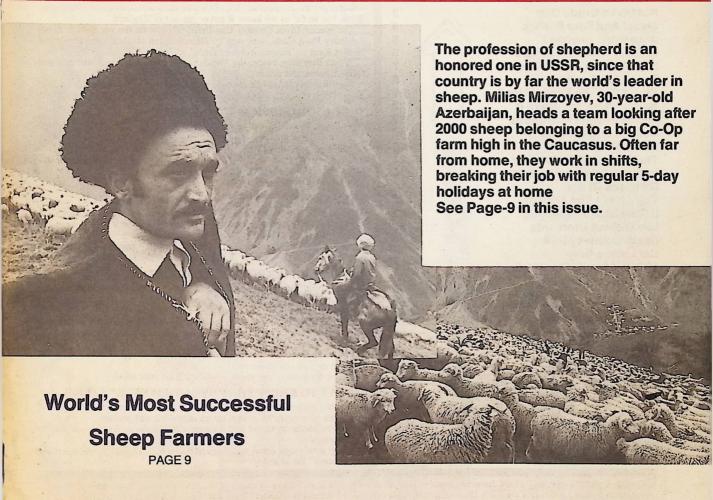
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SHARE A LAUGH WITH YOUR EDITOR

Hardly a week goes by without some new proof that most people would like to be reasonably friendly to the people of the USSR

But cops? Yes, policemen, too. This true story would make real front page news, but so far as we know it never got out of England.

The special Cross Country Cop Drive '82, run on the big British Army Salisbury Plain roads, was won by Detective Ian Husband and Constable Robert Kent ... driving a Soviet Lada!

In fact they won twice: the "trials contest" and a special military and civilian police test drive.

Want another laugh? In the previous contest, "Drive '80", the Ladies' Team Prize was won by two policemen's wives. Yes ... in a Lada.

JUST A REMINDER NOT TO WORRY

As usual, this is NN for July-and-August both.

It reaches you a little late for July, and not at all for August.

Only way we can arrange any vacations for our small staff. No, you don't miss any NN's. Your sub runs for 10, 20 or 30 issues, and July-August counts for only one issue, not two.

See you early in September!

IN CASE YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING UNEASILY

Has the Soviet Union been involved in the Britain-Argentine war? After all the charges made in our media, you'd think they'd have the decency to print Moscow's indignant reply.

Said USSR: "there are not the slightest grounds" for claiming that Moscow "is involved in any way in the conflict over the Falklands." Period.

A READER TOUCHES ON A DELICATE SUBJECT

"I note that you give an example of a church that survives only on regular contributions from members of the congregation," says P.F.

"When are you going to establish a sustaining fund for NN?"

And P.F. goes on to say: "I'm sure your loyal readers will be glad to give a small amount each month. Just enclose an envelope and a reminder with each issue of the magazine."

P.F. supported this idea with a \$10 donation.

What do you say about this?

Please drop me a line about it while it's on your mind.

REAT TO KNOW THAT "YOUTH POWER" LIVES!

We just picked up Globe & Mail to learn with horror that suicides of Canadian teen-agers have shot up an incredible 400 percent.

And the media try to tell us the youth of Socialism suffer because they're 'regimented''

If you aren't sure about that, turn to Pages 6, 7, 12 and 22, and see those "regiments" for yourself.

NN's Quote-of-the-Month: "There are many seats of tension in the world today. Tension can best be removed when states seek mutual understanding and trust. It is precisely this that distinguishes relations between the Soviet Union and Austria. I am convinced that good Austrian-Soviet relations, which have come to exist despite the differences in our social systems, can well serve as an example for other states. I see our future relations also as good. They have developed in the most favorable way, in themost different periods; when there was tension and when there was detente in our world. I believe the established course will continue successfully to develop." Rudolf Kirchschlaeger, President of the Republic of Austria.

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World War of the A-B-C's

- You hear nothing but "super weapons" in all USA-USSR confrontations.
- Going unnoticed is another kind of struggle between the great powers.
- The facts may convince you that this rivalry has already been settled.

In cities like New York, some young law-school graduates have to be taught how to read and write.

Many high school teachers in USA cannot write a simple essay so you can understand it.

Latest surveys show that 23 million USA adults can't read or write well enough to do the simplest work. Another 30 million scrape by with poor grasp of the A-B-C's.

Over a million school drop-outs each year add to this unbelievable army of illiterate grown-ups.

"Literacy Volunteers of America" estimates that lack of ability to read and write is costing the USA's illiterates \$347 billion per year.

But civilization is advancing so fast that these non-readers and non-writers soon won't be able to get any kind of paying employment.

Already, some authorities tell you, over half the USA population can't even read a driver's license form or make out their income tax. They experience increasing difficulty just applying for

Including "work" in the USA's armed forces. Hard to believe, but they now use five pages in a picture book to teach a recruit how to open the hood of a truck! Words in print would not be

Such illiterate troops will be able to operate today's war machines?

"Illiteracy is catching" they now believe, as teachers are less and less able to read and write effectively.

Can you believe: 8-out-of-10 USA universities accept any person who applies for admittance! If you can pay, you're in college.

The grim seriousness of this was recognized back in 1964 with President Johnson's "Basic Education" drive. Now, with 2,600 "programs" in action, only 3 million out of 56 million illiterates have been helped.

The over-all view of Capitalism is incredible: something like 1,000 million adults living in our free-enterprise system don't know their A-B-C's, and aren't being taught.

How the War for Literacy was fought and won by the people in Socialism

Under Capitalism, in Czarism, the great majority of the population could neither read nor write. But when Socialism came, said Lenin, "All the wonders of technology, all the achievements of culture, will become the property of the

This was the beginning of the power of the Socialist system.

"When the masses know everything, can form an opinion of everything, and do everything consciously" Lenin said, that would make the USSR a strong

But first, people had to be able to read and write. "Elimination of Illiteracy", the December 26, 1919 decree, was aimed at 15 million illiterate adults in the Russian Republic alone.

But ... no schools. No books. No pencils or pens. No paper.

And all remaining elements of the capitalist system deliberately and effectively sabotaged the Soviet drive against

No teachers! So the Communist Party set up a national crash-training school for teachers. Very soon the country had 8,000 such schools.

Millions of people learned first how to use whitewash on boards painted black instead of pen and ink.

When the industrialization of USSR was being planned, the Party turned to the Trade Unions for leadership in eliminating illiteracy.

Perhaps you will see a lesson for the USA today in Lenin's insistence, 60 years ago, that when people can't read or write "we cannot speak of politics.

There can be only rumors, gossip, fairy-tales and prejudices, but not

You may not know, but in 1923 the USA also announced a plan to end illiteracy by the year 1927.

"We must abolish illiteracy by then, too," said Lenin.

Well, by 1926 a Soviet census showed half the people still were illiterate.

So they mobilized their youth. By the hundreds of thousands.

But even the Young Communist League had 100,000 illiterate members!

Even so the YCL launched an all-out drive to teach reading and writing, at the beginning of 1928.

By 1929 The Soviet city of Saratov became the first to eliminate all illiteracy in its citizens.

At that time only Berlin and Prague, of all the world's cities, could boast of being free from illiteracy.

The USA's drive had failed.

When husbands shot their wives for learning to read

Success in Saratov pointed the way to the final drive in Socialism.

The Young Communist League made it compulsory for all members to take A-B-C's to the people.

Every form of "propaganda" was put to use: in factories, offices, parks, gardens, theatres, movies, clubs.

First "targets" were millions of young people (like millions of youth in USA today).

Soon Leningrad was the second Soviet city to eliminate illiteracy: a victory for May Day 1931.

That same year a huge farming area (Lower Volga), a stronghold of ignorance in Czarist times, went far ahead of USA, Britain and France with 97 percent of the people able to read.

But on the tremendous territory of the USSR the struggle still had to be redoubled in force.

And then: whole countries inside USSR (former Czarist colonies) had total illiteracy. Many had religious rules prohibiting girls and women from reading and writing, on pain of death.

Many women teachers were murdered. Sometimes husbands put their own wives to death, "obeying" their religious authorities.

Before some nationalities could be taught to read or write, alphabets had to be created for them.

However, by 1931, when Socialism itself became the dominant economy in USSR, the nation was able to set up (for first time) free compulsory education for all youngsters . . . backed up by schooling for all teen-agers who were still illit-

This "war" swept on to victory.

By 1937 many tens of millions of formerly illiterate adults were able to read and write. The 1939 Census found 95-in-100 men and 83-in-100 women had mastered their A-B-C's.

No other country in the world had ever scored such a triumph over ignorance ... in less than 20 years!

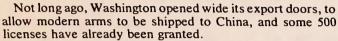
Everyone remembered Lenin's hope and prophecy: "The biggest miracle would be to eliminate the Committee for Eliminating Illiteracy.'

And it happened.



USA and China turning sweet-and-sour

More to the news than just Soviet and Chinese athletes playing again



The White House claimed that China-USA relations had "reached a new stage". Meaning active military preparations aimed against the Soviet Union.

However, discussions soon revealed that besides the USSR, China is openly making claims on the territory of 18 other nations, covering truly vast areas.

Already Chinese troops are effectively occupying a large part of Pakistan. Tremendous forces are being built up in Tibet: 500,000 troops and a whole network of missile bases, aimed at India and other South Asia countries.

But now it turns out that Chinese expansionism reaches as far out as the Malay Peninsula and even one of the Philippine Islands, Palawan.

And not only is China eyeing USA "spheres of influence", but new strategic missiles being placed by Peking are quite capable of reaching the United States itself.

"Formosa" and "Taiwan" not just two names

USA monopolies are becoming keenly aware that China is still not inside the capitalist system. This makes them extremely nervous when any news comes through about China improving relations with the socialist system, especially the USSR. Suppose one thing led to another and China began to lose interest in military partnership with USA?

Consider a specific case: "Formosa-Taiwan".

Washington is heavily re-arming this island, which considers China to be its Enemy Number One. Small wonder that Peking warned Haig that his continued support of Formosa-Taiwan is totally unacceptable to China.

Taiwan, you remember, was occupied by Japan for 50 years; briefly rejoined to China in 1945; then broken away by USA, to become a major Washington base.

Indeed, Washington uses Formosa as a huge "unsinkable aircraft carrier" dominating the Pacific.

Meanwhile, USSR has never changed its stand that Formosa is part of China and must be returned to Peking. And Ronald Reagan has never changed his stand — that Formosa is an independent country under his wing.

Besides arms deals USA investment and trade with Formosa is soaring these days. Clearly, the monopolies intend to keep possession regardless of China's warning.

Some events are nightmares for Washington

Not many people recall that the most far-reaching treaty in history was the USSR-China alliance of 1950. In the following years, with massive aid from the Soviet people, the Chinese went a long way towards Socialism. The cold truth: only after China broke with Moscow did the Chinese begin their down-

All that time — 1950 to the present day — USSR has never made any claims whatever on China.

Right now, the Soviet Union is striving to establish good relations with China not for any selfish reason whatsoever, and especially not to make an alliance against any other nation on Earth.

In 1980, Moscow made a very broad offer to Peking: to open discussions aimed at lessening tension between the two countries. In 1981 a specific proposal called for talks on "border disputes". The Chinese seemed to be receptive, but advised postponement.

Meanwhile, several Soviet approaches were made to reopen contacts in economic, scientific and cultural fields. This seemed reasonable because, after the tragedy of the "Cultural Revolution" faded away, China did agree to normal functioning of embassies, regular rail and air traffic, proper mail and telegraph services between the two countries, and even a commission that sits to discuss border problems.

Can China function for the Chinese?

When Peking media discuss these questions, as a rule they make demands on USSR which they know cannot possibly come true — that the Soviet Union should cease to support the Socialist nations of Mongolia and Afghanistan. This is very encouraging to Washington.

But at the same time China participates normally with USSR in world conferences and forums. Today, at long last, sports competitions are taking place between athletes of both countries.

Visits between the two nations are now made by scientists, engineers, students, hardly imagined until recently.

This is very disturbing to Washington.

Not because it is "political" but because the Chinese can obviously benefit, in ways almost limitless, from restoration of cordial relations with the Soviet people. Indeed, these would be relations with the entire Socialist world, which could immensely and rapidly advance China.

Far-seeing Chinese realize that Washington cannot tolerate such developments because Capitalism never has been and

will not ever be friendly to Socialism.

At this very moment Socialism in China is being severely damaged by penetration, into its economy, by monopolies of the USA: domestic trade is declining and inflation has become a major threat.

China could do with some "legendary wisdom"

The man who has led China from Socialism towards Capitalism is Deng Xiaoping. And now Deng is in trouble.

Inevitably, as he steered China towards the USA, he widened the gap between Peking and the whole Socialist world led by the Soviet Union. This has resulted in a crisis of political and moral faith in China, especially among the youth.

Millions of Chinese know that Deng was prepared to sell

Taiwan out, to gain arms from Reagan.

But millions also realize now that Reagan is right: China turning away from Socialism needs the USA far more than the USA needs China.

Deng's supporters are still firmly in power. But his policies are being exposed nakedly. As a result the Communist Party of China is split as never before, and the struggle for a new leadership is more acute than ever before.

It's in this situation that Washington decided to pour advanced arms into Formosa-Taiwan. Who knows when this "unsinkable missile base" will be needed for close-range

USA and China can't give each other any guarantees. Their relationship is decidely sweet-and-sour.

action!



"Abominable Snowman" or Neanderthal Man?

Looking for Beings out in Space, are we missing the weirdest creatures of all, here on Earth? Do you think semi-human animals are alive right now? Do you believe that our ancestors, Neanderthal Man, may still be hiding from us in remote mountains? Here 'NN' briefs you on latest information that makes an unbeatable topic for hot arguments.

Two years ago a Soviet student, Nina Grineva, clearly saw a hairy creature six feet tall, near the campfire of the expedition she went with. Her friend, Geliona Siforova, an artist, with student Dimitry Sizov, watched a so-called Abominable Snowman for two hours.

As for "hard" material evidence, all Soviet expeditions have managed to get is one plaster-cast of a huge footprint

(see at right).

Last year the biggest Soviet youth newspaper sent its own expedition to the Pamir-Alai Mountain Range. Those 160 intelligent people (from all over USSR) reported several "sightings" of the legendary Yeti or Almas, some at close range, but could bring back no material evidence.

Last summer, on our West Coast, a girl testified that she actually touched a huge hairy creature.

It is easy, of course, to dismiss all such vague "contacts" with mysterious man-ape creatures: people can hypnotize themselves into believing things they don't actually see or hear.

But the trouble is that reports of the Yeti-Almas keep coming in, year after year, nearly always from educated people who don't show any psychological "instability".

That is why the official stand of Soviet science is: "No comment"

Many individual scientists do say plenty. There is a widespread theory now that these creatures have developed exceptionally keen senses, and thus are able to avoid humans.

But how can they evade cameras with flash-lamps? Many efforts have been made to photograph them in darkness. (No reports ever identify these creatures in daylight.)



The trend in Soviet thinking seems to be that Yeti-Almas may indeed exist, but if so they are close to human beings, and science may be in for big surprises if and when actual contact is made.

Ouite a few Soviet experts in this field believe expeditions should try to make friends with the creatures.

This year the patient Soviet research on "Abominable Snowman" received surprising support from one of the world's outstanding researchers, Myra Shackley. She "wrote the book" (literally) on Neanderthal Man. Now she has published an astonishing view in Antiquity, a solemn scholarly

Not only is Shackley famed for her archeological work in Africa, but she has also spent much time in Mongolia, where stories of the Yeti are legion.

Besides, Ms. Shackley studied with Dr. Dmitri Bavanov of the Darwin Museum in Moscow.

However, Dr. Shackley has started a hot controversy by insisting that Almas, who seems to inhabit the most inaccessible zones of mountainous Mongolia, is no relative of Yeti, the really "abominable" and frightening creature of Himalaya Mountains legend.

She complicates it all by insisting that creatures repeatedly reported by Chinese scientists, in Hubei Province, are something else again, probably relics of Gigantopithecus, hairy

ape-like primitives.

Dr. Shackley agrees with some Soviet researchers who think they are on the trail of Neanderthal men who did not die out completely, as formerly believed, though unable to compete with Man.

You may know that Neanderthals were "recent" people, living as late as 35,000 years ago, after which they suddenly vanished (no further relics found).

Scientists don't all agree. Some think Neanderthals did not "die out" but became Man of modern times.

Shackley says 'No'. Most of them were destroyed by humans. But a few survive to this day.

Reliable or not, sightings of all these mysterious beings are increasing nowadays (in USSR, India, China).

One kind of "solid evidence" is the finding, in several places, of the stone implements used by Neanderthal Man, but not at all 35,000 years old, of recent make!

These crude tools were made by dropping certain stones, heated in fires, into water; splinters that broke off could be fashioned into knives and other tools.

Dr. Alexei Okladnikov has 600 such tools dating back as far as a million years! But other finds, checked scientifically, show such tools of modern time.

Too bad nobody has yet found even one more footprint like the single one brought back in USSR.

Too bad, also, that not one skeleton or single bone has turned up, belonging to such creatures.

Naturally this situation leads to skepticism.

But Shackley and her Soviet counter-parts take the opposite view. They see evidence accumulating.

You may recall that 'NN' took that view in our December 1980 report (Page-5). Since then, many more reports of "wild men" have come from China and the Himalayas.

Plus the startling evidence of tools made recently but according to prehistoric techniques.

Myra Shackley is so confident of her theory that she will publish it next year in a book: "Wild Men"

The USSR apparently plans another expedition.

Such researches are extremely difficult, since all the regions said to be inhabited by Yeti/Almas are in the most inaccessible places imaginable. Some are even convinced that humans can't penetrate the Snowman's territory ... which is why he has survived so long!

Typical summer camp (near Vologda) is theirs to enjoy, but they also learn to manage it, help with chores.

33 Million Kids Are All Into Politics

"Young Pioneers" and "Octobrists" know they'll be taking over their system not long from now.



Young Pioneers (teen-agers) take on big public jobs, like planting trees and shrubs in parks and around new housing developments. They avoid "It's mine!", prefer "All ours!"



Tens of millions go in for sports. Top: they get finest medical supervision. Lower: even youngest are welcome in the very best-equipped gyms.



"All the best for our children!" has long been Soviet principl But the kids also learn that the "best" is possible only throu mass efforts of their parents.



In thousands of clubs (Young Pioneer Palaces) across USSR, boys and girls can take up every conceivable hobby. Naturally, Soviet boys are strong for cosmic careers today and their "playtime" equipment is realistic.



Science isn't for everyone, and Soviet kids who are into the arts get every encouragement to visit galleries and learn appreciation.



Socialism being "The Kingdom of Labor" children in USSR very early get introduced to the basics of modern production. Here Boris Zaitov explains what goes on in Elektropult Plant in Leningrad. Such a shortage of workers over there, that nearly all boys and girls decide on the careers they like while they're still in school.



Schools and clubs are everywhere. Top: a Moscow Pioneer Palace. Bottom: Centre for youngest in Leninabad.



New school in Kishinev (Moldavia). Last year alone, USSR built brand new schools for 100,000 pupils. Youngsters take pride in maintaining classrooms and grounds . . . their own property.



Young Pioneers welcoming Latin American youngsters to their Crimea summer camp.

in our two

world systems today

Our experts tell us that the total taxes we now pay have risen very rapidly in recent years; to pay them, we work five out of the twelve months.

In fact, our 1982 taxes probably will use up all the money we make for six months of the year.

Of course, everyone complains most about inflation. Our media give a lot of publicity to the "Price Index", which keeps on climbing ever higher. Actually, we should pay more attention to the "Tax Index". Believe it or not, since 1961 here in North America our total tax bills have soared 300 to

We pay property tax (even if we only rent housing). Sales tax. Customs taxes. Liquor, tobacco, gasoline taxes. Health insurance and retirement-pension taxes. Amusement taxes. Car (license) taxes.

To top it off, we pay nearly all those taxes over again, on nearly everything we buy, since companies collect most of the taxes they pay from us.

Here we won't discuss the problem of companies and wealthy individuals avoiding heavy taxes by various loopholes in the taxation system. The cold truth is that both the rich and the poor pay more taxes now, in proportion to their income, than average people do. Nearly all recent tax increases (like sales taxes in Canada) hit the poorest people hardest. The rich are soaked other ways — but their tax payments don't affect their high standard-of-living.

It's a mistake to think that this tax situation is important only to liberal and left-wing critics of our economic system.

The "rightists" also are concerned, because the size of the tax problem here in Free Enterprise is putting serious strains on our system. And that means world Capitalism.

Not only here but in Britain, West Germany, Japan, France, Italy, the "tax curve" has recently turned alarmingly upward. The entire capitalist system is being forced to use taxes, on a gigantic scale, to regulate all forms of income and consumption.

This violates the basic principle of "free enterprise" on which Capitalism was founded.

Why are taxes "rising through the roof"?

First, because ruinous sums are being squandered on military budgets that seem to be uncontrollable.

Second, because governments have piled up unbelievable debts, which require ever more taxes simply to cover the yearly interest-payments.

Third, because governments have been financing many activities formerly left to corporations and individuals (such as housing, farm "supports", loans, insurance, huge civil service bureaucracies), all of which are paid for by taxes.

On the one hand, Capitalism's experts call for reducing the vast burden of government spending. On the other hand, emergencies that are continually arising compel both corporations and individuals to demand more, not less government "intervention" - and this term means nothing but higher

As a result, governments all over our world system are borrowing heavily and taxing heavier still.

Now take a look away over there...

Few people realize that one of the first things the Socialist Revolution achieved was slashing taxes on the public. And taxes never went back up in USSR.

Indeed, in Socialism the government gets 90 percent of its funds from profits: the profits which, in our system, go to individual owners, and in Socialism go to the "one owner", the general public.

Today, less than 9 percent of all government income in USSR comes from taxpayers. This is a drop over the past five years. A further sharp cut in people's taxes will take effect between now and 1985.

Viewed another way: Socialism can increase its spending tremendously, year-by-year, because it takes in tremendously more profits, without higher taxes.

Even our economists used to "thinking big" have trouble picturing the income of the USSR. Try to imagine a list of all the companies in Canada, large and small, not being taxed on the profits they make, but turning over their entire profits to the nation.

Actually, that's not strictly correct.

In practice, quite a sizable part of any enterprise's profit, in USSR, is kept by that enterprise. What for? Not to pay dividends to individuals. But to carry out local social improvements — like housing, holiday facilities, sports programs, etc. And also to pay groups of workers who excel others in making the enterprise more productive and profitable ... what we call "incentive pay"

Collective farms (Co-Ops) do pay taxes, but this is only "accounting": tax is based on the farm's profit. Individual farmers don't have their income taxed.

But what taxes do to non-farming Soviet people pay? The great majority pay an income tax. This is as low as 3 percent of income, up to a maximum of 13 percent.

Today the average cash wage in USSR is \$275 per month. Income tax on that is \$24 monthly.

The second personal tax in USSR is "bachelor" tax. This is paid by unmarried men and women aged 20 to 45 or 50 years. It is a deliberate "social" tax, intended to equalize living costs between people who have, and do not have children. This tax varies with income, but is only a fraction of income

At the other end of this "social" taxation measure is their rule that parents of large families are exempt from all income tax, regardless of wages.

The facts given above could be deceptive. Because even these small individual taxes, in Socialism, really do not fit into our tax picture. Taxes paid by people, in USSR, go not into the national treasury but are retained by local governments.

Since such funds go into education, medical service, pensions and all sorts of grants and allowances, this tax money returns directly to the taxpayers.

The broad picture is hard for us to appreciate.

In 1982 the "tax bite" on Soviet people will be some 160 billion dollars less than what they get back from the system in free services.

But how can you get something for nothing?

No problem. The pay-out to people in Socialism comes from the enormous profits that go to the owners of the system ... the people.

They don't tax profits. They take profits, period.

On top of the SHEED

They used to laugh at "Russian peasants" wearing sheep-skin furs. Now our high-style shops charge incredible prices for sheep-skin. Again, 'he who laughs last' ...

Today 160 countries breed sheep commercially. But only four nations have more than 50 million sheep. You never hear a breath of this in our media, filled with the "failures" of Soviet farming, but truth is: the USSR has the most sheep of any nation, 142,000,000!

Wool is big in the Soviet Union. In spite of rapid expansion of synthetic textiles. Nearly all their wool comes from sheep (a little from goats, camels, rabbits). As you might expect, USSR produces far more woollen cloth than any other country

Socialism's factories now use hundreds of thousands of tons of wool each year. But much more is wanted. People also want more sheep-skin (fur) clothes. Romanov and Tsigeian skins, and Soviet karakul ('persian lamb') are in big demand in

How about sheep meat, mutton? Beef, pork and poultry make up most meat sales in USSR, but down in the Caucasus and out in Central Asia people traditionally favor mutton. They also go strong for brinza cheeses and matsoni, a kind of yoghurt made from sheep's milk.

USSR leads the world in sheep mainly because their breeders have a "fund" of 60 pure breeds to work with. Of these, 20 are fine-fleece, 20 semifine, 3 semi-coarse, 14 coarse. All wools are in strong demand in various parts of the vast Soviet Union.

Kazakhstan is a major sheep breeding zone, raising nearly one-third of the entire Soviet herds.

Fine-quality sheep paid off so well out in Kazakhstan that they haven't missed a trick. Surveying high alpine meadow zones, they discovered the wild argali sheep. It thrives, on its own, where domestic breeds don't survive. So they crossed these different species to get the new sheep argali-merino.

These prosper high in the Tien Shan mountains now, and produce good fine-fleece wool plus quality mutton.

Formerly, mountain Kazakh sheep men raised only fattailed ewes, with low yields of poor quality wool (for felt only). Now their fine-fleece sheep are highly productive, kept all year round in pastures (outdoors)

In another direction, European Russia, the vyatka breed is the world's northernmost fine-fleece sheep. A heavy wool producer, the vyatka stand tough winters well.

But the celebrated Romanov sheep supplies the finest furskins in the world. Softer, silkier, warmer. This Soviet breed is now raised also in France and Yugoslavia. Ewes often bear up to five lambs.

In all, Soviet sheep-breeders now have 63,000,000 in their herds of fine and semi-fine fleece. Before Socialism, the best the herders could do was a peak count of 350,000 animals.

Their rate of expansion is faster than ever now.



However, the climate with its temperature extremes and desert zones doesn't favor free-ranging sheep herds. In fact, just 50 years ago experts said you couldn't raise quality sheep out there. But Socialism not only brought industry to one of the Czar's 'god-forsaken holes'; Soviet scientists crossed the world's finest breeds with hardy native sheep and, in remarkably short time, proved that fine-fleeced sheep will thrive in Kazakh conditions.

By the way: it's never mentioned in farming circles here, but artificial insemination made this success possible, and it was used for the first time ever in Kazakh sheep centers.

Consider karakul. This super-quality "fur" was never known in Kazakhstan until Soviet times. Today Kazakh karakul is famous in world markets. Every fifth pelt now sold in the world comes from the K.S.S.R.

Consider similar astrakhan. Such sheep bred in USSR produce the world's first colored furs. Bronze, platinum, amber, pearl, diamond and white. They've been bred by entirely new methods: about 15 years are required to get sheep to breed "true" to these magnificent shades.

Many world breeders had tried to get a snow-white astrakhan, unsuccessfully. USSR's Karakul Breeding Institute did the impossible in 15 years, going back to Charles Darwin's "selection" theories for methods.

It has no competition, since other white karakul is bleached, resulting in inferior fur.



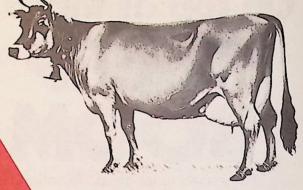
The key development today is concentration of sheepraising. Typical new breeding farms have 5000-10,000 ewes.

At the same time breeds will be improved over the entire

On the basis of success in the Ashkhabad Region (in the Turkmen Soviet Republic), they plan a giant step forward: not 10,000 but 100,000 sheep in single state sheep farms.

Clearly, the USSR's world lead in sheep will score greater gains still in the current 5-Year Plan.





Ice Cream

If you can't try some in Moscow this summer, make some yourself. Soviet recipes are easy. Different. Actually 'health foods'.

Even professional anti-Soviet people have to admit that the ice creams made in USSR are beyond compare.

Maybe that explains why you can see people walking the streets of Soviet cities, happily eating ice cream cones or 'Eskimo Pies' even when the snow is flying and the temperature is way below zero.

In summer their big ice cream plants turn out nearly 100 varieties, loaded with fruits, nuts, honey, herbs and whatever. They even sell ice cream (shakes) heavily loaded with oxygen, making a real tonic.

But why envy them? Why not make some yourself? Chances are you'll be amazed at how easy it is.

Berry Health Cream

You start with a pound of strawberries, raspberries, or your favorite. Fresh is best but in a pinch you can use canned. In that case cut down the sugar.

Mash the berries (best in a blender) with 10 ounces of sugar, then blend in 8 ounces whole milk and 8 ounces thick sour cream.

When thoroughly blended, pour into shallow pans to fit your freezer. After 30 minutes or so (when ice is forming) take out of pans and mix thoroughly again. Freeze for 2 to 3 hours and invite everybody.

Basic Soviet Ice Cream

Separate 3 egg yolks and beat very well (blended is best, easiest) with 8 ounces of sugar, adding whatever amount of vanilla you prefer.

Heat 15 ounces of cream (milk if you must), blend egg-sugar mix into this, cook gently with continuous stirring, until thick and foam disappears from surface. Pour through a strainer and let it cool.

Only when cool (room temperature) should you put the cream into pans for your freezer. Freeze without touching for 2 hours.

Can be mixed with fruits, nuts.

Peach Ice Cream Deluxe

Beat 4 egg yolks with 10 tablespoons sugar and good pinch of salt. Heat 10 ounces cream (or half-and-half) in double boiler (must).

Now mix a little of the hot cream with eggs-and-sugar; put it all into the hot cream, and cook in double-boiler until thick. Cool, then chill (don't freeze yet). Mix 2 cups peaches (crushed), 2 teaspoons lemon juice, a drop of almond flavoring.

Stir this into the chilled mixture. Now beat 10 ounces whipping cream, fold it into the mixture, pour into freezer trays. In freezer, stir the mushy cream occasionally, then leave it to freeze firm.

Basic Ice Cream - Rich

Follow the "Basic" recipe already given. But whip 10 ounces whipping cream very firm, and fold that into the chilled basic mixture.

Some Soviet people say this is the *only* way for super-smoothness (which the whipped cream gives).

Yes, you can try other flavors (maple is delightful).

Yes, almost any flavorsome liquers can be added before freezing.

Honey for Health

Separate 2 eggs (keep whites). Beat yolks until thick (blended is best). Blend in, gradually, 8 tablespoons of slightly warmed honey.

Then blend in 16 ounces of heavy cream (or whipping cream) which you have whipped already (stiff). Add vanilla or other flavoring.

Now almost freeze, in freezer pans. Beat egg whites very stiff. Add whites to near-frozen mixture, then beat all again.

Freeze until firm.

It's good to experiment, for super flavor, by adding what chefs call 'zest': it is finely powdered dried lemon, or orange, peel. Such honey-lemon or honeyorange ice cream will make you famous.

Fastest Health Ice Cream

Must have blender. In it beat to thicken 6 ounces heavy cream. Pour out into bowl. Blend separately 8 ounces milk, 3 cups of fresh berries, 4 ounces milk powder, juice of 2 lemons, chopped rind of 2 lemons, 4 tablespoons honey (liquid), good pinch of salt.

Take that blended mixture and fold it into the blended cream.

Into freezer, but take it out and beat it again twice before you let it freeze solid.

Nutrition Plus Ice Cream

Go back to "Basic" ice cream recipe. Go through it down to "cool". Before you let it cool, blend into it one cup (or more) pitted dates.

Or figs.

Or your favorite nuts.
Some people like sunflower seeds.
Delicious high-protein treat.

Ice Cream will never be the same ... Don't be disappointed; this one is not another ice cream.

It's a recipe for a hot-weather drink that goes far back into Russian history. English people knew this as Mead. To Russians it's Sbiten. (You may remember NN last summer giving Sbiten recipes. Meanwhile, we learned that there's another Sbiten that packs a wallop besides being a delightful summer refreshment.)

You take 3 quarts of water, and half a quart of raspberry (or other fruit) juice and a pound of honey. Bring it all to a boil.

Let it simmer gently for 2 hours, stirring frequently and skimming off froth. Cool it to 25C (77f). Stir in two ounces dry yeast dissolved in half a cup of water.

Let it ferment 8 to 12 hours. Now pour your Sbiten-to-be into clean bottles or jars, and put it away in the fridge.

Don't you dare touch it for 30 days. You've got Sbiten. Tell your friends and watch them line up.

They conquered Everest five times -and twice at night!



Here are the record-breaking mountaineers just before they took off for Nepal and their assault on highest, most famous peak.



Soviet climbers trained at alpine camp on Mount Ailama, in the main ridge of the Caucasus. It's about 6600 feet above sea.



As training proceeded the Soviet team moved far out to the more rugged Pamir Mountains. Climbing is very popular in USSR.

The Soviet team ascended the world's highest peak (8,848 metres, 29,000 feet) by a route never before taken. The government of Nepal had to approve of the chosen path, which was extremely complicated.

The team divided into five parties, and all five made it to the top!

For all of them the weather turned out to be extremely bad, which is saying something on Mt. Everest.

Two of the climbing parties went up to the top of Everest in the dead of night.

Shailendra Sharma, a Nepal expert, had thought they would fail, because experts considered the chosen route impossible. Said he: "The ascent at night was simply unbelievable!"

You get an idea of the effort involved from the fact that it took climbers 4 days to get to Camp 4, and another 3 days to reach Camp 5, up at 8,500 metres. Then, to make the last 348 metres required all out straining for 8and-a-half hours.

Some of the parties, on the way up, met other climbers coming back down.

Up to this feat, while Soviet climbers had conquered USA's Mount McKinley, none had ever gone up past 8000 metres.

Most of the climbers had reached middle age, but they'd all been mountaineers for years. Some had previously scaled 700 mountain peaks; one man 900.

Everest dates: April 26 to May 9.

Incidentally, the last party (of three climbers) was almost ordered back when weather turned "impossible", but their pleas, and confidence let them go.

Before the team was selected, some 150 Soviet climbers of highest ratings applied to join the expedition. Only 16 made it.



New equipment and techniques had to be thoroughly, repeatedly tested.

Why no jobless

graduates in Socialism?

If you've read about our young grads entering the "job market" here, just when (even at the top) the layoffs are shocking, you may want to share this NN Report with others.

Some of the finest "universities" in the Soviet Union are never mentioned here, never visited by professors touring USSR. For example the "college" run by big Likhachev Car Plant in Moscow. Many thousands of engineers, men and women, have graduated from "Likhachev U". And USSR has many colleges like it.

Big difference: these schools do not train "engineers in general," but graduate young people out of production, then

back into production, right in the plant. Instead of "learning a job" after graduating, the young grads are fully into their jobs while still at their studies in

college. To get admitted into such "universities" you must be a worker in the plant (or in one of its branches).

Once accepted, you take studies for one full year.

Second, third, fourth years you spend one week in the plant, next week at studies.

In fifth year, you are already a plant engineer. You study only in spare time.

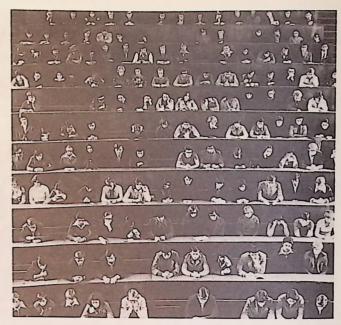
Sixth year: you prepare your "diploma thesis" (which corresponds to getting a second, or Master's degree, here in

Through those six years you get same full study program featured in regular Soviet universities.

What do these engineer-students do in the plant?

First year: lowest-level machine work. Second: on the plant's conveyer belt. Third: the car assembly shops. Fourth: higher skills. Fifth: highest job-rating (and pay) available in this modern plant.

Engineer-students are in no way "apart" from workers. All are in labor teams. That way, they become fully acquainted with all production and other problems.



After graduating, when the young engineers take their place in production, they are accepted willingly, because rankand-file understand that the newcomers are, in fact, out of their own ranks.

These student-engineers are worked into new production techniques, to give them the priceless approach of inventors, innovators.

The college offers both engineers and skilled-workers new economics courses, vital now that USSR is stressing the most advanced methods of management.

"Proof of the pudding": grads of the plant's own college get ahead much faster than do young engineers who come there from regular engineering universities.

At this auto plant you find a high percentage of "professors" who, themselves, graduated from production and courses in the factory, and therefore make the very best

The industry, and nation as a whole, derive another benefit: educating engineers this way costs about one half the expense in regular colleges. Since USSR trains many times more engineers than USA, saving is enormous.

And this in-plant college is proud that its grads are happy to stay permanently in their own factory.

Your editor saw this unique "College System" at work

Not only do they find it highly valuable to train new college youth right in plants where they'll work. But now they collect big dividends by graduating young men and women right in areas where they live.

Take the booming Soviet North. Even if they offer 300 percent higher wages, not every "southern" grad will go for Siberian or Polar life. So as long as 30 years ago, in Yakutia they set up five "advanced schools" for local boys and girls only.

The grads can select 60 professions, from construction, mining, farming, to hunting and reindeer breeding.

But all training has one unusual feature: teaching is done in the Far North, under conditions exactly the same as the graduates will face on-the-job. Indeed, in most cases their 'colleges" have on-the-job classes.

Naturally, the students also live in everyday conditions familiar to them (housing, food, transport, etc.). They do not experience any of the strains which life in the Far North imposes on southern newcomers.

Incidentally, youth of the peoples of the North prove to be fully as capable as boys and girls from nations long highly developed.

In Yakutia alone they now have "student bodies" of over 7000. Only 20 percent are from warmer regions originally. Yakuts make up 60 percent and the remainder are Evenks, Yukagirs, Chukchi and Nenets.

From now to 1985 these Northern colleges will graduate some 25,000 specialists. But that won't be enough to fill jobs available in their boom. So schools must be built to graduate some 35,000.

For these Northern schools, no entrance examinations are required. New students travel free from home. They get 30 days free-time to "settle down" when they move, and have free accommodation.

From the day they graduate, and take an offered job, their pay starts at 60 to 70 percent higher than average in this area. Pay rises sharply the longer they stay in one job.

Because of the North's urgent need for young specialists, the Yakut schools are now training individuals to have several skills, so in emergencies they can switch from one job to another.

In this way Socialist management is trying to "make do" with youth already there, rather than count on "imports" to fill new jobs continually opening up.



ugs in our two world systems now

In one short period the famous USA performers Belushi and Janssen died from taking drugs, and Linda Blair, George Kirby and Lou Gossett were arrested on serious drug trafficking charges.

The fate of these stars brought to light the incredible fact that 15 million USA citizens take just one of the deadly drugs: cocaine. Worse, actually. One-third of all people in USA aged between 18 and 25 now take cocaine.

They pay billions for this drug that now sells for over ten times the price of gold, by equal weight.

That's about \$125 to \$250 per gram, and those who are hooked on cocaine use several grams per day!

These figures are reliable. Check: the biggest drug "haul" in history was made by police in Miami who seized a plane carrying \$925,000,000 worth of cocaine.

This narcotic is widely used in "literary" circles, especially by TV stars, producers, writers. So the charge has been made, seriously, that this year's terrible TV programs can be blamed on cocaine — when you take it, everything you do seems good to you, even though your output is actually very poor.

The more you take of cocaine the more your body demands, and so ... the worse your work. Such "cocaine creations" fill our TV schedules, according to experts close to the networks.

Even so, the eminent USA drug authority Dr. R.L. Dupont says: "The rising tide of marijuana use poses a grave new threat to the lives of millions of Americans. This epidemic is clearly the number one problem in America today.'

This view of "pot" confirms the stand taken on that drug by Soviet authorities, years ago. Dr. Quentin Rae-Grant, Toronto psychiatrist, supports the view that marijuana is deadly: it stunts emotional development, disrupts learning, leads to serious brain disorders, harms the lungs, heart and sexual organs. Smoking pot for only 3 or 4 months can ruin youth physically and emotionally, taking away normal desires for learning, competition, affection.

However, NN finds that virtually all authorities here in our capitalist world "explain" drug addiction on vague influences of society and the family. They do not dare mention the profits in marketing narcotics.

Farmers inside USA today are making billions in pot growing. In some states pot is second in value only to wheat! In Canadian cities, students can easily make \$1000 per week profit, selling marijuana to children. Or \$2000 if they peddle pot in super-markets.

The total illegal sale of narcotics in USA and Canada today is far more than 200 billion dollars yearly.

Even the most vicious anti-Socialism propagandists admit that the Soviet Union does not have, and never did have "the drug problem''

Youth, where drug addiction "breeds" elsewhere, in USSR are brought up physically, morally and intellectually in a climate absolutely hostile to narcotics. People who develop free from insecurity and unemployment, untouched by crime, confident of the future, are not susceptible to drug promotion.

More: in Socialism there can be no drug promotors, since any individual attempting to sell narcotics would be dealt with very severely as a social enemy.

Narcotics are used in USSR only by doctors.

Patients given pain-relieving drugs after operations, accidents, cancer therapy, etc., are susceptible to drug addiction. They are individually watched in USSR.

Manufacture and distribution of drugs is a public-medical industry with no possibility of profits. Growing "natural" drug sources (poppies, pot) is prohibited.

They recognize that because of world-wide "publicity" given to narcotics, some Soviet people might be inclined to try drug "experiments". They counter that by careful educational programs for children, youth, adults.

But they have no drug problem because they eliminated the profit system. So drug addiction is not profitable to anyone in

their Socialist system.

Two "new" factors today distinguish the drug scene in Capitalism and Socialism. These are the influences of the CIA and the Chinese People's Republic.

The CIA became "involved" with narcotics from the time iit was organized, 35 years ago. As in several other police forces drugs were used to influence informers and to blackmail criminals. CIA even worked with "special drugs" to a lter the human mind (such as "BZ", a hallucinogen far more prowerful than notorious "LSD").

CIA has "specialized" in trapping drug smugglers, then re:cruiting them for espionage work around the world.

Startling facts on this came to light when Congress in Washnggton examined the celebrated Khramkhruan case: caught with a huge opium shipment this smuggler was freed when CIAA claimed he had long served them.

But Congress evaded the delicate question of drug profits

siphoned off into the CIA's private funds.

China has become part of the "Golden Triangle" in Asia, which supplies vast quantities of heroin.

Chou En-lai long ago praised drugs as a weapon for breaking the enemy's morale. But the PRC didn't get into drug news until about 1972, with the arrest (in USA) of "Qin", found with heroin worth \$8,000,000.

Espionage has revealed that great areas of China are used to cultivate opium-poppies (in Yunnan and Guangdong provinces). The product finds its way into the "Triangle" (Thailand, Burma, Laos). It is now believed to be a multi-billiondollar export trade, and is blamed by some Western authorities for supplying the "heroin epidemic" in Europe and North America.

Huge quantities of opium and its by-products were sent into Vietnam during the war, for troops of USA, and this is said to have led to China's present "opium agriculture" (now 700,000 acres or more).

Latest development is China's use of anti-Soviet "Communist parties" in Burma and Thailand for marketing narcotics, with huge profits going to finance private armed forces, directed against Communists.





Soviet farmers have overtaken all others in sheep-raising. They supply the world market with every variety of wool and fur-skins. At left and above: new Alai breed of sheep that thrives in alpine pastures of Kirghizia.

Socialism



Soviet state farm workers are moving to



Control panel of Shchuchinskaya poultry farm.



At Bakharden State Farm (Turmenia) this new solar-power desalting plant supplies fresh water for 1600 sheep. This is economic use of sun, since plant can run intermittently.



Pervomaiskaya poultry farm, one of many.



All large new Soviet farms are automated. Here engineers check (on TV) operation of feeding equipment in a pig farm in Ukraine.





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In Latvia many farm families prefer to live in city-type apartments, not houses.



Aviation is now widely used by Soviet farmers. Indeed, "air farming" is now big business for USSR's national airline "Aeroflot". Here a powerful twin-engine (and twin props) helicopter sprays a highly productive orchard in Moldavia. They find this is safest, most economic way to control fruit pests.

Left: traditionally a back-breaking crop, rice has been revolutionized by

Soviet farmers. They plant it by machinery. They "flood" it sparingly (not as in Asia). And they harvest it by means of modified wheat

combines. Result is very high yield, top quality, immunity to freak weather.





This is on Krasnoarmeisky State Farm in Krasnodar (Russia).

at aind largest mechanized tea farms in world; and rice (above) is major new Soviet crop.

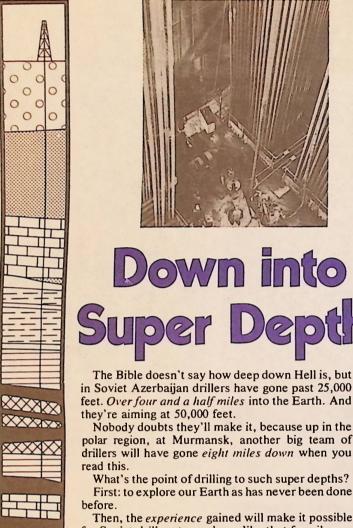


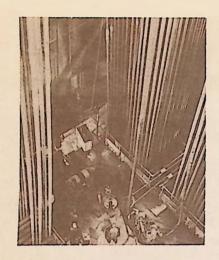
est boy machinery.

Right: this type of milk-cow "wheel" for feeding and watering while milking, is a kind of dairy-barn conveyor line. But cows really go for it, because of comfort. Has been developed in both Soviet and European farms, with a lot of mutual cooperation. Equipment is very expensive, but it's highly profitable, and many such set-ups are now on order in USSR. Of course, they also have orders, at fixed prices, for every litre of milk they can deliver.

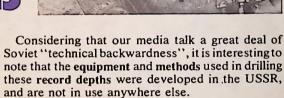


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Down into



they're aiming at 50,000 feet. Nobody doubts they'll make it, because up in the polar region, at Murmansk, another big team of drillers will have gone eight miles down when you read this.

The Bible doesn't say how deep down Hell is, but

What's the point of drilling to such super depths? First: to explore our Earth as has never been done before.

Then, the experience gained will make it possible for Soviet drillers to go down like that for oil, gas, other resources, all over the vast USSR.

these record depths were developed in the USSR, Up to now, Soviet researchers placed their greatest hopes on purely scientific facts to be gained by super-deep drilling. For example, our Earth gets hotter the deeper you go down; but the Azerbaijan

rise much down past 20,000 feet. Lately, practical results have begun to come up from the deep wells. So good, in fact, that USSR today has in action a national deep-well program.

deep-well discovered that the temperature doesn't

As this is written, NN learns that Soviet geologists have marked no less than 20 locations where holes will be put down from 4 to 7 miles. At the same time, the drilling-rig industry in USSR has received orders to put into production equipment that will go down to 9 miles as a "regular" practice.

This is arousing keen interest in the rest of the world. Mainly because super-deep wells are now going to be sent down in "old" regions of USSR, where the geological structure was supposed to be well known: for example, in Ukraine, the Caucasus, the Urals.

Preliminary facts show that great surprises are in store. Resources super-deep down probably greatly exceed those already known and worked.

One set of facts has startled the petroleum world.

Down in Astrakhan, long explored geologically, they have just discovered a tremendous gas-condensate field yielding (one well) 600,000 cubic yards daily.

And this discovery was made not on Earth at all; not from deep-drilling; from observations in Space!

You will find this strange, to say the least, but geologists, who work inside the Earth, were first to realize that observations made out in Space would be extremely valuable to

Seems incredible, but special photos taken from great heights above Earth, by orbiting space-craft, show what will be found miles deep inside Earth, when no other available methods show anything of interest.

This is revolutionizing geology right now.

To say nothing of Soviet gas-industry plans.

Thus, the new Astrakhan deposit is of profound value not just locally but for the USSR as a whole and even for East and West Europe.

Actually it marks the beginning of a new period of gas-andoil prospecting. It is of extreme value to USSR because, for many years, new gas fields were found only far out in Siberia, away from markets.

Indeed, the vital Astrakhan region itself had to bring in gas via a special and expensive pipe-line. Now, thanks to deepwell explorations, Astrakhan is to become a major gas exporting region.

The first gas well to blow was down at 12,000 feet, where a structure, some 600 feet thick, was identified as loaded with condensate.

This variety of gas is found in many places. But the superdeep reserve at Astrakhan is of exceptionally high commercial value.

It contains 70 pounds of sulfur per 100 cubic yards of gas, more than in the famous Orenburg field.

High sulfur content is no longer an obstacle. New equipment (formerly available only in Canada) separates the condensate (fuel gas) from other constituents, which will be sent out by pipe-line to industries in Kazakhstan.

This new discovery is so highly rated in USSR that the Astrakhan region is rapidly developing a whole industrial complex, based on a resource from super depths.

The shaping of things to come.

- Θ W H Y do our Government and Business leaders speak fearsomely of a terrible new BUST that will wreck our Free Enterprise system?
 - θ W H Y, with all the billions at their disposal, can't they pay our way out of the Depression you see right now?
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All upside down in their system?

You get that impression when you look at Housing over in Socialism, where everything seems opposite to our ways.

Whatever you call it, their Housing certainly suffers from nothing like our crisis. Maybe we could find out from them some answers to our problems?

Picture yourself in the Soviet Union, in need of housing accommodation. You

o Apply for an apartment in a publicly owned building.

o Join a house-building Co-Op and own-your-own apartment when the building is ready.

o Build your own house (that's not possible in all localities, see later).

Your best bet is to take the first course of action. Leaving out farm families, the vast majority of Soviet people choose to rent publicly-owned apartments. If only because the rent is incredibly low. Including all utilities such an apartment will cost you 3 to 5 percent of your family income.

Some 85-of-100 city families now are housed that way in USSR.

But there is still a shortage of apartments. So as new ones are finished, the local Soviet (council) assigns them to the most needy families: those who are crowded. All rents are fixed by law, so apartments don't go to those who offer to pay more.

Because Co-Op housing more closely resembles "buying a house" here in Canada, we'll examine it in detail.

But first: could you build your own place?

Yes, in places where the Councils have land available. You can't buy land (no private owners), but they'll give you a building lot free on a permanent lease.

The local Council will lend you most of the construction money you need. Interest? Varies from one-half of one percent up to 2 percent.

But we'll assume you want a new apartment in a city.

Quickest way to get one is to join a Housing Co-Op. Gennadi Kovalev, a friend of NN, did that. His Co-Op got a very nice spot on the outskirts of Moscow, and the Kovalev family bought a 4-room apartment.

That's 4 rooms plus kitchen, bathroom, separate toilet, hallways, bal-

Well, how much?

Land cost the Co-Op nothing.

Construction (4-room unit) worked out to \$14,500 (our money).

Gennadi had saved a down-payment of \$7400 cash.

So he owed \$7100. On this borrowed money he pays \$35.50 per year interest!

Yes, 0.5 percent is the rate.

And of course the interest payment drops each year as the Kovalevs pay off the \$7100 principal.

Actually, they pay \$48 per month on the principal. So it falls by \$576 the first year . . . and succeeding years, because they want to clear it off.

You're right: in just 12 years they'll have paid it in full.

But surely the Co-Op has expenses, running the building? Look that over, along with all other costs charged to the apartment owners, per month.

 Maintenance averages \$24.50, including major repairs.

Hot water \$1.60.

 Heating \$5.58. (It's true, \$5.58 a month or \$67 per year, for heat!).

· Wired radio and TV aerial both total \$1.04 per month.

• Electricity (average) \$9.60.

Water and sewer \$2.50.

• Telephone \$4.00.

So total monthly cost runs close to \$49 per month.

If you don't pay the Co-Op on the due date, they'll fine you. Could be \$1.50. But they can't evict you no matter how late you are.

Consider heat, water, phone, TV, etc. These charges are fixed, can't go up. Electricity may cost more if you use a great deal.

Only way you can get a higher phone bill is by making Long Distance calls, just as here. But such calls are at charges similar to their monthly phone service of \$4.00, only a fraction of Ma Bell's fees.

Their low charges for hot and cold water and sewer connection are based on a charge per person per month. Heating is figured on a base rate of less than 9 cents per square yard of the apartment.

Electricity is worth a second look, because of the way our charges are heading skywards.

Standard power rate for tenants and home owners in USSR is 5.6 cents per kilowatt hour. But if you use an electric stove (not gas, as most do in USSR) they lower your cost to only 3.2 cents per KWH to bring it nearer to their low gas charges.



Perhaps the most relaxing thing about housing over there is that charges never

Example: their wholesale (industrial) charges for electricity recently went up 50 percent. But the charge to consumers rose not one kopeck.

Take their total charges for all "overhead" and "maintenance" (\$24.50 in a Co-Op apartment). You'll realize that this couldn't possibly cover actual charges, year after year. Answer is: their Socialist system picks up the tab for housing upkeep to the amount of 11 billion dollars every year.

The general principle running all through this is that housing is not for making money, in their system. It is regarded as a public service.

We asked our friends the Kovalevs what happens if they move?

They might decide to apply for a publicly-owned apartment, or they might move to another city. Either way, they lose nothing.

They can't sell their apartment to others. But the Co-Op will buy it back, for the full sum paid out.

Recently two new housing "rules" have been applied in USSR.

 To encourage young people to start families, couples now get priority for new apartments (publicly-owned or built by Co-Ops).

. If a child is born, the family can get \$2400 to help with down-payment, interest free; if another baby arrives the loan is cut by \$320; a third baby reduces it another \$480.

No profits. No landlords. No taxes. Much is free. But no Free Enterprise.

A war to end the world?

Poisons and Disease to exterminate us

Here's the part of Ronald Reagan's "scenario" that would finish us off.

"Production of lethal binary chemical munitions is essential to the national interest," said President Reagan in a special message to his Senate.

By some strange perversion of logic, Reaganism puts the USA's national interest above the interest of all its people, rich and poor and middle. But in this case, is chemical warfare essential to USA?

"Everybody's out of step but me!" said the half-witted recruit. The USA was the only nation in the entire UNO to vote against a resolution to give up making and placing chemical weapons anywhere on Earth.

Reagan's bid for binary chemical weapons faces us with the ultimate threat — "binary" poisons consist of two parts which are harmless by themselves. Any nation can make them and store them without detection or serious danger. Only when "binaries" are fired (guns) or dropped (bombs or missiles) do they unite to form lethal compounds.

From now to 1987, the White House says, Washington is

going to spend 4 to 10 billion dollars on binaries.

Chemical weapons will be shipped to West Europe and the Middle East, so they'll be "in place" and waiting for USA's "Rapid Deployment Force" when it is rushed to protect "the national interest" in those regions.

• Something special about binary weapons. All nations know how to protect troops from these poisons. Nobody

knows how to protect the general population.

• And something new. The U.S. Army now wants to have its own cruise missiles, loaded not with H-Bombs but with binary lethal weapons. These "cruises" could deliver vast clouds of deathly poisons at targets where there are dense populations.

• No nuclear radiation left afterwards, you understand.

Just human corpses covering streets and farms.

Before President Reagan announced the mass-production of binaries, Washington began its familiar campaign against USSR, charging that Moscow already is using chemical poisons in the Far East and in Afghanistan.

In fact, as you may have noted, USA said USSR had poisoned-to-death exactly 10,333 people to date.

Very colorful news stories appeared, about "yellow rains" and "pink fogs" and fearful "toxins" being spread by Soviet aircraft.

You may have noticed that nothing came from the United Nations, or even from NATO sources, in response to these extremely serious charges. But you probably did not see that the UNO investigated the "10,333 proven dead", on the spot in South-East Asia, and found no evidence whatever" to support Washington's claim.

Indeed, the only toxic weapons found were poison gas grenades, in Afghanistan, brought in by "rebels" from Pakis-

tan, and clearly marked Made In USA.

Until recently, the U.S. Army hasn't been enthusiastic about chemical weapons. Saul Hormats, former director of chemical arms, says flatly that protection of troops is very effective, so both sides would be safe; only civilians would

die.
"I don't know what people would do," Hormats says,

"except die." (Globe & Mail May 20, '82.)



However, back in 1981 USA started a new poison plant at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. To make one pair of "binaries" which, when fired, have incredible killing-power. One thousandth of a gram (you couldn't see it) touching your skin will put you to death in minutes.

One year before USA started building the Arkansas factory, Britain was turning out 5000 suits of protective clothing, for troops, every week!

And NATO war games, photographed for the press in Europe, show complete units of troops dressed to protect from binary poisons.

o Exactly what are binaries? Related to malathion, used to kill garden insects. Disrupt the nervous system. So victims sweat, lungs fill up, vomiting increases, the bowels move uncontrollably. Horrible death comes rather slowly, but can't be prevented.

o "Incapacitants" are also ready. Some are used by police to control riots. Stronger varieties are lethal, and kill by producing "heart attacks" and disturbing vital brain functions.

o "Irritants" act like police "tear gas", but new forms are deadly, bringing death in ways which are too revolting to describe.

In technical circles it is generally believed that USA "returned" to poison-chemical warfare when super-deadly types of binaries were developed. These do not behave as gases, but are dispersed widely to produce an extremely thin, colorless, odorless film on everything in the environment ... including people, of course.

However, chemical-poison experts point out that the decision to go ahead with such weapons didn't arise from real needs of the USA military, but rather from giant chemical monopolies which have not been sharing too well in the White House armament boom. After all, ten billion dollars, for binaries alone, is quite an order.

Also, technical authorities are very cynical about the USA program. It goes without saying that Washington has no plans to use deathly chemicals inside its own borders. These weapons will be stockpiled mainly in Britain and West Germany.

The West Germans, however, want nothing to do with this "protective" chemical arming.

They refer, pointedly, to the fact that USA is the only power ever to use modern deathly chemical arms - the horrors in Vietnam in the 60's and 70's are well documented. The socalled de-foliants spread there resulted in countless deaths. To this day, babies (in Vietnam and USA) are born with grim defects, the effect of de-foliants on their mothers and fathers.

But worst of all; the binaries are just the beginnings of new, ghastly weapons. Nature itself has given chemists new leads to producing substances a million times more deadly than weapons being stockpiled now.

Reagan's "program" adds nothing to security. It does open the door to world-wide chemical arms production.

Unlike nuclear arms, biological arms can be made in comparatively small plants, at modern expense.

The new name of this branch of the international arms network you can take personally: "exterminism",

Make Your Own Classic or Modern

Now that USSR is a major world auto producer, car fans are appearing all over. Latest hobby is building cars yourself. They even make "oldies" never before seen on the road.



Victor Kolmchenko took 5 years to make "Little Bee" and now it fascinates young and old when ever shown.



New Soviet race-car suspension is winning world approval.



Alex Chapygin made this car from front (?) to rear himself.



Auto worker Kon Rubtsov created "Dragon Fly" as a project in amateur club in Togliatti.



A bit rough but they made it themselves with help from their dads. You can identify it?



Boys did a lot (not all) work on car for children's club.



Anna, a carpet weaver in



Djamil, a planist



Elena, a schoolgiri in Alma-Ata



Sergel, a miner from Donetsk



Zebunniso, a college student in Dushanbe



Viadimir is helping to build the BAM railway



in Moldavia

They lead the way to the Future

- Perhaps least known here in the West, but the most powerful and inspiring idea in Soviet society, is the continuous link between young people and older generations, guaranteeing Socialism's Tomorrow.
- In real life, this mighty idea takes shape in the activity of 41 million Soviet young men and women, members of The Young Communist League (YCL). Unequalled anywhere else in the world, the YCL is adding members now at the rate of about one million a year, 19,000 per week.
- Accustomed to the "indifference" of our own youth, we can scarecely comprehend this fact: since it was started in 1918 (one year after the Socialist Revolution) the YCL has "passed" through its ranks 155,000,000 youth. These people may well be regarded as "the most", since they established, defended and carried Socialism forward to its leading position in human society.
- The Young Communist League of the USSR has succeeded, for the first time in history, in doing away with what we call The Generation Gap. This was done by two basic principles: preserving the finest experience and tradition of the older generations while at same time demanding that Soviet youth act as real trail-blazers, creating everything new and advanced required by Socialism.
- This explains why Lenin insisted that the YCL must not be just a "junior Communist Party" but an absolutely different and independent youth political organization.
- However, youth are not mature adults. That is why the strength of the YCL depends upon the fact that it is guided by the Communist Party.
- But on the other hand, the Young Communists powerfully influence the Party: few people in the West realize that 66-of-100 Soviet men and women, admitted to the Communist Party, come straight from the YCL. No other political party in the world has such a continuous "infusion" of dedicated young men and women.
- To what are they "dedicated"? Plainly and simply Soviet youth are devoted to labor, the workers, the ruling class in Socialism. From its very beginning 64 years ago the YCL was a "shock force" in Soviet society sending young men and women anywhere their labor was most urgently needed for Socialism's advance.
- Every year the YCL sends 100,000 youth to "key positions" in the USSR's 5-Year Plan. Millions of YCL students spend summers working where they're most valuable. Millions more help by teaching adults. Today, in a new movement, 2,600,000 older skilled workers act as "mentors" for many times that number of young workers, raising the productivity of young men and women as no previous teaching system did.
- At the other extreme: today the YCL leads the second huge young-people's movement in Socialism, called the Young Pioneers, 20,000,000 boys and girls in school, aged 10 to 15 years. More than 80,000 YCL members serve as leaders of Pioneer "brigades". The best Pioneers "graduate" into the YCL at age 16.

- Judge for yourself the responsibilities taken by Young Communists: they help Young Pioneers to run 60,000 self-governing summer camps in USSR. All year they are leaders in thousands of "Pioneer Palaces" (clubs); in children's art and music centers, theatres, scientific groups, even sailors' clubs and children's railways.
- Believe it or not, a whole army of Young Pioneers serve as leaders of the Young Octobrists: school children in earliest grades (13,000,000 Octobrists today!).
- o Anti-Soviet propagandists never tire of telling us that "the state" brings up Soviet youth. How true! As Lenin stressed, the entire training and educating of young people in Socialism is directed at bringing them up in their own ruling class, so they will be mentally, physically and spiritually developed to lead Socialism forward. The youth of today are "the state" of tomorrow.
- o In actual fact, Soviet young people are a real force in running the USSR now. Of 1500 members of their Supreme Soviet (Parliament) 317 are under 30. One-in-three of all local Soviet (Council) members are youth.
- o In all levels of government in USSR today, you will find 12,000 "standing commissions": adults and youth, working solely in the interests of the younger generation their jobs, education, health, sports, recreation, housing.
- This "state assistance" to their youth is vital for Socialism because the new system needs more young workers than can be found. It's their employment crisis. But youth play the central part in solving this problem, right in the Trade Unions. Unlike our "white haired" Union conventions, in USSR today unionists elect to leading committees over 1,800,000 Young Communist League boys and girls.
- o Off the job, in everyday life, 1,300,000 young Soviet workers serve on People's Control Groups. These voluntary committees supervise just about every aspect of Socialist society, including housing and price controls.
- Today the YCL also has what they call "Searchlight". Millions of youth serve on 1,400,000 "searchlights", exposing every kind of shortcoming, from inefficient production to poor transportation.
- At the very "top" of Socialist society their youth are already there, successful. In scientific research, in universities, in the medical profession and the arts, the YCL continually makes headlines. Their Young Communist annual Prizes rank with the USSR's highest honors (awarded to youth in the arts and sciences).
- Just about everybody in USSR goes for achievements that are awarded YCL honors in TV, films, books.
- And everybody reads what the YCL publishes: imagine, Soviet youth bring out 247 newspapers! Their circulation is 80 million. Besides, YCL members assist in publishing 28 newspapers and 40 magazines solely for children in the Young Pioneers.

We say 'the future belongs to the youth'.
In Socialism, youth themselves create their future.

They have no slack in Socialism

Their entire society rolls forward in progress planned for human good

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HAS TROUBLE COPING with boom in USSR. They complete 5,600 apartments every day. Every year they build 240 major industrial enterprises. At same time they are re-building thousands of plants, farms, etc., now out-dated.

PUZZLING WEATHER DISCOVERY was made by scientific researchers on the laboratory-ship Korolyov. In one area of equator zone, winds over Pacific and Indian Oceans blow very strongly at 15 to 18 miles up. But they blow from West about 11 months, then swing completely around to blow from East. No explanation so far.

AT 7TH WORLD FILM FESTIVAL in Tashkent, Uzbek Republic, 82 countries showed films. Many from studios just starting out, in former colonial lands. Dealers from all over world now attend this Soviet Festival, only opportunity to see unusual new cinema art. Tashkent is credited with making new popular African movies available to world.

TWO WIND-POWER STATIONS have started supplying energy to industrial center on frigid Taimyr Peninsula, beyond Polar Circle. Wind is practical there since bitter-cold blasts almost never cease!

WOMEN HOLD NEARLY ALL THE JOBS in some Soviet enterprises, like textile mills. In such cities, marriages don't reach national average. So trade unions have been "taking a hand". Setting up special Get Acquainted clubs restricted to singles. One such club has just celebrated its 110th marriage.

RUSSIAN FOLK CHOIR OF THE NORTH is a new hit in world of music. Has already toured 17 countries, and this summer it is "doing Europe". As a tribute to this choir's exceptional talents, Paris has reserved for it the finest hall, Olympia.

BIGGEST BLAST FURNACE IN WORLD, started up 7 years ago (Number 9 in Krivoi Rog) will have to "move over". The bigger-biggest is now being constructed. It is 300 feet high, will turn out 4,500,000 tons of metal per year. Run mainly by computers, it is of highly advanced design. Molten iron will move in 600-ton carriers. Equipment costing \$20,000,000 will guarantee no pollution of environment.

SOMETHING NEW IN SOVIET "EXPORTS": Prof. Peter Ludwig, setting up new art gallery in Cologne (West Germany) has purchased some 100 works by Soviet painters and sculptors.

ABOUT 800,000 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN graduated this summer from Soviet universities. Each one had a choice of several jobs, though many made their decisions a year or more before getting diplomas. Socialism today is opening 6 new colleges every year, and still there are far more jobs open than grads to fill them.

SOVIET ARMENIAN BIOLOGISTS today grow wheat, barley and rye of species familiar 2500 years ago! They have the world's only "preserve" for wild and obsolete cereals. Plant breeders make much use of these ancient crops, which have some qualities (high protein) valuable in developing modern cereals.

SCALE OF "RECONSTRUCTION" IN USSR you see from Ivanovo region, where 186,000 new textile-machinery units have been installed in 49 mills. Output is up 23 percent. Over 27,000 workers were "released", but only for other new jobs opened up. Wages in new productive plants have gone up 65 percent. Incidentally: such reconstruction is suppressed in our media, which do not include it in Soviet expansion, so latter is said to be "falling off". Actually output-growth is more rapid.

NEW BOOK BY SOVIET DOCTORS hammers home dreadful truths about nuclear war. All wars of the past (14,500 conflicts in 5,000 years) killed 4,000 million people. Today the 4,000 millions now inhabiting Earth could be wiped out in hours and even minutes.

SOVIET AZERBALJAN FARMERS are pushing to fulfill their new wine production plan. By 1990 they expect to harvest 3,000,000 tons of grapes per year. It means expanding vineyards by 300,000 acres, complete with irrigation, gas pipelines and new roads.

ANOTHER FIRST-IN-WORLD for Soviet industry: their textile workers now have an astonishing total of 35,000 machines known as "shuttle-less" weavers. No other country has anywhere near that many. These advanced devices are much easier to operate, work much more quietly (big problem in mills) and raise worker output 50 to 100 percent.

PERMANENT OLYMPICS FOR ALL CITIZENS is a new sports goal in small Soviet republic of Lithuania. Oneand-a-third million people (a third of total population) is now into sports systematically. Includes 100,000 boys and girls! Main form of "olympics" is the Family Competition in which teams of all ages compete in rounds of events. But tiny-tot games also are gaining favor, as kindergartens develop sports for kids as young as three years.

IF YOU LIKE HEMINGWAY'S WRITINGS, you'd better learn Russian. A new 4-volume collection of his works, including many never in any USA collection, has appeared in Kiev, Ukraine's capital.

SOVIET TRADE UNIONS ARE BOOMING, in contrast to our big membership losses. In 5 years they've signed up 17,000,000 more members! Biggest increase is in agriculture, where "industrial farming" (see P-14-15 this NN) makes unions vital part of rural life. Almost all Soviet Co-Ops now are unionized, with 12 million members.

OUR PAPERS OVERLOOK THIS, but Soviet petroleum resources are gaining a tremendous new base in Volga area. It will be their second largest oil field (after Siberia). And at southern end, Astrakhan, huge new gas deposits are coming into production.

WEST GERMANY TURNED REAGAN DOWN when he asked them to cut trade ties with USSR. Main reason: over 1800 German firms now deal with Soviet Union, very profitably and with big employment gains.

WESTERN CITIES BECOME "NAKED", as forests are stripped by developers, but Moscow has launched a new forestation drive. City-owned nurseries have grown 50 million saplings, and this summer alone the capital will get 12,500 acres of new forests.

SHE BEGAN AS A PEASANT GIRL, in Volontarovka village (Moldavia) but now she is world-acclaimed as Madame Butterfly. Singing main role of that famed opera ("Chio-Chio-san") Mariya Biyeshu won Gold Cup in Japan itself (where opera is laid) over 34 other competitors. Now Mariya not only speaks Japanese but has mastered beautiful "Japanese etiquette" of olden times. Received highest Soviet honor: Order of Lenin. Mariya had no thought of a singing career, graduated as an agricultural expert long ago. Elected to Supreme Soviet (Parliament) of USSR.

ELECTRONICS RESEARCHERS in Kazakhstan developed a "laser beam" that "cultivates" corn when in its flowering stage, with marked rise in yield. Another type of laser, beamed on to irrigation water, stimulates soil bacteria which further increase corn harvests. Proved on area of 2500 acres so far.

NEW AID FOR DISABLED PEOPLE is being tried in some Soviet cities. Those who can do so are encouraged to live in their own apartments, and nearest "home" for disabled people does food-shopping, cleaning, supplies linen, etc. Service is free for some, or 50 percent off cost for others. Great many Soviet handicapped work, and now enterprises are required to reserve 2-in-every-100 jobs for such

SOCIALISM DOES NOT ENCOURAGE individuals to invest in costly art objects, as over here. Rather, the nation continually opens new galleries where art is enjoyed by all. In 10 years, Moscow's "Pushkin Fine Arts Museum" has bought 60,000 masterpieces. Huge funds required come from Socialist economy. But art is bought "for keeps" not profit-making.

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When you write 'NN' many people read you

"Glad to send this contribution for NN, a 'good cause'. I clipped the page on nuclear bombs and sent it to President Reagan. First, I got 12 of my friends to sign the page with me. It's right, 'We don't want your war." E.E.G.

"These days, when I'm out of work, life would be very drab and boring if it were not for my copies of NN. I spend a lot of time looking through past issues. Interesting to see how present situation compares with what NN predicted. Continued success." R.M.

"Moscow News refers to a recent book 'Nuclear Energy, Man and the Environment'. Do you have it in English?" L.H.

Reply: To several Readers who've asked, "not yet but we hope soon". Watch ads.

"As I sit here with my player, learning to speak and understand Russian, I want to thank you for stressing study of this language. The Potapova Course you recommend is good, but one must be able to hear the spoken word. There are many excellent low-cost tapes available." A.R.O. From NN: Please send us titles and sources of these tapes ... any and all of them!

"This New York Times story (March 4) tells how Cantrell family (Dalton, Georgia) got treatment for their 12-year-old son, in Moscow, for untreatable eye disease. Now he has some vision in both eyes. I don't understand why our doctors keep on scoffing at this." A.B.

"Give us more factual articles about these new Soviet treatments." K.S.

"Congratulations on publishing NN! There are few that cover current affairs as you do. When I look at intimidation and manipulation of Canada by USA it is not hard to understand what happened in Poland. Factual reading, like NN, can do much to change imperialist society." N.B.

"Our only hope is Socialism. The facts you give in NN prove that Capitalism is breaking down. For me, the sooner the better." O.J.

"Now that I'm unemployed I had to stop subscriptions to several periodicals. However, I must continue reading NN. I use it in a group I belong to." C.D.

"People continually bring up Sakharov. I know he is anti-Socialism, but a more intimate account of him, with quotes of what he said, etc., would help to tell people why USSR had to discipline him. I like very much the optimistic way you approach all phases of what's happening in Soviet Union. As if what else can you expect' when people take control over their own lives. May NN continue for many more years." S.R.

"If you have an extra issue of last month's I'd like it to pass round." J.F. Note: We sent two.

"Don't know what I'd do without NN's faith building articles every month. Here's my order for a Roll-n-Tone machine. Consider the balance as a faith donation." M.L.

"Sure wish I could afford to send you a real donation. But with inflation I can hardly meet expenses. Maybe someday I'll win a sweepstake and then I really would help NN!" C.O.M.

"Our sick neighbor, the USA, is getting panicky. I often wonder about the mental state of the American people. Seems to me they've gone back to the Dark Ages." W.A.

"We are all lucky people to have a USSR here on our Earth. On Valentine's Day my late husband read me NN from the first word to the last." M.K.

"Information Please Almanac' (New York Times 1982) on P119, gives figures for world grain production. Average yearly USSR wheat harvest (1971-75) was about 89 million metric tonnes. About 3.3 billion bushels, or enough wheat to feed entire Soviet people for 2-and-a-half years, at the 'standard' diet of five bushels per person. Largest Soviet crop was 1978, well over 4 billion bushels, was enough to feed their population more than 3 years. So how can any 'embargo by USA deprive Soviet people of bread? Yet on TV last night Alexander Haig pulled that 'oldie' again: No bread. Maybe you can use this in NN?" W.E. Reply: Thanks a lot! Goes to show that USA doesn't hesitate to deny its own published facts, in effort to keep alive anti-Soviet falsehoods.

"I ask permission to reprint these two pages of NN. But mails are so slow I didn't wait, printed them anyway. Hope next week I can afford to print and give away more pages. I gave 4 NN Subs for Christmas and they're making my friends a little less boss-minded. E.C.R.

"Better late than never. In response to your appeal (January) I enclose cheque for \$200. Best wishes for continued success!" L.A.K.

"Most American people don't want war. It's the vastly rich maniacs that do. I don't believe our news media whatever, all distorted lies. Canada should break away from USA. Cuba did, Mexico manages, so why couldn't Canada? Capitalism has nothing to offer us but misery." G.P.

"Are back issues of NN available? If so what is price? Would appreciate list of all publications." J.S.

Reply: Many back issues we can send you for \$2.00 in sets of five.

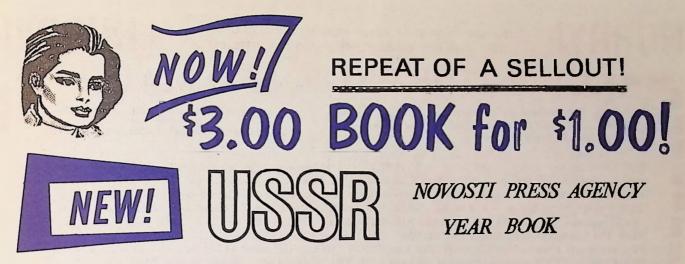
"Want to thank you folks for hard work and extra expenses of NN. Without it I'd be lost as far as knowing what really goes on. NN is only magazine I can depend on for truth. Three cheers for the Grenadians, they've put us Canadians to shame! War mongers of Washington will never stop their dirty work until forced to. Want to thank not only NN people but all those Readers who gave the magazine such good support in money." H.A.

"NN's report on Poland was really interesting. Brings it into human terms. Think it should be a lesson for all socialist parties. Hope Italian workers draw correct lessons." J.P.S. "Don't agree with some older NN Readers. I keep busy going to our Senior Center and I'm happy with the other Seniors, they're all fine people. Am sending here a donation for expenses." C.C.

"Enclosed ad shows you that the wonderful Soviet movie 'Moscow Doesn't Believe In Tears' is back again in New York's Embassy Theatre, by popular demand. And we're always being told that we don't get Soviet movies because nobody wants them. What chance have we got to want them or not if we don't see them?" B.A.

"Energy problem reminds me of great project presented 50 years ago during Depression by British scientists, engineers. To dam the Strait of Gibraltar. Dam would be 24 miles long, and in 10 years the drop in water over it would be 60 feet higher than Niagara Falls. So titantic hydro-electric plant could be installed to supply stupendous amount of energy to Europe and Africa. Would replace enormous quantity of fossil fuels. Idea came during worst of hard times, and died therefore. Today, it would seem CMEA and EEC countries could carry off such a great project. What a terrific joint project now and into the distant future for aiding the thrust for peace! I think such ideas would seize the imagination of the whole world and gain huge grateful applause now that the cost of energy keeps rising." D.R.L.
From NN: How about some more such projects known to our Readers?

"Back half of century in the Great Depression I was unemployed two years. Broke, down and out, I resolved to visit USSR. Hit the pavement and found bits of jobs. After two years in the goldfields I made it. Went to Soviet Union, spent two months, came home via the Transiberian Railway. It was more of a pilgrimage for me, than a tour. What I saw restored by spirits ever since." V.B.



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