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This month Soviet people celebrate International Women's Day. So our cover girl is a young woman known throughout the whole world: Olga Bicherova. She's the Absolute Champion in gymnastics. Her achievements, her daring innovations, her beauty and grace, symbolize the women of the New System. And this renowned photo (by Sergei Guneyev of Novosti) brings Olga alive for us all.

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## WHO LIKES TO SAY 'FAREWELL'?

A great many NN Readers feel sad about the passing of Yuri Andropov. Because, unlike most people, they *knew him*. Not with personal handshakes, of course. But in a closer way, through his ideas.

I am very glad that we published his "The Teachings of Karl Marx". As you who have read it know, this is no ordinary repetition of Marxism, but a profound application of Marx's discoveries to the world of today, especially Socialism as it has come to be in the Soviet Union.

I'd like to predict that Yuri Andropov's development of Marxism will keep his memory fresh for a long time. If you haven't read it, you are missing a remarkable analysis of, well, of Andropov's lifetime.

## HOW THEY DECEIVE THEMSELVES

We've long insisted in this magazine that those who publish lies and slanders about the USSR *do most harm to themselves*.

Andropov's death provides a good example of this. Our media shouted themselves hoarse, claiming that Socialism is a system "run by very old men". While it is quite true that political experience is greatly valued in the Soviet Union, the great changes coming now are what should worry the anti-Sovieteers. You can see this yourself on the next page.

Every Soviet citizen now entering production, science, art, trade, farming, transport — the entire system — is *fresh out of high school*.

Socialism today has only one way to go: *with the youth!* This should be soberly considered by those who make their living as "Kremlinologists". Especially if they ponder the disaster that has hit our young people all over the Free Enterprise world.

The old saw about *The future belongs to the youth* can't any longer be applied in Socialism. There, youth's future is *right here and now*.

But enjoy the new facts on Page-3. Maybe show them around?

## YOU THINK I THINK OF MONEY ONLY?

When we published our long Report, *Remember Grenada!*, I realized that we simply had to get it out to every NN Reader.

So you received your copy with February NN.

I knew it would be expensive to send *everyone* this publication (it is the same length as this magazine!). But I worried only about the printing.

Then the Post Office knocked on our door with the *bad news*.

*Mailing* the Grenada Report cost us a small fortune. I'd like to hear from you about this tribute we paid to those splendid front-line liberation fighters, the Grenadians. Never forget them!

## THIS MONTH WE MISSED SALLY'S COLUMN

What with Grenada and all, *she was too busy*. But events surely do add weight to her optimism about Prime Minister Trudeau's daring effort to save peace, the world, humanity. She'll tell us next month.

NN's Quote-of-the-Month: "I am persuaded that there are among us people who are tragically hooked on preparation for war. Let us recognize how sick such people are. We the people have again and again entrusted power to people we did not know were sickies. Should addicts of any sort hold high office? Absolutely not, for their first priority will always be to satisfy their addiction, no matter how terrible the consequences will be, even to themselves." Kurt Vonnegut, famed USA novelist.

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# Their youth are taking over SOCIALISM

No other nation has it: a force of 10,000 researchers studying the young men and women of the USSR. What's the reason for this amazing scientific "probing" of the youth?

As an NN Reader you are familiar with the Soviet Union's "work-force problem" — their system grows so rapidly that, far from having any unemployed, they are this year *short 2,000,000 people* to fill available jobs.

The reason why they are doing a massive research job on young people is dramatically plain: **they have nowhere else to turn** to find the workers they must have, if they're going to maintain their Socialist system.

In black-and-white, in *living figures*, here is what has happened to them . . .

- Back in the 7th 5-Year Plan (1961-65), about 30-in-100 new workers going on Socialism's payrolls were youth, teen-agers leaving high school.

- In their next Plan period (1966-70) one-half of all new job-holders were young men and women.

- In the Plan after that (1971-75) very few older men and women were left to take jobs for the first time, so 88-in-100 new employees were youth.

- Maybe you've guessed it: in the Plan period 1976-80 the younger generation accounted for **the entire growth of the Soviet work-force!**

And it's the same right now; *only youth* are filling the new jobs of 1981-85.

Hard for us to imagine. Millions of jobs filled by teen-agers. Contrast that to our armies of jobless boys and girls, many of whom have already lost hope.

Let's drop figures. Those two million Soviet youth entering the work-force this year, *what outstanding features* set them apart from earlier youth?

- Products of the media in Socialism, today's Soviet youth **mature years earlier**. Before they take jobs they're already aware of the big economic, industrial, agricultural and political problems facing Socialism.

- They've also received, in school, a **great deal more knowledge and information** than any previous young generations were able to pick up.

- The big majority of Soviet school grads today have one or more **"professional" working skills**, enabling them to fit into chosen jobs with less time needed for adapting to a working life.

Right there you come up against one of the **toughest problems** brought to light by their 10,000-strong "army" of youth researchers.

Fact is: Soviet youth (through press, movies and TV) are acquainted with just about every Soviet occupation in the book. Naturally, **some jobs** (space flying, building railways like BAM, making medical discoveries, for example, to say nothing of starring in movies) attract far more boys and girls than ordinary humdrum occupations.

But it's precisely those humdrum jobs that are vital to modern life and, in USSR, **must be filled by millions of teen-agers every year**.

So an awful lot of would-be cosmonauts and movie heroines have to settle for other work.



In USSR they find it hard to imagine **our** youth scrambling to find any job that may appear in unemployment offices. The problem is vastly different in Socialism — the "difficult" decision of **picking-and-choosing** the job you'll take.

But on the other hand, Soviet young people very quickly become aware of the fact that Socialism, today, can quickly advance them to responsible **positions of management** at all levels. And for many, that becomes a big stimulus for **effort-on-the-job. Ambition.**

Note, however, that ambition in Socialism is something different from the urge to climb up on top, here in Capitalism. Today managers in their system rise with the support of fellow-workers, and not on the backs of others. Also, **money** is not such a golden lure: *riches* they don't get, and higher incomes come as a rule from higher productivity, which is shared by management-worker teams.

Just a word on "politics". Soviet boys and girls who dream of a try at *running the country* face no serious obstacles: well over a quarter of all members of their Supreme Soviet (Parliament) are young people *not yet 30 years old*. Hundreds.

As you may know, in **USA** not one single member of their Congress in Washington is under 30.

It's interesting to find that "youth research" has turned up a basic trend in USSR: because education and the system's development are rapidly advancing, Soviet youth are revealing **new tendencies** faster than ever. In short: today's Soviet boys and girls are much more *different* from the generation just preceding them, than similar groups in the past.

But the most important revelation is one that we never hear mentioned in our media. Soviet youth are without question **more politically advanced** than any earlier teen-agers. When asked what "job ambitions" they feel are most important to them, aside from the obvious desire to get the best income they can, 7-of-10 Soviet young people said they want to hasten their country's advance towards a still higher level of Socialism.

Their Socialist system is now deliberately assisting the youth in all its **positive tendencies**.

The entire educational system is being reorganized to stress the value of careers in those fields most vital to Socialism, in both industry and agriculture.

This is the world's first scientific educational program designed to link personal desires with the system's labor. It is based entirely on efforts that have already paid off in many areas.

In three aspects of this they are not yet satisfied.

- Little determined effort has been made to provide millions of working youth with the most satisfying and rewarding forms of **enjoying leisure time**.

- Much more attention is needed to the problems of social and individual spiritual strivings in Socialism.

- Attracting boys and girls to careers in the management of their gigantic system must be given priority now.

# Capitalism is in serious economic trouble

## Reagan's election line can't hide worst problems ever

Despite optimistic announcements about "recovery" in USA (and Canada) the facts of recent months cause many eminent economists to hedge their bets.

But you do not need to accept their talk of "unclear trends". The basic trends are clear indeed.

First: even the biggest investors, Reagan-men, are now losing sleep over the system's latest troubles.

Second: Reagan's advisors have already started to back down on his plans to "rejuvenate" Capitalism.

Even before his election the president promised to make use of Free Enterprise — *more profits to capitalists* would, in turn, bring more jobs and goods for all.

Basically this was a promise to change the sharing of national wealth, so corporations would get far more.

Conservative economists showed the White House how to do just that.

Provide billions of public funds, and credit, for the owners of industry. Increase enormously the money flowing into arms of all kinds, especially high-technology (super-profit) equipment. And slash government spending on social services of every kind.

### The "quick fix" overlooked Capitalism

What *caused* the USA's economic crisis? The answer is found right back in the beginning, analyzed by Marx. Our system **produced far more than the population could buy**. Orders slumped, workers were fired.

But in addition: the recent crisis was worsened by **raw materials problems** (like petroleum); the major **energy problem**; intensified **competition** between big capitalist nations; **currency and debt difficulties**; and the menace of Free Enterprise ruining our **environment**.

These were all *new and serious threats*, overlooked by Reagan's out-dated profit-minded economists, with their college-professor "solution".

Truth is: the crisis of the '80s, especially inflation and unemployment on a Western-world scale, rocked Capitalism to its foundations.

And Reagan's "way out" will bring on a **far more grim crisis** as tens of millions of people drop out of the ranks of consumers-buyers . . . a whole generation of young people now must live outside prosperity.

### Three closer looks show what's coming

In Britain they call it *Thatcherism*. Mainly it's a program to **sell** all publicly owned enterprises back to *private owners*, so they can restore prosperity.

They did it to steel, aerospace, communications and other industries. Results you know: **mass unemployment** and near-collapse of some industries. Only high profits have been restored, temporarily. *Shrinking consumers' demand* now signals a new crisis.

In West Germany that crisis is *already here*. There the "way out" is fierce competition against other crisis-ridden European "allies" and the USA. **Slashed wages and benefits** drastically cut consumption.

In our neighboring USA? For once, economists on Reagan's side all agree: **profits** can be pushed up some 25 per-

cent, but **unemployment** will not go down as Free Enterprise promised, last year.

Indeed, this failure of Reagan's rich backers to deliver the goods for him — somehow restore the big employment sectors like steel and forestry — is already working up to an election issue.

*Billions* have indeed gone into the profits of the corporations. **But they're not hiring.**

Because the economy is back to Square One. Millions of consumers in USA are **not consuming**. They aren't "saving for a rainy day", they are **out in the rain of poverty**, a shocking number of them without even a roof, literally.

### Old-time Marxism returns in High Tech

Marx never saw micro-electronics or satellites up in orbit. But it's a credit to his genius that *he did see right through Capitalism*, concluding that Free Enterprise would remain essentially the same to the day of its overthrow.

Reagan's promises are **not** making USA supreme in necessary high technology. As unemployment slashes consumption, the disease of over-production **holds back** formation of new wealth. Worst of all: vast **government borrowing** for useless armaments acts like a dead weight on the system's recovery.

And then, revealing Reaganomics in pitiless contrast, is the fact-above-all-facts, which Karl Marx could not foresee: **the brilliant success of Socialism.**

Even Washington's notorious "observers" of the USSR are compelled to admit that the Soviet working-people *sharply raised output* in 1983 and are out to better that in '84. Labor productivity is climbing fast, and *real per-person incomes* are going up 3 to 4 percent every year.

With **public ownership** the public guarantees itself money enough to buy what they produce — Socialism can never fold up in Capitalism's inevitable crisis of over-production.

### What's the view from over in USSR?

As NN Readers know, Soviet economists never slip into a dream-world when viewing Capitalism.

Even today, they insist, the world of Monopoly Capitalism has immense productive and financial reserves.

But! The scientific-economic truth is that the very immensity of this *last stage* of Capitalism has led to an **equivalent worsening** of the system's major illnesses.

Reagan's own capitalists have "over-produced" steel on an unbelievable scale. Whole regions of "smoke-stack" country are closed down. Housing developers wait for buyers. Farmers are once again paid to stop planting. While **tens of millions of consumers can't buy** because they're reduced to poverty.

That's exactly as planned by Reaganomics. Soviet economists simply point to the obvious. The president's economic "program" is the *opposite* of what capitalist planners *might* accomplish if they *ceased attacking the people* and tried recovery at the expense of the monopolists.

But today those planners are the monopolists. The outlook is not uncertain at all. Capitalism is on a collision course with disaster.

# Love and Marriage – *by answering questions?*

**We have all kinds of “dating bureaus” here. Some even use computers to “match” men and women. Well, they have problems in Socialism, too. A great many people don’t find it easy to meet The Ideal Wife or Husband. See how they’re tackling this.**

Unlike ours, dating centres in Soviet cities are set up by ordinary people themselves, as *clubs*. Usually they have a psychologist or sociologist to direct them. And they’re strictly **non-profit**.

*Who joins?* Men and women, single or separated, who have trouble getting along with the opposite sex. Divorced people (often with children) who want to live a better life. In fact the big majority of those looking for dates either want to improve their personalities, or, to find happiness in marriage.

The clubs are becoming popular because people find out that *they work*: members meet a lot of others like themselves, and learn the elements of a pleasing personality.

Soviet papers have lengthy columns for readers who want to meet Mr. or Miss Wonderful. But the clubs are far more effective since they are permanent places to meet others, with lots of time, no rushing.

Besides, club members are *choosy* about who can join. Money is no factor. “Fee” to join is usually a book or a record for the club’s collection. All members work together brightening up the clubrooms and throwing parties. Incidentally, no liquor.

Several clubs use the “play-a-game” idea, in which members *act out* a problem situation and try to help each other overcome the difficulty. This idea is best when an experienced consultant points out why the games sometimes go well, sometimes badly. And how to avoid behaviour that quickly turns others off.

Apparently most successful clubs over there use a long “questionnaire”. New members answer maybe 200 queries about themselves, life, expectations, etc. Names are kept *secret*. After reading the answers, you can decide whether you’d like to meet that type.

*Provided he or she wants to meet you!*

Biggest problem: answers people give to the questions often *over-rate the person* himself or herself. So when two people meet *they don’t measure up* to their “answers”.

Especially, mature men and women think they are a lot younger in looks and personalities than they are.

However, the questions system is most popular because through it you can really meet someone *in detail*, before an actual introduction in person.

And you can send your “personality” around (answers to questions) without revealing your name, and thus avoid embarrassing rejections. If your answers bring no “takers”, the sociologist can help you.

Surprisingly, many people get good results when they start looking around *their own age group*, and stop trying to find youthful romance.

Of course a lot depends on certain *answers* you give, to questions about *what you expect* in someone you want to meet. Obviously, if your expectations are for Miss or Mr. Perfect, you’re not going to get dates.

On the other hand, it pays to be very frank about the “final question” of what you want in marriage.



Practical matters are important. Like, how much do you spend each month *on yourself*? Does a man insist on his wife staying home? Or does a woman intend to keep her job when married?

Frankness at the beginning will prevent many typical marriage problems from ever coming up.

Very important for most: **have children, or not?**

Experience in the clubs shows that avoiding serious *differences* is the best guarantee that life together will be happy and, hopefully, romantic.

Way off at the other extreme of life — **childhood** — Soviet people are taking up intimate problems.

Since they don’t have our *porn* and obsession with sex to deal with, their youngsters can be helped by a cool “biological” approach to emotional behaviour.

Children and parents are being told **the facts**.

Girls develop sooner than boys. So in school they tend to get romantic about **older boys**. But as soon as puberty is reached by both sexes (around 15) then romance arises normally. But in the Soviet view this is a period of beautifully tender relationships, when boys and girls just want to be together, without sexual developments.

Problem is much the same as here. *Parents are mostly backward and ignorant*: don’t want sex discussed outside family privacy. So youngsters pick it all up on the street. Distorted and disturbing.

Today the basic Soviet approach to this is that boys and girls should learn *respectful, moral and humane relationships* between themselves, when quite young.

Easier said than done. But now, after years of experimenting in some schools, they have introduced “sex education” as they define it. Their program was started last year. It is limited to teen-agers.

And it is **compulsory**.

“Personal Hygiene and Sex Education” is the name of their introductory course, now taken up in Grade 8. Stress is on medical facts, not emotional question.

Second course is “Ethics and Psychology of Family Life”. For Grades 9 and 10. This really gets into the subject and includes advanced questions like Soviet family law. Marriage conflicts (and how they can be settled). Developing family unity (their families are parts of their unified social system).

Important: These courses are taught to **teachers**, to **parents**, and then to school children.

After lengthy experiments their Sex Education experts took a poll of opinions.

Over 70 percent of all “pupils” approved the courses. Another 20 percent wouldn’t give any opinion. Only 10-in-100 disapproved of the whole idea.

*No girls* gave unfavorable views of the courses.

# Little People



Proud of being people of the Kets nationality (one of smallest in USSR) these girls are showing us where their boarding-school is: at Sulomai, away up in reindeer country.



Only a few thousand people are of the Chuvash nationality, but composer Murat Kazhlayev's 250 works have brought him international acclaim.



We find it hard to grasp that this is only one of hundreds of fine schools for Far Northern children. This High School is in Novy Urengoi, Tyumen Region, for Yamalo-Nenets youth.



It's impossible for our Eskimo people to get into medical college, but here is an entire class in the medical department of Yakut University. Not every student, but the great majority, are Yakuts. Many of their parents grew up illiterate, never went to school, never saw a doctor. Now the Soviet North has excellent medical services staffed by native peoples. (See article on next page).



Every hear of the Khakass people? They live in Krasnoyarsk Territory. And this is no ordinary class you see above. They're training to be teachers who will specialize in the Khakass Language and its literature. This arose with Socialism.



High School boys and girls gathered around Alite Nemtushkin, a famous poet who writes in their native language, the Evenk tongue, virtually created in Soviet times.

# When Small is BIG in Socialism



The problem of *nationality* is one of the most difficult and tragic of all humanity's afflictions.

Czarist Russia was known as "a prison of peoples" because of the brutal way the rulers fanned national hatreds, in order to "divide and conquer".

That situation you see repeated today in the Middle East. And just as the Palestinians face extermination, so in capitalist Russia the small peoples (especially in the North), before the Socialist Revolution, were literally *dying out*. The Khanty and Mansi lost one-third of their population between 1827 and 1917.

Czarism officially branded the smaller peoples "aliens", and maintained that the law-of-the-land could not be applied to such "inferior" beings ... an attitude repeatedly expressed in Canada to this day.

One of Socialism's greatest achievements is the **revolutionary way** the victorious working-people of Russia put an end to this desperate situation. Just eight days after the Revolution triumphed, Lenin signed the historic **Declaration of Rights of the Nations of Russia**. And its words were enforced with *deeds*.

- Every nationality was made equal to all others.
- All given the right to govern themselves.
- National and religious privileges abolished.
- Drive to develop national minorities as equals.
- Depending on the population of small peoples, they were given districts, areas or regions for homelands.

However, in the case of severely backward nationalities, the new Soviet regime sent mature specialists to help, so self-government could be attained sooner.

In some cases this "aid" at first took the shape of food and life-saving emergency medical help.

## Even smallest peoples can achieve beyond all expectations

In the music-art world the Kirov Opera and Ballet Theatre (in Leningrad) rates at the top. And yet recently the Kirov staged the opera *Gortsy* (Mountain Men) by Shirvani Chalayev. Both story and composer are from **Daghestan**, a republic of many "small peoples".

*Gortsy* was a great success. So was *Medina*, an opera by a Kabardinian-Balkar composer. So were other operas by North Ossetian musicians.

Before Socialism, these people almost all were illiterate. In their native lands no theatres existed, let alone companies of opera-and-ballet.

Today, the music of small nations is having profound effects within the culture of all Soviet Republics. And not only within Socialism. New works by **Kazhlayev** and **Eshpai** are heard on radio and in concert halls in many countries.

The novels of **Yuri Rytkheu** and **Chinghis Aitmatov** are read all over the world, though their parents once could not read or write. The love songs of the Avar **Rasul Gamzatov** are known wherever poetry exists.

History will look warmly on these early efforts of Socialism, when the provision of any form of help (from teachers to nourishing food) was a great strain; especially during the years of capitalist military intervention, destruction of transport and farms, extreme shortage of every kind of skilled workers.

**Two big obstacles** had to be faced by Soviet workers who pioneered in helping the poorest small nations.

- Many of these people were scattered over enormous areas; their wandering (nomadic) way-of-life had to be overcome before they could benefit from civilization.

- Shockingly, over 50 of these little nations had **no written language**; this had to be resolved before any process of education could even begin.

All these peoples now have their own language down on paper, an amazing achievement of Socialism. And now they also have their own teachers, doctors, engineers, writers, musicians, managers.

Aside from personnel, this "program" was very costly in dollars-and-cents. All financing was done by the peoples of the developed Soviet Republics.

Before Socialism, the inhabitants of that "prison of nations" lived miserably on such occupations as hunting, fishing, primitive animal breeding. But soon after the USSR's first 5-Year Plans achieved success, industries began to appear in formerly empty "areas and regions", created by volunteers from industrial Socialism.

Perhaps the best measure of success is found in *living people*. Back in 1959, the smaller nations of the Soviet north numbered only 127,000. By 1970 there were 153,000. The last census showed the population has increased past 160,000.

Unlike the usual practice in the "unknown" nations of Capitalism, in the world of Socialism small peoples create *in their own languages*. That's how their works are published. Later, they're translated into Russian. And from then on into many other languages.

Even **handicrafts**, once unknown to the "outside world", now are sent from remote Soviet places North, South and in between, to win awards in world competitions.

**Theatres** have played a big part in developing the culture of small nations. As a start, Socialism set up special schools for 30 national minorities just in the Daghestan Autonomous Republic. Today there are **six permanent theatres** there, in small nations virtually unknown in the West, even by name.

Consider all the "little peoples" of the USSR today. Among every 1000 of them you will find 850 who have education higher than public school.

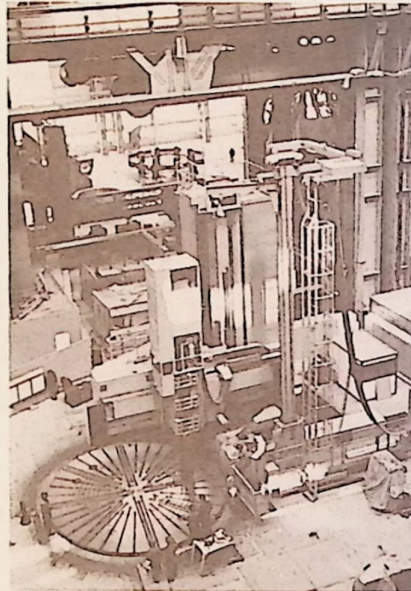
Count their higher-school students and their research workers and you'll discover that Soviet minorities are far ahead of nearby capitalist lands and the advanced nations of the West also.



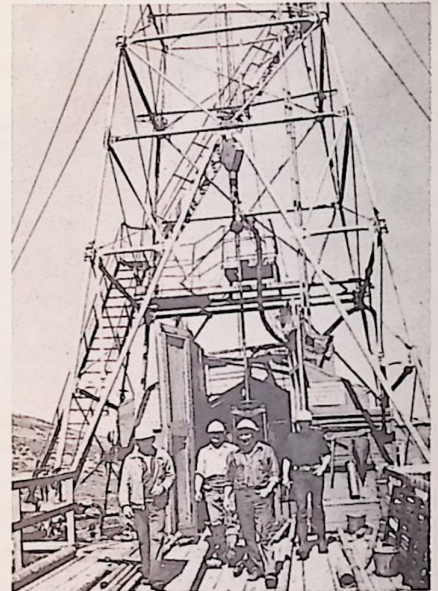
# Making sure of SOVIET POWER

The recession stalled many big power projects in the West, but Soviet drive for energy is zooming.

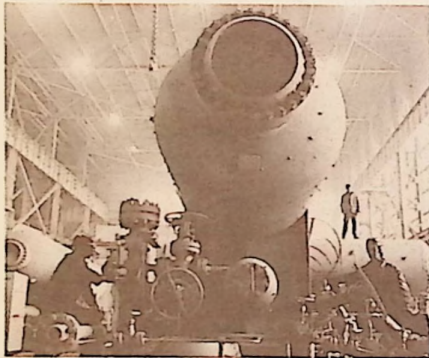
Super-size turbine blades made in Leningrad are unrivalled in Capitalism. Bigger the blades, bigger the turbine's output, the greater the efficiency, in both hydro and fuel-burning plants.



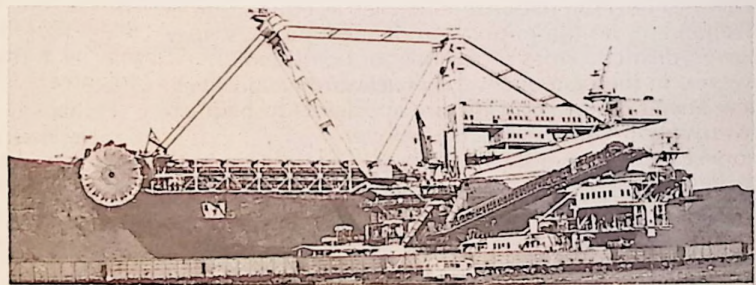
Only factory in world that produces nuclear-energy power plants.



Drilling at Kamchatka now for power from volcanic heat deep in earth.



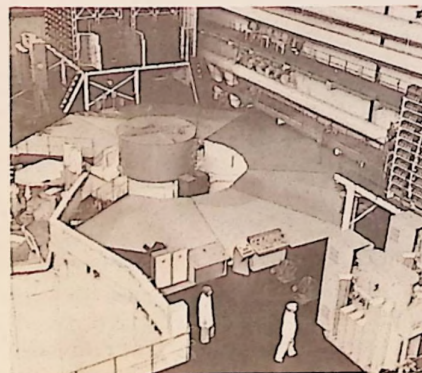
Soviet workers have mastered making of very heavy equipment such as this high pressure vessel (separation filter) assigned for work in Siberian fields.



At world's largest coal deposits (in Siberia) they have fleets of gigantic excavators like this, with a few engineers replacing thousands.

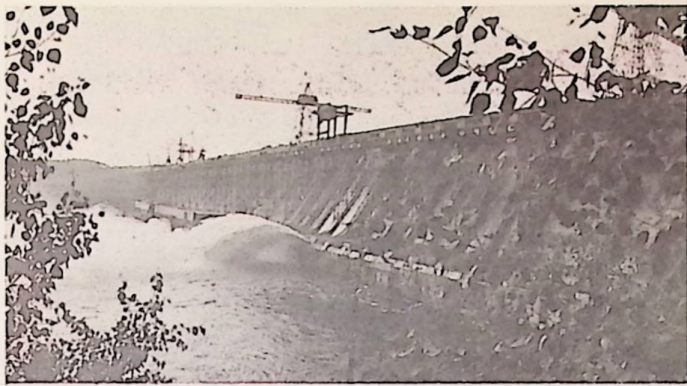


Not a power plant but a plant that makes them on a production line basis, at Leningrad's Electrosila Works. Soviet engineers and workers now turn out the largest power units in the world, and have well-advanced plans for yet more enormous giants.

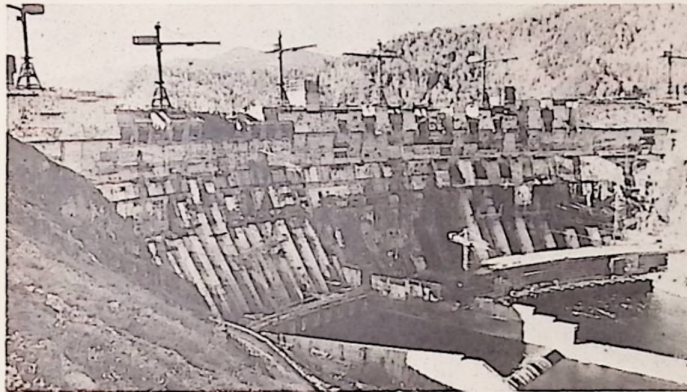


Only USSR and France have "fast neutron" power reactors. They are most efficient and are proving very reliable, economic, in USSR, despite complexity.

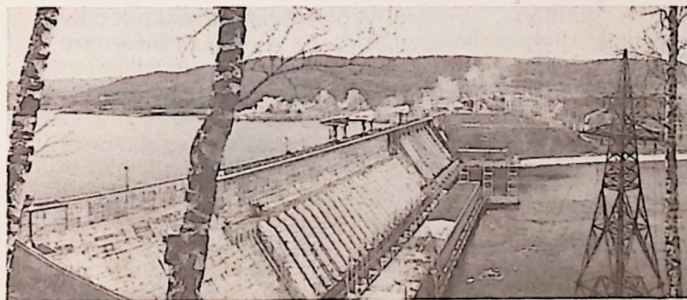




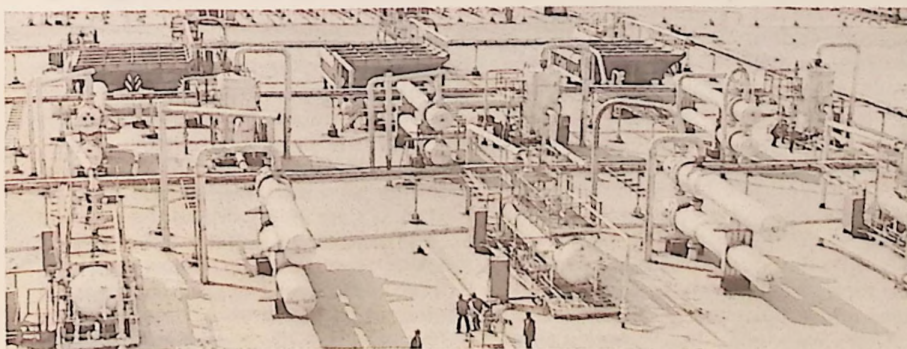
All the world's largest hydro-power stations operate on Soviet rivers now. Here's Ust-Ilimskaya, almost a twin of famous Bratsk station, with 4,500,000 KW output.



Sayano-Shushenskaya hydro station has 6,400,000 KW capacity. Every 5 years another one of these Siberian river giants is turned on. And more are started on other rivers.



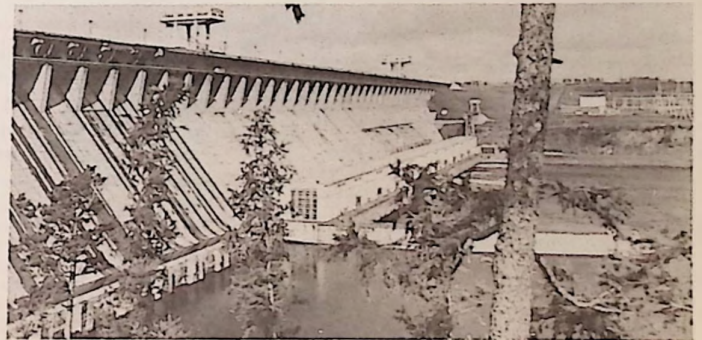
Now powering giant new industries the Krasnoyarsk station (on Yenesei) delivers its rated 6,000,000 KW of energy.



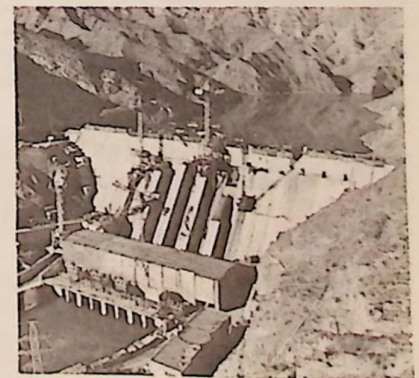
Sample of mass-scale natural gas processing complexes spring up in many areas of USSR. Some are to supply gas to Europe, but most will go to Soviet industries and consumers. This unit is in the Dauletabad Field.



Unique Nurek Power Station literally cut right out of the mountains, using tremendous flow-and-height of Nurek River. Tamed river now irrigates great expanses of farm lands. But it will also be used in other plants.



"Old" Bratsk plant produces "only" 4,500,000 KW but it powers world's largest pulp-paperboard complex, plus enormous aluminum and ore-dressing enterprises in Siberia.



Newest: Kurpsal Station, Kirghizia, one of many in Central Asia.

# Great new day for UNION POWER

Over here our Trade Unions are taking one beating after another, as Capitalism fires millions and wipes out gains won in long struggles. Remember when union leaders ridiculed workers in the Soviet Union for being "slaves of the state"? And told us that the Walesa-CIA gang in Poland pointed the way to "freedom"? Well, big things are happening in USSR today, and Socialism's unionists are standing tall.



The first law of its kind ever passed is coming into effect in USSR.

It gives immense powers to workers organized (within the Unions) in Work Collectives (teams). Powers to manage every enterprise, institution and organization in the entire nation.

This fundamental change is not any "correction of mistakes", as some observers in the West have claimed. Rather, it is a great expansion in Socialism's methods of running production and public affairs. A remarkable advance in Socialist Democracy.

The new Law was not "handed down from above". It was conceived by the working-people themselves, and took shape slowly in countless discussions.

How democracy functions in USSR today you can see from an astonishing fact: when the new Law was being publicly discussed, more than 110 million working men, women and youth expressed their opinions of it in open meetings.

Consider the famous Turbine Plant in Kaluga. There, the team system of working has been developing for more than 12 years, and 9-of-10 trade unionists belong to such collectives.

Leaders of all the teams make up a special Council. Over the years, the teams have developed such efficiency that no important questions of management are decided without them.

Similar developments are taking place all over the USSR. The new Law simply recognizes officially the best forms of worker-management, in which the trade unionists in Socialism are masters of the system.

However, the big change is concerned with far more than "production affairs." Actually, the main feature of the law is the far-reaching powers it gives to the working-people in planning all economic and social developments in their Socialist system.

Naturally, economic matters play the biggest part in this. Including such "cash" questions as using monetary funds (from higher productivity) to sharpen Socialist-competition between teams. Henceforth the teams will "manage" such incentive payments.

But working conditions, labor safety, health, housing, transport, sports, and such social developments will also be managed by the grass-roots team Councils.

In practice, many groups besides Councils are now "taking power".

Another basic change brought in by the new Law also arose from countless discussion in union meetings. It involves the very foundation of what we call democracy: elections.

Over here, elections are the "beginning and the end" of democracy. Once you've voted, you've had your say and you shut up.

So it was in USSR also. Millions complained. Insisted that all unionists, at all times, should be able to discuss all issues as they come up.

Continuous democracy, in place of voting-once-a-year.

Naturally, they're not going to a ridiculous extreme and encourage round-the-clock arguments. There'd be no work done. So the Law lays down practical methods by which responsible Trade Union committees encourage fullest discussion of all issues as they arise.

In effect: rule by the membership.

You may realize that in some enterprises they'll have problems. For many years some union bodies have been less-than-democratic. Hiding behind red tape and all sorts of bureaucratic rules-and-regulations.

That's over now. But to say it, and even legalize it, is one thing; carrying it out is another.

They believe they have the way.

For example: they have management-union Production Conferences; negotiations committees which work up improved annual union contracts; many kinds of trade union Commissions which tackle problems in specific places . . . such as pollution, day-care centres, transportation and housing.

Their democracy is remarkable. All these various committees now total 753,000 and shop-floor-level groups number well over three million!

In Socialism (as you've long seen stressed, here in NN) workers not only have "rights". As owners of the entire system they also have responsibilities to their system, the nation, everybody in society.

So the new Law is putting all Soviet working people on the spot.

That particularly applies to loafers and heavy drinkers.

In the new team system of work, the opportunities for such types are being drastically cut. They'll be under observation every shift. Their fellow-team-workers will have the power to shake them up . . . and if they won't get the message they'll get thrown out.

And with "rule by the membership" it will be a lot tougher for management and trade union leaders to put up with irresponsibility.

However, the aim of the new Law is not to throw people around, but to convince them, educate them, show them the pay-off for efficiency.

Already (Jan. 29 '84) Western analysts are compelled to admit that even while the Law was being discussed, Soviet workers sharply raised their productivity.

This is admittedly a convincing piece of evidence that in the USSR "Union Power" marks an entirely new stage in the advance of Socialism.

# Latest word on Garlic

Garlic was known for its medicinal properties *thousands of years ago*. Builders of the Egyptian pyramids used it. So did Chinese doctors of ancient times. And in the Soviet Union raw garlic, and preparations made from it, have long been *widely prescribed*.

Garlic was renowned for its ability to clear up certain infectious diseases. But today Soviet doctors (and some over here also) realize that the fragrant (?) herb also contains *life-saving drug-like compounds*.



Everyone who likes good food knows how garlic is used to pep up meat dishes (garlic marinades can flavor and tenderize meats). Garlic is also a favorite for spicing all kinds of soups and sauces.

It's not so widely known over here that if you want *health benefits* from garlic, as well as tastier foods, you should *never cook garlic more than five minutes*. That's the word we have from Soviet biochemists.

And it seems logical. So far as researchers know at this time, both the flavoring factors and the medical factors in garlic are found in the "ethereal oils" of this plant; and these are easily *driven off by heat*.

Some active components exist as solid substances. Among them are vitamins. But the vitamin-content of garlic is far too low to account for its activity.

The whole garlic "clove" is used in making up certain drug-store prescription medicines available in USSR. Others (like some on sale here in health supply stores) consist only of those garlic ethereal oils.

For what ailments are they recommended by Soviet specialists? Up to now, mainly as stimulants to aid the heart and digestive system; but as we point out later, caution must be the rule in using garlic, in any form, for heart problems.

Recently a garlic extract, in powdered form, has come into use over there under the name *allokhola* (from the plant-family name *allium*). This is being used to treat patients with ailments of the liver and gall-bladder. But this preparation is available only for those who are under the care of specialists.

Possibly the most wide-spread uses of garlic in the Soviet Union relate to its profound curative effect in certain infections. For many centuries folk-medicine has employed garlic as a kind of natural anti-biotic. Accurate modern tests show that by chewing raw garlic the entire mouth-cavity can be freed from germs of common infections *within four minutes*.

Millions of people in USSR use garlic as a routine medicine to relieve infectious sore throat. Many of their doctors prescribe it for chronic "upper respiratory tract" problems (nose-and-throat colds).

Because we all come down with these everyday ills, you should never forget that Soviet medicine also **forbids the use of garlic** by some patients. Especially those who have gastritis, heart disturbances, any tendency to develop ulcers of the digestive system, or disease of the liver.

In liver ailments *continuous supervision* of a specialist is required, if garlic is prescribed.

It also goes without saying that the appetite-stimulating effect of garlic makes it a no-no for obese people, or anyone with weight-control problems.

Even so, many such patients today are tempted to try garlic because of its **blood-pressure effects**.

It is interesting to note that the Western medical journals are beginning to report what has long been known to Soviet medicine: garlic in some people is a powerful means for *preventing clots in blood vessels*.

At the same time, one or more factors in garlic *reduces cholesterol* in the blood and sometimes markedly *reduces blood-pressure*.

A great many patients in those famous Soviet "health holiday centres" (their Koororts) have been given garlic for hardening of the arteries (atherosclerosis) and related blood-pressure diseases. Now several Western researchers report the same effects.

A group at Cologne University (West Germany) made waves in the media by claiming that garlic can normalize cholesterol levels in the blood, and thus markedly benefits those with blood-pressure ills. These results were noted on just a few people, whereas great numbers have had "garlic prescriptions" in the USSR, for many years.

The German specialists agree with those in Soviet clinics: *processed garlic* is useful only in the kitchen, for flavor, and only **raw fresh garlic** should be used for medical benefits. (But see later here).

One important new field of garlic research in USSR deals with **preventing diseases**. Some clinics report **high resistance to 'flu'** in people regularly taking garlic. Other studies find that chronic **sore throat** (tonsillitis), urinary bladder infections, chronic **skin infections**, and inflammation of the ears and eyes, are often cleared up remarkably fast.

Skin problems thus treated include the **eczemas, warts, corns and herpes**.

In these "surface" treatments garlic is applied as a **juice**, not taken internally.

NN has received the latest news on the use of *garlic extracts* in medical treatments. It turns out that one such highly effective preparation has long been a favorite in rural Russia. For obvious reasons. Anyone can make it at **home**. The garlic is fully preserved (no heating or other processing). And it's pleasant.

*For adults only, please.* You cut, very fine, 10 garlic bulbs and put them in a glass bottle, with one litre of your favorite **vodka**. Let it stand eight days in a warm place.

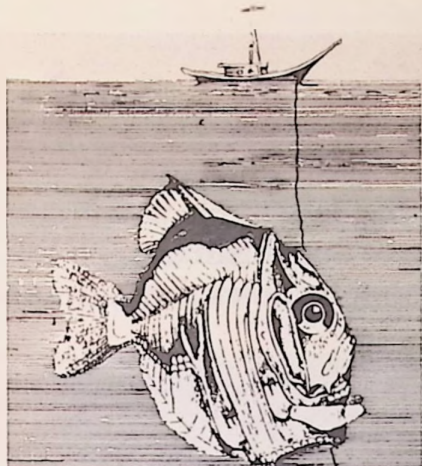
Only then can you follow the prescription: take one **teaspoon** full three times a day.

This is the extract they're using now to combat atherosclerosis, high blood-pressure, colitis and constipation.

We understand that some people exceed the three teaspoons daily dosage.

Take care! A glass-full is said to give rise to serious breath problems.





# Care to go fishing for a Monster?

For a long time people (especially "experts") ridiculed Nessie, the famous Monster of Scotland's Loch Ness. And our own weirdo creatures seen by many (but never photographed) in Rocky Mountain lakes. But now, exactly 50 years after Nessie first hit the headlines, Soviet and British scientists both are telling us that monsters really may be there.

Actually, biologists would say that Nessie, announced in 1934, was a late-comer: for 300 years a lot of reliable witnesses have been assuring us that monsters really do inhabit "the deep".

In fact, archaeologists in Rumania recently found a splendid statue of a "sea serpent" (complete with a horse's mane, see sketch at bottom of this page). It dates back to the days of ancient Rome.

Such a creature, alive and vigorous, was sighted 82 times between 1818 and 1848, in the sea around Norway. Scientists gathered testimony from 187 witnesses, all of whom agreed on what Monster looked like.

*But what is it?* Different viewers have different tales.

The picture is complicated by renewed interest in the "Steller Sea Cow". Georg Steller first described this animal in 1741 (he was on Bering's expedition). The ocean bovine was 25 feet long! It weighed about three tons, mostly solid meat.

In fact people hunted sea cows because their exceptional meat tasted as good as fat beef.

The hunting went on until these wonderful animals were wiped out. But the point is that they did exist right into modern times.

So we're back to Nessie. Last summer a large group of British scientists came to the conclusion that the Soviet view is correct: Nessie *could* be alive and well in the depths of Loch Ness, but nobody yet knows for sure.

Loch Ness is so big that every man, woman and child on Earth could hide in its depths ... three times over!

Using modern water-probing sonars, the British team found abundant fish, including eels. An adult salmon weighing 75 pounds. So there's plenty of food even for a family of monsters.

The term "sea serpent" has long been popular. Zoologists say it *could* be a kind of seal. Others favor it being a *giant eel*.

Danish scientists once brought up an eel larva 72 inches long; if it had grown, it would have reached a length of about 90 feet!

Such things thrived *ages ago*, as their fossil traces show. All were thought to have vanished long before Man appeared. But one such creature — the *coelacanth* — was fished up in 1938, and others have been found since then. All of a breed that's 300 *million years old!*

So Nessie could likewise be a "survivor" of primordial times?

Sceptics point out that monsters haven't ever yet been caught.

Soviet scientists point out that Nessie may have chosen exactly the right lake to survive in. Loch Ness is 24 miles long, 1,000 feet deep, and once was connected to the sea. The waters are rich in salmon, eel and trout.

Some scientists say Ice Age glaciers would have finished off any monster in that lake. This isn't convincing, since researchers in USSR have found seals, and other marine animals, in Siberian lakes which got very rough treatment from glaciers back in frozen times.

Well, if you can find seals, why can't Nessie be located?

The conclusion that this monster doesn't exist no longer satisfies many scientists.

Lately a Soviet expedition found the skeleton of a sea cow on a beach on Bering Island (in Soviet Far East). Measurements confirm that when it was sailing the seas this monster weighed about 25 tons.

Incidentally, members of Bering's crew were saved only because they were able to slaughter a sea cow, and eat its 50,000 pounds of steaks.

All that remains are six skeletons, plus a seventh going to the local museum in Nikolsky, Bering Island.

Maybe Nessie is a *distant relative*?

The British also used their sonars to prove that Nessie is no mass of rotting vegetation, as some believed. They especially investigated the "sunken tree-trunk" theory, and found that no tree trunks exist down there in Loch Ness.

Far from being a kind of stagnant pond, this Loch is highly active biologically, and seems to be a perfect place for a sea-animal.

A total of 1,500 hours of sonar observations in this lake only added to the mystery: no actual "contact" was made with any super-fish.

That was up to mid-summer. Then came action. Something **very big** was detected by the instruments. It moved **very fast**. Suddenly it **dived**, from 200 feet down past 325 feet, at a speed shown by nothing else in the lake.

The scientists coolly describe this performance as *extraordinary*. Their view: further studies are most certainly warranted.

**Why this interest?** Why are Soviet scientists alerted to every signal they get in oceanic soundings?

Because if sea monsters exist, all our theories about animal evolution must be changed.



# Women of the New

No idle rich. No bag ladies. No porn "stars" or p... girls and women of Socialism enjoy a life that is from ours. We think it shows through in these ca



Sapargul Batyrova works in Malik State Farm in Uzbekistan, in the laboratory. She has ten children and so was given the high Soviet Order of Mother-Heroine.



From Movie College classes Yelena Tsypakova went straight to fame on stage of Maly Theatre. But she is now studying to be a producer.



Pilots Tatyana Zuyeva and Nadezhda Yermineva now world famous. They took the new Soviet helicopter KS-32 and broke two world records climbing speed and cruising height (21,500 feet). Here they talk over the flight with instructor Evgeny Laryushin.



Tamara Bykova holds world record for the high-jump and her fans think she can do it again in 1984 Olympics.



International Red Cross has awarded the coveted Florence Nightingale medal to Soviet wartime nurse Shcherbachenko and Voznyuk, both Ukrainians.



Lyudmila Gurchenko, Russian film star, at Cinematographers Congress.



Irina Vitkevich, still in Grodno University, was elected Member of Supreme Soviet (Parliament).



Victoria Mullova went on from winning Tchaikovsky Competition to become leading concert performer. Here in Grand Hall, Tchaikovsky Conservatory.

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Alexandra Donchenko doesn't sail much now but she holds Captain's rating. Decorated for her repeated heroism during defense of Leningrad. She's assuring the girls that they, too, can be successful ships' officers.



Many Soviet girls and women go into scientific research, and in numbers will soon overtake men. Lydia Syomochkina does advanced studies on fast-neutron nuclear power reactors, in which field USSR is far in the lead.



In all aspects of medicine women are in the lead, in Socialism. Left: at Red Guard plant in Leningrad, making complex electronic medical devices. Above: nurse giving ultra-violet radiation to assure this baby freedom from rickets.



Not only are one-third of all Soviet judges women, but quite a few occupy leading places in the world of law in Socialism. Natalia Makaorva is shown in her position as Chairman of the Moscow Regional Court. Women are now sometimes seen in our courts, but in USSR thousands of lawyers and judges are women, most of them with families.



Our cover-girl again! Here's Olga Blicherova hard at work with her teacher Galina Savarina, whose ballet skills help gymnast Olga greatly.

# Queens in the Kingdom of Labor

Five years have passed since the United Nations declared a "Decade for Women", followed by agreement to "Eliminate all Forms of Discrimination Against Women." Yet our papers are forever reporting physical, legal, job mistreatment of women and girls here. How are they making out, over there in Socialism?

When the world's nations passed that hopeful "law" (to eliminate discrimination) the USSR didn't have to take any legal action to enforce it. Actually, Socialism's laws are much more firm than the document passed in the UNO.

Did you know that in the earliest days of the Socialist Revolution (back in November 1917) *the very first laws in all history*, proclaiming women fully equal to men, were passed by the young Soviet state?

Indeed: Lenin had long maintained that Socialism could never be made a reality without *millions of women and girls* joining in the struggle, as full equals with men.

From the very beginning the new workers' system placed less trust in laws, by themselves, than in **practical measures** to make the laws effective. So "equality with men" meant, above all, equal pay for equal work; plus wide opportunities for the education and training needed for better-pay jobs.

For years, before the Socialist system became dominant in Soviet society, *the right to work* was only a goal for them. Today, however, with unemployment **eliminated** for over half a century, the most important guarantee of women's equality in the USSR is **the right to have a job**.

If you are sceptical of "rights", then look at facts. Of 1,000 Soviet women today, 930 are **permanently working** in jobs that pay them the same wages as paid to men.

No other country comes anywhere near that employment rate.

What's more, women dominate the job scene in many fields. In trade and catering 83 percent of Soviet employees are women. In health, 82 percent. In education 74 percent. In culture, 73 percent.

This situation is *changing* today. Many more new jobs in "advanced" fields — electronic machine-tools, chemicals, and power — are going to young women grads.

And they have a problem with "feminisation" of the teaching and medical professions . . . Soviet men are now insisting on **equality of opportunity** in these fields.

Believe it or not: Socialism is having to work out practical methods to get *millions more men* into fields now dominated 3-to-1 by women.

Incidentally, many occupations in the Soviet Union are **closed** to girls and women. Notably in foundries, construction and mining.

But this is *protection*, not discrimination: medical studies limit employment of females in any occupation with great physical strain or harmful pollution, since these factors can directly harm women's organism, or their babies.

As civilization moves rapidly into the new age of "high technology", Soviet people assure an equal place for women through **education**.

Already, of 1,000 women in the 15 Soviet Republics, 840 have some form of *higher education*. For men, the figure is 851, which is practically equal.

In **government**, the situation is not so close to equality. Thus, the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) of USSR has **one-third** of its members women, two-thirds men. If this seems unfavorable, note that women now hold 487 Supreme Soviet seats . . . and that's **more** than all the women in all the parliaments of the Capitalist world taken together.

Not only do Soviet women hold a third of all the law-making jobs in Socialism; but also hold a third of all the law enforcement positions — one out of three Soviet **judges** are women.

But we must *correct* the picture given here. In USSR, by far the greatest influence in governing is exerted by **local Soviets** (Councils). There you often find women in the majority.

As for women in "executive" jobs, today more than **half a million** are managing Socialism's plants, Co-Op and State Farms, production and transport and construction enterprises of all kinds.

But they still haven't solved the problem of how to combine the highest responsible work with the heavy demands of motherhood.



In other ways, they've made some surprising advances. Thus, with the vast majority of Soviet families now **two-income households**, women's age-old dependence on the man is a thing of the past.

In 1-of-3 of their families, the wife earns as **much** as her husband. In another 1-in-3 she earns **considerably more** than the man.

Repeated surveys show that in the overwhelming majority of Soviet families today, the **mother fully controls the budget**.

Unfortunately, you find a similar situation when you consider **housework**. Two-thirds of all husbands not only are glad to leave their wives in charge of money-matters, but they also **leave all the home-work to them!**

However, they don't under-estimate the improvement: it's a big advance to get one husband in three to **share all housework equally**.

The basic problem involved here is being tackled **socially**, in the USSR. The nation is taking over "housework" on a tremendous scale, mainly by providing **full day care** for 15 million pre-school boys and girls. Not only is the family relieved of *all the work involved*, but Socialism also picks up the tab for **80 percent of the cost**.

Millions more tots will be accommodated that way by the end of 1985.

In contrast: USA passed a "woman's equality" law back in 1972. It must be approved by 38 states. After 13 years, it *hasn't happened*. So their women are back to Square One.



# Something they badly need



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YURI V ANDROPOV

### and Some Questions of Building Socialism in the USSR

Our media, while paying tribute to Karl Marx on the 100th Anniversary of his death, didn't give us much significant information about the teachings of the 'father of Socialism'. And when Yuri Andropov passed away, not a single commentator reminded us that this Soviet leader gave the world a remarkably clear picture of Marxism in human life today. Andropov focussed on the Soviet people since they have made Marxism highly influential in our modern world, by putting the theories of Marx into practice on a vast scale. In living, concrete examples Andropov answers important questions being asked by millions, about the life of Soviet people and the policies of their government.

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# Farm Pay-Off

You may recall reading here, *back in 1972*, about a very ambitious plan to apply Socialism to Soviet agriculture, in a special region.

Inside the Russian Republic. Where 60,000,000 people live. Nearly all in cities. And the farmland ("non-black soil") covers **over 115 million acres**. Truly a vast area.

*Poor soil. Desperate shortage of farmers* (they went into cities). Some 10,000 Co-op and State Farms. *But weak.*

Well, what kind of a job did Socialism do?

**Finances.** Hard for us to believe, but the Socialist nation has been able to pour into this region, in seven years, a total of more than 82 billion dollars. Not in form of loans, but straight grants. This is an important part of their national Farm Program, the greatest agricultural expansion drive ever undertaken anywhere in the world.

**Equipment.** A considerable part of farm financing in this Non-Black Soil region went to pay for 480,000 large tractors, 128,000 combine harvesters, 218,000 trucks, plus great quantities of specialized equipment needed for livestock breeding and dairy farming. Distributed to Co-Ops and State Farms in accordance with their expansion efforts in this period.

**Soil fertility.** This was the main problem they had to solve (imagine, 115,000,000 acres of land that would hardly be saleable over here!). Soviet scientists researched the region and drew up its needs. Like 31,000,000 tons of mineral fertilizers, for a start. From stock farms 1,200,000,000 tons of manure and other organic fertilizers. Aim was to radically transform the soil into productive high-quality farmland.

**"Amelioration".** Millions of acres were water-logged and had to be drained. Many millions more were perpetually too dry, needed irrigation. Some 55 million acres had to be limed (too acid for good crops). Obviously, all this required a gigantic "engineering attack" which the farmers themselves could not cope with.

**How it paid off.** In 7 years the total cash value of crops from this region rose from 620 million dollars to 1024 millions, just on irrigated farms alone. On drained land income rose 50 to 100 percent in this period. Clearly, the enormous "investment" Socialism made is paying off, though *food*, not profit, is the objective of the Farm Program.

**Total production.** The Non-Black Soil region has about one-fifth the total farmland of the huge Russian Federated Republic. But already since the problem-land was tackled, the region is producing 30 percent of Russia's meat; 40 percent of milk and eggs; 50 percent of potatoes and 30 percent of vegetables. People see it, in the stores.

**Manpower shortage.** Program for Non-Black Soil farms has paid off in a way never predicted by planners. If the region had somehow been able to deliver increased crops, but using the former low-productive facilities, *they'd have needed the work of 1,750,000 more farmers!* So the manpower shortage there is no longer really desperate.

**Farm man-power.** Millions had left this region, for industrial jobs. Even before machines-and-fertilizers arrived, the planners were out to attract people back to the land . . . or at least hold those who remained. New housing for millions was a prime task. Plus new schools for 278,000 children; kindergartens for 243,000 more. Hospitals with 14,200 beds. Thousands of clubs, sports centres.

**Farmer productivity.** Per 100 acres the average (best and poorest) Co-Op and State Farm people are now grossing \$16,000. This is no record, but it is 24 percent more than before the program began. Also, in this latest period every other year was hit by very bad weather. So the gain (think of 115,000,000 acres) is enormous.

**Realistic goals.** Results they've already achieved, by scientifically transforming their poor soils, has given the region's farmers a whole new concept of the future. Now they know they can harvest, on the average, 70 bushels of wheat per acre, and 23,000 pounds of potatoes per acre. And that's in addition to their returns from livestock.

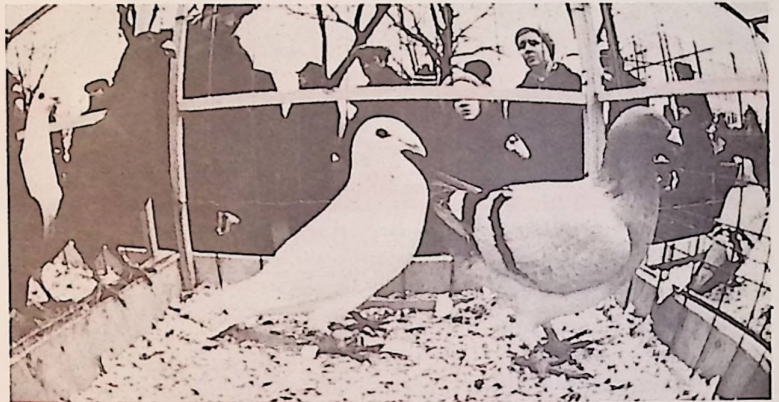
**Food for all Russia.** Our farm experts (and economists, politicians) haven't grasped what goes on in that Non-Black Soil Zone. Farmers there can now see, down in black and white (or rubles-in-the-bank), that once they complete their program they'll be a dependable source of food supply for the entire Russian Republic. *Then who will be exporting grain?*

**Still different from USA.** Actually, farm output in USSR has grown much faster than Kremlinologists thought. It has doubled since 1951. Now the food-calorie intake over there is 3,443 calories per day (average person) against 3,539 in USA. But Soviet goal is to increase *meat* calories, not the total, to surpass USA's meat consumption.

# Animal lovers in Socialism



All Moscow people, and countless visitors from abroad, love to visit the Soviet capital's unique "pet market". It's a kind of zoo, really, with almost every kind of animal on display. Owners trade and sell in a happy atmosphere, with endless pet-lover gossip.



You name the bird, and you're pretty sure of finding beautiful specimens for sale at the pet market. In recent years pigeon-raising has come back in popularity, with thousands racing carrier pigeons.



For many Soviet people, raising birds is a hobby, but some retired bird-fans take it up as a spare-time "business". For them the Pet Market is their contact with customers. However, it's not just a city person's business. Countless bird lovers out in rural areas supply town people with pets that bring a little of the Great Outdoors into apartments.



As Moscow Circus proved, cats can be taught lots of tricks if you can convince them that they're playing.



Turtles are very popular with Soviet children. But some adult fans go for big types, like this owl, which is very fond of its owner and enjoys playing.



# WHY SOCIALISM?

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## "By their CLASS ye shall know them!"

Some people confuse *class* with *income*. So when they discover that people in USSR get widely differing incomes, they say: "Just like over here . . . certainly isn't a classless society!"

From the very start of Socialism, Lenin stressed how necessary it is to have **wage differences**. Only that way can you encourage people to do their best work. Especially when there is *no boss hanging around* with the threat of firing anyone who slacks off. If you do more work, or more valuable work, in Socialism you get higher pay.

But this difference in income does not make different classes. Everyone is in the Working Class. You can earn income **only by the work you do**.

(In USSR they recognize three major groups of people working for the system: industrial and similar production workers, agricultural workers, and "intellectuals" who do mainly brain-work. All groups work for the commonly owned economic system).

Properly speaking, classes in human society are groups of people "on opposite sides of the fence". They oppose one another because they have **different aims** in life and can advance themselves only at the expense of their opponents.

Thus, over here in Capitalism, when you work you get far less money than your boss. Bosses, in the capitalist class, get more profits when they **drive down** workers' wages; and sometimes big wage increases lower the boss' profits.

The antagonism between workers and capitalists is obvious: the **less** the boss pays out in wages the **more profits** for the company.

No matter how pleasant a boss may be, as a person, if you work for him *then he is your class enemy*. It isn't a matter of personality at all. It's the capitalist economic system that makes workers and bosses class enemies of each other.

Now, look again at that question of wages, in Socialism. Some individuals get higher pay than others, for more or better output. But the extra pay isn't taken out of the pockets of other workers. It is the reward paid by the system, to those who "deliver more goods" for all the people.

For that reason, differences between the pay of low, medium and high-paid people *do not create opposing classes*.

Actually, we are over-simplifying the situation in Socialism today. For some time now the majority of workers in USSR have been working not as "loners" but as members of **production teams**. By raising the team's output (and quality of goods), **all members of the team** get higher pay and bonuses.

And on a factory scale, thousands of workers can win higher pay by following advanced methods of work, reducing absenteeism, etc.

Another vital fact: differences in pay in USSR are **small** compared to wages-and-wealth differences in our system. Many miners, for example, get *higher* incomes than some executives. Often you'll find that a Soviet factory manager gets *less* pay than a highly productive worker in the plant.

And you can raise your skills, **and your pay**, any time, by taking advantage of their skill-raising, re-training programs offered free.

### No idle rich, no working poor, no class segregation

Millions of tourists have visited the Soviet Union since World War Two. Not all of them, but many observant people, have noticed that Soviet cities do not have "**class neighborhoods**".

Every kind of citizen, from factory workers up to shop superintendents, engineers, plant directors, will be found living in the **same locality**. Very often you'll discover that the same wide variety of people live in the **same apartment building**.

In fact, since people are assigned new apartments according to *need* (family size) you'll find a bachelor manager in a much smaller apartment than a couple of factory-workers with, say, five children.

Striving for higher wages is **encouraged** in Socialism. But not because people want to raise themselves "above others" in any way, as by moving to a "better class" district. Higher pay raises the prosperity of the *whole system*, because high wages arise from higher productivity. Meaning: **more profits** go to the system and thus can be paid out to the owners . . . **everybody**.

Yes, those who achieve higher production also help many others.

They are the people who, for one reason or another, aren't able to improve their work.

That's one big reason why you don't find Soviet Socialist society divided into **rich and poor**.

They do have people with higher and lower incomes, but they don't have any class of **idle rich**, or any class of **working poor** (to say nothing of jobless, destitute people).

What's more, the standard of living of **all** their people has been **rising** for years, in sharp contrast to the rise in poverty over here.

These facts are well worth your serious consideration. Because they are *brushed aside* by all sorts of politicians who claim that they are in favor of one-or-another brand of "socialism".

Such politicians never face up to the **class differences** between Capitalism and Socialism. They say they'd like "the best of Socialism", or "humane (?) Socialism" or "gradual Socialism". But they never speak out for **real Socialism**, the system created by and for **only one class**, the **working-class**.

If you want political proof of this, just look at all the countries that have "socialist" or "labor" governments. What makes them *all the same*? None of them have ever done away with Capitalism!

As this is written **Greece** is in the news because the party in power says it must "regretfully" give up some of its "welfare state" programs.

Same thing in **Spain**. There they blame France's "socialism" for causing economic ruin, so they must "postpone" such a system themselves.

Britain, under several Labor governments, was long held up as a "socialist" country. Such deceptions have only one purpose: to *turn people away from Socialism*.

Socialism is the **elimination** of the capitalist system from society.

It is the **removal** of capitalists from the economy and thus from control.

Socialism is **class rule** of a new, revolutionary kind; rule by the Working-Class. The only class capable of reorganizing society on a humane classless foundation.



# Reagan is haunted by fear that people will win the fight for Life

**Truth is that 'the final struggle' to save humanity and our Earth is fast approaching. Reagan is running again in desperate effort to restore rule of Capitalism, but history dooms his plans to halt civilization's progress.**

Ever since the successful Socialist Revolution in Russia, capitalist powers have stepped up their effort to crush the new system *every time the scale of history began to tip in favor of Socialism.*

Now, led by Reagan, the most reactionary elements in the world are **trying to turn the clock back.** They have launched a real crusade — not unlike the combination of military and psychological force organized by Hitler — with the expressed aim of destroying Socialism.

You can, in fact, distinguish **four main drives** in Reagan's anti-Socialism strategy. He not only is seeking *military* supremacy all over the world, but he is organizing a *political* war, an *economic* war, and now on a tremendous scale a *psychological* drive against all opponents.

You who read this magazine are now **in the front lines.** Faced with millions of people who reject White House plans for a "winnable" nuclear holocaust, USA is turning every propaganda weapon ever used to lie about Socialism and to defame the Soviet people.

The aim, of course, is to present Socialism as a monster so horrible that civilization could well be sacrificed, to destroy the new system before it spreads any farther across the world.

Often you will see that the ridiculously *false* ideas spread from Washington *backfire.* This should inspire us all, because it's a conclusive sign that mass people's *resistance* to the "crusade" is growing.

Even Reagan's efforts to link himself with the old time idea of a "messiah" come to save the world . . . this meets greater opposition every month, as **religious** people reject sacrificing themselves for Capitalism.

At the same time *entire countries* are waking to the aim of the White House "crusade": to establish **world rule** by force of USA power. We Canadians face new cultural and economic domination efforts by Washington every month. The *New Age*, a leading journal of India, concludes that Reagan is making two main drives: one by **brute force** (as in Grenada) and the other by **propaganda** that seeks to blow up opponents **from within.**

Not many of us in the advanced capitalist nations know that **developing countries** are increasingly aware of Washington's determination to "take them over". They recall vividly that when General Haig was USA Secretary of State he boasted that the age of war for the world's raw materials had begun.

Reagan is actively carrying out that warfare with his "Rapid Deployment Forces" designed to "take over" anywhere in Capitalism — as now in the **Middle East** and **Central America.**

This struggle brings USA face-to-face with all the newly liberated nations that are demanding *equality* in the world — a new economic and social approach to major problems. The White House offers them the **opposite** program of **imperialism:** total domination in the interests of Capitalism, period.

Reagan is using tremendous economic and political powers of the USA to carry through imperialism's plans. The president has plenty of "experience" to fall back on. The Brookings Institution records that the White House since World War Two "**showed the force**" no less than 321 times. In 185 cases the U.S. Navy sent large threatening forces. In 77 crises the Air Force carried out big airlifts of troops and arms.

**Grenada** was the first major aggression planned and executed by the Rapid Deployment Forces. It revealed the extraordinary scale of action which Reagan is prepared to use against even a tiny nation.

But at the same time the conquest of a virtually unarmed country, by massive USA forces, using unbelievable violence, *was not at all convincing to other possible victims;* and, indeed, brought sharp criticism from major capitalist nations.

Grenada raised the ultimate fear in the West: that Reagan might feel "justified" in using **nuclear** missiles against some undeveloped country thought to be a menace to Washington's plans.

An outstanding new feature of Reaganism, developed to assist in carrying through White House actions, is *breaking away from normal diplomatic procedures.* Instead of usual "channels of negotiation and information" Ronald Reagan prefers the direct action he can get using *crude terrorism* and *secret operations.*

Diplomacy was developed down through the ages as a means to prevent dangerous confrontations, and to stop hostile actions somewhere short of violence. Reagan boasts that he scorns all this, preferring to shoot from the hip first and then let the victims protest if they can.

When he seized Grenada Ronald Reagan actually took over a country still "owned" by Great Britain, notifying the Queen later on (through the media!). Since that incident, West European editors have openly speculated as to whether this no-diplomacy president is **preparing to attack** one-or-another western ally, with one-or-another pretext (such as a Left election victory).

Thus the other "crusaders" are becoming less than enthusiastic about their messiah's undiplomatic aims.

El Salvador today, France tomorrow?

And Canada? No secret that the White House ridiculed our Prime Minister Trudeau's *diplomatic offensive* against nuclear arms. Less known (or ignored by our media) is that cowboys negotiate only with bullets.

Still, **diplomacy is powerful enough to win.**

Because we are living in an age when both sides have enough arms to **exterminate** our planet and its people. Humanity, USA included, has no alternative to negotiation that will end the menace of mutual suicide.

On the side of the people in Capitalism and Socialism and the vast undeveloped world is the fact that one "contestant", the Soviet Union, is **absolutely confident** that the **decisive battle for Peace will be won.**

We'll win it, with the diplomacy of human reason.

# No uncertainties about their advancing system

your "clips" from many Soviet papers

**Olga Korbut**, world-famous gymnast, who topped the Olympics in 1972 and 1974 (how time flies!), has decided to go back into big-time sport. She is already an accomplished horsewoman. Trains with Viktor Ugrumov, 1980 Olympics champ in *dressage*. As thorough as ever, Olga even walks and brushes down her horse after workouts, disregarding grooms. She's married to a leading pop singer, Alexei Bortkevich, and they have a 4-year-old son. It was Olga who "made" gymnastics and attracted thousands of young people into that super-popular sport of our day.

**Wealth out of waste is great**, but when Soviet chemists discovered how to use waste *mica*, the super insulating material, to replace natural mica "plates", they gradually increased productivity by 4,000 percent. And 20,000 mica workers were out of jobs. No worry. They were all trained for better-pay work in the booming super-insulating industry, which is saving Soviet economy some \$120,000,000 per year.

**Giant "pressure" chamber** built in Moscow is actually a low-pressure treatment clinic, giving the effects of high-mountain altitudes. Looks like a huge airliner without wings. Takes 25 patients at a time, and a treatment session may last four hours. People "climb" to heights of 20,000 feet. Watching TV, listening to radio. Each patient is individually "monitored" by doctors at control panels. Air-ionizers add to curative effects. After patients slowly "climb back down" to surface pressure, many experience marked respiratory and heart benefits.

**Social security funds**, which in Socialism are entirely controlled by the trade unions, have been increased for 1984 to a total of some 57 billion dollars. This is two-and-a-half times more than USSR's defense spending. No citizens contribute a cent, those 57 billions all come from the profits of their Socialist economy.

**Astonishing new power storage system** uses deep underground caverns in solid rock. In the night, when power demand is low, tremendous pumps compress air into the deep-down reservoirs. One unit compresses 30 million cubic feet of air at pressure 900 pounds per square inch. When more electric power is needed the air is piped to ordinary turbines. For additional output they heat the air with gas, oil or nuclear energy. Saves very big costs of having "stand-by" power stations.

**Last year, despite Reagan**, more than five million foreign tourists visited the Soviet Union, a rise of 15 percent from 1982. In fact tourists from the Arab East, and Asia, increased 35 percent. More and more guests are going for Soviet river cruises, a form of holiday found hardly anywhere else now. In 1984 Soviet luxury ships made 130 lengthy river voyages.

**Famed Soviet women pilot**, Marina Popovich, in one flight of the new transport jet plane AN-72, broke eight world records. In her 30 years of flying this woman has set 101 world records. She is an aircraft design engineer. Her husband Pavel is a cosmonaut.

**1984 is a big year for Moscow**. City Soviet (Council) has approved its biggest-ever budget. New housing for 300,000 people. With 25 new schools, 70 day-care centres, 12 hospitals, 14 local clinics, 130 new stores. Plus 1,544 new buses, 170 trolley-buses, 100 street-cars, 4,500 more taxis. All owned and operated by the people.

**Even western bankers have to admit** that the Soviet economy is really barrelling ahead. They've cut their trade deficit to almost nothing, and in deals with the developing nations actually raised their trade surplus to highest ever: \$4,700,000,000 in one year. This, when their sales of gas and oil to the West are only getting into high gear.

**How young to start playing soccer?** This mass sport, like most others, is attracting ever-younger children. Moscow stadium has started a class for 7-year-old soccer players. But other children were found to excel in running, long jump, and acrobatics. At still other stadiums they are "signing up" gymnasts, swimmers and skaters . . . down to age five!

**Chasing birds from airport runways** is a very serious job now. In USSR they're getting results with tape-recordings that reproduce "alarm cries" of birds themselves. These are combined with warning objects on the ground, which birds can spot from afar, such as ball-shaped mirrors. Aeroflot seems to have a combination device that works on all common birds.

**Socialism sure is popular with tourists:** especially the way the new system operates luxury ocean-cruise liners. By word-of-mouth tens of thousands of British and European holidayers have been taking lengthy cruises, on Soviet ships which are leased by Western tourist companies. People get Soviet service, food, comfort, safety, and obviously they love it. West Germans alone lease 15 Soviet liners. Many cruises, to a total of 25 countries. As fast as USSR can order new cruise ships they are leased by customers in Capitalism.

**Reagan should see the Soviet budget.** And weep. As always, revenue is greater than expenditures (by some \$324,000,000). Only a very small part of government income comes from taxes; nearly all from profits. Spending on military hasn't gone up a dollar this year.

**Forty million white-fish from one factory** is the output of a new hatchery in Bashkir Autonomous Republic. USSR as a whole now has 350 state-owned "fish factories" covering 500,000 acres of water. Not counting thousands of fish ponds set up by collective (co-op) farmers. More than 30 such farms use power-plant waste heat to greatly multiply fish production. Goal now, for such enterprises, is to provide Soviet people with additional quality fish to a total of 220,000,000 pounds per year. This "crop" is proof against any bad weather.

**The Trade Union newspapers** of USSR had another record year, with editions *growing* by 1,500,000 (total now well over 15,000,000) just for *Trud* (Labor) alone. This paper is read by more than 50 million Soviet workers. Not only do they read it through, but they write the editors 630,000 letters a year! Every letter gets a personal reply. The unions publish 10 other newspapers, and 26 magazines.

**Soviet electronics engineers** have developed a robot with the beginnings of human skill. It is designed to carry things over unfamiliar ground. First, it looks the situation over with a laser eye, and figures out the easiest way to get from here-to-there. Obstacles considered. But if necessary it takes a longer route, to avoid obstacles which its wheels couldn't cope with. It's a form of *thought*.

**We're proud of our parliamentary democracy**, which they scorn over in USSR. Right now, many *millions* of Soviet people are giving their considered views, to their Supreme Soviet members, about changing the school system. Final laws will embody all practical ideas put forward. When did we last exercise democratic privileges on such a scale . . . or even get to read a new law before it was passed?

**More meat on their tables, for sure:** in 1983 Soviet farmers delivered 1,042,000 tons more meat than in year before. What's more, their cattle herds increased by 2,200,000 head to total over 93,000,000. Fodder production is away up. Hundreds of new packing plants are coming on stream. There's no longer any doubt that their Food Program is succeeding.

**Sailing ships are coming back.** Actually, nothing like the old-timers. Soviet engineers plan to launch two power-and-sail freighters for the USSR-Cuba route. Reason: constant winds make it very economical to let nature blow the ship along when that will save costly diesel fuel. Latvian Shipping Line and Caspian Sea Line are also speeding the conversion of certain freighters to part-sail-power.



# Thanks for writing us!

Wonderful the way NN Readers sent us letters, along with their donations to our January Appeal. Your generosity guarantees that we'll keep up the battle to survive in the face of steadily growing inflation. Hope you all enjoyed those two Free Gifts!

"Your magazine gives me much needed hope about the prevention of nuclear war. Enclose statement by Dr. Michael F. Wright, of USA National Lawyers Guild: 'I am agitated that Flight 007 left the USA and streaked across the cold skies of USSR's most sensitive military control zone, at the very time missile tests were being conducted there.'" J.R.

"To an ocean navigator trained in current satellite and electronic equipment the claims (USA) of unintentional error is ridiculous. Those who planned the route of KAL-007, staffed by 11 extra crew members and carrying special equipment never dreamed of by the innocent passengers, must have rejoiced at the propaganda victory for Ronald Reagan. Human lives in El Salvador, Lebanon and Grenada are all pawns in the deadly lying games they play. But truth and peace are bound to win." T.K.

"I enclose news from private travel-agent paper revealing that the president of Korean Airlines has resigned." E.D.

"I like NN but Lenin would tell you that it's foolish to mess with nuclear power on Earth when the Earth abounds with energy already." M.O.

Note: We don't buy ideas put into Lenin's long-silenced mind. It might help to read our USSR/Leninist report "Nuclear Power Or Death", No. 375, \$2.00 postpaid.

"Please find enclosed article about Siberian Ginseng. It is available in USA but I guess not in Canada. Chief advantage of Russian ginseng is that the content is standardized, otherwise you never know what you really get." S.K.

Note: Ginseng from USSR has been available in Canada for some time. Try writing Vintan Ltd., P.O. Box 700, Station M, Montreal, Que., H1V 3M7.

"I only hope NN is reaching sufficient people in USA to have an effect that will help drive the Reagans, Weinbergers, Haigs, Kissingers, Bushes and other maniacs from public office, to be replaced by people who may have obvious conflicts with the Soviet led socialist camp, but are at least realistic enough to comprehend that the present policy will destroy the whole world." I.S.O.

"I would like to get information on the infamous 'Committee for a Free Ukraine'. Many of them came over here after World War Two. Please try to send me some literature on this subject." K.B.

Reply: Can any NN Readers help with this?

"Here's my donation and book orders for \$44.00. Let's hope New Year brings us Peace. Let's work hard for this." E.S.

"Chicago Tribune (Nov. 27 '83) carried report by international criminal lawyer Melvin Belli, hired to represent families of those killed on Korean plane, that bonus payments to the pilots induced them to fly on that fatal course over USSR." R.V.S.

"By what stretch of the imagination does Lech Walesa, 'leader' of Polish 'Solidarity', come to rate the Nobel Peace Prize? What did he ever do for peace? I hold suspect the veracity and good sense of the committee that makes the award. I think NN, by exposing West's lies and by telling truth about the USSR and Socialism, does far more for understanding and peaceful co-existence." A.V.

"Too bad we can't as individuals ban all the bombs and bullets and have one peaceful holiday season for all the world. How does a just God allow the poor to go hungry in such a land of plenty as USA while billions go for arms." E.R.

"Would like to know why so many artists defect to the West. Is it money or is it true that there's no artistic freedom in USSR? Would also like to know about jailing anti-nuclear protesters over there." R.P.

Reply: Very few artists of real talent defect. As we pointed out in NN earlier, the big majority of these defectors are total failures over here, in the arts. Just as they had little future in Socialism, so they are unwanted by our art circles. Most defect for money, since nobody can become rich in Soviet Union. Most of them came over under false pretenses, expecting to make it rich here, ability or not. Never heard of any "anti-nuclear" protesters over there.

"Here's a small donation (I'm a pensioner) to help through NN's financial difficulties. And to thank you for your 30 years of unflagging optimism and truth. May we all be around to see the sun rise on the Future you unwaveringly point to." A.G.

From NN: We're grateful for A.G.'s compliment, but feel we must point out that *optimism* about Socialism's future is only *common-sense*. Just compare USSR after World War Two with USA's vast riches then; then look at *today*. Where do you see unemployment, drugged youth, millions hungry and homeless? Who has a shortage of workers, grand prospects for young people, not one hungry or homeless soul?

"Why is it that we don't get Socialism faster? Why is it so g-damn slow?! The capitalists sure brain-wash our kids from kindergarten to High School. They can't figure anything out even when they grow up and can't get a job. They blame Communism for their plight!" M.F.R.

"How do we get the message out to the public? Letters is one way. I have a record of 20 letters printed in the papers during 1983, mainly in support of Soviet peace proposals." D.R.

"Ronald Reagan says 'I believe that a limited nuclear war is winnable.' I and millions of others do not. I'm a 'peacenik', veteran of World Wars I and II." D.L.

"I'm sending my photo to prove that I'm still around. I've made it past 100, all done by roaming the old wild prairies, with rodeo fun of the good old days. You and me agree on almost all subjects. Here's my order for health reports." B.T.S.

"Great to know that so many people over there in Socialism get to live long past that '3 score and 10' age." F.L.C.

"President Reagan is a fervent believer in the Good Book. Did he never read the Fifth Commandment? *Thou shalt not kill*. How about that?" G.E.

"Best news to date: there is a move in Congress to **impeach Reagan**." T.M.  
Note: Impeachment is a USA procedure for removing the President from office.

"I think NN Readers would like to see this report by columnist Jack Anderson, revealing that Nguyen Cao Ky, one-time premier of South Vietnam (under USA control then) and now in the States as a refugee, brought a huge fortune out with him, and is head of 'The Association', name of Mafia that controls Vietnamese here and in Asia, in the drug racket." K.C.

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