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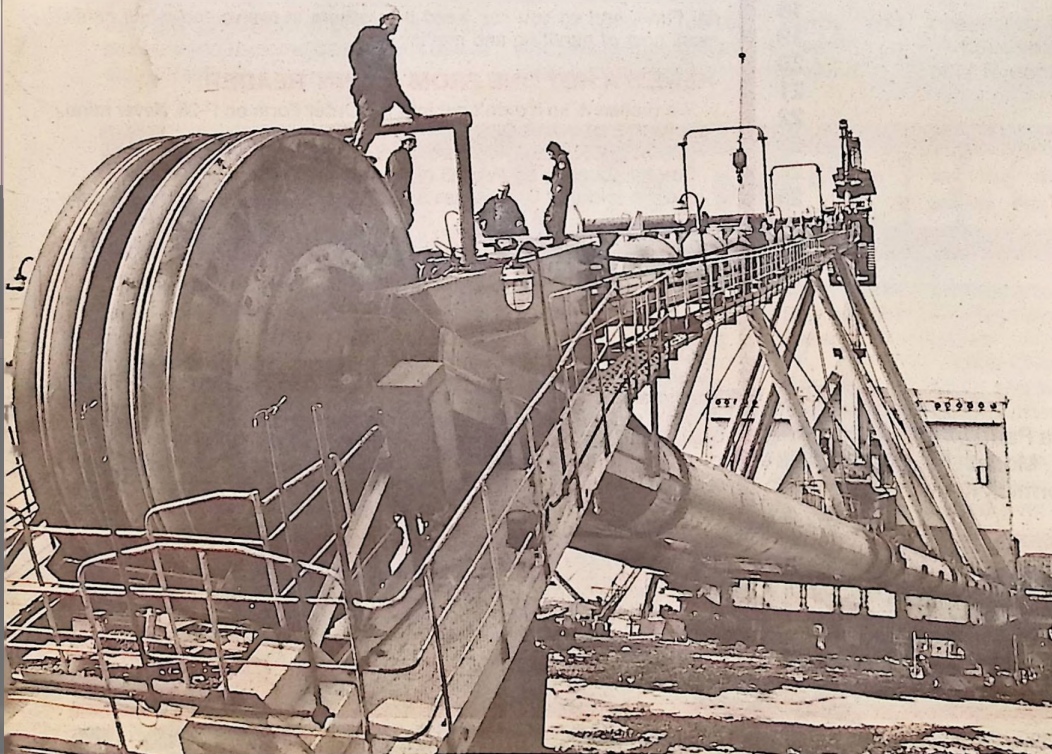
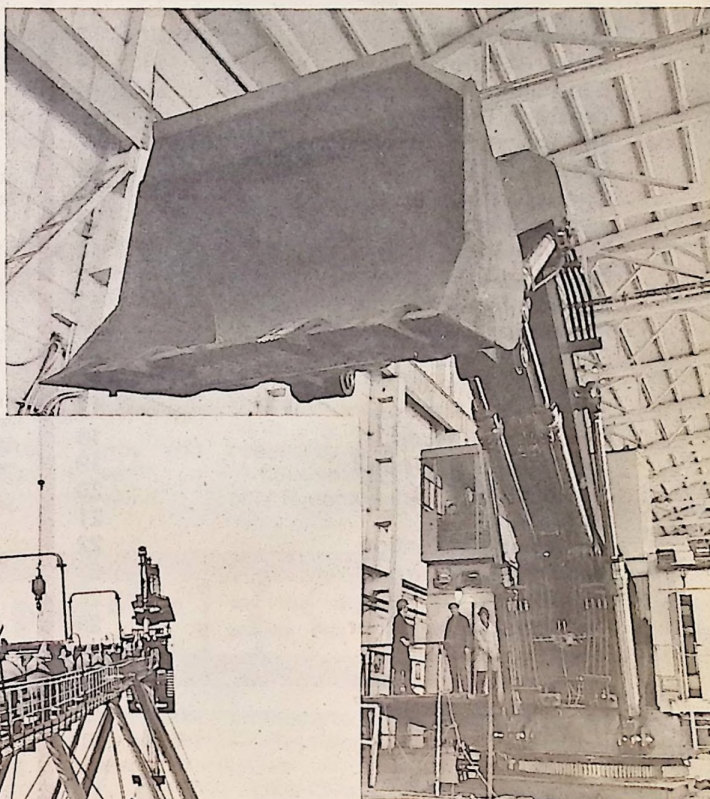
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Peace — Labor — Freedom — Equality — Brotherhood — Happiness for all Peoples!

Our two excavator photos illustrate the continuing boom in Socialism: so fast is production growing that both these huge machines are turned out continuously.

Below: latest Soviet "walking" excavator swings out 300 feet with a 325 cubic-foot load, and moves 5000 tons per hour.

At right: one of the fastest excavators known, this "bites" 40 cubic feet with swift hydraulic power. Both made in Uralmash.



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AN INSULT TO ALL DECENT PEOPLE!

Nobody welcomes being insulted — but here's a case that's an exception. We strongly recommend that you get **this insult**.

It's down on paper. Goes by the name of "*THE FILBINGER AFFAIR*". Frankly, even though we have no illusions about the number of "former Nazis still in circulation, **this shocking case** we could hardly believe.

It has an added significance for all thinking citizens: this butcher Filbinger (alive, rich, *in power today!*) was involved in murdering many thousands of **decent Germans** who refused to carry out atrocities.

We think 'NN' should get some benefit from bringing this to your attention, and so . . . we'll **GIVE IT TO YOU, FREE . . .** but we want an 'NN' Sub.

For details, see the proposition on **Page 12 (back cover)** of the free Supplement with this 'NN': "**SELL OUR FUTURE — FOR PEANUTS?**"

YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS IT

A great many people in Canada and USA are disturbed by the irresponsible Carter-Brzezinski attack on detente, trade, jobs, prosperity, carried out in the guise of "human rights" and "facing the Soviet menace."

However, what most people **don't know** is the **scale of the opposition** all over the Western world.

Our supplement this month is financed by The Charlotte Carter Memorial Fund, and so you can **send it to others** at *twelve-and-a-half cents* each, cost of handling and mailing.

HERE'S A HOT ONE FROM AN 'NN' READER!

We rushed it, so it didn't get into the Order Form on P-26. Never mind, just **WRITE IN YOUR ORDER** for . . .

"SOVIET PEOPLE LACK MANY THINGS. . ."

See for yourself, on **Page-5** of this 'NN'.

We are told that this creates a *very good impression* on most people who see it.

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Please let us know how you make out with this one!

A VERY PLEASANT MID-SUMMER GIFT

Out in Alberta, two NN Readers (S.E.N.) celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They're well known, and a lot of people turned out for that memorable party.

Well, the folks had this idea: "in remembrance" of a fine time, they decided to send a \$50.00 donation to NN's campaign fund.

Another long-time Reader, **G.H.S.**, wrote us about it, and naturally everyone here felt good. How about keeping this in mind next time you celebrate?

NN's Quote-of-the-Month: "There is now taking shape a new world, a world of freedom, a world of Socialism, with democratic and equal relations between nations and people. This new world is paving the road for itself, regardless of any resistance, and difficulties, and many contradictions. Peace can be preserved if all peoples, all democratic and progressive forces, make the greatest efforts for this aim." (Joseph Broz Tito, President of Yugoslavia)

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

EPILEPSY

A new electronic device, which can prevent an attack of epileptic "fit", has been developed at one of the USSR's most prestigious research centers, the Leningrad Institute of Experimental Medicine.

The device is light and compact enough to be carried in a pocket. It is permanently connected to the patient's brain, by means of a tiny wire and golden electrode.

On feeling the warning signs of an attack, the patient presses a switch, and immediately a special "program" of electronic impulses flows to the brain — this "pattern" of electrical pulses is individually designed to halt the nerve currents which trigger an epileptic "fit".

Dr. Natalia Bekhtereva, known world-wide for her brain research, developed the "miraculous" device.

It is said to be far superior to drugs, at present used to control epilepsy; they are not always effective, and cannot be used in some cases because of side-effects.

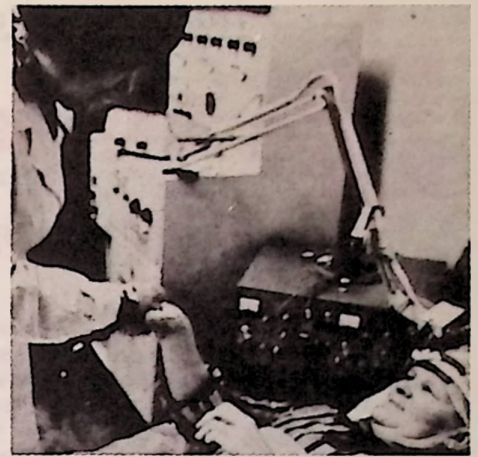
Dr. Bekhtereva, incidentally, is a grand-daughter of the famous psychiatrist whose name was given to the Bekhterev Medical Institute.

It is perhaps fortunate that Natalia did not originally study for medicine, but for mathematics and chemistry. But during World War Two she served in a military hospital, and then entered medical college.

From the beginning of her research career she specialised in the brain. Her goal was to discover the complex "program" of brain activity, which involves electrical and chemical activities still poorly understood.

This work progressed rapidly when computers became available to examine the extremely complex facts obtained by brain measurements. Dr. Bekhtereva's main advance was the discovery that *words* (human speech) bring about profound changes in the electrical responses within the brain.

The brain "codes" words and phrases in special ways, depending on their actual *meaning* to the mind.



What action the brain takes depends on the "codes" it has worked out. But these "codes" (programs) are *controllable* by the brain. And this gave Dr. Bekhtereva her clue: it should be possible to *change* the way the brain controls its actions.

Her new device does just that: it supplies, artificially, a *set of electronic impulses which control the "code" for an epileptic attack.*

Latest discovery: continued use of this "epileptic control" system *lessens the frequency of attacks* in some patients, and appears to *eliminate them completely* in others.

(Caution: the device is not yet available to doctors here).

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

More than 700 patients have now been cured of *malignant hypertension*, a special form of very high blood pressure which was regarded, until recently, as incurable — patients often died in a short time.

This disease is *not* the usual kind of hypertension. It is caused by narrowing of the main blood vessels supplying the kidneys. When blood supply to those vital organs is in that way cut down, the kidneys cannot function effectively. Blood pressure rises rapidly throughout the body, and there is little or no hope for survival.

Dr. Marat Knyazev, Institute of Experimental Surgery (Moscow), performed the first *operations* on kidney arteries some 15 years ago. At that time Soviet (and other) surgeons *removed* the affected arteries and replaced them with artificial plastic tubes. In some patients recovery was dramatically rapid.

However, these "replacement" operations were difficult, very dangerous, tragically often failures.

Dr. Knyazev and his colleagues de-

cidated to try for a new approach. Working for years with animals, they sought safe ways of *treating the diseased arteries*, restoring them.

In practice this meant "slitting" the artery, then literally "turning it inside out", removing the deposit which narrowed it, then closing the blood vessel and allowing nature to complete the cure.

Consider the patient Valentin Matviyenko. He was flown to Dr. Knyazev's clinic from Zaporozhye (Ukraine) in grave condition, with blood pressure over 240.

Working *from within the big heart artery* (aorta) the surgeon cut the kidney artery wall, opened it, and removed the deposits.

Immediately Matviyenko's kidney became "normal" . . . and blood pressure likewise returned to normal.

Such an operation is not dangerous since blood clots don't form, as they frequently do when artificial arteries are "stitched on" to the natural ones.

Major advantage: *children*, too, are victims of this deadly disease, and

artificial arteries *can't be used* on them — they won't "grow" as the child grows.

Little Olya Golyshkina was only five when she was stricken with two narrowed arteries (both kidneys). Dr. Knyazev "rebuilt" both vessels and Olya is now normal, healthy.

This new "miracle" has been perfected over 10 years. Nine out of ten patients regained health and normal working ability. Most of them have been followed for five years, with no recurrences or relapses.

Indeed, the operation is so successful that it is now available in 60 Soviet Vascular (Vessel) Surgery Centers. Dr. Knyazev has demonstrated it in France, Germany, USA and other Western countries.

Recently a similar operation has been performed on the main artery of the heart, which sometimes becomes clogged with fatty deposits (atherosclerosis); and also on the artery that supplies blood to the brain. Results are so marked as to appear "miraculous".



USA yearns to destroy the world

They hope to "surprise" Socialism with super weapons

Scientists of our capitalist world are being mobilized today as never before, in a crash campaign to develop new **mass-extermination-and-destruction weapons**, some of them radically new. No doubt some of these researches are totally secret. But NN's survey of the technical literature gives you a fairly clear picture of *the main directions* being taken by Hitler's heirs.

- A new device makes use of natural radiation "channels" in Earth's atmosphere, to produce invisible silent radio pulses that can *destroy normal processes in the human brain*. It seems likely that preparations for such an attack could be made in secrecy.

- A variation of this could sweep inhabited regions and *stop the heartbeats* of all human beings, in seconds.

- On a smaller scale, *new waves of inaudible sound*, beamed at troops or civilians, will produce "explosions" within internal organs, resulting in agonizing death.

- Old fashioned chemical (poison gas) warfare has been updated: they're planning now to use extremely "faint" gas clouds, two-at-a-time, very hard to detect . . . but on mixing *they form deathly poisons inside the body*.

The world turned into a Death Camp

Hitler's racist gas-chamber scientists were feeble innovators compared to geneticists working for various War Departments in our Human Rights world.

- No sense in denying that human beings differ radically according to *their race*. Certain chemicals can produce fatal genetic (cellular) changes in one race, not in another. You get the idea: *Dose countries* with the "proper" agent and most of the Negroes, or Jews, or Arabs, or Slavs, or Mediterraneans, or Indians, or Whatever, will perish on a mass scale, leaving the others.

- Similar, quick-acting substances will wipe out food-plants and animals: say cows, or pigs; wheat, or corn, or rice. Humans die later from starvation.

- None of these projects equals in scope the "cosmic" plan for **using our Sun to wipe out whole countries**. This active research program aims at breaking open small sections of Earth's protective "ionizing cover", so that deadly solar rays can pour through . . . *like the beam from a bright spotlight on a stage*.

USA's idea: victims would be exterminated before *their* space-craft could go up to do a similar job.

TV "Sky Wars" prepare us for the real thing

- The power of *laser rays* has been increased tremendously in the last few years. When the newest beams **hit** they produce frightful **shock waves**. One such wave (when nothing is "hit" but the air around us) will produce a kind of "instant tornado" . . . a wind violent enough to *blow people and cities to death*.

- One variety of such a laser-beam will produce similar shock-waves in **water**; maybe to wipe out submarines, or maybe to start a **tsunami** (deadly tidal wave).

- Still another variety of laser has USA scientists nervous, because its aim is to close in on some region *where earthquakes happen*, then zap it (maybe from Space) with a fast, timed series of blows, **until nature takes over with a disastrous 'quake**. Washington is said to favor *prohibiting* this particular inhuman weapon.

NN would be happy to report that these science-fiction weapons are just that . . . material for TV episodes.

Unfortunately, the grim truth is that billions of dollars are going to scientists and engineers working at high speed to make these systems "operational" . . . that is, get them beamed on targets in the Socialist world.

Three sobering facts:

- These weapons are *radically different* and today's defensive methods won't work against them.

- Most of them *far surpass* the fearfulness of nuclear weapons, though you may find that hard to accept.

- According to the best technical opinion we can find, these weapons will arrive *much sooner* than you think.

Carter doesn't believe himself?

In the technical world nobody is puzzled about why the USA is pushing hard for new-generation weapons.

Above all: Carter-Brzezinski wants to have a **marked superiority over USSR** in major killer systems.

Then: they want scientists to give them such a **vast superiority**, in speed and destructiveness, that USA could **start a war** and so widely destroy life in USSR that **no Soviet retaliation** would be possible.

Finally: having achieved such a science-weapons supremacy, Washington could then dictate the world's future from a really **overwhelming "position of strength"**.

What is *the fatal flaw* in Carter-Brzezinski thinking?

The obvious fact that scientists in the USSR are **fully acquainted** with all the super-weapons projects under way in the West . . . and may well be (in the view of some noted Western researchers) *in the lead themselves*.

The White House has a notoriously short memory. In 1976 Carter himself said: "**There would be no possibility under the sun that a first-strike capability could be adequate in preventing massive destruction of the country that originated the strike.**"

Those who are "born again" need to THINK again.

Even as Carter was uttering the *scientifically exact statement above*, Brezhnev was saying:

"**The reason and conscience of mankind demand the need for raising an insurmountable barrier to the emergence of such weapons.**"

Tens of millions of USA voters put Carter into office, believing that he had a sincere Christian commitment to follow a humanitarian international policy. But within two years he has emerged as a president crusading to sweep the West into total re-armament.

In this situation the USSR continues to appeal for an end to production of nuclear weapons; an end to all other mass-destruction weapons; **an end to the development of all new methods of mass death-and-destruction**.

Carter's response to date has been an unprecedented propaganda war against the Soviet Union.

There is no doubt whatever (all Soviet statesmen and observers publicly confirm this) that **Socialism will persist without weakening** in all possible efforts to restore detente and strengthen peace.

But Carter urgently needs to **think again**.

Socialism is the system that **exists for peace**, but it is most certainly **the system that will not be destroyed** if the forces of a scientific hell are unleashed.

Is USA facing

A real "Soviet menace"?

Newspaper stories about USSR's armed forces are getting so *wild*, that Washington had to make an appeal "Not to panic" (!). But latest facts reaching NN seem to show that Socialism may, indeed, be threatening Capitalism. You'll find the information worth showing around.

In the Capitalist system, Russians never came *anywhere near* catching up with USA. Indeed, just before Socialism got going over there, **production** was **35 times** less than in USA.

Then, in World War Two Soviet people **lost** a third of their wealth, tens of millions killed and disabled.

By contrast: during that war USA *increased production 50 percent*. In 1950, getting back to normal, USSR's output was **one-third** that of USA.

But then, the situation radically changed: in 1950-1977 industrial production of Soviet workers **soared 11 times**, while USA scored a **3 times** increase. Average annual gain was 9 percent, compared to 4 percent.

However, Socialism has not yet fully caught up with Capitalism's richest, most productive nation.

No, but the press never reminds you that right now Soviet workers produce more than *all the other workers of the world did in 1953*, USA included.

Also worth remembering: Soviet people "inherited" practically nothing from Capitalism. That system, in its last "good" year in Russia, produced goods worth **only 3 billion dollars**. Today Socialism in USSR is delivering goods worth **over 520 billions**.

The working-people themselves, with no "assist" from any bankers, built up a production-system now worth well over **1,000 billion dollars!**

This astonishing achievement of Socialism was never equalled anywhere by Capitalism. *Scientific planning* did it. With all profits going to the nation. And workers continually *improving their productivity*.

Socialism **concentrated** on basic industries — consumer-goods would follow. Already *20 years ago* USSR pushed its **energy resources**, thus escaping today's crisis.

In just **ten years** (latest) Soviet people have **doubled** their economy ... in the very period when Capitalism has run into grim problems.

In that same period per-person incomes in USSR have gone up 60 percent, with **no inflation** to cut buying-power.

And when you look at their latest year ... what's the picture?

- Workers improved their efficiency so that they turned out the equivalent of **3 million extra people**.

- National income **leaped 17 billion dollars** in 12 months.

- Production soared 40 billions to a **record 730 billion dollars**.

- Their foreign trade went **past 88 billion dollars** a year.

Contrary to stories in many papers, Socialism's economic improvement last year ran *slightly ahead* of their Plan, not under-plan as claimed.

And not only did they achieve all this with **not one soul unemployed**, but they increased total USSR employment by 2,100,000 new jobs.

Per-person income continued its slow but *steady rise*: over 4 percent for workers, over 5 percent for farmers.

Such figures may bore you. But one figure *you can appreciate*, as a retail shopper. The best measure of people's income is **how much they can buy**. Well, last year, paying exactly the same prices as before, Soviet people put **13 billion more dollars** into the cash-registers of their stores.

This left them with a familiar problem: *not enough goods* to "soak up" their steadily rising incomes.

They're especially short of home furnishings. No wonder. Last year **11 million** Soviet people moved into new or re-built housing.

One fundamental feature of Socialism's prosperity you *never* see in our press. Their system is growing so rapidly that it has by far **the world's biggest construction industry** — in one year their "finished" projects alone topped **145 billion dollars!**

Meanwhile, here in our system we've experienced a serious slump in all major nations. There was a slight upturn, in USA, recently. But far from raising optimistic hopes, this has led experts in all fields to predict ... **another slump in 1979**.

— You can't escape the fact that **Capitalism has slowed down**.

— Worse: all big Western nations have large **un-used production facilities**, no need to expand.

— So there's **no prospect of growth** such as used to bring us prosperity.

For many of our economists, two



other factors are most pessimistic.

First: **inflation**. Despite many efforts in leading nations, prices are now moving up **faster** than ever.

Second: **unemployment**. Total jobless in Capitalism declined a little in '76, then in '77 returned to record high levels. "Third world" countries are building up disastrous numbers of men and women without work.

In Socialism?

No inflation, no unemployment.

Which makes for ... **record growth**.

- Already, USSR is ahead of USA in output of **19 (of 34) main products**.

- Socialism is 30 percent ahead in production of **oil and gas**.

- USSR leads greatly in **steel output**, in **fertilizers** ... and in the very "foundation" of modern civilization, **cement**, Soviet people are 75 percent over the USA's present production.

Output per person — long the measure of USA supremacy — has increased more than 6 percent per year in USSR for a long time, while it has **slowed almost to a halt** in Capitalism.

Total output is gaining nearly 6 percent a year in Socialism, while 4 percent is considered too optimistic by many economists in USA.

Peaceful production, not arms, is the shape of the Soviet "menace".

► Based solely on economic facts, computers show that by 1980 Soviet output will be **greater** than the 1975 output of USA.

► No matter how much USA gains after that, the USSR without question will become **the world's economic leader** during the 'eighties.

► And by that time, Socialism will also hold "the title" for providing **goods-and-services to the people**.

How true was Marx ... "*Nothing to lose but our chains and a world to win!*"

Preventing Pregnancy

Just when everything seemed perfect — with the Pill bought by 60 million women in Capitalism — now come frightening medical revelations that this method of preventing pregnancy is gravely *dangerous* to health, life itself. Soviet doctors **never did** push the Pill. Interesting to see why. Obviously, people in Socialism control pregnancy. And in place of the Pill, **what methods do** they recommend?



Some 20 years ago the West's "sex revolution" began, when giant drug companies mass produced two potent hormones (*estrogen, progesterone*). When women take these drugs regularly, their bodies "imitate" pregnancy ... but no egg is produced for male sperm to fertilize.

With today's stricter drug laws, it's almost certain that **no country would now allow** such powerful hormones to be mass-marketed. You may hardly believe, but to this day scientists *simply don't know* how those drugs prevent the female body from normally producing eggs.

But millions of girls and women **do know** that the Pill often produces serious symptoms: sore breasts, painful legs, kidney disorders, depression. Now, specialists realize that **far worse results** may follow: deathly blood clots, strokes, high blood pressure, eye and skin diseases ... and (if the Pill is taken while the woman is pregnant) serious abnormalities in babies.

So, at last, **Canada** officially warns of these dangers. **USA** compels the makers to enclose with every package a long, and really terrifying account of what can happen to Pill users, especially in later life.

Years ago, Western specialists *ridiculed Soviet doctors* for banning the Pill. Some even accused Socialism of being unwilling to "encourage sex", opposed to "making women free" from the burdens of bearing children. The **tragic facts** that women in Capitalism now are learning make up a striking confirmation of Soviet views.

In USSR today specialists **do** prescribe hormones, but only in a very few special cases. The Pill is **not one of their recommended contraception methods**. Many doctors here in Capitalism now believe **we would be taking the same position here** ... if 60 million women were not pouring *billions of dollars* into drug corporations.

A word on "sexual freedom". Propagandists for *Women's Lib* hailed the Pill. In actual life the Pill did not liberate women, it gave men revolutionary new freedom to make love to *every girl and woman they could seduce* ... with no consequences to fear.

Remember, **no men take the Pill**. It's for sure that no male specialists **would ever have allowed** fellow-men to dose themselves with hormones! But with **typical male contempt for women** as mere sex objects, millions of girls and wives were urged to pop these killing drugs, serving as "guinea pigs" risking their lives for **male sex freedom and shareholders' dividends**.

As for "sexual freedom": from the very beginning of Socialism the new system **provided all known methods** for pregnancy prevention, at very low prices. This was true 50 years ago ... when we in the West could buy such things only "under the counter", and often illegally.

Incidentally: **the condom** ("safe") has always been most strongly recommended by Soviet specialists.

Once again, **over here**, you see the condom being heavily promoted. Men don't favor it ... *they have to use it*.

Specialists here are now confirming the long-time Soviet view: **no pregnancy-preventing method** (Pill and condom included) is anything like 100 percent safe.

In USSR, people can get **all methods prescribed** (in each individual case) by specialists. They are especially cautious about "intra uterine devices" (IUD), diaphragms, and sperm-killing sprays, permitted only after careful examination of the women.

Most favored "family planning" system in USSR today is *both modern and ancient*.

Based on the fact that pregnancy is **hard to prevent** on certain "dangerous days" of the women's monthly cycle. Best results by **avoiding intercourse** then. For the rest of the month, **one or several methods** will work.

A properly fitted diaphragm (on "safe days") is **highly effective**, they find. Even more so when used with a cream or paste with anti-sperm action.

They approve (as safe, from health viewpoint) use of "syringes" with anti-sperm fluids; but caution that this is one of the *least effective* contraceptive systems.

Soviet specialists strongly **oppose** the method known as *coitus interruptus*, in which couples **end** the sex act **before** it is completed. This not only has a high rate of failure, but can also lead to sexual-psychological disorders in both men and women.

Although the condom is not completely reliable, still if it is used on "safe days" throughout the month it has a very good record as pregnancy preventive.

In the Soviet view, based on follow-ups for many years in thousands of special women's clinics, **the most reliable system now available** is to abstain from sex on "un-safe days", and to use the condom plus one other preventive method for the rest of the month.

Permanent sterilization they also use (vasectomy for men, ligation for women), but on a *far smaller scale* than is now practiced by our doctors. Incidentally, regardless of yarns in men's magazines, a big majority of sterilizations *are performed on women*, at the request of their *husbands or boyfriends* ... yet another sordid evidence of prevalent male attitudes. In Socialism, a woman is sterilized only if pregnancy will endanger her life or health: by specialists' verdict.

It is a sad commentary on our "affluent" Western society that we have *many times more cars* than Soviet people have; yet the women of Socialism have at their service *many times more medical advisors* than we have.

We have the Pill, and millions of unwanted babies. In Socialism, they have neither.

More people than ever now love Opera

Why is Opera *declining*
in Capitalism,
while gaining *millions*
of fans in Socialism?

If you never could go for Opera, then you aren't concerned by the *closing* of some big theatres in the West. Maybe it's just because Opera *isn't modern*, doesn't belong any more? Yet in **working-class society**, in USSR, Opera is booming. *Is this telling you something?*

Far from closing opera theatres, Soviet people now have 46 of them. With many new cities forming, and smaller centers growing rapidly, *new* opera companies are continually being established in Socialism.

By *popular demand* opera theatres were recently opened in Dnepropetrovsk (industrial Ukraine city), Kutaisi (Georgia, big mining center) and Temirtau (in the "virgin lands" of Kazakhstan). And one is being organized in Krasnoyarsk, a booming Siberian city.

Just in case somebody may tell you that "the state" somehow "orders" opera theatres to appear, regardless of who needs them, you should note that the opera boom in Socialism *comes from the working-people* ... many big plants in USSR have *their own opera companies*, with "amateurs" on a high level of talent, directed by professional theatre people.

Theatre owners, here in Capitalism, water at the mouth when they visit USSR and discover that last season **over 4,500,000 opera tickets** were bought by Soviet fans.

When NN enquired, we got this surprising fact: a few years ago, the national attendance average in Soviet cities was 700 people per opera performance. Bigger theatres have now *raised this to 800 people*.

Since nobody (including "the Kremlin") can make people pay money to spend an evening at the opera, the **rising ticket sales** give an emphatic message.

When you get that across to some anti-Soviet intellectual, he or she will come back with: "Just goes to show how *old-fashioned* Soviet people are. Their system keeps them living back in the last century!"

Meaning: opera is obsolete. Like the fashionable French composer Boulez said: "Opera is mummified fiction, belongs in musical museums."

Trouble with these "avante-garde" (futuristic) types is that *their substitutes* for opera, loudly hailed in the West, have proved to be *dismal flops*. Where it counts in Capitalism — **nobody buys tickets for them**.

However, great numbers of Soviet fans know all about *worthwhile modern operas* produced in recent times: like those of Bartok (Hungarian), Janacek (Czech), Britten (England), Poulenc (France), Barber (USA). Soviet composers, too, have "modernised" operatic themes.

To paraphrase the Bible, "Many are trying, but few are succeeding" — to produce an opera that really reflects our advanced civilization is *very difficult*. Because this different kind of musical-theatre, which tells people about life in songs of all kinds, gains its power not from "stage trappings" (ancient or modern) but from *what the opera says to human hearts*.

So we put this question to a top Soviet composer, world-renowned Tikhon Khrennikov ... "What makes composers, especially young ones, in your land of Socialism, write new operas today?"



"It is democratism. The opportunity for raising vital problems of the present day. The opportunity for addressing the people."

And he reminded us: "A hundred years ago, Tchaikovsky even then spoke of the possibility for a composer to *associate with the people* through the opera."

Far from being "upper class entertainment", opera has always strived to reach the great majority (not always successfully). Today the USSR, *the people's state*, has made a name for itself in world opera. The world's most famous theatres have produced operas by Prokofiev and Shostakovich, *composers of the working-class*.

But Socialism has made perhaps its greatest contribution to opera by developing the talents of *many nationalities* formerly not counted in the music world. Soviet opera fans know very well many names unknown to the West: like Shaporin, Paliashvili, Gadzhibekov, Kapp, Maldybayev.

Some musicians (and theatre promoters) here in Capitalism may be most impressed by a really astonishing fact: in an average opera season in USSR, it's not unusual for *fifty productions* to be staged, all by "native" (Soviet) composers. Whether new or familiar these operas are always greeted enthusiastically ... Soviet composers are "associating with the people" in a fruitful way.

Now what about ... *problems?*

Over and above all others is the problem of writing music and producing operatic-drama that speaks to people about **their life today**.

A song is not a long dialogue, as in a play. A stage cannot picture the whole world seen by a movie or TV camera's eye. So *how* to "modernize" opera?

Some Soviet composers are borrowing from other forms of art. They make some operatic characters **speak** rather than sing, sometimes.

Others use familiar movie techniques, such as "flash backs" into the past. Very popular in USSR are modern operas in which *more people* (choirs) *play bigger parts*. And some successful productions make *dancing* a basic part of the stories, rather than just "scenes".

But Khrennikov assures us that **melodious music** remains the foundation of opera. Music that **moves** people, music they **remember** ... it is **through melody alone** that opera expresses the greatest human emotions.

"Opera without melody ... is not opera."

Moscow Neighborhood

Next best thing to living for a while in Moscow could be the pictures our photographer sent us after some days roaming around big Sokolniki District.



You're likely to see a lot of strangers on the main streets of Sokolniki, because this one square has three big railway stations, bringing commuters and also travellers from very distant places.



Just dropped in on Nikolai Ageyev (center) and wife Galina, having friends in for tea on their balcony. Most apartments in Sokolniki have this feature.



Nearly everybody around here works at the big Compressor Plant, and that means blue and white collar people, youthful and pensioners . . . they don't have "status" neighborhoods.



Ivan Utkin, a fitter, is chairman of the Compressor Plant's housing commission. New apartments still are scarce, so every application goes through some prolonged arguments.



Popular place for family visits is "Palace of Young Pioneers", for children, but often open to parents when exhibitions or concerts are featured.



The "Rusakov Club" is a favorite for youngsters who go for artistic hobbies. As nearly everywhere in USSR, this neighborhood pays big attention to its younger people.



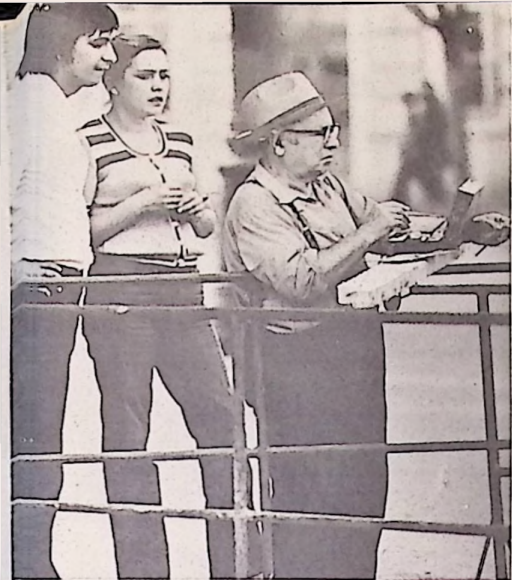
Sokolniki Park takes you right out of the city for a while. Especially beautiful, it draws people from distant parts of the capital. Easily reached by subway, for 5 cents.



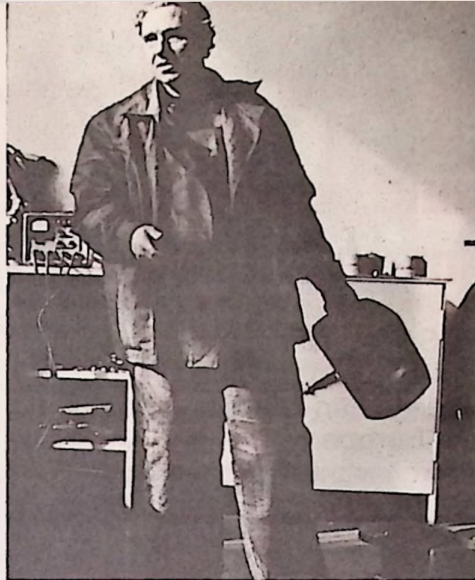
This is a neighborhood street, not the park. They use trees and grass to oxygenate the air, cut pollution, and reduce noise of traffic in the city.



Dmitri Ilyin is Chairman of the District Soviet (Council), like a Mayor. Also a "business man" since Council owns and operates housing, transport, enterprises.



Boris Abramov is retired, but his hobby always attracts an audience. Pensioners usually keep same apartments they always lived in.



Nikolai Yevstigneyev, a welder, got a bigger apartment after son was born. Rent averages less than 7 percent of his income.



Ivan Myshetopov heads Trade Union Committee at Compressor Plant, so neighborhood housing is often on his agenda . . . Union is "landlord".



One of nicest streets in Sokolniki is named after the famed Captain Gastello, World War Two hero flier. But many streets are treed like this, and tend to make strangers think they're in the park.



Every apartment building has access to a children's playground, usually both artistic and for fun. No charge, of course. Rent is world's lowest because all land and buildings are publicly owned, no mortgages, no taxes . . . financed from profits.



Sokolniki Park has splendid riding paths, and lots of neighbors take up this sport, since it is provided as a service to the people, and charge is very low. Best thing, perhaps, is that you can go riding right there where you live, inside Moscow.



Magnificent piece of architecture is Church of The Resurrection, built in 19th century. Kept in perfect condition, its a favorite spot for photographers, with its colorful walls and gilded domes. Parkways separate it from heavy traffic here.

Jewish "homeland" is breeding anti-Semitism in the West

Nazi demonstrations in USA reveal the smoldering fires of hatred in that land of "human rights". *Anti-Semitism* is far worse in Latin America, and is surfacing in Britain and Europe. Soviet Jews see only too well what is happening.



Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel, said that "the only important reason for anti-Semitism is *the existence of Jews* ... growth of anti-Semitism matches the number of Jews in a given country."

This absolutely false doctrine (that anti-Semitism is "everlasting", part of "human nature") is vigorously pushed by Zionism. It was developed to stop **three progressive trends** among the world's Jews: *decline of Judaism* (the religion); *intermarriage* with non-Jews (assimilation); attraction to *revolutionary Socialism* (as in USSR).

In practice, there is **no difference** between the Zionist claim that "Jews cause anti-Semitism" and the **identical claim** made by anti-Semites to justify their hatred.

This similarity is heightened by Zionist claims that Jews are "exceptional" (*chosen people of God*), and the anti-Semitic claim that Jews are *inferior* to non-Jews.

Thus, while Zionism poses as the "defender" of Jews, in practice it **supports and reinforces** all varieties of vicious racism.

The cold truth is that Zionism has never carried on a fight against anti-Semitism, since (in words of leading Zionist Ruppin) "*anti-Semitism is the strongest agitator for Zionism.*" Nahum Goldmann (famed as Zionist leader) repeatedly **complains** that "disappearance of anti-Semitism may prove a new danger for the Jewish cause."

The noted British historian, Toynbee, long ago saw through Zionism as a doctrine identical with everything expressed by anti-Semites. Both "sides" say exactly the same thing — that *Jews and non-Jews can't exist peacefully together in human society.*

Although you never see it expressed in our press, this is becoming **Israel's worse ideological problem.**

Jews the world over are being told that they **must move to Israel**, because if they persist in living as *Jews*, in any other country ... then their very Jewishness **condemns them to be hated by everyone else.**

Hitler and Goebbels never said it more clearly.

In the Middle-East openly, and in other countries in private, Zionists carry their racism to a logical conclusion, and insist that Arab peoples are *racially inferior*. If this were not tragic, it would be ridiculous, since *Arabs are Semites themselves.*

However, more and more intelligent Jews (especially in the USSR, where most have been liberated from the oppressive anti-intelligence doctrines of Judaism) are waking to the fact that by "welcoming" anti-Semitism (it drives Jews to Israel?) the Zionists are **actually stirring the terrible fires of anti-Jewish hate.**

This happens when Zionists get into the media, telling Jews that **their loyalty** is first of all to **Israel** ... a prime propaganda-hate charge of anti-Semites. But Jews in the West **dare not protest**, since they would then be branded as anti-Israel ... a charge which can be ruinous to Jews, socially and professionally.

Of course, all intelligent observers, Jews and non-Jews alike, now see that the adventurist foreign policy of the Zionists in power in Israel is leading that "homeland" close to the brink of disaster. By counting on their policy of **blackmailing USA** ("support Israel to the limit or we will turn against USA in Mid-East and Africa"), the Zionist rulers are **provoking confrontation** with the USA's Arab allies ... something that would bring down the Western world's economies in a **petroleum catastrophe.**

However, Zionists consider that they hold a **trump card** in the poker they're playing with Washington. It's very clear and simple: **anti-Sovietism, anti-Socialism.**

As you saw in an earlier NN Report, Zionism long ago (in 1918) realized that *Socialism is its main enemy.* And since the state of Israel was formed, Zionism has become the **main organizer of anti-Soviet propaganda world-wide.** This makes Israel a "most-favored ally" of USA indeed.

Zionists have organized Jewish intellectuals throughout the West — scientists, mathematicians, psychiatrists, historians, writers, artists — in a **continuous anti-Soviet campaign, which packs our media incessantly.** Through organizations like "B'nai B'rith" and the "Anti-Defamation League" big campaigns are mobilised, attacking the Soviet Union from every conceivable approach.

And if non-Jews (especially in the media) are **reluctant** to join in the most obvious of these propaganda drives, then they are blackmailed with **the worst of all damning accusations:** if they won't attack the USSR, **then they must be Reds themselves!**

Only inside the Soviet Union are Jews fully aware of this Zionist effort. Recently, thousands saw the effort made by "The Association of Jewish Book Publishers", which sent a vicious anti-Socialism exhibit to the First International Book Fair in Moscow.

But continuously Soviet Jews are subject to the "contact" of tourists sent by various Zionist organizations ... many of whom end up by making propositions-a-la-CIA.

Repeatedly so-called "Jewish dissidents" in USSR turn out to be USA agents recruited by Zionists. Most recent notorious case was that of the "freedom fighter" Shcharansky, held on charges of treason in USSR. By accident, one of Brzezinski's assistants let out the fact that **Shcharansky was indeed a USA agent.**

The annual budget of the World Zionist Organization is now over 700 million dollars. Some two-thirds of this is spent on **anti-Soviet activities.**

Big money. **But it's not buying a future for Israel.** Much less is it supporting the kind of life the Jews of the world want to bequeath to their children.

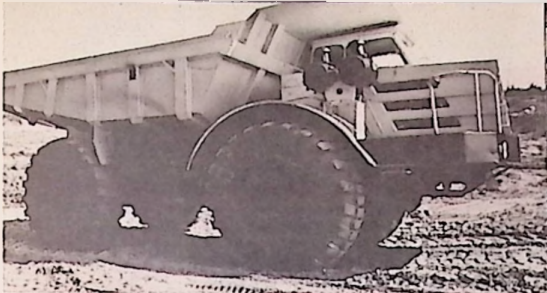
By striving to turn Jews of the West **against Socialism**, the Zionists are trying to condemn their people to remain **isolated from the mainstream of human life.**

And that would bring inevitable doom for Israel.

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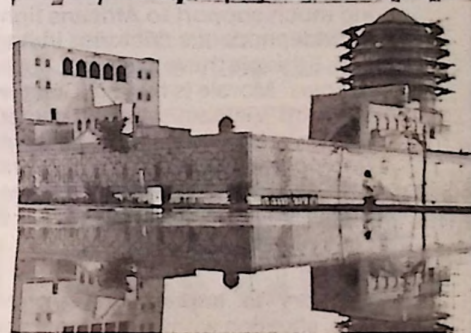
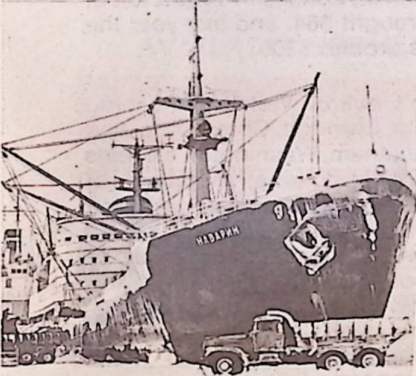
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Few people here have heard of Mogilev, major industrial center in the Byelorussian Republic. But already Mogilev heavy-duty trucks are going to 15 countries. Used mainly in mines, quarries, construction, and noted for reliability under all climatic conditions. This is third heavy-truck center in Byelorussia — others are in Minsk and Zhodin.

Not only have they restored beautiful ancient Town Hall of Tallinn, but now they use it for weddings and (here in our photo) for new ceremony at birth of another baby in Socialist family.



History was made this summer when Soviet nuclear-powered ice-breakers rammed through polar ice to show all-year "North Pole Route" freight transport is feasible.

Newest big success in Soviet theatre world is "Theatre of Youth". Young writers, producers, players gaining renown with challenging presentation of problems in Socialism, and relating life today to the stormy past.

In spite of shortage of people for production, Soviet Republics never neglect their heritage. Here in Samarkand artists are restoring the exquisite beauty of Til-Karis madrasah, a Moslem masterpiece.



High in Caucasus Mountains this gigantic salmon breeding station at Chaikhendsky is now beginning to bring huge increase in quality salmon, using swift mountain rivers for propagation. One of the biggest in world.

Advanced computers are in mass-production in this Kiev plant. Developed jointly by all Socialist countries, this equipment is intended for speeding production in wide variety of plants in a dozen countries.

NN's Hot Line



- o Few people believe that we get *truthful news*.
- o Many of the confusions you spot in daily press clear up when you get *the view from Socialism*.
- o These NN "briefings" can be helpful in giving you confidence in your ability to *foresee events*.

World petroleum experts are surprised to discover that Israel is *striking rich new oil field* in big region seized from Egypt (Sinai). Moncrief (USA), Canossa (Canadian) and Dalkeith (British) have gushers. This is big factor in Israel's warlike stance against Egypt. Despite secrecy, experts learn that new field may be enormously rich.

All Western publicity about Cuban forces in Africa keeps public in the dark on vital fact: not only Cubans but peoples of *all Socialist nations* are giving much support to Africans fighting for independence. Victories in Angola and Ethiopia have *inspired Socialist peoples*. Morale is high, in Cuba, even in far-off Vietnam. Almost ignored in West is extensive aid given by **German Democratic Republic** to many African and Arab nations. *World prestige of Socialism* is increasing swiftly, as success follows success.

Contrary to impression our media give, situation within top leadership of China is tense. Hsieh Hsueh-kung, Central Committee of Communist Party and chairman in Tientsin (major industrial center) has been stripped of all posts. Similar removals throughout China. Fight between "*orthodox Maoists*" and new controlling clique striving desperately to raise country out of *chaos left by Mao*. Hsui Chao-chang, a top Young Communist, has been denounced as a "capitalist element", removed from office, immediately arrested, to halt unrest among youth.

Major developments in Mexico are blacked out in "free" North American press. In historic "policy visit" to Moscow, President Portillo made big economic, political deals. One was a direct blow at USA: oil from Mexico's vast new field will flow **directly to Cuba (!)**. At same time, oil Mexico will sell to Western Europe will actually get there, **by pipeline, from USSR fields**. Great savings in transport cost. Mexico also plans much closer general relations with Moscow. Portillo legalized Mexico's Communist Party, outlawed 40 years ago.

Soviet-Turkey relations have warmed up following visit of Prime Minister Ecevit to USSR, with leading cabinet ministers. Aim: long-term economic agreement, immediate 40 percent trade boost. Thus Turkey has reacted to USA Congress blackmail inside NATO. A big breakthrough ... opposite to Carter's confrontation line.

China tried to stop Turkey from improving relations with USSR. Rushed Huang Hua (Foreign Minister) to Ankara, to lecture Ecevit on "Soviet menace". Ecevit responded bluntly: "*There is no menace to Turkey arising from the Soviet Union.*"

One of the worst anti-détente elements in USA, notorious Eugene Rostow (of "Committee on Present Danger"), was sent by Carter to Peking. Foreign observers agreed that this was first move to *bring Israel into anti-Soviet China-USA bloc*. Rostow has lifelong reputation as leader of Jews who hate Socialism passionately.

But USA-Israel relations are not all sweetness, especially when *billions of arms dollars appear*. Vice-President Mondale went to Israel with a proposition: USA would **allow Israel** to sell "Kfir" warplanes (USA engines), to **Taiwan Air Force** (Formosa). Big money involved. But ... *China will certainly protest* this deal, since Taiwan is its enemy. Peking may get the hint? If China and Israel can get together, Taiwan could be forgotten and those Kfirs would go to Peking. Jewish community (i.e. voters) in USA make it clear that *those planes must sell*, in order to help bolster Israel's nearly-bankrupt economy.

Seemed to be headline material, but our "free" press somehow lost the story from Jerusalem. Rabbi Meir Kahane's Zionist-stormtroopers, operating freely in this Israel-occupied shrine city, did a break-in and wrecking job on St. Trinity Cathedral (of Orthodox Christian church). This is first time a Christian edifice has been vandalized by Israelis, though many Moslem holy places have had "the treatment", Mafia style.

Scientists concerned about hunger are increasingly disturbed by USA's intention to *reduce grain-crop areas and remove much wheat* from world market. This at a time when more millions in Asia, Africa, Latin America are underfed, and outright starvation is increasing. Real purpose of Washington's moves is to **raise world grain prices**. The goal is worth billions: yearly **exports of USA crops** now run over 24 billion dollars. In 1965 a ton of wheat brought \$64, and last year the take was around \$200.

USA isn't out of Vietnam. Pushing Cambodia (through China) into war against Vietnam, Washington's agents have mobilized great numbers of *former South Vietnam troops*, who left their country when USA was driven out. However, Cambodians are by no means sold on Mao-style "liberation". Overthrow of regime is quite possible. Question facing Carter: make friendly move now, towards Vietnam ... or back China and risk facing vast, potentially wealthy, unified, Socialist south-east Asia.

Vietnam is now solidly within the Socialist world system: country has just been elected a member of Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (USSR, Bulgaria, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Rumania). At same time, Yugoslavia, Angola, North Korea, Laos and Ethiopia also strengthened ties with CMEA. Trade is booming, not only within Socialism but also with capitalist lands.

Capitalism's loans to countries of "third world" have now passed **210 billion dollars**. Annual payments including interest are 40 billions! In addition, **profits** taken out by the West now exceed 12 billions yearly. Thus Capitalism's take is now far ahead of what it was back in the days of colonialist rule.

Afghanistan, latest country to take Socialist path, announces program to greatly expand cooperation with USSR and its allies.

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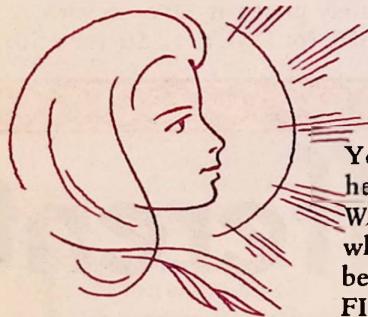
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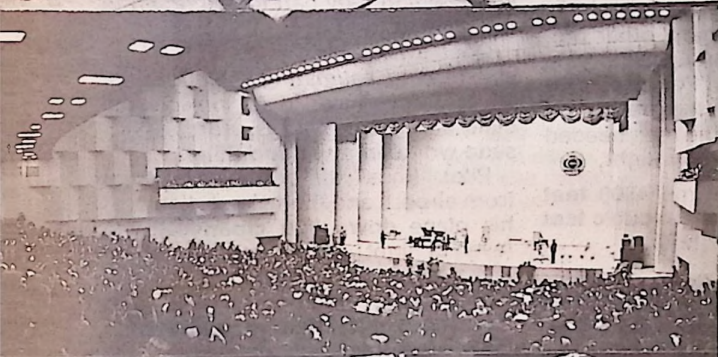
Medical men blame it most often on "strains and stresses of modern life." Not so in USSR. Their radically different view is that strain doesn't cause depression . . . may even prevent and cure the kind of blues most of us get.

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TWO FESTIVALS

For a whole month the finest song and dance companies of Russia competed in Moscow for top honors.



Just as in Canada, there's hardly a place in USSR big enough to hold popular music festivals. Biggest this year was way down in Tbilisi, capital of the Georgian Soviet Republic. Packed the State Philharmonic Society hall, and performances continued for a whole week. Finally the most popular bands moved out on to a balcony and played to crowds that couldn't get in. Because of very wide popularity of classical and folk music in Socialism, youth audiences tend to be more musically developed than ours, and less captivated by fads that last a short time. Big majority are genuine jazz fans, and some observers say that a genuine "school" of Soviet jazz now exists. They have rock and other mod forms too.



Top: though small northern people, the Maris have rich folk art and their ensemble won high place. Center left: Buryats of Lake Baikal region scored among the top in audience appeal. Center right: famed "Rus" group of Vladimir region always got an ovation. Bottom: tiny nation, Laks of the Caucasus, won place when their dances were performed by superb group from Daghestan. Believe it: over 3,000 of these groups competed, with 21 reaching the finals.

Look at these three ideas



It's not often that you come across three **outstanding science-industry advances** in a year.

The three NN are reporting to you here are all from the USSR in a single month.

1. An extremely simple biological discovery that greatly increases the **output of pork**.
2. A daring idea, **fantastic at first sight**, that could have big promise for our own country: transporting gas and oil by **airship-freight-trains**.
3. Marvellous new way to **land and take-off aircraft**.

Biologists (and farmers) have long known that *young animals* "waste" much food: their digestive systems are far less active than in adults.

Dr. Mikhail Derkovsky, researcher in Ministry of Agriculture of USSR, decided to try **oxygen** as a **digestion stimulator** for young pigs. Oxygen can easily be given to animals, dissolved in drinking water.

Three years of research have given emphatic results, on three big State Farms. About 1800 young pigs received oxygen, 1800 drank ordinary water. The "stimulated" animals averaged **23 to 28 pounds more weight** than the controls.

Oxygen-enriched water is given to pigs from weaning time for about 10 following weeks, after which it isn't necessary or helpful.

Not only do the "stimulated" pigs gain more weight, but they put on **less fat, more protein**; very desirable.

After oxygenated-water is cut off, these pigs **continue** to add on weight faster than "ordinary" pigs.

And they are notably **healthier**, more resistant to diseases.

And the "final result" (of most interest to farmers) is the best news of all: when pigs have grown to marketing size, those which had oxygen when young **average 15 to 25 pounds more (and better) meat**.

Importance of this to USSR (to say nothing of Canada and USA!) you can see from the fact that **60 million** hogs are growing now over there. If all animals had the oxygen stimulation "treatment", the **increase in pork** would be some **1200 million pounds**.

This "find" is so important that the USSR Academy of Sciences quickly designed a portable (on-the-farm) device for **extracting oxygen from the air**, thus eliminating costly, clumsy oxygen cylinders.

Dr. Derkovsky is now in Ukraine, where the system will be applied on a mass scale.

Early tests show it may work also for broiler-chickens.

As you read earlier in NN, a group of **dirigible (airship) fans** has been working quietly in USSR. Recently they began extensive tests and computer studies of an unusual idea: to fill airships with **natural gas**, link big ships in "trains", and thus use them to bring gas from **remote new gas fields without pipelines**.

The design "approved" by computer (which analysed many other proposals) is for seven gas-carrying ships; plus a powerful "engine" dirigible at the head of the train; and another powership at the rear, needed to keep the train stable in flight.

This train will be some **4500 feet long**. It will carry **70 million cubic feet of gas** at 60 miles per hour.

Needless to say, *many problems* came up. Like rising and falling of **temperature**, as train travels in east-west direction, and sun's heat varies greatly (day and night). The **natural buoyancy (lift)** of gas changes sharply as it heats.

But several leading research centers of USSR cooperated on the project. Of course the aim was to avoid the **tremendous cost** (money, materials, men) building pipe-lines for **thousands of miles** (from Asia to Europe). And to **develop rapidly** gigantic new Soviet gas fields which are very far from "anywhere".

Fact that "gas trains" would not run constantly (as pipelines do) is no problem: gas is **stored**, anyway, and released only when required at place of consumption.

Estimated saving is enormous.

Computers say construction cost would be \$1 compared to \$10 for a pipeline of same capacity. Operating expense \$1 compared to \$2.

Latest news: we hear that the top USSR Council of ministers (cabinet) has **approved** building-and-testing of the dirigible gas transport system (handles oil as well).

As you know, aircraft pilots are under **extreme strain** during take-off and landing. Soviet tests show that in **8 minutes** pilots use more nervous work-energy than miners in **6 hours**.

A new Soviet **landing aid** greatly cuts strain, increases safety.

Called "Glissade". Uses a **laser ray** to give pilots a kind of visible "wire of light" which they can follow down to the ground (and up).

Does away with a maze of *thinking and figuring, estimating and guessing*, which pilots have to do now, especially *at night* or in *fogs, storms*. Glissade works in **any conditions**.

Pilot "finds" the beam of light, far from airport, and then simply "steers" his plane down that **clearly visible** (even at night, in fog) **pathway**, which leads him to perfect landing.

You may chuckle at this: USA also had the **same idea** at **same time** (1974) but **gave it up** as not practical. Soviet electronics scientists **went on and solved the problems**.

They've applied for patents in 16 countries, after 3,000 landings worked perfectly. New model brings pilot in and down from point 11 miles away from airport, and uses **two** laser beams of different "color", for day, night, fog, rain, etc.

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Glissade is much simpler, more accurate and reliable, than systems widely used today. And it **costs far less**.

Naturally, it has *military* uses. USSR has published pictures of it bringing helicopters in safely on a warship.

The "team" that perfected Glissade was headed by world-famed Nobel Prize winner, **Dr. Nikolai Basov**, long time leader in laser research.

You might recall this when you read next newspaper yarn about "backward" science and technology in Socialism.

Each item here deserves a full page

Our only way to cover important Soviet news

SOVIET TEACHERS HAD CONVENTION and found that they now number 4,500,000. They teach 43 million young people in 57 languages of USSR. In past 10 years, just in rural areas alone, new schools for 9 million pupils have been built. Not a single teacher laid off.

UNUSUAL NEW FEATURES make life enjoyable for cosmonauts on record long flight in "Salyut-6" craft. In daily talks with Earth, they get to have conversations with favorite movie stars, singers, etc. Also, the "freight supply ship" *Progress* brought them up new color TV tape-players ... tapes made by their wives, children, family friends.

WE DOUBT VERY MUCH if any of the thousands of youth, who went to World Festival in Havana, Cuba, in July, knew how the heavy expenses were paid. On June 24 close to 50 million Soviet young men and women gave up their Saturday-off, worked the whole day, *turned over all money they made to the Festival fund*. Could any country in West do that for any cause?

WE REPORTED EARLIER that *nightingales* (extremely timid birds) had returned to Moscow, heard by many. This summer Moscow TV crew showed millions of viewers nightingales nesting, singing ... in woods practically in center of capital. Now big flocks of *swallows* have established themselves around lake in Kuskovo Park (inside city). Swallows are extremely sensitive to pollution and testify to city's air purity.

SUPER-POWERFUL ATOMIC ICE-BREAKER, Sibir, was aided in record-breaking Polar Sea trip, by a new navigation space-craft. Named *Cosmos-1000* this device constantly pinpoints the Sibir's position. It also "sees" ice and water, enables crew to choose exactly correct route for speed, safety.

USING NATURE IN RADICALLY NEW WAY, Soviet biologists are pumping ordinary river and lake water *very deep down*, after deep water deposits have been used by city water systems. At great depths, the surface waters become *biologically purified*, and also "take up" valuable minerals. In short: cities can have permanent source of ultra-pure water.

WOMEN OLYMPICS GAMES STARS have just discovered Maria Kulchunova. She's the first Kirghiz woman to make a new Soviet record ... she ran the 400 meters in 50.87 seconds. Maria's aim now: to break 50 seconds. But she believes that by 1980 Olympics time, winning girl will have to do 400 in ... *less than 49 seconds!*

"PRODUCTION" OF NEW FARM LAND in USSR gains speed each year. This summer, farmers will be "given" some 2 million acres of irrigated (formerly barren-dry) land, plus nearly 2.5 million acres of drained (formerly bogged) land.

INVENTING IN SOCIALISM of course is done by individuals. But they don't work alone. Soviet Inventors Society now has 78,000 branches where its 8 million members meet, experiment. Their ideas, worked out during current 5-Year Plan, are going to save USSR's national economy well over 30 billion dollars.

LATEST SOVIET SCIENCE EXPEDITION down to South Pole (Antarctic), studied in detail *one iceberg* that measures 95 miles long, 40 miles wide, and 1000 feet thick. It weighs *trillions* of tons! If *towed to Africa* (no great feat for nuclear-powered tugs) it could make the Sahara Desert a blossoming paradise for generations.

BOXING CHAMPS OF 1980 OLYMPICS will come from USA and Cuba. That's verdict given to Moscow press by Col. Donald Hull (USA) of the International Amateur Boxing Association. Says contests will be finest ever seen anywhere in world, ring battles.

THERE MAY BE NO "PIE IN THE SKY" but there certainly are the makings. Remarkable new studies by Soviet scientists, using information from high-flying rockets, proves that vitamins and various micro-organisms **exist in clouds 4 to 5 miles up**. It's now considered possible that living things like algae "inhabit" clouds. Everything they need (oxygen, nitrogen, water, metallic elements, sunlight) is up there. Next step: to determine what effect this "layer of life" has on rainfall, which must vary greatly in biological content.

OIL POLLUTION BUGGED BAKU, on Caspian Sea, for 100 years. At their worst, waters around Baku were frightful. Today, even though oil drilling is on bigger scale than ever, the Caspian is pure and transparent. People of the city once again enjoy swimming, and what's more, they catch plenty of fish, long thought to be exterminated. Change is result of massive anti-pollution measures undertaken in USSR.

DRASTIC CHANGES IN RURAL LIFE in Ukraine are visible in the once "rustic" Co-Op Farm "Zarya". In just a few years farmers became "industrialized", by going for stock-raising, vegetable and fruit growing, flax and sugar-beet ... and *processing* crops themselves, in new plants. Example: they grow and market 10 million cans yearly. Income last year was 21 million dollars. In five years they've spent 15 millions building modern homes, stores, schools. Farm is able to recruit skilled workers in big cities, offering best pay and living conditions.

"SPACE TELEVISION" HAS ARRIVED, in Soviet Union. This is a system of broadcasting TV programs from space-craft, with sufficiently powerful signal for receiving on reasonably small aeriels. Formerly, USSR was covered by space-TV that could be picked up only by huge receivers, then re-broadcast for homes. That system is used in many countries. But new "Ekran" space-station can be received directly, without relays. Opens way to revolutionary advances in world-wide TV.

FROM APRIL 15 TO JULY 1, each year, Soviet railway workers carry out "Operation Signal". This is a mass campaign to check and improve on every safety function. But results this year gained nation-wide attention, when authorities released remarkable fact: in previous 12 months not only was no passenger killed on any Soviet rail line, but not one soul received any injury!

SOCIALISM HAS A UNIQUE MAGAZINE, called *Friendship of the Peoples*. Appears only in Russian. But why so, with 76 different languages being used? That's just the point. Overwhelming majority of all Soviet people can read Russian (along with own language), and Russian is *the only way they have to enjoy those 75 other languages!* Thus, noted Kalmuck writer Kugultinov has no more than 100,000 readers in his own tongue; but tens of millions read him, in Russian translations. Also, *through Russian*, the rest of the world is able to read many national literatures formerly quite unknown. Another effect: by reading 75 different literatures, even the "weakest" native writers are able to advance their craft to world standards.

OIL WORKERS AROUND TYUMEN recently delivered their one thousand millionth ton of oil. Formerly barren region is now a boom area. Greatest petroleum-chemical center in Socialism is now rising at Tobolsk and its rate of production corresponds to 250 million tons of oil in a year. USSR has greatest oil reserves, but they believe this resource should be used for production, not as fuel.

NEW WORLD DEMAND FOR SILK is no suprise to Soviet women, who have long favored it. Production is booming in Uzbekistan, where silk farmers delivered, in 1978, more cocoons than the Plan called for in year 1980. And contrary to our way-of-farming, in Socialism when farmers *over-produce* they get *higher payments* for the excess. Actually, there's never a real excess, since unlimited demand is waiting.

SIBERIA'S MAGNIFICENT LAKE BAIKAL is deepest in world (5300 feet!) and contains one-fifth of all world's fresh water reserves. But until recently, no one had ever "seen the bottom". Scientists now are exploring it, sending back fascinating photos, since Baikal is home for living things found nowhere else. One reason: this lake was born in huge "earth crack" some 25 million years ago.

OIL TANKER DISASTERS are hardly possible with Soviet ships, which conform to IMCO (world) standards. Mainly: all Soviet tankers have "double bottoms" and "double sides", so oil is safely retained even in case of running aground on reefs or collisions. They even have *double steering equipment*, in case of emergency.



Do you enjoy getting new views from other Readers?

The ever-growing flow of mail to NN is what helps us to make this *the magazine you want*. Why not take a few minutes to send us your opinions?

"All the ladies who went to USSR from here are now back, and evidently they had a grand time. Were treated royally and saw so many beautiful places and things that they'll have something to talk about for years. I wouldn't mind taking that trip except that it takes so long to get there." **A.K.**
Note: Some mistake here. Trip from Montreal to Moscow is by Aeroflot jet and takes only a few hours.

"Reader **E.L.** enquired about Paul Robeson recordings. These are made by Columbia Records and I'm sure they are available in Canadian stores." **P.H.**

Reply: Is NN's face red! We should have known all along that Columbia issues Paul's records, and dealers have them.

"Imagine my astonishment watching TV last night, when famous Connaught Laboratories (insulin, etc.) reported on **Aspirin**. For a minute I thought they were reading straight from NN's Report '**Aspirin: Ancient Folk Medicine**'. Verified what the Report says about extraordinary value of this treatment." **M.B.**

Note: Still available at 35 cents.

"We plan to hold a 'USSR Week' here and would appreciate receiving from you all the magazines, reports, etc. you can send. We can't pay but we'll deeply appreciate your help." (*Sri Lanka*).

"*New Times* and NN, in my estimation, are the two best publications for facts for Peace and detente." **L.H.A.**

"Any time now we'll be getting word that the giant USA 'flopnik' called *Skylab* is diving down to Earth out of control. But I wonder how many people know what this tremendous 'white elephant' cost? Many won't believe, so I refer them to prestigious journals *Science* (Vol. 200 No. 7) and *New Scientist* (Mar. 16 '78). *Skylab* cost the USA taxpayer **2,500 million dollars**. Truly a 'space hulk' which testifies eloquently to USA's superiority." **M.J.F.**

"I liked that suggestion about readers showing NN to newsstands. You are bound to find someone who will agree to put it out for sale." **Z.T.**

"I wouldn't miss NN for any amount of money. Wish it came every week. You not only give us the news, but your health reports helped to save a life in this family. We hope to go to USSR for a second time this fall. Wish we could send you a million dollars." **V.T.**

"I've been to USSR twice for medical treatment. While doctors here could only give me some relief, Soviet doctors have cured me." **W.E.K.**

"So far I have sent Prime Minister Trudeau 1000 signatures of people opposing the neutron bomb. I sent 4000 on the earlier Stockholm Peace Appeal. Send me a big bumper sticker 'Make Jobs, Not War', the first one has worn out." **E.K.**

"From where I'm sitting it looks as if our Free Enterprise system is on its way out. There are massive layoffs and plants shutting down permanently across Canada. Unemployed may not be so visible as in the 'thirties, but they're here none the less. Had a trip to Cuba two years ago, so my wife and I had a nice holiday and saw that Socialism works." **N.W.**

"It would take 8 to 14 years for us to get a 'reply' to messages sent from Earth to nearest possible 'worlds', so doesn't that explain why our scientists have no 'answers' so far? NN's article about this leaves me doubtful." **V.V.T.**

Reply: You and many others! It's a hot controversy these days. We'll run another article soon, to up-date the facts.

"Here's payment to send trial NN Subs to eight people (your '*4-People Plan*'). Please also send them the publication '*Lenin: World's Most Remembered Man*'. Yours for better life and less armaments." **D.M.S.**

"This article (enclosed) by Yoram Kessel headlined '*Rabid Anti-Semitism in Soviet Union*' bothered me a great deal. Wonder if you could give us a report on what is really happening in USSR." **R.H.**

Reply: We have been running a series of Reports in NN for months. Have you missed them? We think they cover the facts pretty well. There's another in this issue, which shows where anti-Semitism really is being promoted, and why. We wonder if Yoram Kessel is going to slog his followers with the story about **Nathaniel Rosen**, the young cellist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, who was quite unknown in the world until he went to Moscow in July and won first prize at the greatest of all international musical festivals (the 'Tchaikowsky'). Nathaniel is the son of Judge David Rosen of Los Angeles, well-known Jew. Surely nobody with a head can swallow the line slung by rabid anti-Sovieteers like Kessel. Take a look back at Page-12, July-August NN. The new Jewish Musical Theatre ... that's anti-Semitism?!

"Years ago in NN you told of the 'Davidov Plan' to change the northern climate, and the 'Kara Kum Desert' plan to make barren lands flourish. Anything on them?" **C.B.**

Reply: 'Davidov Plan' requires cooperation of USA and Canada, with world approval, and so awaits the strengthening or detente, ending of arms race. The Kara Kum desert (as often reported in NN) now has longest irrigation system in world (still growing) and has made USSR world's biggest cotton-growing nation.

"There is no greater virtue than the diligent pursuit of knowledge for the purpose of informing one's fellow man. There is no greater social crime than deception, by misinforming, propagating dogma, mythology or fear!" **H.O.Y.**

We much admire the way NN exposes anti-Soviet propaganda by American reactionaries and their friends. Wish you a happy victorious future!" **D.B.A.** (*Sri Lanka*)

"My friend and myself are now renewing our subscriptions to NN, which we have not received for three years." **N.B.**

"Sometimes people exaggerate. I hope I don't. But I must say that I've never come across a magazine so filled with truth as NN. My friends also enjoy and discuss it. We, too, shall one day enjoy life in Socialism." **T.N.M.** (*Nigeria*).

"Here's my donation to the only paper I get that I read every page." **S.H.S.**

"We sure had a good trip to USSR. All liked it. I got my new glasses. They would have operated on my eyes but feared I was too old. We saw so much good, so many wonderful things. I never did believe I'd ever be able to go to the Soviet Union, so you know how happy I am." **E.H.**

"We have a CBS 'nightline' radio program here with some 60,000 listeners. On the subject of USSR the announcer, by design, misinformation or malice, gives a totally wrong picture of life, industry and agriculture in USSR. His latest ravings were well answered in April NN. So I'm asking you to send him that issue, and a year's NN Sub. Maybe this will have some good effect." **A.F.**

Reply: Excellent idea ... and by coincidence another reader did the same, for another "radio misinformor". Any more Readers want to take this up?

"Just couldn't believe my eyes ... this 'Assoc. Press' report (June 23) from Washington stating that former USA law, allowing 12-year-old children to work on farms, has been 'liberalized' ... now farmers can put 10-and-11-year-old boys and girls to work in the fields. This is Jimmy Carter's Human Rights campaign in action, for sure! I guess NN Readers all know that only in exceptional circumstances can a 15-year-old be hired in USSR, and even 16-year-olds have very short work-weeks, long holidays. In actual fact: Carter's USA is turning the industrial clock back a century or more, and in a country that 'lectures' Socialism about human rights!" **D.E.F.**

"May I recommend that Readers buy a copy of *Popular Mechanics*, July '78, for astonishing article on Soviet 'MIG' aircraft. (Or get magazine in your Library). If ever there was a frank confession that USSR leads USA in technology, this is it. Yet if NN printed similar facts you'd be accused of 'exaggerating'." **M.L.**

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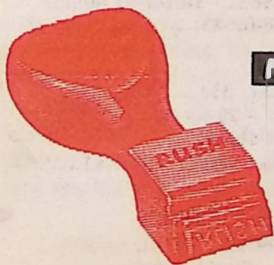
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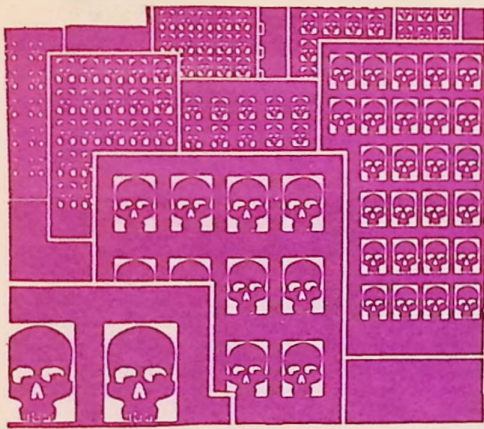
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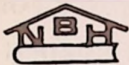
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