSR. This is already being discussed in hundreds of the new Women's Councils.

And frank talk reveals that many "modern" girls would welcome a chance to have 3, 5, 10 children.



**One Soviet woman's answer to problems: Muazzam Irnazareva (front row center, with medals) with her huge family (and grand-children) totalling 100, celebrating her 50th year as a truck driver on the hazardous mountain roads of the Caucasus.**



# Better Weather? Or still worse? Or for WAR?!

You've seen the prediction of ecologists that Earth's temperature is **creeping up**. USSR scientists say that in the northern hemisphere the rise already is one-third degree.

By the year 2000 we'll be 1.5 degrees warmer. And in 2050 average temperatures may go up 3 to 4 degrees.

Seems small, but the **effects** will be very great. And the **cause** was described first by Soviet researchers, in the '70s. Carbon dioxide gas *pollution*, from burning fuels in power plants and cars, is forming a kind of cover over Earth, letting the sun's heat in but preventing it from **escaping into space**, as it normally should.

You know they call this "*the greenhouse effect*".

According to this view, in our part of the world we'll get milder winters and drier summers. Summers in the Arctic will be a bit warmer, and tropical climates will spread somewhat northward.

So not to worry?

Wait until after year 2000. Then the "greenhouse" will begin to get **wetter**, in our regions, while farther south farmers will be fighting **serious droughts**.

Soviet and other weather-predictors say Earth's climate should **improve** in another century or so. It'll be so much better in most places that the United Nations will have to step in and introduce planet-wide controls, so farming can adjust to the changes.

"Adjust" really means controlling water supplies, which will increase greatly in some areas and shrivel up in places where rainfall is now abundant.

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You find an **absolutely different view**, of weather's future, presented by scientists who have been studying **Earth's past**, in terms of weather.

Very great weather changes have taken place in thousands of years gone by. No man-made pollution then, no "greenhouse" effect.

Putting aside complex geological theories, the main thing here is that Earth's weather has markedly changed in **regular cycles**. Time and again. Even when Earth was not affected by such drastic periods as the Ice Ages. *Wetter-and-colder* alternating with *warmer-and-drier*.

What caused that? The fact that our Earth does **not** keep on revolving around the Sun in absolutely regular patterns, but **wobbles in its orbit**.

Very slightly. But enough to change the amount of sunlight falling on different areas of our planet, at different times of the year. *This changes our climates*.

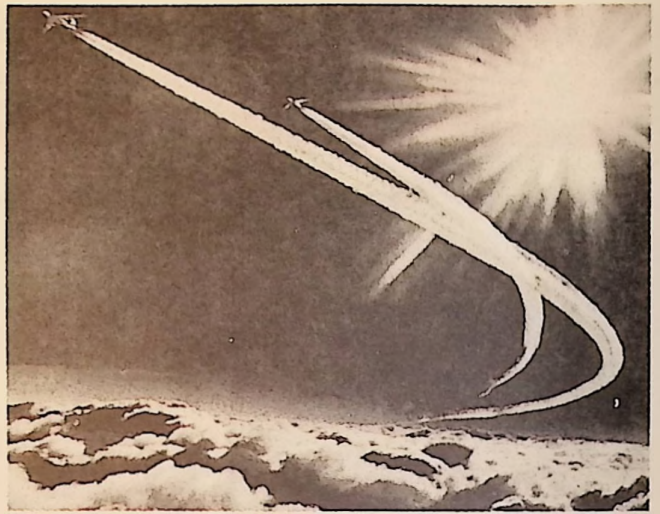
So far the evidence (from studying the beds of big lakes) shows that the "wobble cycle" of Earth's climate hasn't changed much for 100 or 200 million years.

So, it seems you can count on steadily changing weather *not caused by any of Man's activities*, like burning coal and gasoline.

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Latest word from USSR is that our planet's present orbit cycle is going to make weather **very unstable**.

More heavy rains, snowfalls, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes. Harsh winters plus dry summers in northern regions.



**You find good news also.** Pollution isn't going to make much difference. The "greenhouse" won't melt Earth's ice caps and cause planetary disasters. Weather is basically controlled by cosmic influences, including Earth's wobbling, and changes "back and forth" over thousands of years.

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You should note two recent discoveries.

- Although the Earth wobbles only slightly, this has **big effects** on the way our planet gets solar energy on different areas of land, water and ice.

- Our planet's shifting in orbit follows a regular cycle of **some 23,000 years**. So nothing drastic is going to change say between now and the year 2987.

Anyway, what could we do to stop it?

Unfortunately, changing the weather *to cause mass destruction and death* is a possibility which appeals to the same types who buy Star Wars.

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You know what a **tornado** can do. Well, a mid-size **nuclear bomb** equals a tornado's energy.

The **biggest nuclear bombs** can release energy as great as a devastating **hurricane**.

Already, for *peaceful purposes*, scientists are exerting controlling influences on hurricanes. Making rainfall in very effective ways. Stopping hail storms. Halting huge avalanches before they get started.

These developments lead some scientists to predict that **fundamentally new methods of warfare** are coming.

Hurricanes could wipe out land forces. Fleets of warships. Vital airfields.

Landslides could easily block large rivers and cause catastrophic damage.

Already considered by some research teams: changing rainfall patterns over considerable periods, to block sunshine and thus ruin crops. Longer-term effects: permanently eroding the soil of vital farm regions, and ruining forests.

Sounds too far out? *Consider what the USA's armed forces did in the Vietnam war.*

With mass bombing raids, fleets of tremendous bulldozers, chemical defoliants and plant-killers, they left vast areas of farmland useless. One project used **90,000 tons** of chemical land-and-crop poisons.

Here's a typical "imaginative" weapon: specially designed nuclear bomb (or a chain of them) to be exploded along the "continental shelf" (coastline) of the victim country, causing a vast weight of land to slide into the sea. Resulting tidal waves would do immeasurable damage.

The USSR has proposed an international agreement on the **prohibition** of developing any and every "weather weapon".



# Another kind of farewell for BREZHNEV

**Leonid Brezhnev died five years ago. Not only is the man being reviewed again but his Socialist nation, his Communist Party also. Contrary to what our media told us, there was no "attack" on the man. See for yourself.**

On the 80th anniversary of Brezhnev's birth the Soviet people were reminded of many things about his life.

His career began as a young boy working in a Ukraine steel mill. After the Socialist Revolution he studied agriculture and worked helping the new Collective Farms (Co-Ops) to get started.

He went back into the steel mill but took up metallurgy in a college. His term in the Red Army was served out in Trans-Baikal. When he was 25 he joined the Communist Party and soon held responsible positions.

Came the greatest test in Socialism's history: the war to smash the fascist invader. Brezhnev's record you might say is "simple". From the day the conflict started in July 1941 until the fighting ended at Berlin in 1945, Brezhnev was in the army, right in the field.

His name is forever associated with the Battle for Novorossiisk. An encircled Soviet position (Novorossiisk Bay) came to be known as *Little Land*. Soldiers and sailors performed almost incredible feats of bravery smashing the Nazis, and the Soviet forces were led, politically and morally by the head of the Army's "Political Department", Brezhnev.

He then did similar work at the fronts in Rostov-on-Don, Kerch, Ukraine.

Later Brezhnev moved forward with Soviet forces to liberate Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary.

So it was only natural that Leonid Brezhnev led a section of the Victory Parade in Moscow's Red Square in 1945. (You may recall the picture of him in this magazine).

The Communist Party assigned him to the very difficult work of reconstruction. He was in the leadership in the rebuilding of the huge Zaporozhstal Steel Mills and the totally destroyed Dnieper Power Plant in Ukraine, heading the Communist Party organizations there.

In the 'fifties Leonid Brezhnev directed a vast project that succeeded, despite mountains of ridicule in the West: bringing into cultivation the so-called **Virgin Lands**, the great untilled prairies of Kazakhstan. Today these farms supply the Soviet people with remarkable harvests of grain (and now also meat).

Little known is the fact that the Party assigned Brezhnev to the task of preparing for the world's first flights into Space, with astonishing success.

In 1957 he was elected to the Central Committee's "Presidium". His work there saw him elected President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet in 1960.

In October 1964 he became the First Secretary of the Party's Central Committee. Just two years later the leadership chose him to be General Secretary of the Central Committee, the post commonly known as "The Leader of the USSR". He remained Leader until his death.

What do the Soviet people, including their millions of Communist Party members, think of Leonid Brezhnev's accomplishments in the 16 years of his top leadership?

First, in this period the Soviet Union made great advances in economy, culture, and social achievements in general.



At the same time the USSR scored historic progress in defensive military fields, once and for all limiting imperialism (led by USA) with its plans for nuclear war against Socialism.

At the same time the USSR also promoted with real success the program of *detente* in world affairs, the trend to lessening confrontation and improving cooperation.

Sad to say, the last years of Leonid Brezhnev's life were featured by **serious negative developments**.

- Reports, resolutions, programs, etc., gave highly optimistic views of Socialism's progress.

- Actually, the economy was slowing down, there was obvious need to speed production, using the latest achievements of science and technology.

- But management and the Party hung on to worn-out "formulas" belonging to an earlier period, and there was a spirit of satisfaction with the way things were going.

- In the 'seventies and early 'eighties the effects of all this were serious: Socialism's growth-rates began to turn downward. But few were concerned about this and many even denied it.

Those who raised these problems were faced with a "don't bother me" attitude; plus systematic covering-up of failures; plus officials at all levels who were either incompetent or conscious deceivers.

Many Party officials extended these dangerous attitudes to the broad Party membership, through "propaganda" work that was shamelessly untruthful. Self-criticism was rarely encountered.

However, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union has a huge membership, and a record of fearless approaches to serious problems. So by the time Brezhnev died (1982) millions of members were becoming aroused.

Under the leadership of Andropov and Chernenko the Central Committee began to analyse the situation more and more profoundly. By the spring of 1985, the Party membership, and the whole Soviet people, were ready for decisive changes. In the April 1985 Plenary Meeting of the Party's Central Committee a sweeping new program was adopted for the swift advance of Socialism in all phases of Soviet life.

This was approved by the historic 27th Congress. And since then, fundamental changes in the USSR have become the whole new Program that is associated with the work of Mikhail Gorbachov.

For those Readers who would like to "preserve history" we recommend Brezhnev's **Trilogy**, Publication No. 352, \$3.00. And Gorbachov's **Second Coming of Socialism**, No. 273, 95 cents.

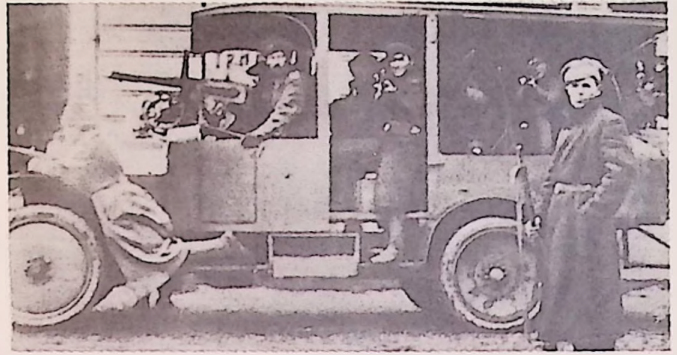


# From the albums of the Revolution

Now in 1987 we turn back the pages 70 years



Guards at the Smolny Institute, where Lenin set up the "high command" of the Socialist Revolution. The guards were soldiers, farmers, intellectuals devoted to the defense of Soviet Power.



With some of the oldest trucks in the world at that time, the Soviet people overcame Czarist forces and quickly established stable government in Moscow and Leningrad (Petersburg). Who took this photo?



Historic "action shot" captured the very moment when revolutionary soldiers drove the Czarist forces out of their stronghold. It's obvious that some violent shelling took place, in both directions.



One year later, November 7, 1918, the people came out for a victorious anniversary demonstration.



At right: All over the nation Soviet leaders launched "propaganda-agitation" boats and trains. The great majority of the people were illiterate, but they crowded into cruise-ships like this to see pictures, posters, hear speakers explain why they were defending the greatest revolution in human history.



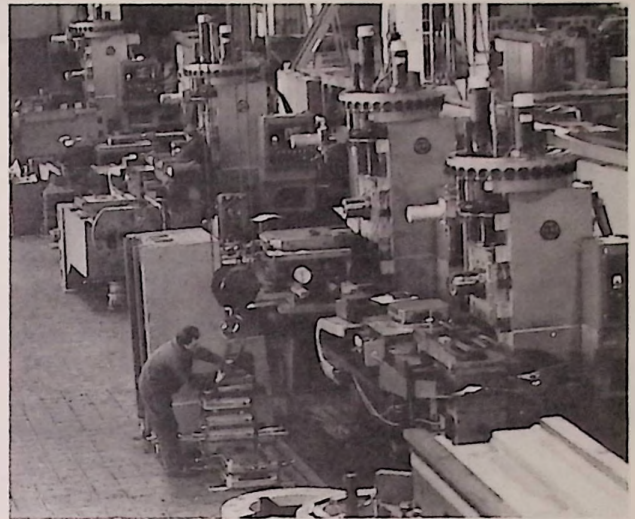


# How Trade is bringing out the Truth

If you read the "financial" pages of your daily paper, you must have been startled to see a year-end report of Associated Press. Not only did analyst Carl Hartman admit that in some fields Soviet technology is far superior; he also reported on big USA monopolies buying the latest machines and processes developed in USSR.

But the truth, the whole truth, must have been too much for Associated Press to swallow. Readers of 'NN' will be glad to see what was left out.

And you may have friends who can do with a little factual information to counter-act their scepticism about what you've been telling them.



Lately, our media have been twisting developments in the USSR to make Socialism's changes look as if that system is really sick. The distortion is simple enough. New advances in the Soviet Union are all aimed at *speeding up* their progress, but the West "reports" this as if progress had stopped before now.

Usually the media prefer to play on the theme that Soviet high-technology is away behind ours. This adds weight to the old, old story about Socialism being "backward".

*How untruthful can you get?*

In the past five years the USSR has sold to USA companies three times more patent licenses than Soviet enterprises have bought in USA.

Another striking fact: for some years now the USSR has registered almost half of all the industrial inventions in the world. Two-and-a-half times more than credited to the USA.

It's well known that Italy is one of the leaders in high-technology. Well, some 300 big plants in Italy keep ahead of the competition because, for one thing, they use 8,000 super-productive Soviet machine tools.

So who is "stealing" high-technology? Of course the Italians aren't stealing, they're happy to buy Soviet inventions; and not only the ideas but the actual machinery built to Soviet specifications.

So who knows what gives in Italy? Turn to companies closer to home. The giant Dupont and Dow chemical monopolies profitably use Soviet processes.

So does Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp.

So does 3-M (Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing).

Other world-renowned producers use Soviet steel processes. Electric-power generators. Plants in the petroleum industry. Radically advanced electronic devices for prospecting for oil and metals.

One really humorous disclosure by Associated Press was the fact that "electro-slag welding", developed by the famous Paton Institute in Kiev, is now used in USA metallurgical plants to produce cheaper and better barrels for guns!

*So who's "stealing" defense secret-technology?*

Want another laugh? Surgeons in the USA armed forces now use the "stapling gun" developed in USSR, for saving the lives of wounded soldiers, sailors and airmen. From Reagan's "evil empire"!

And NN has reported before on the thousands of people in USA whose eyesight has been restored by the famous Soviet "short sight" operation.

Not very exciting, perhaps, but the scene in our photo reveals what's been going on in world technology since 1978. That year, engineers and workers of the huge Ivanovo Machine Building centre exhibited their super-lathes in Hanover, West Germany. And the orders began to pour in.

This is a true Socialist victory, since the Ivanovo plant has worked closely with plants in Bulgaria.

In fact some 30 Bulgarian factories, using the most advanced electronics, have cooperated with Ivanovo to produce three highly advanced *machining centers* of a kind seen in very few plants outside the Socialist world.

As you read this a Soviet-Bulgarian "Association" is introducing still newer machining systems capable of **fifty percent higher output** than the best now on the world market.

In fact, the equipment coming from "backward" Socialism is so far forward that single centers can handle high-speed machining, drilling, grinding. The heaviest steels or fine light woods. Large or small batch production. Laser controlled. Robot equipped.

All unprecedented in Western world practice.

This doesn't often happen in the world of science and engineering. But when it does, it *stinks*. Even giving it the smell of anti-Sovietism doesn't help to remove the foulness of this dirty trick.

It goes by the innocent name of "Theory of Electromagnetic Waves".

That's a book recently published in USA. Author is a Professor Chen of Ohio.

In it Chen claims to have discovered a very technical method called "non-coordinate approach" (to electro-magnetism).

This very valuable discovery was made **more than thirty years ago** by the famous Soviet scientist Fyodor Fyodorov.

Not one word in Chen's book mentions the truth. But Chapters 3-to-6 are copied straight from two of Fyodorov's papers!

Cleverly, Chen included in his book no references (as is always done in such works). *Because the only references possible are those of Dr. Fyodorov.*

This theft is one of the biggest and most shameless in the history of science.

Apparently Chen has discovered a new technique for "eliminating" Soviet research. It may work in Ohio but not in the rest of the world.



# Their BEST Half?

USSR is only country where  
people are women  
than men. Greeting



Ainek Tentiyeva (right) heads the Soviet (Council) in her Kirghiz village. By profession, a teacher. Here she discusses local problems in the library.



Olga Lander, photographer-officer in the war, had 1500 of her front-line photos published, for which USSR and other lands awarded her top decorations.



Mrs. Gorbachov and...  
about most import



Svetlana Sozaeva (left) and Irina Yadykina are skilled assemblers at the Nalchik plant in Kabardino-Balkari Autonomous Republic.



Olga Danilova is proud to teach her native Evenk language, which, in printed form, did not exist until the coming of Socialism. Her pupils live in a boarding school in Siberia while parents are away.



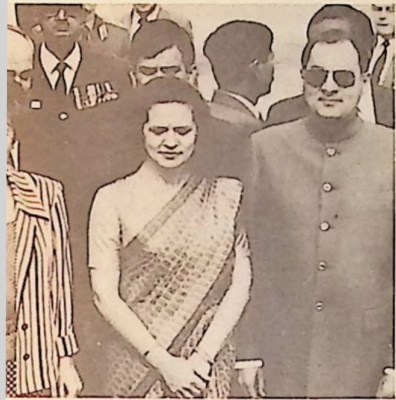
(Right) Pecherkina Lyudmilla chose to work in a big new fish "factory" in her native Shikotan Island (out in Sakhalin Region, Pacific). Her plant has big plans for this and next 5-Year period.



Famed ballerina Ulanova celebrated her 75th birthday at a special performance of Swan Lake at "her" theatre, the Bolshoi.



try in the world where half the working  
 . In some fields they're more important  
 gs on International Woman's Day, March 8!



and Mrs. Gandhi were able to talk  
 out problems in the world.



Natalia Gellert (center) is of German  
 birth but grew up in USSR: famed as a  
 tractor expert.

(Left) Father of Shanlybeyev girls is a  
 shepherd so the youngsters go to a  
 boarding-school.



Lyudmilla Gurchenko could be the  
 greatest of Soviet film stars, but  
 she's also a singer who heads their  
 lists. Rocketed to fame while still a  
 student in Movie College. Starred in  
 many films and TV shows.

(Right) Women of Alksenai  
 Co-Op Farm (Lithuania) set  
 up very productive "plant"  
 for processing sheep skin  
 and wool. Today they're  
 able to handle 3,800 prime  
 skins per year, with  
 machines the farm bought.  
 Very profitable for the  
 Co-Op.



Dr. Anita Caune is a  
 pioneer, in USSR, of  
 childbirth in which the  
 husband is present. Her  
 theory is that in modern life  
 men need to feel more  
 important, at a time when  
 their wives are becoming  
 ever more independent.  
 Childbirth can strengthen  
 marriage.



Maria Biyesheva is a member of the  
 Supreme Soviet, and Lenin Prize  
 winner. Seen here with her mother in  
 the Kremlin.



Svetlana Vakhromeyeva is still a  
 college student but she already  
 works with tiny tots, her chosen field.



Olga Vladykina (right) is setting new records in sprint and relay. For  
 third time women's team (men's also) of USSR have won the  
 coveted World Cup.



# Soviet people Speak up on

# HUMAN RIGHTS



(Left) Nikolai Sharin, age 29, told our interviewer that he's a team leader in a Gorky factory (he's a welder). He's 100 percent for the new drive for "openness" in Soviet life. He says they always had the right to criticize, but the difference now is that measures are taken to correct faults exposed. Knowing this he feels more important. "The right to feel important, that I'm master of my country."

(Right) Vladimir Terletsky (25) is a taxi driver. He thinks the advance of Socialism is inevitable, part of the system. Like: they rose from a desperate housing situation after the war to pretty good housing supply now, but it's rapidly improving. We're getting the right to have a modern apartment with all conveniences. That's an important right to me.



(Left) Alexander Reshetnikov (58) is an important executive in a big Soviet firm. He thinks everything in USSR is okay now. "Absolutely no need to seek new forms of democracy". He's not happy about all the "fault-finding" today, in the Soviet press.

(Right) Olesya Astakhova and Sergei Bogdanov are both 20. Students. Quite sure Soviet people have all the rights they want. But its another thing to use all those rights. I see some who work hard and get less money than others who care less. Much room for improvement in that area.



(Left) Clara Solonovich (49) is a biologist. She sees some obstacles to human rights in USSR but thinks they're caused by people not exerting themselves to assure that their rights are used. What prevents people from enjoying all rights is the view that the problem can be passed off on to managers, executives, a privileged few. This way of thinking hampers the advance of democracy in Socialism. But Soviet people have been vested with vast rights in using democracy. If they don't use them it's not the fault of our system but people's inertia.



(Above) Lena Smirnova, 16, graduates from high school next year. I hope to go to college. The right to free education is one we can enjoy to the limit of our abilities. Makes us feel the state is very much concerned with our ambitions. I am quite free to go to college or get a job.



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# Teen-agers for Nursing

Anya Zolotukhina tells us that she decided to take up nursing even with two more years of high school ahead.

She was lucky to be admitted to the Moscow Medical School, because of her good marks in high school and favorable interview with the Med School staff.

Her class is age 12-15, with 35 girls in all.

Besides nursing courses she must complete her high school.

Courses are rather tough: literature, mathematics, chemistry, English (or French, German), biology, history, physics, anatomy and physical-training. Maths and anatomy are both on an advanced level, with 6 hours classes per week.

Anya is impatient because with all the regular high school courses she won't be able to start "practical" nursing until her second year.

Actually, she'll be doing mostly high school studies for two years; only in her third year will she begin hospital classes conducted by doctors.

Her day is very full. She lunches in the canteen. For about 75 cents she can have salad, soup, chops or fish, fruit or fruit juices.

There isn't much time for recreation like movies, though they're available.

The girls don't like to decide on any "speciality" in their first two years. Most of them want to be operating-room nurses, but some like the challenges of visiting-nurse or infant care.

Incidentally, there are 600 in the school at any one time, but only 60 of them are boys. They plan to be para-medics.

Anya really loves her courses. One reason: teachers treat the pupils as mature young people and not as kids.

Her full course takes two-and-a-half years. None of the pupils have any worries about getting jobs: more are waiting than grads to fill them.

After graduating, Anya could apply to the Medical Institute for registration in a full doctor's course.



Life-size models introduce the girls to anatomy, without bodies.



Realistic "bodies" start them on treatments.



This is nothing like playing with toy dolls.



Operating on a dummy can be very realistic.

That's a distinctive feature of Soviet professional-nursing education: the girls who show finest abilities, and want to continue, can move right on into medical-student course. This is how most Soviet doctors are trained. The advantage of going through nursing, first, is obvious.

And the very latest decision is to limit medical students to those who have been nurses or have done para-medical work (as in ambulances and resuscitation centres). The purpose is to restrict the medical profession to people who have shown, "on the job", that they are dedicated to saving life and not merely out to join a prestigious profession.



# They're going to PAY their sports people

When their Red Army team played against NHL hockey stars in Quebec, nobody even thought that if our side hadn't been on high wages they'd have played better hockey. And hardly anybody believed that the Soviets were amateurs, living off other jobs they held. However, among Socialist sports fans money has long been a dirty word. To be a "real" sportsman or woman you had to be "amateur", not professional. Look at Rudolph Povarnitsyn here, breaking the world record. Who pays him? Does he beg with a tin cup so he can eat and support his family?



The very thought of Socialism *paying* its athletes is enough to make some fans froth at the mouth. That attitude is now being attacked in USSR for what it is: **hypocrisy, deceit.**

Millions read a newspaper article that started out with *theatres, not stadiums.*

Would anybody go to the *Bolshoi* to see *Romeo & Juliet* danced by a cast of amateur kids? Ridiculous. The world's best ballet is performed by **professionals.** The better they are, the higher their pay. Everyone knows that.

Now millions are arguing that *hockey* and *football* are no different to theatre. Players are actors. Stadiums are stages. Coaches are directors. The best teams pack the seats to watch . . . *professionals.*

This makes the pure-in-heart simply furious. But at long last they're having to face **the truth.**

The "Metallist" football stars are never seen inside a steel plant. The "Sailors" never go aboard a ship. What "Kievans" work for the Council of that city?

We might as well face it. This hot question has blazed up over there because their big sports leagues are *in financial trouble.* As sports events grow more complex, and expensive, the budgets of the "amateur" teams are coming under close scrutiny. Athletes are asking sharp questions.

If top ballet stars get paid more than chorus dancers, why shouldn't hockey and football and track and swim stars get comparable wages or bonuses?

**Socialism says it:** *From each according to his ability, to each according to his work.*

If you think sports people don't **work,** try training and playing yourself!

You're asking **how** they finance their top sports people and teams today? *Better not ask.* Fans (and players) are up in arms over the complex and largely deceitful methods used to pay for sports that are called **amateur** but are in practice really **professional.**

One big beef is that there is no "guiding principle" involved. A club or league **pays what it can,** depending on a wide variety of incomes and expenses, including a big slice of profit that must be paid into City Councils which, in theory, operate the big stadiums.

In case you are wondering if there is something seriously wrong with Soviet sport, you should keep in mind two facts.

1. The whole problem **slowly developed** over years, as Socialism rose from small-time athletics into world class (including Olympics) sports. And USSR has had the habit of brushing such things under the political rug.

2. Nobody is proposing that sports in Socialism should be turned over to "free enterprise", with "owners" raking in millions. But they are now drawing up a **scientific economic basis** for operating sports as a vital part of the Socialist system, with "management" far more independent (concentrated on sources of income, remuneration, public).

Even such practical questions as *injuries* of athletes, and their disability-pensions, are now frankly faced.

Soviet people welcome this. But they can't help asking themselves *Why have sports people been "second class"?*

Why do movie stars, popular singers, famous writers, get paid **according to their work,** while athletes have long been left to get by as best they could?

**Fame alone** was supposed to be their reward. This is pure **hypocrisy.** Stars of the Soviet stage, screen and TV certainly don't get paid in "fame money"!

You'll appreciate that this new development is going to have a very stimulating effect on sports in Socialism.

As you know from their hockey, they haven't been doing all that bad. In 1986 their national football team rated the highest ever. And besides, the Kievan team hit many headlines with its new approach: rapidly advancing young players. Even before that, the Kievans won the USSR championship twelve years running.

Tens of millions of Soviet people closely follow football. The whole nation is split up into fans who work themselves into a frenzy for Moscow Dynamo, Spartak, Torpedo.

This past year saw Moscow Dynamo revived from a long, disastrous slump. A new coach, Eduard Malofeyev, achieved a miracle with many young players, taking his team to within a goal or two of the national championship.

Let's put it coolly: **Who is going to reward Malofeyev?** How are his brilliant young trainees going to fare?

The whole problem of who is a *professional* and who is an *amateur,* in today's world-class sports, absolutely must be answered soon.

Just take the question of **promoting sports.** They're doing it, **for the public and the players,** in a big way in Soviet football. A new tournament system is giving hundreds of "second string" players a chance to go for the top, in a greatly extended game schedule planned just for them and the fans.

**Millions more stadium seats will be sold** (Did somebody mention *roubles?*).

**NN** welcomes your views on this controversial topic.





# No more bedtime pills



Millions are addicted to sleeping-drugs. They'd make big gains in health using these Soviet cures.

Countless people spend their evenings more-or-less motionless watching TV.

Usually, their minds are "soaked" in loud sounds (noises) for hours on end.

If they don't bury themselves in the programs on the screen (usually dramatic or violent) then they get away from it all with a favorite magazine or book.

These three influences on the brain-and-body pretty well guarantee that *sleep won't come* when bedtime arrives.

If you've ever suffered from insomnia you can sympathize with the victims who toss and turn for hours. Feeling as if they've never slept a wink all night. Then waiting for the first glimmer of daylight, telling them that a long day's work lies ahead.

The "remedy" for this is well known to almost everyone.

**Sleeping pills.** Either the strong kind prescribed by your doctor or the weaker ones you can get the druggist to sell you.

Two big dangers to this.

— Sleeping pills are **addictive**, and when you get hooked on them you're in trouble.

— Using narcotics to put you to sleep is a sure way to **weaken your health** and open the way to all kinds of chronic ills.

And the opposite is true. Break the sleeping-pill habit and you give your health a big boost.

After checking with several Soviet specialists NN passes on to you the "methods" they most often recommend to fight insomnia "pilessly".

- During the work-week go to bed at 10 or **no later than 10:30.**

- Sleep with an **open window** that ventilates the bedroom well.

- In the evening never snack on **anything with fat in it**, or anything that's obviously not easy to digest; very many attacks of insomnia start with evening eating.

- For half an hour or more before you go to bed, **don't watch TV**, or get into any **emotional discussion**, whether the talk is about good things or bad (your mind gets excited both ways).

- Sleep in lightest clothing you can, and **pay attention to your pillow**, which should cause no tensions at all in your neck.

- **DON'T TAKE ANY PILLS WHATSOEVER**, before going to bed; if necessary take prescriptions earlier; almost every medicine in the book has some effect on the mind, and that's a guarantee of toss-and-turn.

Now for a question that we might have started out with. Please consider it carefully now.

This is the really "personal" thing about Soviet treatments.

If doctors in USSR had their way, the term "insomnia" would be dropped. The truth is that sleep problems afflict millions, **in many, many different ways.**

Some can't get to sleep. Others suffer sleep disturbances. Some lose hours of sleep every night. Others "worry themselves wide awake" by fearing that their sleeplessness is ruining their health.

Your problem is **different?**

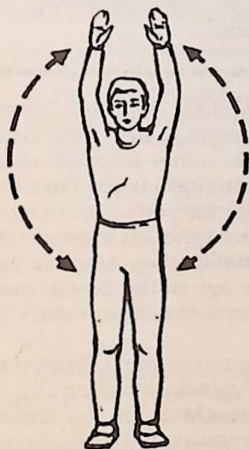
Not to worry. The simple methods we've outlined here will cure just about every "insomniac" known.

But two more things also work.

— Before going to bed sip a glass of warm milk **sweetened with a teaspoon of honey.** Milk contains nature's own prescription, the chemical tryptophan.

— Millions in USSR praise **night-time tea made with hops.** Try to get hops in a health or herb store, or wherever they sell beer-making kits. One to two teaspoons, add boiling water, let it cool and settle for five minutes, then sip it, and feel sleepy, you hope.

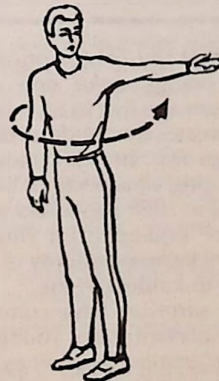
While a great many people find that a half-hour walk outdoors beats any sleeping pill, we have here Soviet **indoor "sleep exercises"**.



Stand and swing arms up and forward, then down to legs, then forward and up again, and down.

The point is to do this very smoothly and easily, no jerking.

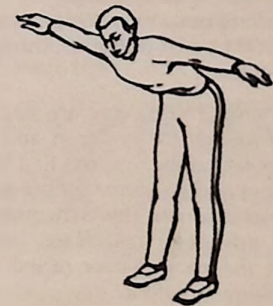
Breathe easily, but no forcing, just as you need it. You're not supposed to "exert" yourself.



Stand and swing your left arm up while twisting body to left (easily, no strains). Lower the left arm to original position (at side of body).

Now repeat with right arm.

Should not be done so strenuously that it deepens your breathing.



Stand, swing one arm forward, other backward, and bend body slightly. Straighten up. Then repeat with arms in other direction.

Each of these three exercises should be repeated four times, and done smoothly, easily.



# Why can't Johnny read? Write? Count?

Schools in USA admittedly are doing a poor job. In Canada they're not very much better. But in Japan and USSR education is on a high plane. Yet Soviet schools are only now starting a

## REVOLUTION in EDUCATION

The rate of change in Soviet schools is speeding up. That's because the main decisions, to reform high schools and vocational training, adopted over two years ago, *haven't been applied fast enough.*

The Soviet press reflect a sharp anxiety: from parents and teachers right on up to leading scientists, people are demanding action.

**Easier said than done.** Involved in changing Soviet schools are **tens of millions of people.** Hundreds of thousands of schools. The whole Socialist nation is into this.

### What's the main thing?

They've got to raise the performance of their schools so the new generation can cope with **Science, Technology and Social Consciousness** of their Socialist system.

They're tackling this five ways.

- Developing high schools of an entirely **new kind.**
- From Grade One on they are introducing many **new subjects.**
- The study of **work** is now a subject for Soviet children.
- Markedly improving the knowledge and ability of **teachers.**
- Working out a new budget system so **costs** will be met uniformly throughout the country.

Two "simple" changes are causing many problems for children and the entire Soviet public. For the first time, Soviet boys and girls start school at **age six**, instead of seven. This is the practice in most advanced countries, but as we'll see the change-over raised very big problems in USSR.

How come?

Well, most Soviet schools are not equipped yet to handle six-year-olds. Because, in their system, boys and girls of six need **sleeps at noontime.** Plus **three hot meals** during the school day. Plus **lively games** during recesses.

*Imagine what our School Boards would do with such a program!*

Money isn't the problem in Socialism; nobody pays any taxes to support schools. Education is "free"; cost is met with profits from the economy. **The problem is people.** Not just teachers (and cooks!) but building construction workers.

Worrying them? Not too much. Because already **many thousands** of their schools are handling six-year-olds. With excellent results: a lot of the "sixers" are out-doing the "sevens".

Besides, they've come up with a practical solution. Many Soviet schools found they could handle six-year-olds simply by using *kindergarten facilities.* In USSR kindergartens are *really schools* for youngsters of five and six.

Officially the change started in autumn 1986. Not too badly: more than one-third of all Soviet six-year-olds **entered schools** last September.

So teachers and kids could get off on the right start, Soviet publishers had ready for them **170 brand new textbooks.** Total number of books delivered: **eighteen million** copies!

In many **different languages** (we don't have the count, so far).

The great Lev Tolstoy once said that human beings make only one step going from age five to fifty, but a newborn covers a tremendous distance to reach age five. In USSR today they're investigating all aspects of life of boys and girls in their **pre-school years.**

They're equipped for this because the **overwhelming majority** of their tots now go to kindergartens.

Many surprises have come already. Most important: very young children have *far greater capabilities* than the pre-school programs consider.

Mentally and physically they are **away ahead** of their "ratings".

What to do about it? For starters, Soviet youngsters are getting **many new games.** And a wide variety of new "teaching aids" (some quite "scientific"). And all kinds of **sports gear** to help stimulate their exercise-and-play periods.



Dealing with numbers of languages, and millions of books, makes all this sound fairly simple, problems for accountants to handle. Not so. One big complicating factor is that Soviet parents have the right to specify what "second" (or even third) languages their children should take up in school.

Who can estimate how many teachers of 80 (and more) different languages will be required? They can't be trained over-night!

There's a new bright side to this difficulty. As never before, local Councils (Soviets) can make necessary preparations to solve problems of their own schools.

An especially "Socialist" feature of these changes is that they encourage *team-work*, rather than individualism.

Much attention is paid to the **speech** of young children. For millions this means fluent speech in *two languages.*

**Mathematics** they start at **age four.** That's the age of the boy in our photo above: *nursery school maths* gets results.

As long ago as the 'thirties the scientist Lev Vygotsky stressed the need to **advance teaching** for the tiniest tots. Teaching "must stay ahead of the child's development." And Vygotsky insisted that the teacher could greatly **boost the potential talents of boys and girls.**

This you might say is the *banner of Soviet education today.*

(Next month we'll continue our series on the remarkable progress of education in USSR).





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## Does you good to share your thoughts with others

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"It's the time of year to review what's been done, what is to be done in struggle for disarmament and peace. The Iceland Summit exposed Reagan's real face, his intentions. But it didn't work. World will punish him. Victory for peace is near, USA-USSR meetings must start, arms must be dismantled. Am ordering a lot of NN greeting cards. I feel Gorbachov is doing a majestic job." E.K.

"I say 'No' to V.B. (Jan. NN). Don't give up pictures for more print. One picture is worth a thousand words. Some things only the camera can show best. Pictures are a universal language, anybody can read them." A.V.

"In October NN you state: 'European capitalist lands destroyed far more than a billion tons of fruit, vegetables, grain and powdered milk in a year'. That's 15 times the average European wheat crop. Twelve hundred and fifty million tons would make quite a pile. Do you really expect this to be believed by your readers?" K.C.W.

**Reply:** We believed it because it came from the West German Association for Foreign Trade. Topic discussed at length in leading British journal *New Scientist*, including views of Trevor Page, chief of emergency operations of World Food Program. The Germans even described how they did it: tractors turned vegetables and fruits to useless pulp, wheat was burned or sprayed with poisons. "Last year Common Market destroyed 1,000,800,000 tonnes of vegetables, fruits, grain, powdered milk." The "tonne" is 2200 pounds. Always glad to print corrections. Never try to deceive our Readers.

"With all these arguments going on inside the 'Left Wing' here I wonder how NN Readers are reacting to the astonishing changes in USSR? Be very interesting to know what reaction you get to your letter in January issue." F.K.

**Reply:** Returns are just coming in but it's immediately obvious that the response to our appeal exceeds anything in any previous year, by a very big margin. Letters started to arrive almost the same day we sent the magazine out! Your editor would very much like to have your opinion about this remarkable 'Reader approval'.

"Suggest you make a brief (like reprints) history of Afghanistan: the revolution, terror, destruction of counter-revolution, their defeat." J.K.

**Reply:** We've been hoping to get such a publication from Afghanistan, but the situation is changing constantly.

"Thanks to NN for doing such a wonderful job! Humanity needs the magazine, more than you realize. Keep up the good work!" V.D.B.

"Congratulations to NN for reporting on Chernobyl accident. I think they handled the situation very well. All the yahoos around here made quite a story about it. I'm one who prefers short letters." H.A.

"I prefer longer Readers' letters. Can't believe where some of these people are coming from." G.W.D.

"Surprised to see some very progressive letters appear in the press these days. Seems to me there are a lot more people 'out there' than we realize. They're beginning to speak up." G.S.

"Laughed when I heard someone say the Soviets are trying to imitate Capitalism. Great for us here if Capitalism would come out in favor of disarmament! And make jobs for everyone. Give health care free. Mr. Gorbachov is in fact taking the USSR farther and farther away from our system." T.S.L.

"Regarding the 'letters' argument, I suggest that you take two pages for letters, cutting out something else. D.P. is right: more letters should be written to daily press." R.P.

"I liked the long letters on Readers' page. Why not print a mixture of some long, some short?" T.H.

"How many realize that if the military hadn't wasted trillions, all diseases would have been wiped out by now. I was sickened to hear of the vicious violent attack on Soviet hockey players by Canadians. All the best to NN!" C.J.S.

"Thanks for copy of NN with letter. I consider you to be one of my GOOD FRIENDS, and a well-wisher for all of MANKIND. Recent cataract operation left me unable to see close things very well, but still I hope to read the books in my order here. Use what is left over for promoting NN." J.A.P.

"I bought Dyson Carter's book as a birthday present to myself, as I really can't afford that price. I read it, enjoyed it, some book!" H.H.

"With this donation send NN to anyone you can think of. If I can do anything to help the movement for peace and Socialism I will." E.H.S.

"Writing to apologize for being so slow with my contribution to NN. Haven't been too well lately. Thanks for keeping us awake with NN. Keep it up." N.N.

"Just received January issue so thought it would be a good time to send a personal message. Really appreciate the magazine with its exclusive news and views about USSR. Only one showing a true picture of events in Socialist and Communist parts of the world. Also appreciate informative pamphlets, especially the health programs." H.F.I. (MD)

"Leaders are praising the 'legal entitlement' programs like social security, pensions, unemployment insurance; all these were programs presented by Socialism back in the 1929 crash period. Don't know when, but I predict a repetition of the 1929 Wall Street crash." P.R.

"Imagine our local paper printing these letters! One calls Reagan 'an insane dictator', the other says if we return to the death penalty let's start with Reagan and Botha! People (and editors) are waking up." M.G.

"Have been unsuccessfully trying to locate Lincoln-Marx letters. Do you have anything I could use to illustrate Lincoln's admiration for Marx?" F.F.

**From NN:** Readers to the rescue! This is a fascinating problem and we hope someone will be able to find those letters. Must be in some library reference-books.

"Please send these two NN subs. Both people are leaders in our local *Gray Panthers* (association of seniors). Have been quite active and recently flew one of our women to the World Peace Council in Finland. She's now permanent delegate to the United Nations for the WPC. Warmest good wishes for continuation of NN to its present standards." M.G.T.

"Please send me 'Why and How to Make a Will'. We are both close to 90 now. We like NN because it tells the other side to the East-West Confrontations. So much hatred in the papers, TV, radio, that it's good to see a different true side." H.H.



# Socialism is picking up speed every month

## We should give a page to each of these items, taken from papers from all over the fifteen republics.

For first time in many years all Soviet industries scored output gains in 1986. National income went up 4.1 percent, though their Plan called for only 3.9 percent. Overall sales went over their target by one whole percent, amounting to more than \$12,000,000 over plan. Trade to public shot up 6.4 percent, really remarkable.

The powerful new Soviet Women's Councils held their first national conference. Councils are public bodies uniting all Soviet women regardless of age, jobs, family, nationality. Main drive now is to mobilize women for action in every field that concerns them. Councils also are working with local governments and trade unions to strengthen the position of girls and women.

Coffee can't be grown in USSR, they said, because winters kill the trees. But in hot Tajikistan scientists disputed this. Dr. Sultan Mahmadbekov has developed a special greenhouse that opens in spring and closes in fall, thus saving trees. Giant Tajik Co-Ops (mostly into cotton) are ready to invest billions to establish a new agricultural industry around coffee.

The "Dawn" Collective Farm in Byelorussia is paying a \$150 yearly bonus to all members who do not smoke. Experience over several years showed them that they will save 2 or 3 times that amount in decreased medical and sickness costs.

"Middendorf" pearl oysters, cultivated for some time in Japan, are going to be "farmed" in the fresh-water lakes of Kamchatka. Difference: the Soviet lakes are warmed by volcanic heat and are extremely rich in microelements that stimulate Middendorf oysters. Now if only they can find enough men and women to go for pearl farming...

The big drug research and production firm, Upjohn, has made a deal with the Soviet State Committee for Science & Technology to pool drug research, clinical testing and production methods. Soviet advances have been very impressive lately and both sides hope to speed introduction of life-saving medications.

Soviet Academy of Medical Sciences has released a new kind of suture (thread) for surgical sewing. With use of ultra-sound energy, threads are impregnated with antibiotics, so that infection (often follows operations) is prevented. Method can be used not only for thread but also devices implanted in the heart and elsewhere.

"Smugglers in reverse" have long worried Soviet customs inspectors. Especially tourists from USA have taken out of USSR fortunes in rare art works (like icons). This is a serious crime in Socialism. Lately they've tightened up so well that border guards in one frontier city, Brest, have turned over a magnificent collection of confiscated antiques to the local museum. Icons alone number over 1500! Some date back to 16th Century. One painting had originally been stolen from the Hermitage in Leningrad nearly 100 years ago.

Human life, and large sums of money, will be saved by a new way to predict "tsunami" (deadly waves that sweep inland, mostly in Pacific region). A computer listens to under-sea earthquakes continuously, and immediately predicts the coming of a tsunami, and its direction. In plenty of time to evacuate people and protect threatened places.

In far north oil center of Urengoi, trade unions now have 30 "overnight sanatoriums" where workers can go after work, and stay until next day, getting treatments and prescribed foods. Accommodate 40,000 workers at one time. And big increases are planned.

Yelena and Trofim Demichev, seniors in city of Kursk, in 20 years have welcomed over 250,000 guests. They have a library of some 20,000 books. Most libraries are much bigger. But the Demichevs don't just lend books to visitors, they treat them to tea-and-conversation. Readers of every age come to discuss their favorite authors and books. The library is growing because far from stealing any book the visitors often donate one.

Uzbek plant-breeder Fakhruddinov has developed two new lemons. These unusual plants bear fruit that stays fresh, on the tree, for a year and a half! Can be picked at any time. Yield is about 16,000 pounds per acre. One variety is very sharp and flavorful, the other is sweeter and is favored in Uzbek hospitals.

Mammoths are always sensational, especially like the one just found in Magadan Region (north-east Siberia). One leg has been preserved in ice complete with its soft tissues, skin, hair, toenails. Biologists hope study of the leg may solve the question of what happened to mammoths.

Hard to believe but there are 1,000 black colors. Now for first time a Soviet computer device can distinguish accurately all those shades of gray-to-pitchblack. Plus, thousands of other colors. Color is now extremely important in some 20 industries, including petroleum, leather, wood. Most vital in foods, whose color is a measure of purity. New system will give extremely fast data on anything colored.

When Shogo Amirkhanyan celebrated his 110th birthday, much attention came to his village of Eranos, in Armenia. Its people not only live very long but they also have the highest birth-rate in that country. And most of the 80-year-olds work full time. Plus, more and more live on to 100. This is happening all over the Armenian Soviet Republic. Naturally, doctors are eager to find out if the wide use of medicinal herbs in Armenian cooking does something to the body.

Three-shifts-a-day is spreading through thousands of Soviet plants. Usually done by scrapping obsolete machines, then assigning workers to run new equipment round-the-clock. In Kharkov, for example, 18,000 men and women now work on the "other two" shifts. The whole city had to be reorganized: transport especially. But also facilities for workers, like child-care centers and workers' schools. Very popular is the provision for hot meals during the late shifts. This system not only "saves" highly advanced production equipment but, even more important in Socialism, it "finds" workers for production.

We need a photo of this: a cotton-harvester that walks. Wheels have always caused problems on big cotton plantations, so engineers in Moscow and Soviet Central Asia decided to eliminate the three wheels chassis on harvesters with a set of legs. Machine literally steps over the cotton rows. Speed is three kilometers per hour.

Biggest ever river-shipping season is ahead. River fleet of USSR is world's largest. Regular routes exceed 85,000 miles. Newest vessels include river-sea ships, mainly for Far North. Another is a hydro-foil freighter that speeds cargoes at 55 miles per hour. Hundreds of river ports are being built, modernized, channels deepened. By far the most economical freighting system known.

Breakthrough in creating "eyes" for robots: Leningrad researchers took a hint from the frog's eye, which identifies objects only if and when they move. Just right for production processes. But it required an entirely new kind of crystal for the "eye".

You won't believe this. Soviet biologists, studying those Canadian beavers we sent over there some time ago, found that not only were the animals thriving, with beautiful thick fur, but they've taken up sports. Photos show that they built a long ice-coated slide. Coated it by getting soaking-wet, then sliding down. When water froze, the slide was super! Obviously, the beavers were playing and enjoying it. This is going on in Soviet Byelorussia, where they now have 30,000 beavers descended from our shipment. (How many toboggan slides?).

Subway crowding gets worse: a one-day survey of Moscow's Metro showed, in 1981, that the trains carried 7,375,000 people; but in 1986 the total jumped past 7,500,000. Over 6000 Metro employees now are studying ways to regulate the traffic at all 132 stations, so that enterprises can adjust people's working-hours in ways to ease crowding. Biggest jams still are towards the city's center.



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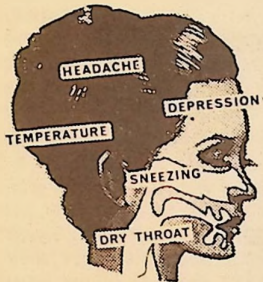
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