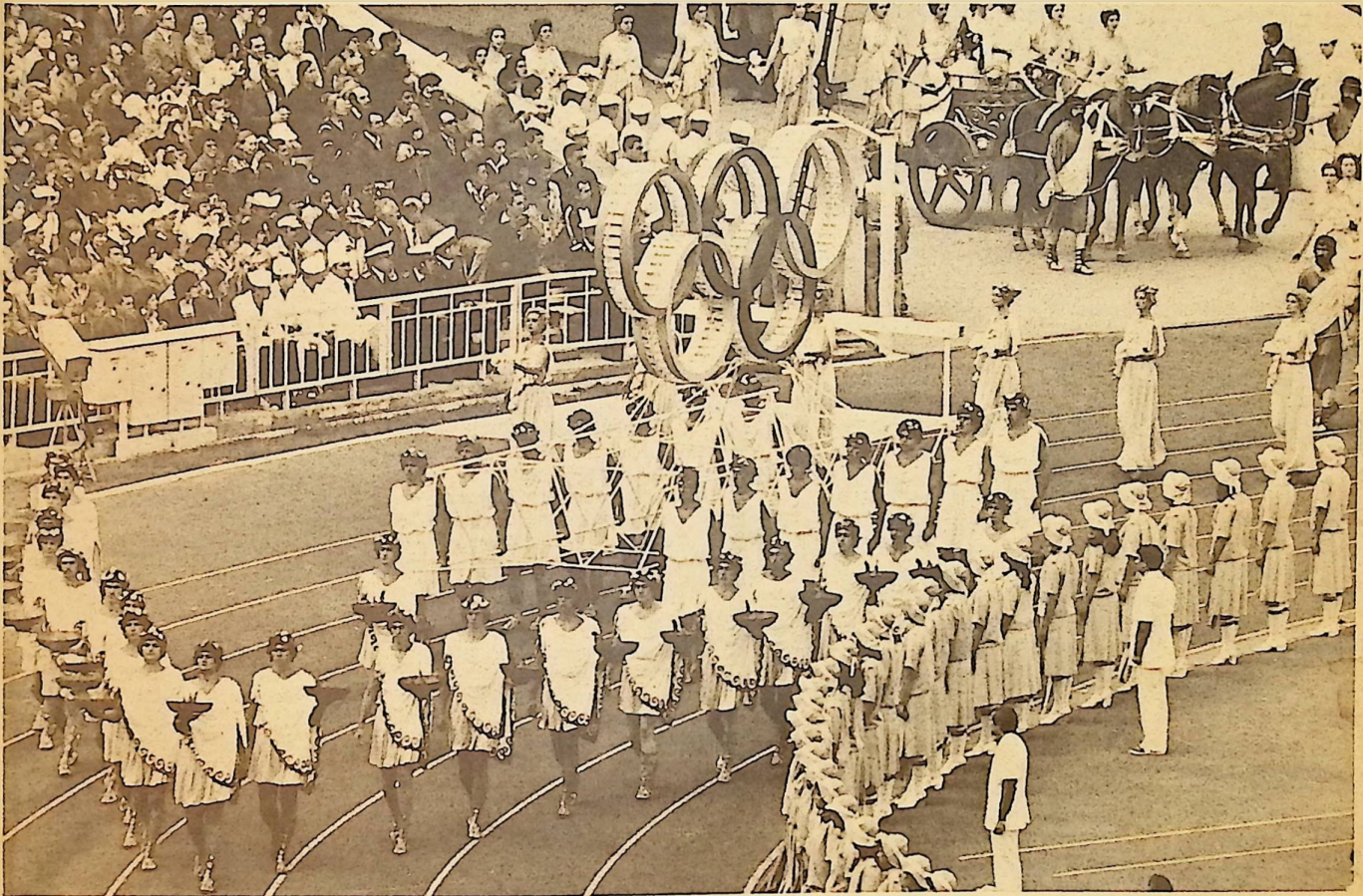


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So few in North America saw the magnificent opening of the Olympic Games in Moscow. Nothing before ever matched it. The theme was taken from ancient Greece, where the Games originated. USA's and Canada's "boycott" served only to deprive us of the greatest sports events in history. For more details of the Olympics see Pages 6 and 7.

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MAYBE YOU'VE GIVEN UP "NN" FOR LOST?

As Editor, I'm not supposed ever to let down my hair. But this month, friends, I wish I had your shoulders to lean on.

No sooner did we get through with the summer — when we had to prepare August "NN" before the Olympic Games were played — then we were hit right down below the belt by another strike.

Readers in Canada know, but those in USA don't know, that the Federal Clerks (not Postal employees) shut down our Post Offices solid, by throwing picket lines around them . . . lines the Postal workers won't cross.

So here I am. Wrapping up this October issue. With our September issue still locked up in the Post Office.

Honestly, I'm pessimistic about when it will get out to you. The boss in this strike is the most viciously reactionary department in the entire Canadian establishment: The Treasury Board. They handle our tax money as if they owned it. Workers, to them, aren't people, just their private serfs. So it looks as if the struggle will be long.

All I can hope for is that you still remember NN!
You'll get it. Just keep living!

WHAT HURTS BADLY IS OUR BIG BOOK SALE

In August, then again in September, we offered you the biggest book bargains in Northern Book House history.

What happens?

You were ordering plenty, when the strike hit us. *Never an envelope reached us after that.* As this is written, **nothing** gets to us.

As for the September sale, *you haven't even seen it.*

In the circumstances, we'll extend the August and September offers, until you've had a chance to see them and respond.

Meantime (I'm on your shoulder again!) not a penny comes in (all our business is by mail) and all expenses keep on piling up.

No sense denying it — *it hurts.*

BUT MAYBE YOU'RE HURT MOST?

Just when the papers are talking (in shocked terms) about the grim revelations made by today's Chinese leaders, at their Congress, we had Page-3 of this issue all ready for you: I think it gives you some solid background-information never murmured in the media.

But you won't read it for some time. Again, you see whose fault that is. Well, cheer up! The Science Revolution is moving faster. Not so long from now you'll be able to get NN via satellite on your TV. **No more Post Office.** (Did somebody say they're working on picket-lines out there in orbit?)

Somebody right here offers a suggestion. This is our October NN. But a friendly soul suggests that I send you my Merry Christmas wish right now. The way I feel, friends, makes me think **Happy New Year** would be safer . . . you may get this before 1981!

NN's Quote-of-the-Month: "The Soviet Union is a loyal friend of India. It has helped us in economic development and supported our position on many major international issues. It has always aided Afro-Asian countries in the struggle for freedom, and also showed understanding when we were in a difficult position and when many other countries were against us. I tremendously admire the Soviet people, who have scored great successes." **Indira Ghandi, Prime Minister of India.**

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Terrible Secret of the Circle of Hell

You know of the notorious "Bermuda Triangle", deathly place for ships and aircraft. Part of a much larger "Circle of Hell" extending to Far East . . . ocean grave-yard. Well, we're glad to bring you new scientific investigations into these mystery-horrors-at-sea. You'll enjoy showing this to others.

On January 17 this year a super-oil-tanker, *Salem*, insured for 84 million dollars, **sank suddenly** off the west coast of Africa. Lost forever, 13,000 feet down. And yet, despite radio calls about an explosion, and fire, all *Salem's* crew got away safely.

Not a drop of "oil spill" was found. So Lloyd's, biggest insurance firm, turned detectives on the case. With astonishing results . . .

- *Salem*, built in Sweden, flew Liberian flag.
- But it had been sold to USA firm and changed its name to *Lema* while at sea.
- Picked up 194,000 tons of oil in Arab Kuwait, when still the *Salem*.
- Delivered the oil **not** to Italy but to racist South Africa, which can't buy oil from any Arab land.
- *Salem-Lema* was then filled with water, **fixed to sink**, and crew took off loudly radio-ing for help.
- In this case **nobody** got the insurance, and police couldn't find the real owner, American named Stein, who paid crew big bonuses to lie if caught.

This "mystery-of-the-sea" was exposed as an outright crime. Usually, these tanker-sinkings are **super profitable**: owners sell Arab oil to South Africa or Israel, sink the ships "mysteriously", collect millions for both oil and ships, from insurance firms.

Latest maritime-police estimate is that **80 big ships** go that way each year. Profits run into **hundreds of millions of dollars**. Chinese "business men" working out of Hong Kong in past two years have been owners of **50 big freighters** that disappeared in the Far Eastern sector of the *Circle of Hell*.

Their "formula": buy a cheap old boat, fill it with a costly cargo, get maximum insurance, paint a new name on ship, forge cargo "papers", sail to different port, sell cargo for cash, head out for some spot like the *Bermuda Triangle*, send desperate S-O-S calls about frightful waves, whirlpools or whatever . . . and sink it.

When the world press picks up the story of another *Circle of Hell* victim, this publicity helps to cover the track of the criminals.

Because these ships are **prepared** so they "sink without trace" (very unusual), so there won't be any evidence, it's the thing to sink them in one of the "terrifying" ocean zones, where such sinkings are legend.

Experts believe the racket got going in 1960, when USA tanker *Pine Ridge* suddenly went down in a quiet sea on a bright day . . . and reporters had a wonderful time blaming everything from monsters-of-the-deep to UFO's.

What sunk the *Pine Ridge* was **profits**.

But that was a case of quite a different kind.

For a time, it looked as if the tanker really was a victim of some ghastly supernatural force. No fire, no explosion, no reefs or shallows, yet the *Pine Ridge* just started to **split at the seams**, and before the crew could get clear of the wreck, seven drowned.

The truth came out later. That tanker, built in 1943, with wartime haste, *should never have been sailing*. In 1960 it was a **floating wreck**. Records proved that **ten tankers** of that type broke up and sank.

Yet the owners operated them to the very end, hiding even cracks-in-the-hull with generous paint.

And . . . making sure the end came somewhere within the vast *Circle of Hell* where ships "mysteriously" die.

Now, when NN took up this question, we learned at once (from the leading Soviet oceanologist Luch Fomin) that *far from all lost ships* are deliberately sunk.

Not many of us realize that 150 to 160 big ships go down every year. Losses used to be two or three times greater; but today's ships are bigger. And some boats are lost to "causes unknown".

For two years USSR and USA worked together probing the *Circle of Hell*. Main purpose: to investigate gigantic ocean "whirlpools". Circular currents dangerous enough to weaken, even sink, certain ships.

Hundreds of special buoys, fixed in the ocean, sent continuous information on ocean currents. Thus it was found that whirlpools may extend for 100 to 300 miles. Discovered by Soviet researchers in 1970, only in 1978 were these terrible menaces to navigation accurately "mapped".

Dr. Luch tells how the Western media just couldn't let go of the "*Bermuda Triangle*", and reported that the hundreds of Soviet scientific-buoys were actually pieces of lost ships coming to the surface!

As of now, no one can say if ocean whirlpools have caused specific wrecks. One thing is definite: these whirlpools *very swiftly carry wreckage away*, lending mystery to the frightening verdict of "lost without trace".

As for the large number of ships and planes lost in the *Bermuda Triangle* (close to USA waters) the mystery just isn't what our media claim. The region is **very heavily navigated**, by ships and planes, and often they're run by **amateurs**, poorly equipped, who go out despite warnings of very dangerous weather.

As for sinkings of tankers and freighters, scientists continue investigating every tragedy. Not all the answers are in yet. But the most **convincing** evidence to date hasn't come from laboratories. It's delivered by **detectives of Interpol**, world crime investigators.

The secret behind most sinkings is *profits*.

Not a time to live in fear of USA

You must look past headlines to see the worst scandals

When the election campaign began, you heard nothing but panic calls from Carter and Reagan: USSR had military power enough to squash USA.

Suddenly it all reversed: the Pentagon has super-super technological weapons that can squash USSR, given enough billions, in new taxes, to build them.

Essence of the new Washington "posture" (the brass-hat word for *strutting*) is that the White House, no matter who occupies it, is determined to become more powerful than the Soviet Union, in arms.

But this posture really isn't new. It started several years ago. With neutron bombs. Forcing USA allies to step up arms spending. Demands that West Europe install H-bomb missiles capable of smashing the USSR.

What is new? White house determination to stop all cooperation with Socialism to achieve peaceful coexistence. In place of that, depending on military supremacy to settle world problems.

What this boils down to is a demand that USA get busy now to launch a war of total annihilation against USSR, as Capitalism's way to save "peace".

Their patriotism is strictly for Number One

Brzezinski and Brown (defense chief) have been working round the clock to get boss Jimmy Carter re-elected.

They, and the arms mob behind them, got Carter's Democratic Party Convention to accept the president as a man who will show the last word in toughness when dealing with the Soviet Union. And since then, they've tossed one publicity bomb after another.

Like Carter issuing "directive 59" — a "new" way to start nuclear war. But even *New York Times* had to point out that "59" is really a way to touch off catastrophe, while making sure the President, Brzezinski, Brown, and select Pentagon chieftains, are safe in some hideouts which Soviet missiles won't be able to find.

Of course ordinary citizens are apt to view things like Directive 59 with considerable scepticism, at election time. And not only average people, but also hard-boiled financial types like *Business Week*. That journal quotes an un-named Defense official as protesting that Carter and Reagan are campaign jockeying with the nation's future, and "the nation will be the loser."

Specifically, Directive 59 is pure deceit.

"We're going to see more of that kind of thing, on both sides, between now and November," says the Pentagon man.

You'll have trouble believing this

"Directive 59", intended to shock voters dramatically, fell flat. So very soon up comes Brown with something out of Hitchcock or James Bond. *The Stealth Bomber*.

Man, there's a USA weapon for you! Soviets won't be able to find it. It's proof against radar, laser, death rays, everything they've got.

So secret, mind you, that when it came out in the papers nobody in Defense knew what it was all about.

Seems the papers knew. It was Carter's latest idea for showing voters he could get tougher with Moscow than cowboy Reagan could. Secret tough, with *Stealth*.

Brown said "leaks" about *Stealth* were regrettable, and no doubt those Soviets "are already scratching their heads and will go to work hard on counter-measures."

Truth? *Stealth* is an idea published in 1976. Pentagon put \$90,000,000 into it then. Well-known in technical circles, as a project that might work out. Lots of head scratching, everywhere, in electronics circles.

However, it wasn't just the "secrecy" of *Stealth* that reporters were easily able to identify as another White House election stunt. Along came the Wall Street paper *Barron's* (Sept. 8) with an expose that must have shocked its most hardened readers.

Seems that a big "high technology" company, favorite of Stock Exchange gamblers, called "ITEK", is deeply involved in research on *Stealth* for the Pentagon.

Well, whaddya know, at the time *Stealth* hit the front pages, ITEK was just going to the financial community with a huge offering of \$25,000,000 of its company's bonds.

Shhhh. Wanna buy a piece of *Stealth*? Help re-elect Jimmy and make a profit too!

The sane world thinks beyond November

Hardly anybody believes Directive 59 and *Stealth* can save the USA if it starts a nuclear war.

Indeed, right in the Senate they were told that a "Stealth bomber" is too small, and to make just 50 of them will cost 14 billion dollars (!) and the first one couldn't be ready before 1987, if then.

In West Europe, intended by Carter to soak up the blow of a nuclear catastrophe, powerful voices are raised now against all USA schemes to confront USSR with force.

"We Germans have everything to lose," said Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor, "and nothing to gain in a new war."

All USA allies (to say nothing of the Socialist world) realize that Washington has far less chance today, than it had in the 1950's, to win a new war.

White House "confrontations" don't win in today's world. Carter's boycott of the Olympic Games made him a target of countless criticisms, and ridicule. His attempt to organize a trade boycott was a similar dismal flop, and to date has cost USA billions of dollars.

Mankind will not boycott its own future

In spite of the incessant flow of lies and hatred from Washington, Moscow doesn't fall for that bait.

The Soviet Union and its allies are resolutely opposed to reviving the cold war, scrapping detente.

They want to re-establish the international atmosphere of detente.

They repeatedly offer the USA the realistic program of halting the arms race and beginning disarmament.

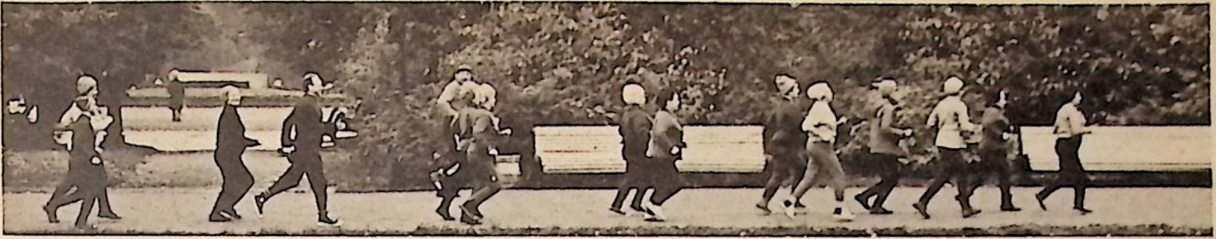
Moscow has stated emphatically that there is not a single form of armament which Socialism will insist on keeping; anything and everything for war should be discussed now, on the way to its elimination.

But the USSR backs this appeal very firmly.

At no time in the past, Moscow states, was Socialism so capable as now, to avoid being out-classed in arms.

"Relying on the fraternal alliance of the socialist camp as a whole," says the government paper *Izvestia*, "the USSR can reply to any challenge, divert any threat, and protect the Soviet people and its allies from any military provocations and hostile encroachments."

Every voter, everywhere, should have an opportunity to read and digest those words.



Please don't retire, please keep your job!

When the USSR cabinet recently acted to encourage the employment of pensioners, our media let this event pass without comment.

You'd think they might have looked into this problem, since Soviet enterprises already employ more than eleven million men and women past retirement age. Evidently, Socialism is out to hire *many millions more*.

The new government directive calls on national and republic bodies to make jobs more attractive to older (retired) people. For example, by giving them shorter working hours.

But an even more appealing move gives retired people, who take jobs, **higher pensions** for each year they work after retirement, within certain limits. This inducement especially attracts lower-paid workers.

All kinds of employment is involved: in most industries, on state farms, and smaller establishments that provide public services. Naturally, the benefits are being offered most vigorously in areas where *the shortage of workers* is most serious.

Pensioners who work short hours enjoy the same benefits going to full-time younger workers. Plus some other advantages: older people who'd like to take two months off in summer-time can now do so (of course without pay) just by getting an OK from their Union.

While the new campaign has an "economics-production" basis, it is also strongly supported by Soviet medical authorities. As our own doctors are only too keenly aware, people who "drop right out" on retirement are much more likely to develop physical ills, or depression, than are people who can find paying jobs.

Even before the new campaign started, some Soviet plants (like the giant Rostov farm machinery factory) already had great success hiring **thousands** of pensioners.

Typical "deals" made by industrial plants with men and women pensioners taking jobs include: six-hour day, five-day week, longer paid vacations, long unpaid holidays if requested, and lower normal-quota work outputs.

Quite a few big Soviet plants work three shifts (24-hour day). They arrange so that pensioners take only the morning shift; and work it only six hours.

Because it's very important (for production) to keep older people on the job, Soviet plants have extensive health services for pensioners — such as "overnight sanatoriums" which treat chronic ailments. Of course all such service is free; and it is *very effective* in preventing older people from developing illnesses often associated with age.

Something known here, but little publicised, is the fact that in advanced countries (like USSR) people are living much longer **after retirement age** than they used to. Thus an average pensioner can expect to live 15 to 17 years (women as much as 25) instead of just 10 (or 15) more years, as our parents did.

Also, **really old** people (80 and on) tend to be much healthier and more active, than in former times.

However, a new system for encouraging older people to work was found already developed, serving *younger women*. As parents know over here, day-care centers for little children don't solve **all** family problems: quite a lot of Soviet mothers want to *stay at home* while their youngsters are young, and for them many plants have organized work-at-home production systems.

In one clothing plant 300 women turn out goods worth \$65,000,000 a year. A truck brings them work in the morning, picks it up in the afternoon. Training, repair of sewing machines, everything is worked out.

In Leningrad alone, 800 enterprises now employ women at home. They get average in-plant pay, paid sick leaves, vacations, and so on.

This system, they find, is very appealing to **retired people**, both men and women. Naturally it doesn't fit in with many kinds of production, but it is ideal for plants turning out "piece-work" goods.

Additional advantage to retired folk: if they want to take a day or week off, they just notify the plant; there is no disruption of work. But of course there's no pay, either.

Still, the "independence" and easy-going features of home-work appeal to many retired people who just don't want in-plant jobs, even for six hours a day.

All this has been ignored in our media. Along with the historic decision of Soviet medical researchers to begin a **15-Year Plan to extend human life**.

This remarkable drive, and the campaign to induce more pensioners to take jobs, are *definitely related*.

No less than 80 of the USSR's biggest research centers are mobilizing for the "long life plan". It isn't limited to preventing and curing diseases, or developing special drugs, hormones, etc. The plan also covers every aspect of *personal and social life* of retired people.

With the work they've already accomplished in geriatric research, they confidently expect *marked practical advances before 1985*.

What the plan's goal? To enable all men and women to **continue a personally and socially useful life** for many years after retirement age.

Including employment.

To get the significance of that, you need to consider the facts-of-life in Socialism today.

- In the first half of this year, their system hired 1,800,000 young people for newly opened jobs.

- And yet they had 2,000,000 more jobs they could have provided, but they lacked **that many people**.

- They believe it is quite feasible to fill all such "waiting" jobs in the years to come.

- Because of a surprising fact: in the next 20 years, the number of pensioned men and women in USSR is going to increase by at least **35 million people!**

- Even supposing that no more than *half* of them will choose to keep on working, they'll have **more than 17 million workers** for new jobs Socialism can create.

Just the number of **jobless** in western nations today.



Grand Opening, July 19, was finest ever seen at Olympics.



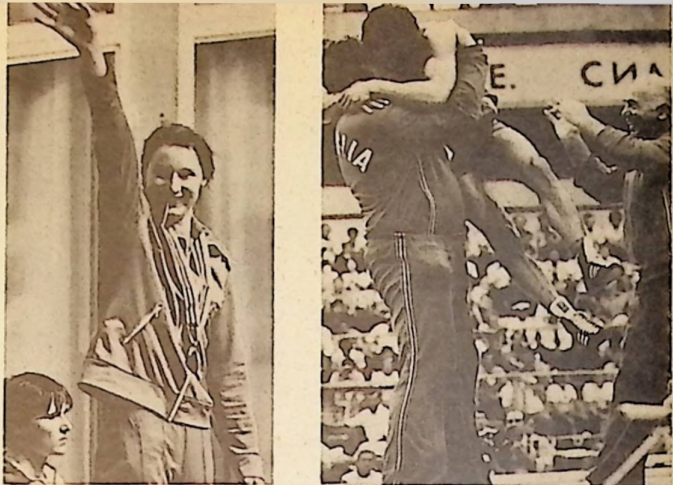
Athletes from Libya, like all teams, had lots of fun meeting sportsmen and visitors from 80 countries participating.



Zambian newsman, Dennis Levie, won reputation of being most passionate of all the 5,000 reporters at the Olympics.



World wide friendships sprung up all over, like when these Guyana, Denmark and Soviet athletes held a get-together.



Left: Ute Gemeniger (East Germany), unknown who took breast-stroke record. Right: Stefan Rusu, Rumania, went wild when he unexpectedly won in wrestling.

Olympics Triumph

With the Games now history, it's becoming clearer every day *who fought against them*, who tried to *mobilize world opinion, prestige, finances*, to wreck the Olympics.

The truth stands out like a dirty word: USA.

First to oppose that sabotage was the USSR and all its Socialist allies. But immediately nearly all the Less Developed Countries rallied to support the Games. Then, to the fury of Washington, Olympic Committees in the West also (mostly) decided to go with the Moscow Olympics.

Even more so than in summer, though long over, the 1980 Olympics are exerting *powerful world influence*.

Example: British athletes went to Moscow, against vicious actions taken by their government to stop them, and they won more medals than any Great Britain team ever had in any previous Games.

Same with Italy: men and women won **four times more gold medals** in Moscow than Italians did in Montreal.

And all the participating athletes (and coaches) said the same thing: the Soviet Union, although the Games were an obvious triumph over Jimmy Carter's sabotage, *at no time* used this for *any political or prestige purposes whatever*, thus *greatly strengthening Olympic principles*.

The *world-wide nature* of the Olympics victory you can see from "ten best athletes" chosen by **leading news agency sports reporters**, after the Games, when they named . . .

Salnikov (USSR), Wessig (East Germany), Stevenson (Cuba), Yifter (Ethiopia), Coe (Britain), Kosakiewicz (Poland), Dombrowsky (East Germany), Vardanyan (USSR), Simeoni (Italy), and Karpinen (Finland).

Did sportsmen and visitors *enjoy themselves*? Our sour grape newsmen said "no". Facts answer that jealousy. Over 250,000 foreigners went to special exhibitions, 190,000 saw 700 theatre performances, 87,000 went on tours of cities and countryside. Countless people expressed warmest thanks for the hospitality Soviet people offered.

Cuban athletes were a remarkable hit. From 1900, when Cuba was *in Capitalism*, they won 13 medals in 50 years. In this **one Olympics** they took home 20 medals!

Maria Colon (javelin) was **first woman ever** from Latin America to win the Olympic Gold.

In boxing, Cubans **topped the world** with 10 medals.

Imagine: out of 81 competing nations, little Cuba ended up **fourth in the world**, far above strong capitalist countries like Britain, France, Sweden.



Australian Michel Ford, only 18, charmed everyone winning freestyle swim. Miruts Yifter was top sensational runner.

Will Worry USA For Years To Come

In our previous (Sept.) issue NN told how CIA set up schools, in Britain, to train Olympic saboteurs. Howls of protest went up in England. Military authorities tried to issue lying denials. So Frank Sharrat (CIA) was publicly named by Britain's rowers as trying to *buy them* to spread masses of anti-Soviet propaganda. They (and other athletes) refused to cooperate with USA.

Over 6,000 athletes competed in the Olympics, watched by some 5,000,000 spectators (aside from TV), under the eyes of 1,245 judges from 78 countries.

Youngest competitor was Garnet Charwat, swimmer from Nicaragua, who was just 13 years old.

Smallest to qualify was Men Khi Chol, girl gymnast from Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North), who is just 4 feet 5 inches tall and weighs 55 pounds!

More than 3,800,000 people went to see Olympic events other than sports (mostly entertainment), but they had time to buy \$1,600,000 worth of souvenirs, every day for 16 days, just in Moscow alone.

Remembering the extensive damage done to housing and public places, during the Montreal Games in 1976, the Olympic Village management in Moscow set aside \$160,000 for *repairs*. After the Games, entire sum was *returned* to the fund. **No damages whatsoever.**

Contrast that fact with the poisonous yarns printed in our media, about wild fights and vandalism in Olympic restaurants and pubs . . . 100 percent falsehoods.

"*News not fit to print?*" USA's Team Doctor, Carl Warvarovsky, at both Munich and Montreal team Games, likewise went to Moscow, though without a team. "By coming here," Dr. Warvarovsky told world press, "I have in fact acted against my government. This is a difficult thing for me to say, but I think that our government made a big mistake. I speak not only for my wife and myself, but for many other Americans as well."

Nicolaos Nissiotis also failed to make it into our "free press", though he's President of the International Olympic Academy, and heads Olympic Committee of Greece. Here's why they censored him, per CIA orders:

"The holding of the Olympic Games in Moscow is a victory for the Olympic movement, because the International Olympic Committee stood by its decision to allocate the Games to Moscow. I am very happy that interference from without was unable to prevent holding the Games."

(NN will continue your summary of Olympic highlights in our next issue).

Let's also hear from Dr. R. William Jones (Britain), well-known secretary of International Amateur Basketball Federation, who told reporters:

"We can say the Olympic tradition has survived. Our main task now is to stop the idiotic idea of a boycott, and I think the Moscow Games, which are a thundering success, will put an end to this harmful nonsense."

You'll remember press stories about track officials, at Moscow, giving poor positions to Western athletes. Actually, as in all races, positions are *drawn by lottery*.

No protests were made about any track position.

Indeed (did you see in the papers?) **only two protests** were made in the entire Moscow Olympics, which compares rather well with 15 official protests made at Montreal.

First Olympic victory ever, for Zimbabwe, caused real sensation. Zimbabwe is a "brand new" African nation. Recognized by Olympic Committee *just before the games*. Yet their Women's Basketball team went on to win over all famous challengers, and goal scored by Patricia McKillop against Austria brought a standing ovation.

Another girl, Tatyana Kolpakova, a Kirghiz from Frunze, first "beaten" in the long jump, somehow rallied her strength and scored an amazing 7.06 metres, to bring her the Gold medal. The crowd really roared its appreciation of her remarkable comeback.

A Soviet youth, Yuri Sedykh, who was a star at Montreal, joined a select group of athletes when he threw the hammer a new world record (81.80 metres), winning his **second Gold** in his **second Olympics**.

A **striking feature** of the Moscow Games was noted by all reporters: in almost every final competition, the athletes were of *almost-equal quality*, so that the competition for gold-silver-bronze was *extremely sharp*. This is why so many records were set in these 22nd Games.

A **real veteran**, Valentin Mankin, a Kiev naval officer, has been sailing for 27 years. He took medals at Games in 1968, 1972 and 1976. For first time, in 1980, he sailed in the "Star" class, and won. Not many spectators knew this was Mankin's *100th major regatta victory*.

A **youngster**, wrestler Claudio Pollio of Italy, was a sensation to fans when he took the Gold (in his class) from Soviet favorite Kornilayev. Claudio himself was so amazed that he *burst into tears* even while the packed audience cheered him.

New Oil Billions for Socialism

You remember repeated claims by CIA, in the press, that USSR faces **serious oil shortages**.

Not one paper carried the **answer to that yarn**, by petroleum industry's research journal issued in Sweden: "**PetroStudies**".

The facts **completely contradict** CIA falsehoods, and you'll find them very interesting for discussions with others.

"PetroStudies" report stresses fact of highest significance: Soviet planners have been running USSR oil fields **well below maximum output rates**, so huge increases are feasible, *even without new reserve discoveries*.

Now **new decisions** in Moscow, to raise price paid by nation for oil (they've been selling it at **\$1 to \$2.75 a barrel!**), will speed production in many big fields operating below capacity.

Today "PetroStudies" estimates USSR **proven oil reserves at 150,000 million barrels**. As big as Saudi Arabia's.

New Soviet technologies are making "dependence" on USA foolish, and type of equipment said to be "exclusive" with USA offers no advantages.

Instead, Soviet engineers are now introducing **high-pressure gas injection methods** to markedly increase well output. All they plan to buy abroad is **drill pipe**, readily obtainable from Japan and West Germany.

Of course, Moscow hasn't been selling oil on world market at \$1 a barrel! But the new "internal" pricing system is going to **greatly increase** their production from most of their major oil fields. This will have a tremendous effect, economically.

To get a picture of what's ahead, you should recall the facts about oil sales by Arab producers.

Back in 1973, when oil on world market was very cheap, Mid-East nations took in about 22 billion dollars (according to *Petroleum Economist*). But in past five years the "take" from oil sales has soared **beyond 560 billion dollars** (says *Financial Times*).

To grasp that sum, note that it is **five times more money** than all previous oil sales in history!

Hostile Israeli-made propaganda aside, the "Arabs" have dramatically advanced the people's standard of living, using oil billions. Algeria, Iraq and Libya, especially, have **radically changed** their nations in progressive ways. They've also given billions to aid victims of Israel's aggression; **billions more** have been loaned at low interest rates to Less Developed Countries.

At the same time many wealthy Arab families have **enormously increased** their investments, especially in giant USA multi-nationals. *Morgan Guaranty Trust* estimates this oil derived wealth at **180 billions**.

Never publicized is the fact that Arab oil money has enabled USA to **pour billions into Israel!**

Indeed, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which helps world Capitalism to finance many of its programs, is heavily supported by Arab oil sales.



These facts enable you to see the **new "petroleum outlook"** of Socialism, based on realistic *PetroStudies* estimate of reserves, in USSR alone, as great as all of Saudi Arabia's, or 150,000,000,000 barrels.

There are no "wealthy families" in Socialism to divert petroleum receipts into private hordes or capitalist banks. All sales of Soviet oil are used to **speed the development of Socialism**, largely by purchasing equipment abroad . . . **extra equipment** beyond the capacity of USSR with its **shortage** of workers.

Capitalist firms in West Germany and Japan are **scrambling** for this business. Tokyo has just signed to deliver 700,000 tons of largest steel oil-pipeline pipe.

Payment is no problem. Socialism pays **tomorrow** with oil money to be made from **today's equipment**.

However, the size of the coming purchases — based on tremendous Soviet oil reserves — is bound to change Socialism's future.



Perhaps the best way to picture what's ahead is to note that Saudi Arabia recently decided on a revolutionary "Five-Year Plan". It has bewildered USA experts by its ambitious size. They plan to build industries, science centers, educational establishment, social services, worth **290 billion dollars**. All "oil money".

Now think of present Soviet oil reserves.

This wealth-in-the-ground will be marketed for something like 4,500,000,000,000 dollars. Yes, **4,500 billions**.

Even the reserves of *all world Capitalism* can hardly match this energy cash.

And it is entirely **separate** from the already enormous economic resources of Socialism.

Now it seems clear why Washington has been pushing CIA to repeat that "Soviets-out-of-oil" fabrication.

They're **running scared** of Soviet petroleum wealth.

They're Back At School

Byelorussian Soviet Republic doesn't often make the news here, yet this small Socialist land is host to 3,300 students from 90 countries taking high school and university courses hard to get at home.



It's now traditional for foreign students to have a New Year's Eve get-together at the Byelorussian Friendship Society headquarters. But it isn't just a "party". On that evening they meet prominent citizens who talk with them about the problems facing people of Third World.



Quite a few young people from far off countries get full medical education in the Minsk (capital) Medical Institute. Seniors in clinic for children.



At School of Architecture many from Less Developed Countries get practical training in solving housing problem, very difficult in some nations.



Many students from abroad have to take preparation-courses, to fit them for very difficult college training that is typical of higher education in USSR. All have to learn Russian.



Architecture students not only must master design of buildings but also take power engineering courses, vital today in planning structures in all climates. Nearly all these students depend on grants from USSR for travel and living costs, and of course education is free.



Although chefs make an effort to provide special meals for visitors from far away, still as a rule foreign students have to get used to Byelorussian food in college cafeterias. Fortunately, large Soviet cities have many special restaurants serving "native" dishes, very welcome for the homesick.



Typical of variety of nationalities attending regular college classes in Byelorussia. Dress can be a problem for those from tropics, but Byelorussians are now expert in helping "anybody from anywhere" to adapt to winters in this moderate-climate republic.

How to tell off those pessimists

Scientists in USSR are right to insist that Mankind will prosper

At a time when the West's most learned authorities were crying Blue Ruin, telling us that people were *multiplying so fast the world would starve to death*, you saw here in NN the Soviet view that we need **more people**.

Now the esteemed journal *Science* (Vol. 208 P1431) admits there's "a long-run positive effect of additional people."

This is from a study *exposing as nonsense* the many doom-gloom yarns our media persist in printing.

"More than 100,000 West Africans perished of hunger." Remember? Tracking down *Newsweek's* claim, scientists found **no source for it**, except a downright distortion of a scientific report (1975) on hunger among African nomads.

Many papers carried the yarn, all with the **only photo** they could find. It showed **one dead cow**.

Said *Newsweek*: "More than one-third of all the land is desert. Deserts are spreading inexorably ... annually destroying 12 to 17 million acres (of farms)."

So *New York Times* echoed: "14 million acres a year vanishing as deserts spread around globe."

Biggest liars you found in publications by "Worldwatch Institute", professional gloom-doomers. Telling us that *farmland is shrinking* all the time.

Facts? From 1950 through 1965 cropland increased 9 percent. From 1965 on the increase has averaged under 1 percent per year for the world, and well over 1 percent per year for Less Developed Countries.

Even those facts tend to hide the true situation. In the socialist countries (notably USSR) planned scientific effort is **markedly increasing** cropland and harvests.

— Just in Kirghiz Republic alone, in difficult mountain regions, since 1975 farmers opened up **over 75,000 more acres** of rich land.

— The grim Arkin Desert is now being tackled with a dam 900 feet high on Syr-Darya River, to develop **huge areas** of fertile farms (grain, beets, cotton).

— In Kirghizia plus Uzbekistan and Tajikstan (all in Central Asia) the Soviet government is spending huge sums to **transform deserts** into highly productive farmland.

— In all USSR, **64 billion dollars** are now being spent to irrigate deserts and drain boglands.

— Similar effort, in the world's hungry countries, could **eliminate hunger** in a comparatively short time.

Truth is: ever since Capitalism began, following the Dean of Religious Pessimists, Dr. Malthus, we've been told that Mankind was breeding itself to death. And ever since Socialism arose as a science, following Karl Marx's discoveries, we've been assured that **human labor and intelligence** was everything necessary to make Earth a planet of plenty.

Not only in USSR, but in advanced capitalists lands also, *far fewer farmers* today are feeding *far more people*. Only in primitively backward countries, like **China**, is food production failing to keep up with people's needs.

If you're **skeptical**, check your memory. In 1970 Paul Ehrlich released his horror-book *The Population Bomb*. He flatly asserted that **before 1980** "hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death." **They didn't**.

Before Ehrlich's nonsense, Paddock published "*Famine, 1970!*" He said **Egypt** would perish, **Tunisia** also, **Libya**, **India**, **Pakistan**. Absolute **hokum** ... to sell books.

Scientific fact: in just 25 years, the amount of food grown per person in the world, has climbed 25 percent!

Today **India** has huge stocks of food. Total world stocks have *never been so high as they are right now!*



Many millions do go hungry, some in wealthy lands such as Venezuela, but the sole cause for that is *Capitalism*.

But this doesn't justify such eminent bodies as the *United Nations Economic & Social Commission* telling us that the danger of famine is increasing.

Facts: since World War II, with the Science Revolution spreading in agriculture, there has been a **remarkable decrease in famines**. Even such a "commonplace" thing as *building roads* has ended famines in regions formerly starved because food couldn't be moved rapidly.

No doubt you've seen "computer forecasts" telling us that coming **population increases mean grim poverty**.

Doesn't make sense. Look at India. **More people** have greatly increased **production**, lessening poverty.

Aside from hunger and other misery, we're told that if we try to make life better for more people, modern civilization will "ruin" the Earth.

Take the USA. Doom peddlers say the nation's farms are being "paved over". Nature is disappearing.

Facts: A million acres per year in USA is being **turned back** to wilderness reservations and wildlife refuges. In USSR, though problem is not severe there, **vast natural reserves** are being set aside.

Truth is, even in most capitalist lands our human environment is **improving**, not worsening.

Take our own **Lake Erie**. Remember, Barry Commoner long ago told us Erie was *dead for good*, polluted hopelessly. That gloom *sold a lot of his books*. But it was *pure b.s.* Just a few anti-pollution measures and Lake Erie has come vigorously to life ... fishing hasn't been so good there for a long time.

Same with the famed **Thames River** in England. So "dead" the seagulls left it. And now? Scientific measures have made the Thames a lovelier, livelier river than it was a couple of centuries ago.

Now **why** do they dish us such pessimistic falsehood?

First: horror stories always **sell more papers**, magazines and books than the cool truth does.

Second: Capitalism is definitely **on the way out**, so it "infects" scholars with chronic pessimism whenever they look at **anything**.

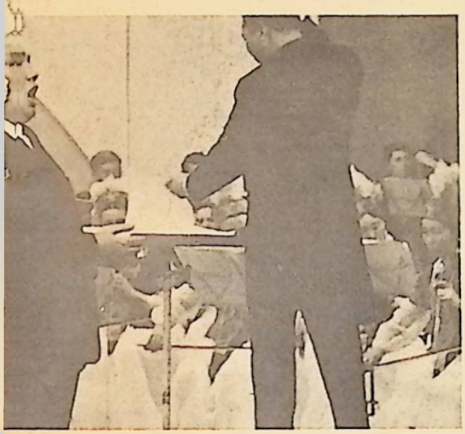
No wonder, then, that Socialism sees Mankind's future not through rosy glasses but with the aid of **facts**.

Today, **biochemical facts** prove that *the entire world* could be fed with all essential nutrients that can now be made from 50,000 tons of petroleum, per year.

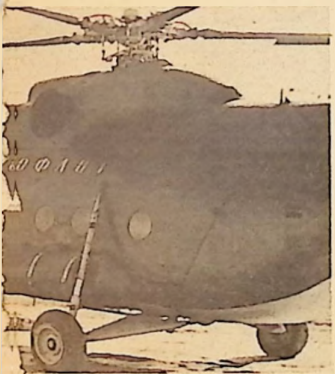
Meaning, we could and we will feed **many billions more**.

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Kazakh people living in China, with a majority of Kazakhs are Soviet USSR's second largest. As for their your photographer tell it. Striking



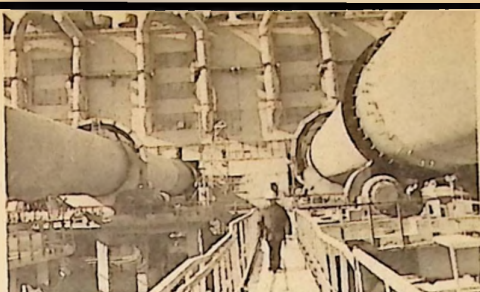
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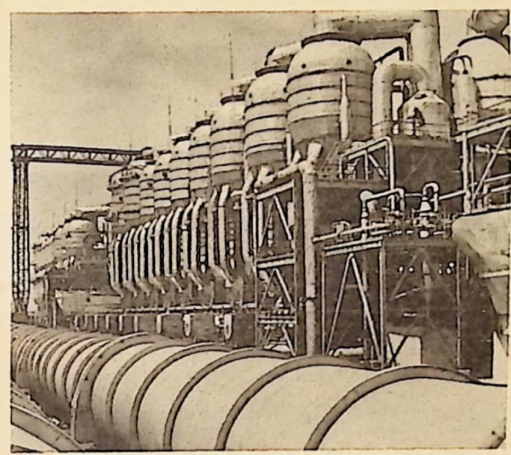
(standard) Medeo skating rink, their capital, Alma-Ata. er, Medeo regularly serves swift, low-cost transport



Gigantic Pavlodar aluminum plant is one of world's largest. No metals were turned out before Socialism, but today Kazakh lead and zinc are London Exchange quality standards.



Kazakh coal mine "Bogatyr" will soon be world's largest. Already their output of hard coal (quality) is past 100,000,000 tons per year, with inexhaustible reserves.



World's only nuclear power station used to purify sea-water, in city of Shevchenko. Uses fast neutrons, most advanced atomic energy form.



Before Socialism, few Kazakhs could read or write. Today all children learn a second language: here rural pupils in Chilik study French.



Kazakhs have extremes of climate and in south it verges on semi-tropical. "Gigant" State Farm not only produces grain on huge scale, but also fruit. Bakhyt Karabayeva is a high school girl who enjoys earning money during the grape season.

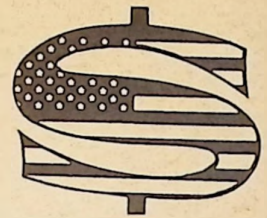


Scene on "Virgin Lands" where Leonid Brezhnev led people in history-making drive to open some of world's richest grain prairies, now giving Socialism 1,246,000,000 bushels of grain in a single year.



Best friends tell USA to push off

Breaking Away



- o USA calls it "Finlandization", implying that Finns are stupid Soviet stooges.
- o But it seems that Finland is **doing very well**, booming while we go slumping.
- o And far bigger capitalist nations are discovering this **new way to prosperity**.

France, West Germany and Italy are loosening their ties to the USA. Both d'Estaing in Paris and Schmidt in Bonn have called this "restoring Europe's influence in the world."

At first, it looked as if this change wasn't all that important. But now, as *Business Week* (July 28) points out, Europe wants to restore its influence because the influence of USA today is **very bad for Capitalism in general**.

Example: Carter, for personal election reasons, proclaimed that the world faced a crisis in Afghanistan; there was *no world crisis*, but the waves USA made badly disturbed business.

Before that: Washington almost went to war over the end of the Shah (its stooge) in Iran.

Before that: at Camp David USA tried to impose extermination on the Palestinian people, threatening to send the Middle East up in flames.

The imperialist Kissinger calls Europe's "rebellion" the greatest foreign policy crisis in USA history. Actually, what makes it worse, is the cold fact that the crisis is *economic* ... a matter of *profits*, lifeblood of Capitalism.

Just as with us in Canada, so with its "friends" in Europe, USA has been **bleeding nations white**. This year, they'll lose to Washington close to **\$25,000,000,000**, by the kind of "trade" that has kept Canada secondary for generations.

Indeed, all that holds USA in power today is the *economic piracy* it practices in dealing with "allies".

This is now coming to an end.

It was sneered at as Finlandization because Helsinki's capitalists long believed that Socialism was *here to stay*; and that Capitalism could *do good business* with the newcomer.

The Finns proved to be remarkably smart types, when they signed a basic treaty with USSR back in 1948.

Since then they've never suffered a serious bust!

Today, they're doing such big business with Socialism that unemployment is headed down to 4 percent, and the government's big worry is *how to cool the boom*.

Imagine: they had to cut down on government programs, not to "economize" but because private industry is **too busy** ... can't take more orders.

If you're wondering ... no, we didn't get our facts from Moscow but from the conservative *Financial Times* of London, a paper that seems real envious.

But our Canadian papers religiously protect you from news of what goes on in the way of "Finlandization".

o West Germany (as you've seen earlier in NN) is solving its serious energy problem by importing huge and growing supplies of Soviet gas.

o French and Italian industrialists are right in there too, anxious to clear out of dependence on USA (with its time-bomb Mid East "policy").

o Already 1,800 companies in West Germany do good business with USSR.

o When USA tried to wreck an Italian deal with Iraq, business-men in Rome flew to England to buy the necessary gas-turbines there, after a similar switch had saved trade deals with USSR, held up by USA "boycotts".

Latest, most serious attack on USA is directed at the **multi-nationals**: European Capitalism is fed up to there with the plundering of these giants. We still love them in Canada, but elsewhere countries are **shaking them out** of their economies.

This explains why Carter got such a rough ride at Venice, this summer, when the "Big Seven" of Capitalism met to find agreement ... but ended nowhere.

Italy's prime minister Cossiga had to remind USA that a western-world depression will wreck Capitalism. Carter wanted to organize another anti-Soviet crusade, but his allies insisted that *what our system is all about is doing business for prosperity and profits*.

Italy is doing just that with USSR. Big-time trade dates back to 1973. **With never a slump.**

Latest angle: new firm "Stanitaliana", big in Rome and Moscow, is helping *hundreds of smaller Italian firms* to buy-and-sell in USSR (which they found difficult when they tried to deal as "loners").

Canada desperately needs to learn from this. There is absolutely no "politics" in Stanitaliana, contrary to USA lying about "falling victim to Moscow". It's strictly **profits** for Capitalism, **planned growth** for Socialism, and outside of that the systems don't meet at all.

Small but enlightening example: instead of boycotting the Olympics, as our country did with disgusting subservience to USA, the Italian town of San Remo sent **800 magnificent bouquets** (town is famous for flowers) to present to athletes who had **birthdays** during the Games. *So the whole world learned about San Remo*. Sure, advertising. Didn't USA once rate as advertising's birthplace?

Yes, but the times they are a-changing.

You're going to be surprised by a cold business truth.

In 1945, USA did **half** the capitalist world's business. Today it gets only **one-third**. Just 20 years from now, at its present rate of decline, USA will be involved in **less than one-fifth** of Capitalism's deals.

When Britain faced its decline as the world's imperial power, even Churchill admitted it, and depended on USA to take over. Today Washington's might and influence is slumping far faster, but there's *no one in sight* to fill the vacuum. Just West Europe left holding 800 billion USA dollars, melting away in inflation.

For a long time Washington pounded the lie that if you do business with Socialism, *the system will infect you*. But nobody, least of all Finland, has come down sick with mythical "Finlandization". So West Europe and Japan and Latin America won't play the USA's game any longer.

They see a **USA nuclear war** as the main danger.

More significant: they see European-USSR **negotiation** as the main hope for stability and prosperity.

Schmidt of West Germany openly speaks of an *entirely new period* coming rapidly, in which *permanent secure peace* will replace USA's nonsensical war-drum pounding.

Schmidt echoes a world-wide yearning for detente, **full independence from USA**. When his opponents, the Free (!) Democrats, attacked this policy, in 11 German state elections they were *wiped out*.

What would happen in Canada if any major party rose up to stand with West Germany, France, Japan?

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If you've ever suspected that **air-conditioning** makes you sick, you'll understand what they're doing now, over in Kiev.



While Soviet doctors are strong for fresh air *outdoors*, a group of Ukrainian medical researchers, teamed up with engineers, is tackling the far more important problem of the air most of us breathe 24 hours per day-and-night: the air *indoors*.

Their project is modestly named simply "Breathing". And it developed because of a fact we're all too familiar with — indoor air is unnaturally **stuffy**.

Over here, we were told it was a big deal when factories, offices and homes installed *air-conditioning*. Which boils down to **cooling** the atmosphere. And scientists (not only in USSR but also over here) today have *serious doubts* about the health-value of pushing air temperatures down. Indeed, as many people have long insisted, chilled air can be downright *unhealthy*.

Medical evidence to that effect was so convincing that the Council of Ministers (cabinet) of Ukraine provided special funds to speed up that "Breathing" study.

Research is now going on in eight districts of Kiev, the big Ukrainian capital (two million population). Scientists are investigating the effect of "natural air indoors" in a school, a kindergarten, a public library, wards of a hospital, and a post office.

Their first, simplest, and most obvious idea: supply fans capable of *blowing outside air inside*.

Sure, "outside air" in a big city can't be as "natural" as forests, farm or seaside air. But Soviet tests proved immediately that very generous supplies of outside air makes indoors **much more healthful**, than when you have typical modern "sealed windows" and air-conditioning (or heating). The *stiffness* disappears.

Now what's "stiffness"? Scientifically, it turns out to be air that **lacks natural ions** and substances produced by **growing things** (phytoncides).

Even city air is "alive", compared to the "dead air" inside an air-conditioned building or room.

That's especially true of Soviet cities, because they have big expanses of grass, trees, boulevards, parks.

Kiev, for example, has more than 20 square yards of growing-greenery *per inhabitant*.

Even so, the "freshest" city air isn't fully alive. So the Kiev researchers are using ionizing machines to bring the negative-ion content of air up to the natural level of the "great outdoors". Such devices must be able to detect ion content, and change it rapidly.

And that's just for starters.

City air is more natural if its **dust** is removed. And if its **humidity** (dampness) is raised (in winter) or lowered to a healthful level. Research is going on into the addition of **ozone** (form of oxygen) to indoor air.

Of course, in winter, all this is complicated by changes in air when it's **heated**.

Perhaps the most fascinating part of the "Breathing" project is being done at the Central Botanical Gardens, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. This is a study of *special living plants* which produce "perfumes" that our bodies seem to recognize as giving air natural "freshness".

Most promising so far are mint, wormwood, lavender. But the work is only *beginning*. Truth is, science **doesn't know** all the factors that make for "fresh air".

In civilization, we are *deprived* of these factors.

The new Soviet research couldn't come at a better time. Already, the World Health Organization is alarmed by what the *energy crisis* is doing to *inside air*.

Tight insulation (to retain heat), blocking all outdoor air "leaks", keeping windows shut . . . this is drastically worsening the "stiffness" factor.

To make that worse: now scientists find that carpets, upholstery, floor and ceiling tiles, may all give off *real poisons*, such as formaldehyde and asbestos dust. And the menace grows as you "close up" a house to save heat.

Other studies are more alarming. Nearly all modern buildings circulate air **loaded with tobacco smoke**. Even if you **don't** smoke, you breathe (inhale) **nicotine** and **tars**, from cigarettes of smokers. The "tighter" the air-conditioning and heating, the **more smoke you get**. The menace of this strikingly confirms early Soviet studies (reported here) on the danger of smoking in *automobiles*, where non-smoking drivers can be badly affected by the poison they unavoidably inhale.

The "indoors air" project in Kiev is, in certain respects, a development of the world's **largest outdoor air clinic**, in the Azerbaijan oil city of Baku.

As you know if you've been there, a sizeable part of this big city is a **Health Zone**. Originated by a famous Baku doctor, Shukyr Gasanov. Begun at a time when Baku had a very bad reputation as an oil-polluted city.

First, the City Soviet tackled outright pollution. Results were so good that they gave Dr. Gasanov a free hand to develop three big city parks into a Caspian sea-side health resort.

Believe it or not, over 10,000 people now go to that big city resort every year, for **fresh air treatments**. The world-famous USA gerontologist, Dr. Walter MacCane, has repeatedly been there. To see for himself that 8-out-of-10 patients, living for several weeks *breathing freshened city air*, get lasting health benefits.

In the Baku Health Zone doctors prescribe as many as 20 different treatments, including forms of exercise and bathing. But the *main therapy* everyone gets 24-hours a day, just by *breathing*.

You may not have the sea-breezes of Baku to work with. Or the wonderful gardens they've developed to pour out phytoncides from fragrant trees and flowers. But you can apply the methods being used in Kiev.

Turning off the air-conditioning has given them most striking results.

Provided that, at the same time, you open windows or ventilators and get all the outdoors air you can blow in.

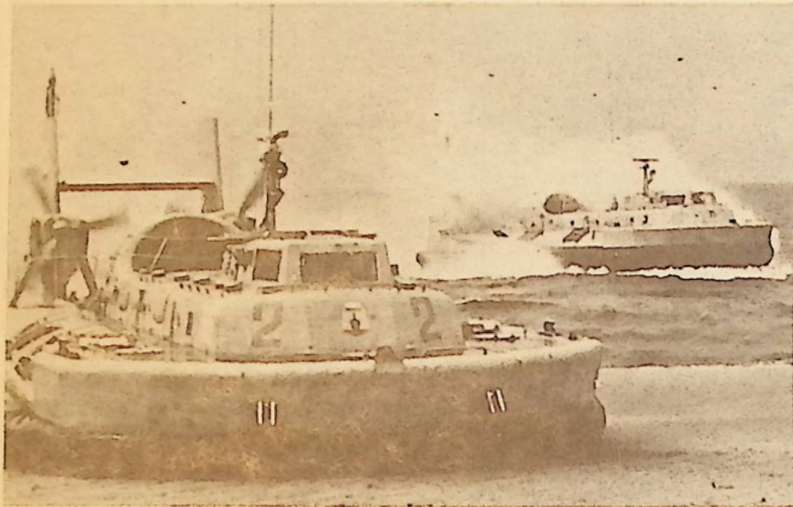
Then, if you can afford it, get an "air ioniser". Very simplest is a small humidifier that sprays water into fine droplets that evaporate into the room air.

Finally: grow lots of plants you like, indoors.

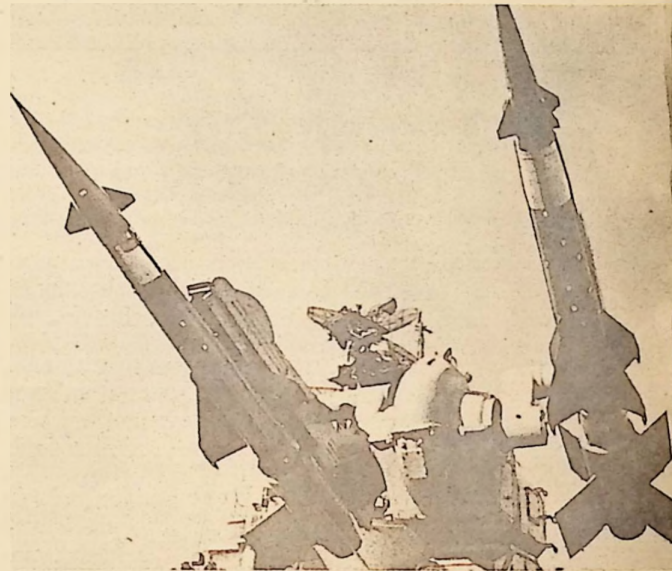
RED NAVY

Least-known branch of Socialism's armed forces is shown in recent photos.

Considered by some to be most advanced naval craft, these powerful hover craft are found in most Soviet fleets. Without question, such ships (which travel while elevated by air above the waves) are fastest of all, and Soviet designers have long been known for their new ideas in this field.



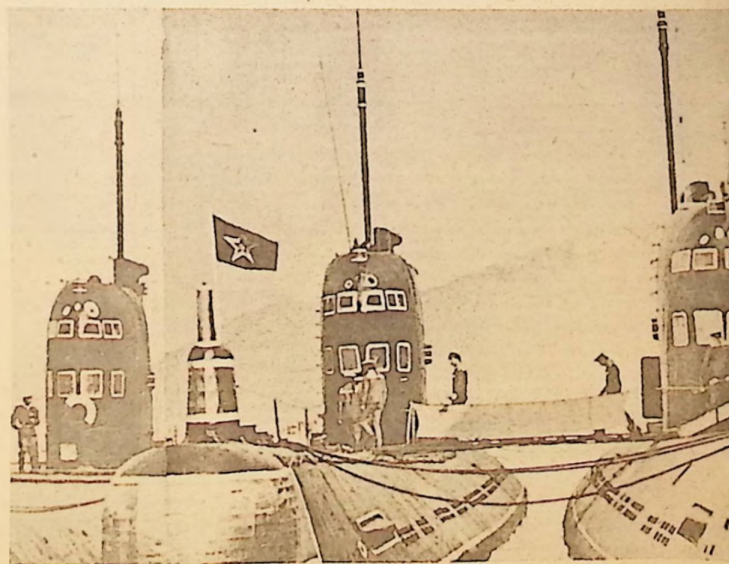
Smaller hover-craft shown here are intended for very fast movement followed by beaching. They require no landing facilities or ramps, and have no match for land-sea action. They're propelled forward by airplane-type engines.



Many types of Soviet warships are equipped with latest missiles, and some are designed to send nuclear warheads to targets thousands of miles away. But they can also be used in surface and submarine naval attacks.



Here is a very large Red Navy hover-craft used for carrying heavy armor. Supported by helicopters and other aircraft such ships have revolutionized offensives carried out across larger bodies of water.



Red Navy has a large number of nuclear powered submarines, and latest models are rated with world's fastest. They can launch guided-missiles over great distances. (Don't miss "Man & Sea Warfare" described on Page-28)

Farmers farming for themselves

In USSR's socialist farming system, just over 90 percent of all marketable produce comes from their Co-Op and State Farms. Contrary to what our papers think, since 1970 Soviet farm families have not increased the produce they grow on private farm plots. Planners in Socialism say no such increase is to be expected in the future. But very few people here (even on the Left) know why 25 percent of the cash obtained from farming, in USSR today, still goes to farmers who cultivate a little land privately. The reasons are very interesting indeed.



Although they don't count on private farming to increase output, all Soviet Republics give inducements to farm families to produce as much as they can on their little household "farms", regardless of the main work they do on big publicly-owned agricultural enterprises.

Surprising, but last year these private plots supplied 60 percent of the USSR's potatoes; 30 percent of the vegetables; nearly a third of the meat and eggs.

Also surprising: total size of this privately-cultivated land in USSR is now about 20 million acres. Besides crops, these miniature farms are stocked with 23 million cows, 15 million pigs, 25 million sheep, countless millions of poultry.

Now, what our farm experts never tell us is that Soviet farm families are able to carry on farming, on such a scale, only because big socialist farms supply all the feed, and seed, and other essentials.

Vast quantities of grain and fodder are given, or sold at very low price, to millions of farm families who have their own "backyard" farms.

Actually, not free-enterprise at all, but Socialism, operates USSR's huge "network" of individual farms.

The "big farm" in each district supplies free veterinarian service and often free, quality breeding animals (bulls, boars, rams).

Millions of "private" farmers each spring get piglets, calves, chicks, etc., for next to nothing, from Socialism's major farms . . . they fatten the stock for autumn sales.

Much more. The big farms do the spring plowing of householder farms, with efficient equipment, for free.

Farmers themselves could never afford to work their little plots this way. So you see, Socialism makes all this possible, and finances it too.

Socialism's "subsidiary" farming.

In case you wonder: yes, in various regions of USSR the nation's farms supply fruit saplings, bushes, vegetable seedlings, every fertilizer and hay, at no cost or near it, if this will help farmers produce "at home".

What's the purpose of all this?

No mystery. Individual farmers in Socialism, in their spare time, grow mainly things that take a lot of care, aren't easy to mechanize. Like potatoes, vegetables, fruits, berries.

Look at the main crops.

Socialist farms grow 99 percent of all Soviet grain and sunflower. All (100 percent) sugar-beet and cotton.

But turn to potatoes. Individual farm families can grow spuds more productively than big farms can, by lavishing "hand care" on them (in the evenings).

Keeping in mind all the help the system gives to household farming, it's not surprising that Co-Op and State Farm workers can pick up an extra one third of their regular cash income, from stuff they grow themselves.

Really, more. Because farmers can buy sugar, flour, etc., at prices lower than fixed in Soviet stores.

But aside from the money factor, the Soviet Constitution (ever since the Revolution) has guaranteed Soviet people the right to use family-size plots of land.

There's a charge for land use. It's a tax. In the most fertile areas, it runs about \$70 per year. Doesn't mean much, since the sale of what the land delivers averages 20 to 25 times more than the tax.

That's for a household farm with a dozen fruit trees, vegetable garden, a cow-and-calf, couple of pigs, small flock of hens, ducks and geese.

No problem to cope with such a small operation. But multiply it by 34 million families, and it's big.

But that's changing. With irrigation, and fertilizing, big farms do out-produce "garden" farms, and that's where the future lies.

But for the present — how many years is anyone's guess — it is valuable for Socialism to use "spare time" labor of tens of millions of farm families, including millions of pensioners, mothers with several young children, legions of older school boys and girls who enjoy "given a hand" with the family farm work.

But the answer to critics of socialist farming is emphatic . . .

Today 25 million Soviet farm workers produce 75 percent of the total output, whereas 34 million families, in spare time, on small plots, are able to grow only 25 percent of the system's agricultural output.

Rabbit-breeding may sound petty, at first. But lately it's been taken up by many Soviet farm families. Now they sell millions of pelts to state fur plants, at around \$6 each!

To say nothing of the meat.

Incidentally, nowadays it's far less trouble for farmers to sell their own produce to state store-buyers, rather than hauling it "to market".

State prices are surprisingly high. Consider beef. Today prime beef sells in USSR at \$1.40 per pound (our money), and farmers can sell a whole animal at the rate (finished meat) of \$1.20 per pound.

Add to that the fact that low-cost fodder, etc., makes the individual farmer's profit high indeed. Imagine our farmers getting \$1.20 a pound for the beef they grow!

In time, big socialist farms will turn out virtually everything in Soviet agriculture. Meanwhile, by encouraging private family work on the land, Socialism gets very big supplies of food, at reasonable cost.

On the Edge of Infinite Knowledge

You hardly ever find Astronomy in our papers, but in USSR this science is followed closely by millions of people. For very exciting reasons.

Looking beyond Tomorrow

It's only natural to wonder, sometimes, why such huge sums of money, and so many brilliant scientists, are assigned to "watch the stars".

If you want a quick answer, consider recent discoveries announced by the famous Dr. Viktor Ambarsumyan, USSR Academy of Sciences astronomer. His observatory watched a "flare star" which, in two seconds, released as much energy as you could get from our Sun in a hundred million years.

If you can grasp that, try this. A different kind of star (called a *super-nova*) is also being studied by Soviet (and other) scientists — when it "blows", the energy given out is millions of millions times greater than the staggering total mentioned above.

You get the point. Never mind us getting into touch with "beings" out there. What's waiting for us now is energy, power, beyond anything we can conceive, on Earth.

If you think about it, it's strange that nowadays so many people look on astronomy as a kind of Ivory Tower science, removed from daily life. Truth is, astronomy began in daily life: advising farmers, showing sailors how to navigate, measuring years, months, days, hours. Today, however, its value is different.

Astronomers, studying the very edge of our Universe, are advancing nuclear science rapidly. Plasma physics, at work now in factories, and involved in terrible new beam-weapons, arose out of astronomy's findings.

Perhaps the most sensational recent finding is that the stars (suns) in our Universe aren't all majestically going their steady ways. Millions of them change so violently and suddenly that you have to picture the Universe now as undergoing constant revolutions.

Dr. Ambarsumyan points out that it's helpful to look at "infinity" in several steps or levels.

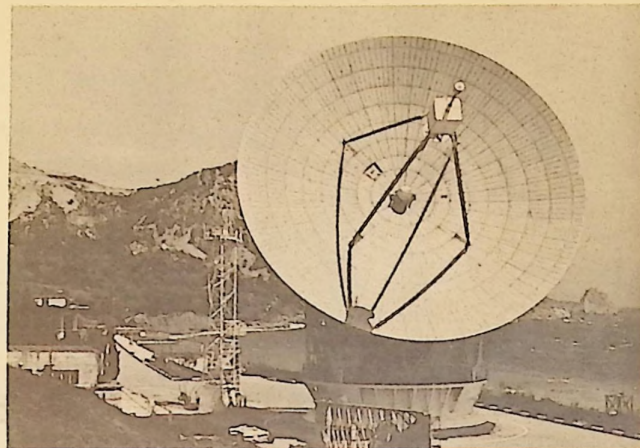
- o On the ground floor is our Earth and its Moon.
- o Above that, all the planets revolving round our Sun, and all other similar solar systems.
- o "Third floor" takes you out into our Galaxy, which has 100,000 million Suns, all revolving around a center; and past that millions more Galaxies.

o *Farther yet?* Dr. Ambarsumyan believes there is still a greater "level" to investigate; but it's so incredibly vast that Science cannot yet picture it.

Probably you've seen in magazines the idea that our Universe is growing or expanding all the time. This was put forward by the Soviet astronomer A. Fridman, who believed that everything grew from a single "point". Many now dispute this. However, actual facts (from observations) confirm that our Universe has been expanding over the last several thousand-million years.

So what? Would you want to buy shares in a company trying to cash in on such imaginary, dizzying ideas?

Don't be hasty with your scepticism. Arising right out of these "wild" astronomical discoveries is this highly challenging theory: probably our Earth, during its formation, built up fantastic quantities of methane gas.



Again . . . so what?

Well, that highly valuable fuel (and chemical raw material) probably is waiting for us now inside Earth.

If so, its cash value would be almost incalculable, and it would radically improve our energy and materials prospects for as long ahead as you can think.

Several other "far out" investigations of astronomers could be of immense practical value. For example, recent studies of our Sun. It seems to be giving us energy in a way we don't understand.

So we've got to understand it — and then maybe "make suns on Earth" in a way scientists haven't imagined yet.

Some Readers may now be asking: What about all the talk of "anti-matter"? Theory was that matter, as we know it, put together with "anti-matter", would produce explosive energy infinitely greater than H-bombs.

To date: no anti-matter exists in our solar system or in our galaxy. Beyond that? Maybe, but no evidence.

What we all need to keep in mind is the fact that astronomy itself is advancing explosively. Only "yesterday" we could see very little of our Universe. Today, using observatory-devices on space-craft (outside Earth's atmosphere) we "see" into infinity with "eyes" of radio waves, X-rays, super-powerful gamma-rays.

What are they seeing? Tremendous activity of billions of objects, our fellow-travellers in Space.

Anything of any value? Well, what scientists have learned about neutrons, in Space, is being applied with great effect to neutrons in atomic-power devices.

What's most valuable? Soviet astronomers say the greatest finding is the re-discovery of Lenin's basic scientific principle — nature is infinite, things to discover are inexhaustible, and there is no limit to the power of the human mind to gain universal knowledge.

But if you are the type who likes to think in terms of real understandable prospects, try this for the latest practical vision of the star-gazers . . .

— In the center of some galaxies astronomers find a kind of "nucleus" or concentrated point.

— Suddenly, for no known reason, the nucleus gets brighter than billions of bright stars.

— It then pours out energy in quantities which are hard to express even with "infinity mathematics".

Where does this energy come from? When we find out, can we do it on a useful scale right here?

Impossible!!

That's what they said about flying, just 100 years ago.

Their system keeps making life better

23 long news reports condensed to fit in here.

TWO DOGS, BELKA AND STRELKA, were remembered by millions of Soviet people, because 20 years ago they made scientific history — first living things to go up into Space, orbit Earth, and return safely and well. This gave tremendous boost to conquest of Space, because most scientists, here in West, in 1960 said life could not survive a trip “up and down”.

TEN-YEAR-OLD KAZAKH GIRL has astonished critics, by writing a full book of poems, then illustrating them herself. Raushan Aspandiyarova is pupil of a leading Kazakh artist (Antoshchenko-Olenev). That book, titled *The Clock*, was printed in edition of 75,000, and every copy sold out immediately!

SOVIET WORKERS HAVEN'T CAUGHT UP with ours in production of all consumers' goods, but they're steadily getting closer. All of a sudden they're up near top in output of refrigerators. Today they offer no less than 40 models. Some are so good they're moving into major foreign markets: their “Biryusa” is second biggest selling fridge in Britain, and it's going now to other Western lands. Like their cars, Soviet fridges sell because *they're better*.

THEIR FOOD ISN'T YET “PERFECT” but you get the trend from two facts. In last few years their consumption of meat, fish, milk, eggs, fruit and vegetables has really soared; yet prices paid by consumers haven't changed a penny.

NEWEST IDEA IN FIGHTING FIRES, in forests, is a small powerful machine that cuts up soil, rips it into a coarse powder, then blasts it at the fire. Can throw “earth spray” 100 feet, or make a curtain 60 feet high. Going into mass production.

PUPILS IN GRADES ONE THROUGH FIVE always had school-books for free, but starting this year more grades get free texts. By 1983 all books will be available at no cost. With total print of 300 million school-books per year, you can see saving for parents is substantial. Another example of gradual development of “communism” — system in which people get *all their necessities for free*.

WHILE WESTERN WORLD WORRIES over slump in trade, Socialism has given our economists their biggest shock yet: USSR's foreign trade topped 122 billion dollars last year, a rise of more than 10 billion in just 12 months. Sales of petroleum are greatly boosting Socialism's trade profits.

MORE THAN 130,000 NEW TEACHERS, just out of college, got jobs in Soviet schools this autumn, joining some three million others who today teach in 57 different languages.

SCIENTISTS NEAR SOUTH POLE have made startling find. Drilling through ice only 15 feet thick, they came on a huge body of hot water (80 degrees). Mystery solved: despite bitter cold on surface, the clear ice acts as a window, and sun's heat-rays do the warming job underneath.

WHILE LABOR PRODUCTIVITY SLUMPS, here in Canada and USA (due to slow-down in use of factories, mines, transport), in USSR productivity went up another 3.2 percent last year. This would be rated a big gain in our system. It explains why they achieved a large increase in output, with “only” 1,800,000 more workers on the job.

NOT ALL SOVIET INDUSTRIES fulfilled their planned outputs in first half of 1980. Oil refining, heavy-machine building and food plants fell behind. But others — cars, trucks, tractors, farm machines, clothing, household goods — did better than the Plan.

UNIQUE MEDICINE “NAPHTHALAN”, reported here earlier, has become basis for large new health resort in Azerbaijan. Especially effective in treating people with joint, skin and nervous-system ailments. The medicine now used is highly purified, harmful resins taken out. Plan to produce 50 tons a year. (*Not yet available for export.*)

AT LAST LONG-TIME WEATHER FORECASTING is becoming feasible, thanks to continuous survey of world ocean temperatures. This is done using “sensors” in the seas, transmitting facts to Soviet weather satellites orbiting Earth. Tropic and North Atlantic ocean temperatures are found to have very strong influence on weather everywhere.

INCOMES OF WORKERS AND FARMERS in USSR again rose slowly, but steadily, in past 6 months. This was strikingly verified by the big rise (4.7 percent) in consumers' buying, plus an increase in people's savings accounts of 6.5 billion dollars.

VERY FEW FOREIGN OBSERVERS KNOW that large numbers of first-year students, in Soviet universities, get there not in the usual way, through high school. This autumn 200,000 men and women graduated from “workers' faculties”. These are special colleges where mature people, who went to work rather than to university, get special “refresher” courses, to help them regain knowledge they lost after they left school. This has proved to be one of Socialism's greatest advances in higher education . . . giving adult workers and farmers a practical way to “go back” and get a college degree, when no longer young. Maturity and determination of such students often gives them outstanding abilities when they finish university.

EVEN UKRAINIAN PEOPLE OVER HERE don't know how their native language is valued, in Ukraine itself. At present Ukraine's public schools have 41,000 teachers specializing in Ukrainian. This year another 1,500 young men and women complete difficult advanced courses, which enable them to teach youngsters the richness of Ukrainian speech and literature, folk music and treasures of the past.

A BRAND NEW PRACTICAL USE FOR VOLCANOES has been developed by Kazakh engineers. Most volcanoes have empty “ring” structures circling them. And also mountain rivers flowing nearby. Simple, economical dams can be thrown up, to create natural reservoirs around such volcanoes. First one, around Zhamantas, has been filled by three small rivers, and now has a circular “lake” 80 square miles in area. Impounded water will irrigate a very large area of pasture-land in dry summers.

IN FIRST HALF OF 1980 Soviet people moved into 560,000 brand new apartments. In addition, many thousands of apartments and single houses were built by co-ops in cities, farmers in countryside.

MOSCOW IS NOW ONLY GREAT WORLD CAPITAL that has its own modern encyclopaedia. It's a king-size book with 4,500 articles covering just about every aspect of life in the capital of Socialism. Pictured in 1,000 illustrations and 100 maps.

PEOPLE OF VIETNAM are getting one of world's greatest energy-producing centers, thanks to Soviet engineers, who have designed the Hoa-binh generating plant. On Black River, which carries almost as much water as Siberia's giant Yenesei. Flows in very narrow channel. When harnessed (with structure never before attempted) Black River will deliver its might into 8 huge generators, each of 240,000 KW power. Hoa-binh will be basis of great new constructions in Vietnam, a showplace of Socialism in Asia.

NEW APPARATUS TO “WATCH” UNBORN BABIES can give a continuous picture if required (where fetus shows signs of abnormality). It has cut death-rate in such cases almost to zero. Developed at new Moscow Mother and Child Care Centre.

NOT ONLY PETROLEUM AND GOLD brings massive financial support to USSR nowadays, but also exports of advanced farm machinery. This fairly new business has been extended to 200 companies in 70 countries. Last year sales went over two-and-a-quarter billion dollars.

THE “FLATTEST” CITY IN SOVIET UNION, Rostov on the Don, decided to give sports men and women a chance to learn . . . *mountain-climbing*. They did it with an artificial mountain, at a big factory sports club. “Wall” is only 60 feet high, but it is constructed so it trains people in all major aspects of real mountain climbing, 24 hours a day.



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"Add this to NN's 'Arthur' page, September issue. Not only is USA hit badly by drought, but West Europe's capitalists farmers are suffering from excess rain, hurricanes. Likewise suffering are 'free enterprise' farmers of Eastern Africa. So why aren't they blaming Capitalism, as they blamed Socialism when USSR's farmers had it bad for years running?" **E.S.V.**

"So the great USA athlete Bruce Jenner backed down, and went along with Carter's boycott of the Olympics, because, he says, 'I got so many letters telling me I'm un-American and people are not going to eat Wheaties any more'. Jenner plugs Wheaties for money. Can anything be more disgusting in a sportsman?" **F.A.**

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"Enclosed is 'Time' reply to letter I wrote, (indicating that USSR is confident their atomic-waste storage system is safe). Do you have further information?" **J.S.**

"Enclosed is news story by Nobel Prize winner (claiming no safe storage system exists). NN has repeatedly ignored or concealed this fact. All methods are very dangerous and lethal to living and future humanity." **E.A.B.**

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"Very few people understand Socialism, but most understand Communism because the Bible tells about it. Tragedy of our times is that communists and their Soviet project is the latter-day church of Omni God Force, as prophesised, that has risen out of the people. Either communists don't know who they are or they are keeping it a big secret, to the loss of all humanity." **A.M.**

(Some Readers are sure to have comments about this, so please send them.)

"It's to credit of NN that you 'plugged' the Olympic Coins put out for Moscow Games. I know a lot of people felt you were just 'boosting Soviet morale'. But now look (at enclosed news story). Turns out that Canadian and American collectors can get only one set of these coins for every five they got of the Montreal Olympics coins. So price is already going through the ceiling. Thanks, I bought them!" **G.M.**

"With 'Ma Bell' hiking our phone rates again, I'm sure NN Readers would like to know what it costs in USSR, and who owns the phone companies." **T.V.L.**

Reply: All phone systems in USSR are owned and operated by people's central communications enterprise, which is run as service rather than profitable "company". Home telephones, anywhere, cost 2.45 roubles a month (about \$4), a rate not changed since 1948. Only recently have home phones become plentiful, so USSR has great many public pay-phones, charging 2 kopeks (about 3 cents). Long distance calls vary with cities and run from 15 to 50 kopeks a minute (24 to 80 cents).

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