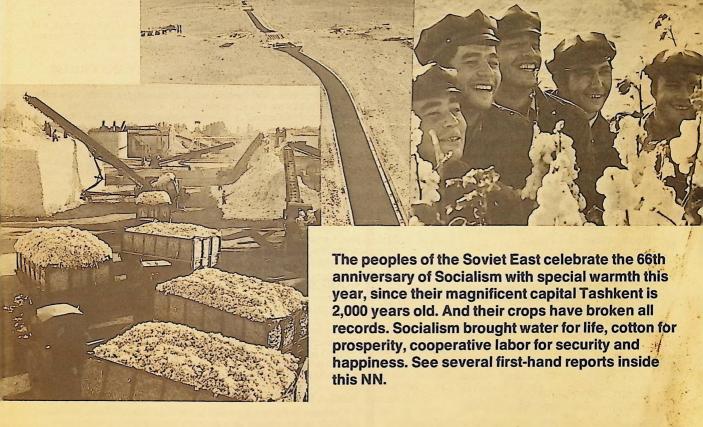
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## FIRST, HERE'S MY APOLOGY

Your Editor, and Executive Secretary of NN, were over in the Soviet Union for three weeks in September. I'll report about that wonderful visit (you'll find some in this issue). But added to the time spent abroad was ten days more recovering from a virulent kind of Gravenhurst 'flu. So it was all I could do to get this NN out to you on schedule.

Apology? Well, not really. But the cold fact is that NN comes first, and correspondence has to wait. It has been physically impossible to answer

letters of the past few weeks. I'm sure you'll understand.

## NOW, WHAT ABOUT THAT KOREAN PLANE CRISIS?

The question you are likely to raise I tried to answer on Page-24.

My reply, I think, is all the more justified because of news which has come in since Page-24 went to the printer.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has announced that the International Civil Aviation Organization has been invited to Moscow to take part in an investigation of the tragedy. This will undoubtedly lead to revelations which you, and I, and the media, do not have at present. Therefore, any attempt of mine to publish "the full inside story" at this time would be a ridiculous insult to your intelligence. Far too many stupid guessers have already hopelessly confused the public.

I can only give you my conviction: the whole truth is going to prove as embarassing to Ronald Reagan as the lies Dwight Eisenhower tried to spread

when the Powers spy plane was shot down years ago.

Incidentally, the measures taken against USSR and Aeroflot had no effect that I could see; except that Western airlines, already in poor financial shape, lost an awful lot of business. Travel facilities in USSR were crowded with happy tourists.

## **GOOD NEWS, CLOSER TO HOME!**

For reasons which may be clearer to you than they are to me, "business" here at NN and Northern Book House has been remarkably good for the third month in a row. A real flood of subscriptions, renewals, and orders for every publication we've been offering, has made this an astonishing pre-pre-Christmas season. People just don't believe that 'plane' propaganda? I can't resist a "commercial" here. The world situation being what it is,

I can't resist a "commercial" here. The world situation being what it is, giving our Reports and books as gifts to help people think is especially thoughtful this year. (That's what your orders are saying!).

#### JUST A HINT ABOUT A DIFFERENT KIND OF TOPIC

You know that quite a few powerful Christian churches have been making forthright statements, not only about the dangers of war but also about the "sacred" subject of the profit motive. In brief: can Christians accept capitalists as sincere believers? Are profits moral?

This, of course, is dynamite.

NN's Quote-of-the-Month: "It is time that the United States and its citizenry recognized the fact that it does not own the world. The very fact that this country has financed repression, torture and genocide in Guatemala, Chile, El Salvador, Honduras, etc., is reason enough to demand full withdrawal of any further 'aid' and military assistance. Not only hands off Nicaragua, but hands off the world! There must never be another Vietnam and there must never be another Chile! Stop Reagan NOW!" Mary McArdle in 'U.S. Farm News'.

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## You think they can do it?



problem that has become very serious recently in Socialism — where to find millions of workers needed to fill the jobs already planned? 'NN' has reported on this before. But we're sure you'll welcome the latest news.

The best scientific and planning minds in USSR are concentrating on this problem. In essence:

How to overcome the drop in the supply of new young workers coming into the Socialist economy?

The number of people available to fill new jobs in USSR started to fall in the 70's.

Frankly, at first sight it's hard for any of our capitalist economists to see what they're bothered about. Imagine: from 1971 to 1980 new jobs were filled by 24,000,000 youth!

This is a problem?

Yes. Because 10 years ago they were getting 2,800,000 young workers per year, to fill offered jobs; but now less than 1,400,000 a year can be found.

Jobs are waiting, workers aren't.

The cold scientific forecast is that by 1990 they can count on only one-quarter the number of youth available to take new jobs, compared to now. While the number of older workers, retiring on pension, will keep on rising sharply.

(Main reasons relate to the loss of 25,000,000 citizens in World War Two,

plus millions disabled).

You see another complicating factor inside the Soviet family: planners were able to attract millions of married

women to take jobs, but such a huge increase in "manpower" can't be expected again.

Truth is: more than 90 percent of all able men, women, girls and boys in Socialism either work or study.

That's why a big shortage of people to fill available jobs is today a key problem for planners.

Right now they're tackling this in three main ways.

 Inducing pensioners to stay on the job or accept lighter work.

 Arranging for millions of half-day jobs which many prefer.

· Mass-producing machinery that will replace workers so they can go on up to higher-paid work.

You're right: ROBOTS.

Reports in our media frequently claim that USSR is behind Western countries in the use of robots. But the fact is that at present rates of application, Soviet industrial robots will equal half the total for the whole world, quite soon.

And for every robot put to work, many living workers are released for waiting jobs.

You can find ample evidence that this will happen. Consider the popular Soviet "Rocket" watch, sold in many countries. Principal "work force" in the Rocket factory in Petrodvorets now consists of 150 robots.

These amazingly accurate and delicate machines fully assemble 4,000,000 watches per year!

Small steel arms and hands pick up each watch component from a supply bin; each robot adds one more component; in an astonishingly short time a watch case with nothing in it moves from robot-to-robot and emerges finished, running, and exactly adjusted.

This factory proved so efficient that to date some 60 other Soviet enterprises have studied and applied its findings.

Some Readers will remember our report (many years ago) on the world's first automated factory (it made car pistons). But this pioneer Soviet robotexperiment failed. That far back, lack of electronics devices made the original robots too costly and unreliable.

In the intervening years Soviet engineers have tested some 200 heavy industrial robots; of these, 40 are in mass production now.

More than 7,000 units are in use, replacing 20,000 men.

Big Soviet robots are intended mainly to get human workers away from straining or dangerous labor, as in furnaces, stamping presses, forges, chemical processing and spray-painting. By 1985 they expect to have 38 new "machinerobot" complexes running in factories.

However, the total number of robot units will exceed 40,000 by 1985. These devices will put some 70,000 Soviet workers "out" - not out of work but into quite different jobs.

Do those figures stop you?

If 40,000 mechanical men displace "only" 70,000 humans, will robots be able to solve Socialism's problem of millions of unfilled jobs?

The answer is clear. In most applications, Soviet robots do not "wipe out" whole factories of jobs, but they do vastly increase output of goods.

Example: when the Prompribor factory in Orel set up a "robot line" to make refrigerator parts, some 350 out of 700 human workers were let go. But the remaining women - plus robots stepped up production from two to seven million units per year!

You get the significance of this. Robots can greatly boost Socialism's output, as planned, while actually releasing workers for other jobs.

## 30 Reasons

# Why they so passionately hate the Soviet people on this 66th Anniversary of the Socialist Revolution.

That Korean aircraft crisis amazed many by revealing how deeply Capitalism loathes Socialism. This is not a merely emotional thing. Intelligent people need to grasp the profound reasons behind this hatred.

1. For thousands of years the owners of wealth rested secure in the knowledge that their riches were sacred, and the toiling people would never develop force sufficient to change this eternal state-of-affairs. But 66 years ago this month history's greatest revolution triumphed. All rights and freedoms deriving from wealth were wiped out, in old Russia. The ruling rich in the rest of the world have never forgiven, and cannot ever forgive, Socialism's death-blow to wealth.

2. Their unquestioned success in building a modern civlization absolutely free from the powers of wealth (and free from all the wealthy!) have made the Soviet people what the White House imperialist now likes to call 'the focus of evil'. To capitalists this is an exact term. Great populations throughout the western world now have their political and economic and spiritual hopes focussed on Socialism as it thrives in the USSR. The resulting threat to wealth all over the Earth is, in truth, the ultimate "evil" hastening Capitalism's end.

3. Gone are the days when Capitalism could boast of its many superiorities over Socialism (material, mostly). Today all thought of competing freely with the new system, so that mankind might choose, have been discarded in favor of one "solution" to the conflict — exterminating the USSR in nuclear catastrophe. But this also has been denied to the capitalists by the relentless course of history: Socialism now can equal or excell Capitalism in any field of armament, the ultimate hateful equality long considered to be impossible.

4. At the opposite extreme from global war, down in the colonial jungles, there also the hated Soviets are inspiring and assisting many peoples towards liberation from their wealthy oppressors. In more places every year, new "1917-s" make the rich tremble.

5. In all countries of the West, small to tremendous revolutionary movements support the coming of Socialism. In an effort to combat this, Capitalism is forced to use handfulls of dissidents and other excrement from the Socialist world to "expose" the new system. They expose only their own character (strikingly as with thousands of Cubans now in USA jails).

6. More and more frequently the anti-Soviet plotting of USA reacts with startling effects. In a long term cover-up, USA had been able to utilize one of the foullest of Nazi war criminals, Gestapo Chief Klaus Barbie, Butcher of Lyon. Mass world opinion forced the exposure of Barbie, and Washington tried to disguise its fury by apologising to France for "rescuing" this beast. Even the dead heroes of the revolutionary French underground earned fresh hatred in USA!

7. In 1983 such a figure as U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, committing his nation to peace, proclaimed that Washington would henceforth seek to cool the cause of its hatred towards USSR by aiding that nation to evolve from Socialism back to Capitalism. Even reversing evolution itself is not beyond their schemes.

8. This was spelled out more threateningly by Richard Pipes, until lately a member of the top National Security Council under Ronald Reagan. By all means allow the Soviet people to change their system backwards! Since this is not a matter of human will but of historical progress, Pipes anticipates that it won't happen. In which case the capitalist class will have no other alternative but give vent to its final hatred: war.

9. For many years Capitalism could point to a number of material shortages in Socialism. This supported the notion that Free Enterprise was best able to satisfy human daily needs. As this is written, all three parties of Capitalism in Canada are storming furiously at a report exposing millions of poverty-stricken families in our "rich" nation. Only our rich are now much richer. The poor are poorer. And all eyes turn to the forbidden Left, Socialism, where the hateful Soviets have neither rich nor poor.

10. Today the intellectual servants of Capitalism's rulers are becoming more and more angered by insolent Soviet claims about human rights. As Lenin showed, rights are bought and paid for by wealth, property. Equality between rich and poor has been ridiculed as long as Capitalism has existed. But now the hateful truth is emerging — where no one is a property-holder all citizens are equal, as millions of tourists see for themselves on all the streets of the USSR.

11. Even hockey-players and nuclear scientists are "propagandizing Socialism" these days. Here in Canada a small sector of youth can climb into the big time athletically; in the USSR they see millions of hockey players starting equally in childhood. Our university laboratories are emptying because thousands of students have had to drop out; every single boy and girl in USSR can take talent right to the top. And all this began by confiscating riches. Hate that!

12. Once upon a time world Capitalism ruled supreme in propaganda. But something great is happening. You can see it vividly, when you realize that Soviet people invite tens of thousands of Afghans every month to visit in Socialism and see the life. But nobody in USA has invited any Afghan "freedom fighters" over to see Disneyland. Yes, truth has come over to the winning side. Tell people to hate truth? Love what? Wealth.

13. Many who read this will see at once that new vicious hatreds of Socialism are rising because Soviet people have achieved two great equalities which Capitalism so long promised and failed to deliver: equality for all races and equality for all women. Literally millions of visitors to the Soviet Union, especially from Less Developed Countries, will never again be deceived into believing that Free Enterprise brings with it true human dignity. Only the end of private-profit can do this, and demonstrates it on a vast scale. One of their greatest historic feats is proving to humanity that when there is no profit in racism or in exploitation of women, then those evils vanish.

## Taking wealth away from the rich, and with it the ability to live in idleness, was the unforgiveable sin. But to continue making profits, on an ever-greater scale, and then turn it all over to the people!

- 14. Millions today will insist that the most hateful achieve- 18. Since class rule began on Earth the rulers have been able ment of Socialism is the system's permanent victory over Unemployment. Hundreds of millions now are jobless in Capitalism. Not a single able-bodied citizen is idle in Socialism. This insult to our system (which is based on living for individual wealth) is all the more unbearable today because capitalists realize that they cannot ever end this curse, which is destroying their own riches as well as the people's lives.
- 15. Socialism abolished forever the "right to work for ME and my profit", and replaced it with the right of everyone to work for the profit of everyone else. This exterminated capitalist class power.
- 16. After ending private employement of human labor, Socialism proceeded to sweep away the barriers of producing for "the market", replacing brainless competition with scientifically planned efforts to expand production for the satisfaction of human need. "The Planned Economy" has in 66 years transformed all intelligent approaches to economics, to the point where few have any faith left in the remaining "free market forces.'
- 17. For centuries, millions were fired at the whim of bosses or the requirement of private-profit. In Socialism, with jobs planned socially, firing was made a crime. In many lands today bosses shudder to see this marvellous emancipation of human labor being raised as a demand in union negotiations.

- to govern under one or another disguise which became known as The State, assumed to be a force "above everyone". It is interesting to see the incredulous and black looks which Western politicians and professors cannot hide, whenever they hear from a smiling Soviet youth or pensioner the very common expression: "The State is us!" This is a revolutionary new situation in developed Soviet Socialism, now when tens of millions continually participate in the most vital affairs of administration and production.
- 19. A striking practical manifestation of this is in Socialist housing. Long ago Soviet people ended two forms of the most ruthless exploitation: property ownership by landlords and endless money-lending through mortgages. You would need a sizeable computer to estimate the untold billions of dollars which Socialism has never paid to the kind of rich who, here in the West, fatten all their lives on the desperation of millions who must turn to them for shelter. The approaching confiscation of real-estate property in one Western nation after another will have for its guide-lines the brilliant successes of
- Soviet Housing.
  20. "Scholars" in the West are infuriated when they learn that all Soviet housing is controlled by Councils whose elected members are 8-out-of-10 ordinary workers and farmers. In each new election, over half of all members are elected for the first time.

## Capitalism rocks with explosions — Socialism soars into Man's Future

- 21. "Workers of the world unite!" was Marx's battle-cry that ended forever the supremacy of Capitalism. In USSR this has taken on dramatic shape: the world's largest Trade Unions, uniting 130,000,000 workers who long ago passed on from "defending" members to managing the entire stupendous economy of Socialism. Workers thus proved capable of handling vast "business" which all the mighty multi-nationals of the West, taken together, could only plunge deeper into crisis. Who needs capitalists!
- 22. Not only workers but the entire citizenry of USSR govern prospering Socialism. Before their Parliament considers a vital law, four-out-of-five of all adults debate its major provisions for months on end, active democracy never achieved elsewhere.
- 23. Aside entirely from Parliaments and Councils, Soviet people nowadays elect ten million citizens to continually patrol" their system; not as police but as controllers supervising every aspect of daily life from housing to prices to transport to kindergatens. Free Enterprise, ridden with corruption, could not survive a week of such open public in-
- 24. Tourists in Washington get sermons on "the inalienable Rights of Man" - Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Such pompous deceptions long served to cover the realities of Capitalism. Only in Socialism did the entire working force set about to transform these "God-given" rights from schoolbook hokum into living realities, for which our statesmen and financiers will never forgive them.
- 25. Rights of Man! While billionaires multiply, poverty is blighting great areas of our planet (right to our own doorsteps). In rich USA 12 millions go hungry, 2 millions of them are homeless. Incredible numbers of crimes overwhelm police forces and courts. Drug addiction soars. Yet nothing of this in Socialism.

- 26. USA, self-professed champion of human rights, is so frightened of these rights that it has long refused to sign the world Covenants on Economic, Social, Cultural Rights, Civil and Political Rights, Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Prevention and Punishment of Crime of Genocide, Crime of Apartheid... and even the world Convention for Suppression of Human Slavery! All these elementary "treaties" were long ago accepted by USSR.
- 27. In the media, USA defends "rights" of Soviet Jews. In the streets, inside USA, in one year over 900 acts of physical violence were reported by police, against Jews. Even in propaganda yarns, Washington cannot show a single case of such anti-Semitism in Socialism, which has exterminated the victimization of all peoples.
- 28. Even when "the hand of Moscow" can't even be dreamed up by newsmen, events compel capitalists to curse the Soviet Union. Consider only Chile and Philippines. Both are totally subservient to USA. Yet Capitalism has been unable to prevent these political volcanoes from erupting violently. Very far away from Socialism, still the peoples are fighting towards its bright light.
- 29. Maybe the most hated feature of Socialism today is its peaceful tide-like advance the world over. The new system requires no "rapid deployment forces". Only Capitalism seeks to entrench itself by invasions ... Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Angola, Lebanon, Guatemala, El Salvador, where else tomorrow?
- 30. The New York Socialist, Rose Pastor Stokes, saw 66 years ago that "its enemies know that the torch of freedom lit in Russia will light up the whole world to dispel the dark night of Capitalism." Since then, great areas of our planet have emerged from that night forever. Creatures of darkness may take panic at this, and rave against the coming of tomorrow, but mankind has always turned towards the Sun, hailing the arrival of dawn.

Their new system brought them vast rivers of water, life itself, conquering the deserts.



Although the Muslim clergy can no longer dominate Uzbek life, religion freely functions. This is a Muslim "graduation" exam at the Mir-Arab madrasah (college).

# CELEBRATING...

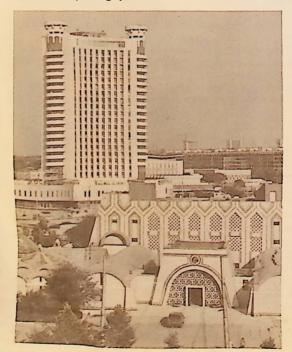
Since pre-historical times the peoples of Central Asia lived under cruelly oppressive rulers. See how Socialism so swiftly transformed their existence.



Today you see enormous harvests of cotton in the very regions formerly known as The Hungry Prairies. Where no man could survive in the old days, now hundreds of thousands of farmers live abundant, rewarding lives.



Long a symbol of luxury for the rich, in Socialism silk and silken fabrics are mass-produced for the people. The Uzbek capital, Tashkent, is celebrating its 2000th anniversary, and even the rulers of olden times could not dress for such festivities as all the people do now.



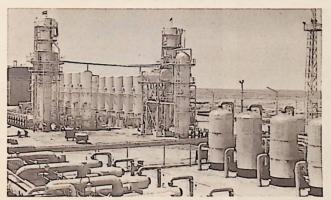


Wondrously beautiful today, Tashkent is a breath-taking combination of ancient architecture and modern earth-quake-proof buildings. The city's new subway brings visitors from all over Central Asia, since it symbolizes, literally, the Socialist Revolution.

# ... their 2000th BIRTHDAY



Nowhere can you experience such a blending of ages past with Today and the Future — all the best traditions of Central Asia are preserved. But the youth, for two generations now, have advanced in the forefront of civilization, studying in famous Tashkent University, first of its kind ever to appear in these regions.



Not only is Soviet Central Asia irrigated, but also industrialized. This Bukhara-Ural gas pipeline has enormous daily capacity.

more like our grapefruits.



Collective-farmer Fattakh Khakimov, leader of a team of co-op cotton growers (Kyzl Farm) enjoys prosperity that is the rule, not the exception, in Uzbekistan today.





From all over Asia youth now come to the Soviet land. Here is a class in Tashkent Farm Mechanization College, learning how to replace famine with plenty.

# Their life shows right through

Two people from 'NN' travelled across Socialism this autumn, and found that everywhere you look their new way of life is evident.

- o Thousands of miles east of Moscow, in a small sunny desert town, we happened to see two little Uzbek girls on their way home from school. Their "uniforms" were a bit brighter than in Russia or Ukraine, but their hair-do's were identical and so were their big school bags, slung over their shoulders. And when they turned to see us, their smiles were the same as you get from kids everywhere in USSR. Bringing identical education and happiness to so vast a generation of children, of 100 nations, has to be a triumph of human history.
- o The irrigated fields of Soviet Central Asia reach from one horizon to the other, where just a short while ago the lifeless desert lay shrivelled in the sun. We took a journey through "green-houses" that seemed endless. Lemon farming. Tons on tons of lemons the size of grapefruit. They have no California or Florida, so they're making citrus climates immune to frosts. And everywhere, between every row of trees, it seemed, the Co-Op farmers were growing roses. Impossible to describe miles of roses of every color and form. In the nearby town few men, women or children went about their work without one arm carrying roses.
- o Muslims, you know, hold that women are inferior creatures. We sensed that some of the older faithful still hold to that archaic view. So it was really amusing to watch a beautiful young Uzbek traffic cop giving stern directions to a couple of bearded drivers who knew better than to disobey her.
- Christian Dior is making clothes for the West's rich in Chinese factories now. We predict that he's bound to discover emancipated Uzbek women. Some of them take tunics, skirts and long slim oriental trousers, all in fabulous colored silks, and add gold-silver embroidery half way up the legs. Topping this is a modernized feminine version of the turban. Giving what you can only call "the warrior look". Fashion's expression of the liberation of women from moslemism. If one of these girls walked down Yonge Street in Toronto, she'd stop the Subway. And to think that their mothers wore the hideous "veil"

o It's one thing to report in these pages on the wonders of Soviet Asian desert-reclamation. But it's something else again to see the re-created earth from a low-flying plane. Hundreds upon hundreds of miles of vivid green farms, watered by a maze of mountain streams that for ages wasted their precious flow on dead rock and sand. Countless millions now dying in Africa could be reborn this way.



- o One evening we went to visit a friend in Moscow and asked the driver to give us a picture of this new housing district. We drove for nearly an hour through beautiful forests broken only by sparkling white high-rise apartments. This is going on at all points of the compass. You don't have to be told that socialism is proceeding with the world's greatest-ever housing program. Just look.
- o How can you compare the standard of living there and here? Imagine getting a small but comfortable family apartment for \$17 per month rent. Only additional charge is for light, cooking, telephone: a total of \$13 per month. These payments were shared by four working adults. So to them the cost of their housing is a very small item in their total personal budgets.

- o "What lake is that?" we asked on a drive from Serpukhov. People stared with us and then laughed. The lake was a field as large as you'd associate with big-scale grain farming in Canada. But no grain here: the crop was cabbages. One unbroken sea of wonderfully bluegreen cabbages, right to the horizon.
- o It's becoming traditional now for Soviet wedding parties to visit some special place, after the ceremony and before the big party. We saw one in the Oka River district, where the legendary Russian Forest has profound meaning (especially to the families of partizans in World War Two). A beautifully carved outdoor "temple of the forest" makes an unforgettable place for a young couple to solemnize their marriage. And at the other end of the USSR we saw a handsome Uzbek youth lead his bride up the steps of the Earthquake Memorial in Tashkent. This spot memorializes both the terrible tragedy that crushed Tashkent, and the unity of all Soviet people who together raised a glorious new city up from the ruins.
- o That "lake of cabbages" wasn't so far-fetched, as we found by driving down into it. Forever immune to drought now, these vast farmlands pump up Oka River water, distribute it through miles of ditches, then with great revolving sprinklers they give the crops whatever rainfall is needed, exactly when. So this land is a sea of fertility, typical of the achievements of the new Soviet "Food Program".



# They all have a tale to tell, of Socialism

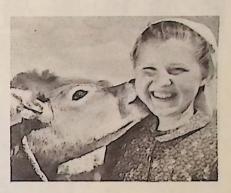
· Late one night we landed at a small town airport. The area beyond the field was pretty dark, with lamps shaded by the heavy trees. You could make out quite a lot of people in the shadows. I nervously told a companion that in Canada or USA this would be an ideal situation for mugging or worse. Nobody seemed to grasp this. When we finally found our car, and luggage, in the dark parking lot it was clear that a great many adults, youth and children too were crowding the place, waiting for arrivals. But in nearly an hour of watching we saw not one single cop. On the way to the hotel our companion asked, "Tell me, what is mugging?"



- o We were watching a big crew pave a runway, when a tiny school-girl strode confidently out among the machines. So dangerous it could never happen in Canada. Anyway, when she located her dad, he stopped his giant asphalt-spreader and talked for a moment. Then off she went across the airport. Maybe they need more "regimentation"?
- o Our plane was delayed one afternoon by the "Festival of Golden
  Autumn", with teen-age dancers welcoming a big delegation from Moldavia.
  Sally desperately wanted pictures of
  those beautiful girls and the hornplayers. No way you can use a camera
  at an airstrip. Well, "regimentation"
  paid off. One official (you know, regimented government type) could take
  pictures. So he calmly took Sally's
  camera for her and snapped a priceless
  roll of those Golden Autumn
  celebrators.
- o At the International Trade Center restaurant in Moscow they had run out of tomato juice, which we both wanted to quench a big thirst. After apologising,

the waiter disappeared for ten minutes. He then returned with two huge goblets of tomato juice which he had custommade for us in a blender.

- · You are forever running into surprises in distant parts of the Soviet Union. We wanted to visit an older worker, one who still stays on the job. No sooner said than we were on our way to the house of Halilov Lutfillo Rahim. Looked like a very old and ramshackle place from outside. Inside, we couldn't believe. Halilov built the place himself, long ago, and has added on to it ever since. Enormous one-floor apartment. Enclosing a garden complete with grapevines sagging to the ground. Halilov, a baker, is no practicing Muslim: not only did his gayly dressed wife join us, but she helped with the rounds of cognac too. We couldn't help marvel at a rug covering one long wall - worth more in Canada today than a housefull of furniture. How on earth could a baker afford such a work of art? Turned out that it was a (second) wedding present. We had to be very firm, or Halilov would have had his sons wrap up that masterpiece right there, for us to take back to Canada as a present from the best baker in Bukhara!
- o For contrast we visited a devout Muslim family. Even their local mullah joined in the meal. Delicious. But the wife and daughters who prepared it weren't allowed to even appear with the men. The host's five-year-old daughter did come to meet us, gorgeously dressed. She picked up a dried melon, got it to rattle inside, and went round the table doing her own delicately beautiful version of some dance, making her own music with the melon. Finally we infidels from Canada insisted that the tiny dancer bring her mother. A shy woman but proud of her banquet.
- When you drive through Tashkent in the morning sun (it rains only twice a year there) you are bound to come up against one of the world's most breathtaking architectural sights. Hundreds upon hundreds of massed fountains that create a high wall of silvery-blue water swaying in the strong desert wind. Great rainbows weave in and out of this man-made wonder which rises in a place where, since time out of mind, people saw water only in their dreams of longing. There was a town here 2000 years ago, but only in the 60 years of Socialism did Man come to possess abundantly the Gift of Life.



- . In the Soviet East we repeatedly recalled Ronald Reagan's assertion that Socialism represents the force of evil in our world. The president should fly his helicopter across the Uzbekistan Soviet Socialist Republic. Rivers in the deserts, tremendous farms, hundreds of restored medieval temples, everyone literate, healthy happy children and magnificent youth, no cowed veiled women, flowers everywhere, hunger long forgotten, no poverty level, cops in cruisers trying to find a crime, and an experienced justice-department official who had never heard of one sex-killing of a child.
- Soviet farming is a lot farther advanced than you might conclude from their recent critical planning. We saw not one but 12 gigantic State Farms in the heart of Russia, in the Oka River valley, all intended to produce bumper crops regardless of weather conditions. Farmers (employees) live in city conditions. Labor productivity seemed very high to us.
- At one of those farms they showed us a new theatre and sports center. Equipped with a dining room where we enjoyed the finest meal of our entire stay in USSR. Turned out that the world-famed borsht served in the Hotel Moskva is made from a receipe developed on this State Farm. It's no mystery why so many big farms in Socialism now have waiting-lists of city people who have decided to go back to the land.
- Emotional highlight: meeting a friend not seen for 33 years. Kostya fought in the Battle for Moscow. Gravely wounded. "Re-built", he took up news work, over the years built a reputation as an author, and was overjoyed to tell us that he had been elected to full membership in the prestigious Writers' Union. Though pensionable, he sees life now as a grand new career.

# HAPPY PEOPLE



Tomor, Baatar and Sundyzhav, from Mongolia, get along well with their instructor Svetlana, at the Frunze Worsted Mills.

Good jobs waiting when they return home.



Mamedbl and Babusya Goshkov have an unbeatable recipe for happiness: enjoy life along with thirteen kids. And have more, too.



Millions of Soviet movie fans are happily awaiting the first film ever made of Ostrovsky's unusual play, "Girl Without A Dowry". It stars two famed people: Nikita Mikhalkov and Larissa Ogudalova.



All these men (and a woman) were happy to have a re-union on the banks of the Dnieper where, 40 years ago, they led the historic counter-offensive that liberated Kiev. Everyone, from general to private, was awarded the top "Hero of the Soviet Union" medal.



Pilot Anton Kobachkov gets a thrill out of flying the new YAK-40 along with the younger generation. Maybe he'll return to work?

Left: Dr. Yuri Staroverov still has to work in a "tent hospital" in Nicaragua, but he and his fellow Soviet doctors and nurses have been able to treat more than 60,000 sick adults and children there.



For 75 years mystery-lovers, space fans, and scientists of every specialty, have been fascinated by the stupendous explosion that devastated a remote, uninhabited region of Siberia, near the Tunguska River.

Invader from outer Space? Gigantic meteorite? Some kind of natural (?) H-Bomb? Or a comet that packed a terrific wallop when it disintegrated?

You've seen all these theories described here in NN. Including those which seek to explain why the forests in that blasted region, starting around 1930, began to grow very rapidly. Effects of stimulation by nuclear radiation?

Certainly a very powerful stimulant was released right at the time of that tremendous explosion. Tree rings of 1908 were 10 to 15 times bigger than in 1907. And although whole forests were wiped out, survivor trees shot up as though feasting on some super-nutrient.

This year, that particular aspect of the Tungus Mystery brought together three Soviet scientists: Dr. S. Golenetsky (weather authority), Dr. D. Murashov (astronomer) and V. Stepanok (soil improvement).

All three were convinced that the clue to solving the Tungus Riddle lay in some real substance which appeared suddenly at the site 75 years ago and, in all probability, is still to be found there.

But what of hundreds of researchers who previously tried to find the "remains" of a meteorite or a nuclear explosion? What could they have missed?

The trio headed by Golenetsky decided to start with no pre-conceived ideas about what to look for. Equipped with new and highly sensitive analytical apparatus, they carefully dug down through 75 years of forest peat until they came to the layer "dated" 1908.

Instead of looking for something to fit a theory, they let the analysis equipment do it for them. Results were immediate and astonishing.

That 1908 layer contained more than 30 chemical elements in abundance, which were non-existant in the layers formed before and after the Tungus Explosion.

Several of these elements are rare on Earth. But taken together, they fitted at once into a pattern well-known to astronomer Murashov: "carbonic chondrites". A kind of rare heavenly stone, absolutely different from ordinary meteorites, that presents the same unusual chemical picture as found in the 1908 Tungus peat-layer.

Where do chondrites come from? Can we make them here on Earth, using available chemicals?

The three Soviet investigators side-stepped theories by making artificial "Tungus chondrites" and spraying the stuff on small experimental farm plots.

Results appeared literally while they watched.

'NN's garden fans will immediately wonder if Tungus dust is simply a collection of "trace minerals", long known to stimulate plant growth. Some familiar trace metals are in it (notably zinc). But the majority of the metals found in the Tungus peat are unfamiliar to agriculture, with some of them falling in the "rare earth" group and very expensive.

Costly or not, the very first application of man-made "cosmic fertilizer" gave crop yield increases of 20 to 70 percent.

Immediate checks were run on test plots in both Kaluga and Kalinin farming regions, with the same results.

The Soviet researchers believe that because chondrites have been bombarding Earth since time began, then many unexplained developments, in both natural and man-made plant propagation, were the result of haphazard "doses" of rare-element fertilizers, from outer space.

Lately, Soviet and other environmental scientists have been investigating aerial "pollution" in a very broad sense. Astonishingly, once you rule out man-made atmospheric pollutants, and the heavy doses of poisons spread over the Earth by volcanoes, our "pure air" is still impure ... and its pollution corresponds to the mysterious Tunguska Dust from chondrites!

Many questions remain to be answered. But already it is clear that this unusual form of cosmic dust must have profound effects on all growing things, including our farm crops.

Incidentally, preliminary calculations show that all the "Tungus Dust" dropped on Earth so far, has added a total of chemical elements almost exactly correpsonding to the total of those elements found in our planet now. Including several very rare substances.

It's interesting to note that the latest Soviet investigators of the Tungus Mystery don't think any super-super Space Body caused that explosion. New studies of ice made up of water-and-gases show that a ball, some 1000 feet across, travelling at cosmic speed, could have caused the havoc of 75 years ago, since such gas-ice releases frightful destructive energy when suddenly brought to a halt.

### Anything of practical use here?

A complete "super fertilizer" of the Tungus kind is impractical, since several vital constituents are far too costly to mine and refine.

But this may be overcome by a new Soviet development, in which sea-water passes through a kind of atomic trap, which extracts the rarest and most expensive of all metals... super fertilizers included.

Finally, Dr. Golenetsky and his colleagues wonder if many beneficial, and disastrous, biological occurrences in Earth's past, up to now "blamed" on astronomical influences, were actually the result of many Tungus Catastrophes radically changing life on our planet.



# RIGHT or LEFT? GOOD or BAD?

Should left-handed children be forced to change to normal right-handedness? Is it true that Lefties are "inferior"? Why the new, intense interest in left-handed athletes? NN reports on Soviet views.



This is no longer a problem limited to a few "odd-balls". Surveys show that several hundred million people on Earth today are left-handed.

And every year more Lefties get into the big news: sports, politics, healthmedicine.

Number of left-handed babies varies greatly in different countries. And despite folk-lore on this subject going back thousands of years, modern science admits that to this day we have very sketchy facts that often are contradictory.

Some truths are established:

• When two Lefties marry, their children have a 50 percent chance of being left-handed.

• Drops to 16 percent when only mother or dad is a Leftie.

• Few right-handed parents get left-handed offspring.

• So hereditary factors play the main role in this condition.

(In this Report, for reasons of space, NN can't discuss the really vague problems of people who are born part Left, part Right.)

From away back before History, the general (often very cruel) view arose that left-handed children were abnormal, undesirable and even dangerous. A few enlightened ancient tribes took an opposite, favorable attitude to Lefties.

As science developed, some investigators, working mostly on prejudices, proclaimed that Lefties were doomed to be low-achievers because they are inferior in making use of either brains or hands.

Pretty stupid line to take, when you consider that many outstanding types—the universal genius Leonardo da Vinci, for example—were born and remained life-long practicing Lefties.

However, stupidity sometimes wins out even in Science, for a time. Some eminent professors backed the vicious idea that in order to "save" children from a life of left-handedness, they should be forcibly made to favor their right hands. Very, very rough on those kids.

Some Soviet teaching authorities at one time advocated "changing" Lefties into Righties. Not with cruel punishment, but by every kind of "psychological" training method known. That way nearly all Lefties went through school using their right-hands normally.

But not really! All that such "persuasian" does is to go against nature. Children (and adults) only pretend to be Righties; at all possible times their brains switch over to (for them) normal Left actions.

Today just about everybody in USSR knows Victor Krovopuskov, famed long-time Olympic fencing champ. He was "taught" to be a Rightie. But he could do everything better as a Leftie! As his opponents all discovered when they faced him, sword in hand.

Now Soviet science appreciates that it is a serious mistake to try to change the brain of a child born to be a Leftie. Far better to develop such children.

This was appreciated back in ancient Egypt, where royal guards were all Lefties because of their superior fighting skills.

We moderns have long known that Lefties excell in baseball. And now look at the tennis stars of almost every nation.

No mystery there. Lefties don't have to "switch" nerve impulses from leftto-right sides of their brains, with the result that they can react definitely faster in certain super-speed situations.

Let's not go overboard.

You don't see powerful, robust Left-handed athletes. Lefties don't make it where heavy stress and endurance are required.

And Lefties (especially women) are susceptible to all kinds of emotional athletic strains, with serious changes in moods

Latest clinical studies also show that left-handed people are more prone to ailments like migraine, ulcers, diabetes, arthritis.

## Soviet psychiatrists offer strong support in favor of helping Lefties

A little-known tragedy of what you might call "anti-Leftism" afflicted the life of one of the world's richest men: Nelson Rockefeller. His father ruthlessly tried to change the boy into a "Rightie". As a result, Nelson all his life was cursed by the grave learning disease called dyslexia—he could read and write only backwards!

In sharp contrast, such Soviet authorities as Dr. Anatoly Chuprikov, a noted psychiatrist, are concerned with developing the "leftness" of children and youth.

Most methods make use of the abnormally fast "linkage" with left and right cerebral centers, noted in Lefties. And this has led to a still more fascinating line of research: on those longignored men and women who are truly both Left and Right-handed.

A heated debate is on: is it really possible that an individual athlete can be a super Left, Rightie?

Right now, Soviet coaches are paying closest attention to youngsters who are left-handed and fond of boxing, fencing or tennis.

But industrial psychologists, too, are getting into the act. Turns out that Lefties often make marvellous surgeons, architects, artists and fine-machine constructors-operators.

Believe it or not, some Soviet physiologists now wonder if Lefties may not be born physically-mentally superior to "normals"!

Doesn't seem probable, since Nature has always favored Righties. View of most Soviet scientists...

• Lefties are extremely valuable, no way "inferior"

But they require special care and training from childhood, to realize their maximum talent and to prevent certain ailments.

• We urgently need studies of "Right-Left" people, who appear to have exceptional possibilities.

# HIGH-TECHNOLOGY, ANYONE?

Again Reagan wants to "slow down" Socialism by keeping USA technology under lock-and-key. Might pay him better to see what the USSR has.

## 'NN'EXCLUSIVE

You've seen movies made with very high-speed cameras, so the action seems slowed down, as when a race horse gallops very slowly. To slow down such motions as the blast from a jet engine is a much more difficult problem. Newest Soviet cameras can show you what happens in one-trillionth of a second. Done with a mirror that spins at 300,000 revolutions per minute. This "Agat" camera, perfected by Dr. Boris Stepanov, has no equal. Already it has revealed how to precisely control tremendous explosions, and prevent disastrous cracks spreading in oil-gas pipelines.

Very few drilling rigs in the world can get down 5 kilometres (3 miles). Deepest the USA ever reached was 9583 metres (back in '79). Soviet well in Kola (Arctic) is already way past 11,000 km. Actually it's a kind of "industry", radically different to usual techniques, rising 12-storeys high with actual rig weighing over a million pounds. Just lowering and raising the drill takes about 18 hours daily, with 6 hours for actual boring. Soviet engineers found how to eliminate cumbersome "casings", yet their bare hole has stood up perfectly: it is cased, if need be, only in sections of rock that may collapse. The general Soviet technology is widely patented, and USA has bought one

One major discovery: Earth is very much hotter, 7 miles down, than scientists predicted. USSR is now preparing to drill 7 more wells of this super-deep kind.

Deathly radiation may not always end life in living cells. Soviet researchers, back in the 'fifties, found cases of cells being restored to life "on their own". Now Dr. N. Luchnik has proved that cell "self-repairs", after radiation, are the rule, not the exception. This basic discovery is already being applied in USSR to treat cancer patients. Aim is to prevent harmful tumor cells from "curing themselves" after heavy radiation, while aiding normal surrounding cells to recover. Seems possible now to achieve very delicate balancing in radiation therapy. But clearly, discovery points way to many other finds.

In earlier times Canada's trans-continental railway and the Czar's trans-Siberian lines were engineering marvels. But a new transportation system being developed by Soviet scientists and engineers is in a class by itself, for daring and economic potential. It's based on converting cheap Siberian coal to hydrogen, then liquifying that gas (at extremely low temperature), so highly concentrated hydrogen-fuel can be piped cheaply like oil-or-gas. Problem of maintaining very low temperature and high pressure, for thousands of miles, is brilliantly solved: at a number of big industrial centres, en route, some hydrogen is allowed to evaporate, which brings the temperature down very low; gas is fed as fuel to local plants, or used in chemical synthesis. At same time super-cold hydrogen will liquefy nitrogen and separate it from oxygen (in air), two highly valuable operations that will be done "for free". Finally, the super-cold pipeline itself will be used to transmit vast quantities of electrical power (which travels with almost no losses at super-cold levels). Technology is elaborate, but economic gains are stupendous.

Fitting neatly into the above hydrogen project is a discovery by Ukrainian scientist Dr. Vladimir Pan. He's developed a unique metal-crystal alloy of niobium and tin. When cooled low enough this metal handles thousands of times more electric power than thick conventional cables. This means that a liquid-hydrogen pipeline would more than pay for itself by acting as a carrier for enormous power flows, entirely without the high-line equipment that costs fortunes today. Though difficult for today's engineers to grasp, super-cooled "wires" of this type can handle current of 100,000 amperes. Needless to say, all aspects of this work are right out on the frontiers of the most advanced world technology.

In the Reanimatology (Restoration of Life) Department of Rostov Medical Institute, specialists using new Soviet techniques have achieved a miracle which they themselves believed impossible. Patient Larissa Z. was clinically dead when (after six minutes) her heartbeat was restored. But her brain was seriously affected, and she was unconscious for 24 days. Then partial consciousness returned. But specialists confirmed that the girl was doomed: she could never regain the higher nervous activity which we associate with being alive. Connected to modern life-support systems, Larissa lay helpless for twoand-a-half years. Many treatments were tried including prolonged cooling of the brain. Finally: the miracle. Larissa's brain, useless "on the outside", found powerful defense tissues deep within, and these suddenly restored her to consciousness. She is now at home, can read, speak, work, and improves so that full recovery seems probable. Soviet specialists believe that the brain's powers of life-saving are as yet little explored.

Just in this century, scientists have discovered more than 350 particles inside the atom. Huge "atom smashers" are used, and this work is very costly. What's the use of it all? Though few know this, many inner-atomic "nothings" are hard at work in the USSR. They make super-strong plastics (maybe soon replacing steel). They purify the foullest sewage and wastes. Now others are instantly killing all insects and rodents in grain and other foodstuffs (this alone can save, in a year, all the cost of atomic particle-hunting done so far). Amazing fact: some "atomic parts" are extremely useful even though they last no more than a millionth of a second. USSR leads in building ever-larger equipment for taking atoms apart. The profits-to-be may be financially great but surely will be socially incalculable.

When NN people were in USSR the whole technical community was discussing a joint decision of the Council of Ministers and the Communist Party. This calls for much speedier application of radically new scientific developments in Socialism, vital in the competition with Capitalism.



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'NN' was privileged to study first hand the inspiring revolutionary achievements of the Uzbek people.

Before Socialism, the peoples in what is now Soviet Asia were incredibly poor, cruelly exploited by the medieval overlords who served the Czar, deprived of all rights — the scene today in Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, and most of the Mid-East.

Revolution began soon after the Soviet victories of 1917. Already by 1920 the first Soviet Republics were set up in areas knownthen as Khoryzm, Khiva, Bukhara. In 1924 three republics were being ruled by a wide mixture of peoples: Uzbeks, Kazakhs, Tajiks, Turkmens, Kirghiz, Karakalpaks, A terrible civil war followed, headed by basmachi: former Czarist leaders and the most reactionary Muslim clergy.

These enemies were exterminated. People's victory was signalled by formation in 1927 of the Uzbek Soviet Republic. "All power is in the hands of Councils (Soviets) elected by workers, farmers, Red Army soldiers.'

There followed a ten-year relentless struggle to turn everything in the new nation over to workers, farmers, and their intellectuals (mainly teachers). Gradually the last pettycapitalists (mainly landowners) were absorbed into the new Socialist way of labor.

Now the young Republics of USSR could afford to pour help into Soviet Asia, enabling the people to "leap over" the capitalist stage of development. But this was feasible only because hundreds of thousands of men, women and youth personally organized the revolutionary changes.

None of this happened "by itself". Everything was initiated and carried through by those who consciously followed Lenin's scientific policies: Communist Party members. Though the CPSU is (now) just 80 years old, long ago its correct policies achieved what was then thought impossible - the revolutionary transformation of life in "hopelessly" backward Asia. (Yes, the same life you watch on TV to this day, in the vast lands still left to the mercies of Free Enterprise).

At first the working-class was small in Soviet Asia. Just as in Afghanistan today. But when farmers united in co-ops (collectives) the message of Socialism took hold. Our history books ignore it, but formation of The Communist University of Central Asia, in 1922, played a major role in transforming the East. Its graduates travelled far-and-wide, proving to the Asian peoples that the Future was indeed dawning.

An especially grim problem arose from the clergy's use of viciously reactionary (pro-capitalist) elements of the Moslem religion. Even the holy Koran was distorted to glorify the rights of the rich. But as Communists joined in defense of believers plus offense against exploiters, the great majority were able to equate religion with socialist principles . . . exactly what is happening in Afghanistan today.

In Iran, Iraq and Pakistan this very same issue testifies today to the correctness of the world-historic solution found by the Communists of the Soviet East.

"There can be no Socialist Revolution unless very many working women take a big part in it." said Lenin, But Moslem clergy, the killer basmachi, the rich landlords and merchants, all conspired against emancipating their veiled women. When the new liberated Communist women appeared, often they were mercilessly tortured to death, just as the invading "rebels" from Pakistan "practice religion" inside Afghanistan

But in 1927 Communists led a mighty women's uprising against this bestiality of the past. This was the "Khujum" movement that enabled hundreds of thousands of Eastern girls and women to rip off their shameful paranjas and yashmaks (hideous veils and shrouds).

Today nearly half of all Eastern workers are women. Every third engineer, and three-of-four health workers are women. Half of all elected Soviet (council) members in Uzbekistan today are girls and women!

"Large-scale industry is the only possible economic basis for Socialism," Lenin decided. This, indeed, is the key problem today for hundreds of millions of people living on primitive handicrafts. How was it solved in the Soviet East?

The entire Soviet people led by countless volunteer Communist workers, united to industrialize the new Socialist Asian regions. In an historically very short time a nation of spinners, potters and "bazaar" merchants set up giant modern factories and became economically independent of Capitalism.

Food plants, mills, textiles, chemicals, construction, tanning, petroleum and coal fuels, fertilizers . . . all powered by a new energy-industry that eliminated the cross-legged handpower toiler of the past.

However, all this gigantic effort would have been hopeless without the creation of an industry which is life-or-death to whole nations now: irrigation.

In the Soviet East nothing dramatizes Scientific Socialism so powerfully as the lavish use of canals and fountains, on the very same soil where for ages nothing thrived but lizards and cactus.

Drastic anti-feudal and anti-capital measures, over millions of acres, enabled the Soviet Asians to take their own water into their own collective hands.

Socialism conquered the deserts, literally pouring life into vast lands dead for thousands of years.



# red for Central Asia

from the Middle-East to China, is fast reaching an ms want to join humanity's forward march. And the met Asia.

> Many less developed countries in Asia find it impossible to borrow (and repay) the billions they need to invest. For them Soviet Asia has an unbeatable formula: get rid of your capitalists, borrow from no one, use the wealth you can produce for yourselves when you pay profits to no individuals, take over all the banks - and Socialism will pay your way into the Future.

> Soviet Asian people did it. You need only go there to see it.

Their success is astounding.

Take cotton. In this once hopeless desert-stricken land they created their own irrigation, built their own farm machinery, produced their own fertilizers, and quickly became a major world cotton region, making tremendous profits.

A dozen other big industries arose on their "cotton base". Big rail lines appeared. A critical problem they faced was the need to advance the education of millions who were climbing out of feudalism. From near-total illiteracy. Soviet Asians moved en masse into schools, then high schools and now universities.

Half their population, their girls and women, played an immense part in creating the first great industrialized working-class of the East.

Right now, the scale of progress in this region has to be seen to be appreciated. Just in recent years the Uzbek people alone have established over 700 major industrial enterprises which did not exist before.

For a visitor from Capitalism, where gloom is the economic byword now, it comes as a shock to discover that the Soviet East exports industrial goods to 80 Western lands!

This in a region where, before Socialism, exports were camel-loads of knick-knacks made by handi-craftsmen.

But cold facts-and-figures conceal the main truth. Soviet Asians sell abroad on a soaring scale today, yet the huge profits in this trade go to no capitalists or investors: every million they make rings up in their national treasury, and every dividend they pay is to themselves.

It's important to recall here that progress in the East was seriously set back during World War Two. A great many men volunteered for the fronts, farms and irrigation suffered, and industries slowed.

But this only points up the extraordinary advantages which pre-war Socialism demonstrated. These people, once they had rid themselves of landowners, largely by their own initiative set up thousands of "kishlaks" a form of co-op or collective suited to irrigation farming in this region.

The newly-emancipated women farmers maintained and even expanded their kishlaks during World War Two.

Indeed, it is a striking historical fact that Soviet Asian women gave such an impetus to cotton-growing, before the war, that they enabled the Soviet Union to win cotton independence, eliminating forever costly textile imports.

You must fly over Uzbekistan, at low altitude, to grasp what the people in Socialism did with scientific irrigationand-power works. They've made the desert blossom as the rose" on gigantic territories. On their notorious "Hungry Steppe" alone they now harvest quality cotton on 1,250,000 acres.

In their current 5-Year Plan they will invest (their own nation's money) some billion dollars in new irrigation

projects.





And they're not living by cotton alone. This region is becoming one of the USSR's big grain producers wheat, corn, rice.

Silk breeding (and weaving) is big in their industrial planning. And now meat, milk, poultry and citrus-fruits are rivalling basic crops.

About fruit. Many Soviet republics produce fruits. But they have no Californias or Floridas. The Uzbek people want to change that now with low-cost weather-proof "greenhouses" on a scale difficult to convey in words. Try to picture mile after mile of lemon trees.

In Science, Socialism is enabling the peoples of Asia to regain the renown they enjoyed 1000 years ago. Before Socialism, incredibly false Moslem teachings on "schools" led to nearly 100-percent illiteracy. Lenin turned that tide, in his famous appeal for books to be sent East. Though very poor, the other Soviet peoples responded with 20,000 volumes, and Tashkent University began.

Significantly, during World War Two the Uzbeks established their first Academy of Sciences. Its researches now are known world-wide, with basic studies in farm-biology, mountain and desert waters, exploration of oil, gas, and coal reserves.

Today Uzbeks are in a leading position in solar-power researches.

At work in this country are over 3,900 scientists where, in 1926, they could mobilize one engineer!

The power of the story these people have to tell lies not in propaganda but in their lives.

That is why the Uzbeks forever are hosts to visitors from the West. Not the rich, but the oppressed. All those for whom the dawn is yet to come.

## Cheapest health prescription in the world

With our doctors paying more attention to "tonics" rather than drugs, it's worth your while to check latest research findings in USSR, concerning Tea. To judge from booming Soviet tea sales in the West, they're on to something.



Over here we see mostly high-powered coffee ads, but the plain commercial fact is that millions more are drinking more tea every year. Tea consumption world-wide now exceeds 45 thousand million ounces per year.

And it's not just for pleasure that people are turning to "a cuppa" more than ever before.

 Last year USSR tea-growers broke all crop records, and took in more tea-per-acre than the former champion growers of India and Sri Lanka.

 Inside the Soviet Union, largely as a result of persistent medical recommendations regarding tea, demand is rising faster than their soaring output.

o This is complicated by the fact that at the latest world tea "auctions", held in London, buyers from 24 Western countries snapped up all they could get. Soviet teas are popular even in Britain and Japan, where Far East varieties are traditional.

• Experts believe that Soviet (Georgian) teas are gaining favor because the cool climate makes for more flavorsome teas — Soviet farmers grow tea where it was long held to be an "impossible" crop (limited to tropics).

Medical specialists in USSR differ. Some say the health values of Soviet tea are superior. Research has revealed over

130 biochemicals in Georgian teas.

- Tea "catechols" alone have profound beneficial effect on blood-vessel capillaries, lessening bleeding, lowering blood pressure and reducing atherosclerosis.

 New fact: these benefits to the blood-circulation system are actually more noticeable with tea than with many drugstore prescription remedies.

- Tea does "stimulate", but it contains much less caffeine than coffee, with less harmful heart effects.

 Very important: tea supplies fluorides in natural form, and these biochemicals not only improve health of the teeth but also of the bones (especially in older people).

- And now it turns out that tea is a better source of "trace elements" (iron, manganese, magnesium, silicon, potassium, iodine, copper, phosphorus, gold) than high-priced synthetic "supplements" sold in drug-stores, by mail-promotions, and

- Evidence from Soviet labs indicates that these natural forms of trace elements (actually in a colloidal dispersed form in tea) are far superior to compounds made from metals by

chemical processes.

A remarkable new claim by Soviet nutritionists concerns the controversial "Vitamin P". As you probably know (see our Report No. 860 "Sputnik Vitamin P", 65 cents) doctors over here say there is no such vitamin. Well, clinical tests in USSR show that not only does Vitamin Pexist, but it aids the body in accumulating Vitamin C, vital in building resistance to infections.

In any case there's no argument that tea is an excellent treatment for fever. Biochemicals in tea, when you drink it hot (not scalding), lead to profuse sweating. Soviet doctors approve this age-old "remedy" because it has no side-effects noted with many drugs.

NN Readers are familiar with the fact that Soviet medical scientists pay much attention to "folk medicine" and treatments that have stood the test of centuries. Tea comes in that category. Moderns say it is an "adaptive medication" specifically, when you are shivering in a wintry blizzard, tea speeds your body's powers to arouse warmth; and when you are distressed in extremely hot weather, "a cuppa" induces perspiration that can quickly make you comfortably cool.

However, different teas vary greatly in their effects. New studies seem to show that the dominant biochemicals in tea are the catechols; and they are effective because of their influence on Vitamin C. Not only does tea increase the body's reserves of Vitamin C, but that vitamin, together with Vitamin P, have what is called a synergistic effect: each multiplies the beneficial effect of the other.

 Not only is tea beneficial for persons with one or another health problem, but it is prescribed, on a big scale in USSR, for those who must work in "hot shops" in industries, especially in summertime. Reason: in such conditions the body's demand for Vitamins C and Pincreases, and tea supplies them pleasantly.

 Sick or well, tea is desirable only when it is not too strong; very strong tea is harmful; bad for the heart, nervous system,

blood pressure.

o And Soviet specialists are emphatic in warning that tea (weak or strong) is just about the worst thing you can take before going to bed.

Now for the controversial side of tea-drinking!

Soviet specialists say that very much depends on how you make your tea. And people the world over differ about that.

However, you can hardly go wrong with the "brewing" pointers we have from Doctors M.A. Bokuchava and N.E. Skobelva, top Soviet-Georgian nutritionists.

- Boil water very briefly, just "to a boil".

- Use only china or earthenware pot, never metal.

- Rinse pot with boiling water, empty, then add tea: one teaspoon for each serving.

- Fill average pot about one-third full of boiled water; depends on pot size and cups desired.

- Immediately wrap pot in cloth and let it stand for five

minutes before pouring. News from Soviet tea factories: major advance in age-old tea fermentation processes has come with preliminary fastfreeze treatment of fresh-cut leaves; appears to increase all

beneficial biochemicals in tea. And if you like experimenting: many Soviet doctors favor green teas over the blacks, so you may expect stronger beneficial effects from such brews.

Over here, best place to buy green teas is in any good oriental restaurant. Most Chinese restaurants will sell you packaged green teas (if you tell them how much you enjoy it!). Best of all, green tea is usually a lot lower-priced than bigname-brand teas. Making it by far the cheapest 'prescription" you can find.

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## Is Capitalism nearing its end?

# What will bring an end to the system?

- For years, liberal-reformists said there was no end in sight, period.
- But the fight for reforms has taken on entirely new menacing trends.
- Mass unemployment throughout the West raises a new "deadline" for 1990.
- o The "end" long ago forecast by Marx looms ever closer in our day.

Up until the coming of our latest economic crisis, it seemed as though Monopoly Capitalism, aware of the very real competitive threat of Socialism, was prepared to make far-reaching reforms (mainly "social benefits") in order to perpetuate its highly profitable positions.

But suddenly both the economic world-scale "bust", and election victories of rightists like Reagan and Thatcher, combined to halt all reformist programs. And not merely stop them but also throw into reverse the course that capitalists

had followed for years.

This unpredicted change-of-direction has caught all kinds of "left" reformists with their clothes off. Phony socialists (like Canada's NDP) and the biggest trade unions (from USA to Italy to Japan) find themsevles praising benefits won by the working class at the very time when these benefits are being ruthlessly wiped out.

The result is that the basic struggle to get rid of private-profit, in favor of a people's economy, has now taken on new forms. The situation in most Western countries has become exceedingly confusing and difficult.

The main problem is not difficult to grasp.

On the one hand, modern Capitalism will not be changed

into a "just" system simply through reforms.

On the other hand, the working-people (and middle-class) can be (and are being!) mobilized on a record scale, in the fight to force concessions from the rich.

You can learn much from Czarist Russia in the years before the Revolution. Millions fought valiantly to gain elemental rights. Gradually they passed over to the struggle for total people's rule — Socialism.

Today in many lands you see the success of similar struggles, especially in Cuba, Vietnam, and various countries of

Africa and Latin America.

These struggles in our modern world are invariably led by Communist Parties. Fighting against anarchists, terrorists, reformists of all kinds, the Communists face an extremely difficult task: to support in every way possible the growing battles of wide sections of the population in defense of "social gains", while never ceasing to emphasize that Capitalism itself must go.

Today, with the instability of Monopoly Capitalism, and the immense growth of political activity by widest sections of the people, it is now feasible for the great majority to carry the fight against Monopoly over into "the final struggle" against

their system.

Because we are "living inside" the system, we tend to under-estimate events around us. It's a fact (known to Capitalism's economists and politicians!) that tens of millions of people have marched for economic or political causes since the crisis hit us.

Not only workers but middle-classers, intellectuals, government employees, students, racial minorities and even small business-men, all answer calls for militant

demonstrations.

Here in Canada "marches" against the reactionary rightright regime in British Columbia are bigger than any seen in the Depression half a century ago.

The cool objective truth: the peoples of Capitalism today are better prepared for action against the system than ever in memory. And in addition, today tens of millions are well acquainted with the achievements of real Socialism in the USSR.

A "people's world" is no longer a dream of Left hopefuls but a living reality over much of the world.

And Socialism is the only alternative — the only way to eliminate the incureable diseases of Capitalism is to eliminate the system by its inevitable successor.

In September 1983 the most terrible of all those incureable ills, unemployment, sent chills through Free Enterprise, with the revelation that just USA alone must provide 20 million new jobs, by 1990, or else that many more jobless will roam the

Our media can only scream curses at Socialism over the Korean plane tragedy; but who dares to contrast Capitalism's desperate need to find millions of jobs with Socialism's grave need to find equal millions of youth to fill the jobs of planned prosperity?

NN Readers need feel no "inferiority" if they can't march in the front lines of the big parades. Truths about Socialism are mighty "banners" today, and these pages are being used to show many confused people how they can speed the course of

This goes on in trade union boardrooms of rich nations, and at the same time in slums, forests and deserts of those lands where "the prisoners of starvation" are preparing to break

The very same forces and evils which led Marx to prophesy the end of Capitalism are worsening now as never before. USA alone has 520,000 millionaires, and millions more poor than in earlier times.

In France the gap in income between the rich and the poor has soared to 21.5 times!

In rich USA and Canada trade unions are on the run, taking enormous cuts in pay and benefits in the face of threats to wipe out millions more jobs.

And while this agony grows every month, Monopoly Capitalism flaunts its boundless profits by pouring them into armaments. Imagine what "reforms" could be carried through with Reagan's hundreds of thousands of millions of dollars handed to the war-makers in one year?

Gradually, but steadily, the people of the West are absorbing the very essence of Capitalism: the determination of our rich ruling-class to defend their profits at any cost, even to the ultimate bestiality of exterminating civilization in nuclear

But history speaks encouragingly to us!

Socialism came to this Earth, 66 years ago this month, in the people's victorious struggle against the terrible slaughter of World War One.

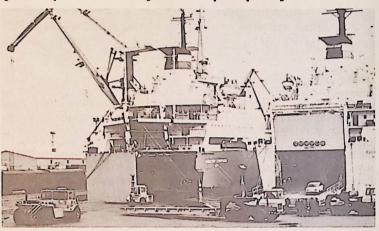
Socialism is Peace and it can end the rule of War.

# How they move Socialism

On this 66th Anniversary of their Revolution, all Soviet people remember that in the very first days of Socialism the big problem was to get the system moving, literally. Today transport is the key to their prosperity.



They use thousands of helicopters. At top, new KA-32. Center: Tatyana Zuyeva and Nadezhda Yeremina who broke world 'copter records. Bottom: gigantic new MI-26.



Many big Soviet shipping lines use new Ro-Ro (drive on, drive off) freighters like these in Riga port. Most efficient, using truck-trailers and cargo containers.



They move hundreds of millions of tons on new efficient barges, especially economical in west and north Siberia.

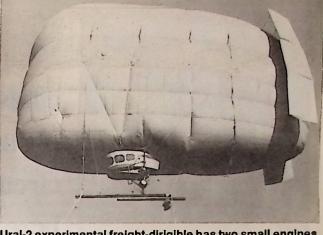


Port of Nakhodka (Far East) is typical of round-the-year heavy transport in Soviet seaports.

diesel electric.



Top: huge IL-62 cargo plane carries 40 tons at 500 miles per hour, 3,000 miles range. Lower: IL-86 is new "airbus" holding 350 passengers on long flights.



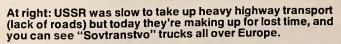
Ural-2 experimental freight-dirigible has two small engines, can lift 1000 pounds. It's a model for coming Ural-3, with 15-tons lift. For construction jobs in remote areas.



Newest Soviet Ro-Ro freighters can pack in 400 to 900 world-standard shipping containers, carried right in by transport trucks (trailers). Unloaded same way. But some Ro-Ro's specialize in carrying Soviet cars.



To cope with vast planned rail, road, air and water transport Socialism now uses computers. Here engineermethematician Khabutdinova checks movement of rail traffic in big Perm yards.





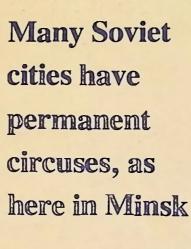
Pipelines are cheapest of all transport. This new oil line from Tyumen will reduce rail transport by many millions of tons per year.



USSR runs big fleets of hydrofolis for high-speed transport of people and freight by water.



"Prometheus" act is popular all over USSR since it portrays the unconquerable spirit of human beings.





They believe a real Circus Trooper has to start pretty young.



Bear acts always please Soviet audiences because the Brown Bear (Misha) is the national Russian animal and nobody ever forgets a childhood Teddy. Each trainer has different acts.



Maritza Zapashnaya never falls to thrill (and chill) her fans, especially when she wears a nice warm fur like this one.



Millions in Socialism love ballet, and most circuses have acts which "lift" famed ballet numbers high up above the arena, for thrills.



Soviet clowns avoid violence and get their laughs as a rule with ridiculous but loveable tricks like little pets hauling big loads.

## **News celebrates their 66th Anniversary**

## This is a big month for Soviet people. And as you can see from our very brief newspaper reports, they have good reasons to be proud of Socialism.

Even with none of their main crop-harvests yet totalled, in first six months of '83 Soviet farmers scored remarkable gains. They delivered to consumers 636,000 more tons of meat than last year; 3,800,000 more tons of milk; 1,800 million more eggs. If you picture farming in other terms: during the first half of '83 their farmers were raising 95 million head of cattle and 62 million pigs. All food prices in Soviet stores remained constant, though farmers received extra payments for exceeding their plans.

Major advance in Space: giant Cosmos No. 1443, 42 feet long and 13 feet in diameter, weighing 20 tons, has linked with permanent (manned) Salyut-7: New ship provides astronauts up there with a whole new spacious room. But mainly, it is an auxiliary "power plant" (has enormous solar-power equipment fueled by Sun). No. 1443 can also return to Earth (most of it) to bring back devices, space-produced materials, computer recordings. Soviet scientists regard it as a fore-runner of scientific and industrial laboratories which will soon start forming big "stations" in Space.

City of Leningrad has reached the Baltic Sea. Peter the Great planned that 280 years ago, but low coastline and Neva River floods killed his idea. New antiflood construction is giving the city five "seaside suburbs". In next 10 years some 800,000 people will occupy this beautiful new coastal area, eventually with beaches 15 miles long.

No other nation in world uses so much heating fuel as USSR. This winter consumption is expected to hit 2,200 pounds of "fuel units" per person. No other nation charges people nothing for heat. Socialism picks up the entire tremendous bill, paying for it out of the system's profits. Maybe they should boast of a new "human right" — the right to be warm and comfortable, as a universal free social service.

New Soviet "artificial lung" is saving many lives, since it solves problems hitherto dangerous to many patients. Imitating real lungs, new device keeps patient's blood separate from needed oxygen: they're brought together in a maze of artificial "capillaries", made of new plastic. Tested against all other "lungs" this unit proved unquestionably superior. Will be marketed abroad.

To amazement of biologists ordinary tobacco, in powder form, is excellent additive to food of young fishes being raised in nurseries. Tobacco has no negative effect on fish, but it is instantly fatal to some of the worst disease-organisms that plague fish-breeding farms.

Just 10 years ago some cattle farms in Latvia started using computers to control feeding, selection, breeding, etc. Within a few years it proved astonishingly effective in raising meat and milk output. Now called "Selex", the system has quietly been extended to all dairy farms in entire Soviet Union! It works for small herds of one or two hundred cows on up to farms with thousands of milkers. Now being applied to the Iskra State Pig Farm (Ryazan) with 108,000 pigs.

Few visitors to Moscow know that right inside this city of 8 million people there is a large, world-famous bee farm. Naturally, it's on Apiary Street. More than 100 years old, it's run by Temiryazev Agricultural Academy. Covers 6 acres (mainly flowering bushes) with 180 hives. Does thriving business supplying bees to regional farms. Bees are productive, healthy, despite huge metropolis surrounding them.

First Soviet artificial diamonds were made at Institute of High Pressure Physics 20 years ago and today USSR is major world supplier of diamonds for machines (cutting). But now two rivals are in production: Niborit and almet. Big advantages: can be made in simple steel chambers at low cost. Far superior to cutters made with tungsten. Used mainly for cutting hard space-age metals and glassreinforced plastics.

Soviet social scientists have protested propaganda reports issued in the West, charging that divorce is as bad in Socialism as in Capitalism. Nobody denies high divorce-rates. But the family is far more stable in USSR than in USA. There are now 70 million Soviet married couples, and 93 percent of the entire population lives in families, in sharp contrast to huge rise in "singles" (living alone) in Western lands.

Biologists in Perm Region are being visited by farmers and nature-friends from all over USSR. The scientists simply removed wild-duck eggs from the nests, as soon as laid. Eggs were sent to hatchery where they fared better than in fields. But big payoff was a great surprise: female ducks whose eggs were "stolen" immediately laid a second batch! Net result was that wild duck population soared 70 percent first year. Dr. A. Bolotnikov, who had the original idea, says all wild bird species will "lay a second time". Expected to be applied over large areas of USSR, especially since Co-Ops already have huge demand for gamebirds, in city food shops.

Soviet petroleum authority Dr. Victor Gavrilov says that the world's "oil sands" are now known to hold 12 times more petroleum than all oil fields now used. Says new methods of extracting oil from sand can be developed by cooperative research. Meaning: research by Canada, Venezuela and USSR... they contain 90 percent of reserves.

Recent International Book Exhibition in Moscow led to record-breaking sales exceeding \$150,000,000. Over 2600 world publishers were there, from 90 countries. Biggest achievement: many firms got to know each others' publications in languages formerly "unknown". The Moscow Exhibition has become a major event in widening world cultural relations.

Swamps are strictly for draining, in most regions. But Soviet scientists are actually creating an enormous swampy nature preserve only a few miles from Moscow. It will cover 16,000 square miles! Forests, fields, and big lakes will shelter a wide variety of animals and plants that prefer marshy countryside. Major rivers Moskva, Klyazma, Oka and Upper Volga flow through the new preserve.

In spite of violent anti-Soviet propaganda, Western governments have not succeeded in keeping tourists from visiting Socialism. Actually, last year compared to year before travellers from USA rose 40 percent, from Britain and Germany (West) 30 percent. USSR's "Intourist" service is continually expanding. Expecially popular are river cruises: you can now choose from 170 routes. Tourists can even see the Soviet Union from horseback and now even on camels!

Increasing role of women in Socialism is seen from a remarkable fact: the Soviet Communist Party now has well over 5,000,000 members. All are engaged in social production. Many are mothers. Even so, they are able to fulfill the heavy "spare time" demands made on all Party members.

Fascinating new robot for pig farms eliminates many tasks humans don't like. The device cleans and disinfects pens, feeds the pigs as programmed, weighs them, washes them, measures how fat they are (with ultrasonic sensor) and reports all findings to a head office.

Fact that Socialism has no "slumps" you can see from huge expansion of Poland's Rudna mine, which has boosted output from 9000 to 36,000 tons daily. All this copper output is sold in advance, although copper in Western markets is badly depressed. Soviet scientists and engineers have done much at Rudna, which is now shown to have one of the world's largest deposits.

World's newest harvester is a machine that gathers "hips" (berries) from wild roses. These high vitamin herbs (Vitamin C) are grown on huge plantations along the Volga. Will now expand, since high labor-cost of harvesting has been eliminated.

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# You have a big 'audience' when you write NN

"I'd like to reply to Reader D.R. as follows: Socialism stands for more than political thought and activity, it is an attitude towards others. Not to have such an attitude is to be victimised by the powerful." J.E.

"If the story about the Korean airliner is half as phony as it appears to be, I'm sure you'll agree that we should do all we can now to expose the worst president in all history. Sincerely hope NN will issue a special circular real soon, telling the world what really happened." P.H.

Reply: All the world's news agencies, especially those in the West, with unlimited funds and staff for investigation, haven't yet found out 'what really happened'. We will certainly publish the facts when they are all in. But we think NN Readers deserve more than 'guesses'. This shocking event will be around for a long time!

"Current widespread interest in Vietnam and fears of American people becoming involved in another war of that type in Central America make it imperative, in my opinion, for NN to re-issue Publication No. 971 "Well, How Does It Read Now?" Hope you agree. Why not get views of other Readers?" P.K.

Reply: We thought No. 971 would never be needed again. Shows we were wrong! So, how do you feel about re-printing it?

"You can imagine how Europeans felt when they read (enclosed) horror story from Frankfurt in West Germany, telling how NATO troops 'rehearsed' mass burials of nuclear-war victims. 'So people will know what to do'. One group condemning this said it shows 'all of Europe will become a mass grave.' Let's hope they redouble their protests!" N.L.S.

"We have group of 49 to 56 farmers that were trying to go to the Soviet Union to see their agriculture. Now they're afraid because of the plane being shot down. We would appreciate hearing that Soviet Union has paid the families of the victims, and Korea has been paid for loss of plane."

Reply: You can't be serious. What stopped your farmers from going there during past 25 years? We've offered many tours each year. Millions (a lot of farmers included) have had no difficulty in visiting USSR. As for the cash value of those who died in that tragedy, if you know the dollar-worth of humans, send the bill to the White House, where the ghastly tragedy was planned. Views of other Readers will be very welcome, so sit down now and write us!

"I can't match the millions spent by various 'political action' groups, but I will donate to The Charlotte Carter Memorial Fund if it will reprint wonderful articles by Gromyko, in New Times #26 and the article 'Disaster Lobby' in New Times #24. Feel these would enlighten many about USSR and the arms race insanity." W.B.

Reply: Again, let's have Readers' opinions about this proposed publication.

"Here's one for 'the book', this New York Times report on former Soviet Jewish doctors who emigrated to USA to make big-time medical careers. One says he came over 'to escape tyranny and despotism in the Soviet Union because of being a Jewish M.D.' Really? Who put him through medical college? Anyway, here's the payoff: a whole collection of these 'escapers' from Socialism can't practice medicine in USA because no hospitals want them! Not even big Jewish hospitals! 'They're stuck here,' says Times, 'with little chance of finding employment' Tyranny and despotism? Or just plain USA anti-Semitism, which is now raising its Hitlerite head everywhere.' M.V.

"Have you any copies left of 'Marxism, Leninism, Guide to Action'? Meanwhile, please send books listed here. How about that book on early days of 'Marxist Council'? L.H.

Reply: Many books we offer, which at first don't attract many Readers, in time are completely sold out. We advise you to check all publications offered in our October '83 issue and this NN. Many are bound to "disappear" before New Year.

"Enclosed is sample letter I've been mailing out, advertising NN's 'Quote of the Month' in the July-August issue, also giving NN subscription price, etc. I plan to follow upthis letter with personal visit. Sometimes I enclose a photo-copy of a good NN page."

Note: Always gives us a lift here at NN to learn of wonderful 'promotion' work done by Readers without any urging from us. People respond very well.

"I've just returned from Soviet Union and found religion flourishing, in a sense. But the intelligentsia does not take the church seriously. To their credit. NN is doing a fine job toward understanding and goodwill." E.J.

"Enclosed find \$10 for my monthly donation to NN. Wish it were more, but hope it helps. We appear to be moving so rapidly to 'the Right'. But I'm glad to see the people in B.C. are not taking it lying down. The young are not so pliant as they were in the 'thirties." O.H.B.

Note: Warm thanks to those who 'pass the plate' themselves, for NN, each month. It's a tremendous help in our continuous fight against inflation.

"How about a Lifetime Sub to NN, for those still working but fearful of being hard put to get by on a pension? One 'left' paper gives Lifetime Sub for \$200." A.D.

## "And then the Blind shall see"

Years ago an NN Reader (skilled machinist in a big Ontario plant) discovered that he was losing his sight. He kept cheerful and active politically. As it happened, when he lost all sight in one eye he saw in NN a report of a new treatment for blindness, in USSR. Doctors here said his condition was hopeless. But even so he decided to go to the Soviet specialists, in Odessa (the famous Filatov Institute).

Miraculously, they saved his other eye. Said he: "This is worth a million dollars." And then he was offered a job as supervisor in a Soviet factory operated by blind people. His girl friend came from Canada to join him, and now they have a happy family.

"I worked with him here in Canada for 8 years," says Reader W.P.S. "I'm very happy to enclose this letter I've just received from him and his wife. As you see, they read every copy of NN and send you all their best regards. They also want quite a few NN Reports, and I'll be glad to pay for them, when you bill me." W.P.S.

In this column last month Sally Carter wrote about miracles that happen. You will understand how wonderful it was for her, on returning from a trip to the USSR, to open this letter about that marvellous miracle of years ago, and the continuing miracle of a "hopeless" man who can see and read NN to this day.

TAKE HEART, Sally said, a MIRA-CLE will happen ... to save PEACE!

"I was told that Soviet car dealers (Ladas) were having a rough time following that Korean plane episode, so I thought you'd like to see this from our local Calgary paper. (Report tells of a new Lada dealer, fearing slump in sales, actually getting more customers! One buyer said 'Nothing I can do but look after my own dollars'—like buying a 4-door Lada sedan for \$5,995. I find farmers especially are anxious to maintain peaceful trade relations with the Soviet Union." J.E.

"Would you please send information on trips to USSR? Interested partly for health reasons. What do you advise, in view of the world political situation?" J.V.T.

Reply: Not to worry. Your editor was over there at the height of the Korean plane hysteria, and every Soviet city visited was crowded with tourists. Only businesses affected were the Western airlines, who were already in very sad economic condition.

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