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You'll find no such scene anywhere in our Free Enterprise world. This Moscow employment specialist is checking on some of the thousands of offices and plants, in the Soviet capital, where jobs are waiting for applicants. His office places over 100,000 people each year. But many more are needed. Indeed, a worker newly arrived in Moscow, who is into construction, may be offered a choice of 500 positions. See Pages 6-7 inside.

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INTRODUCE A SPACE-WOMAN TO YOUR FRIENDS

I'm happy to act as a salesman this month. Call it hard-sell or not, but I think our super New-Year-Christmas Card, just coming out, is the best you can find anywhere.

On it, Svetlana Savitskaya, the beautiful Soviet cosmonaut, greets you and your friends from Space. A *really different* way to make people remember you this Holiday Season.

October is a bit early for cards? Believe me, this is the season when time flies too fast, and that's why I'm inviting you to see Page-17, where you'll find the most economical and progressive cards ever.

HOPE YOU DIDN'T MISS THAT "SPACE RESCUE"!

Newest Soviet working space-craft, Cosmos No. 1383, saved three Canadian airmen whose plane crashed in the north. Canadian papers gave it good publicity. But the "whole picture" of this rescue-from-space system has yet to be told, and we'll give it to you next month. Wonderful story of international scientific cooperation proceeding at full speed, in defiance of Washington's cold war.

PARDON ME, IF 'NN' TAKES A QUICK BOW HERE . . .

On Page-4, September, we presented cold cash facts showing that President Reagan's proposed spending on military purposes is in danger of going past any conceivable limit, with *grave threats to USA*. We argued that harsh reality will kill this program.

Now *Business Week* (very strong for Reagan) warns that planned spendings mean "A deficit time-bomb is ticking."

Meaning? Spending hundreds of billions "could swamp the entire Reagan economic program and extinguish any nascent economic recovery."

Could *anybody* change the president's mind?

Yes. Just weeks after he told Western Europe that they had better cancel the Soviet gas pipeline deal or else . . . he was forced to settle for "else"!

More, yet. Even while Mr. Reagan was still telling China to accept USA's recognition of Taiwan, and get busy preparing for war against USSR, Peking signalled every which way that *all deals could be off*.

You remember our Page-4 in July-August NN? Thank you, thank you!

As this magazine has long stressed: in today's world, *real forces* are capable of overpowering any unreal schemes and wishful-thoughts.

Watch your local headlines for daily confirmations.

DON'T YOU DARE LET OUR SYSTEM GET YOU DOWN!

All forward-looking people should resist being depressed by the flood of gloom-doom news our media are spreading. Especially keep yourself immune from their "Life is tough, pal, real tough all over" line.

Over much of the world, outside our system, *life is wonderful!*

To get the real situation, take a run through our Pages 6 and 7, and then Page 19.

We are living in the age when Socialism is on the winning side. And the tougher life is *here*, the more you realize how far ahead that *other system* is.

NN's Quote-of-the-Month: "Recent events make still more urgent the proposals of the Soviet Union, that the largest possible part of the world ocean should become a zone of peace. In this same direction are the efforts of Grenada to make the Caribbean Sea free from military bases and provocative exercises. Now, it is no longer possible for imperialists to dictate to small countries what policy they should pursue, and who should be their friends. Peoples more and more become masters of their own destinies. This should be understood by those who are trying to impose their will on them." Nikolai Tikhonov, Soviet Prime Minister.

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SOVIET POSITION on the P.L.O.

Readers ask for truth, not rumor, concerning USSR's attitude towards the Palestinians.

From many documents 'NN' has taken these 15 major points.

We hope this information will serve you as a guide through stormy events that lie ahead.

• In the Soviet view the Palestine Resistance Movement (led by the P.L.O.) expresses the interests of the masses of Palestinian Arabs. It is, therefore, historically progressive. In action it is anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist. It represents one part of the entire Arab and world national-liberation movements.

• Over recent years the P.L.O. has greatly matured. It now has a high degree of organization. And this has been recognized (after long delays) by the international community in general. Indeed, the P.L.O. now relies on resolutions passed at the United Nations, which emphasize the legitimate aims of the Palestinian Arabs and also their rightful demands to be able to decide their destiny themselves.

• Soviet foreign policy experts see both anti-imperialist and anti-colonialist features in the Palestine Resistance Movement, because it is firmly directed against imperialist powers active in the Mid-East, notably Israel and USA. From a world viewpoint the position of the P.L.O. is progressive because it actively fights against imperialism's effort to turn the Mid-East into a "strategic bridgehead" for making war against the national liberation movements in Africa.

• Soviet policy-makers today regard the Palestinian problem as one of the most important in the complex Mid-East situation. It achieved this status after Israel's 1967 aggression, when all Palestine was seized (West Bank of the Jordan River, Gaza Strip and Eastern Jerusalem).

• USSR fully agrees with the P.L.O. stand that only complete liberation of these seized territories will make possible the establishment of an independent Palestine, on Palestinian territory. This is the solution of "the Palestinian problem", regardless of Israel's ambitions.

• It is an established fact that after Israel's 1967 aggression the USSR steadily increased its political, diplomatic, moral and material aid to the Arab people of Palestine, especially strengthening Soviet links with the P.L.O., since that organization represents the main force of the Arab liberation movement in the Mid-East.

• Many documents are on record giving the Soviet view. For example, the Official Statement of January 10, 1976, which stated: "Israel must withdraw its troops from all Arab territories it occupied in 1967. The lawful rights of the Arab people of Palestine, including their right to creation of a state of their own, must be ensured."

• Active assistance to the P.L.O. in the Soviet Union is not limited to official action at top government levels. The mighty All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions (world's greatest body of organized labor) strongly supports the Palestinian Arabs. So do tens of millions of young people in the Young Communist League. The Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee (little known here but a real force in much of the world) likewise is strongly behind the P.L.O.

• Soviet assistance has been appreciated for many years. Thus in 1974 Yasser Arafat's message to Leonid Brezhnev said: "Your resolve to render continuous support for the struggle of our nation for its just rights, including the right to its national homeland, made a very deep impression on the broad masses of our staunch fighting people."

• In 1981 the Soviet Communist Party Congress reaffirmed all these basic Soviet positions, and stressed that the establishment of the Palestinian state is essential to the security of all states in the region, including Israel.

• In April 1982 the Soviet Government gave its highest form of approval by granting the P.L.O. mission the status of an embassy in Moscow. This full diplomatic recognition to the Palestinian Resistance Movement was an important step forward. Clearly, this action anticipates that the Palestinian Arabs will succeed in establishing their own independent state. Soviet recognition of the P.L.O. has been followed by intensive diplomatic effort on its behalf in the United Nations.

• Even western news media were forced to admit that the prestige of the P.L.O. has risen sharply on the world scene. But few observers point out that this is due to the powerful support, not only of USSR, but all other socialist countries, and the developing nations. This is outstanding recognition of the national-liberation role of the fighting Palestinian Arabs.

• Support for the P.L.O. in USSR increasingly takes the form of food, clothing, medicine, transport vehicles, communication facilities, equipment for schools, etc., now more urgently needed than ever.

• Latest aggression of Israel, with full support of US (including supply of advanced mass-extermination weapons such as pellet bombs), convinces USSR that Israel's aim now is to physically destroy the Palestine Liberation Movement, thereby "closing the question" of Palestinian rights to a homeland taken from them in 1967.

• In this situation (this Report is written in September) it is significant that USSR has once more demanded that the independence of both Lebanon and the Palestinian Arab homeland be recognized by the world as absolutely non-negotiable. The Soviet Union has stressed, in this connection, that the P.L.O. is the only legitimate representative in this struggle.



Rasul Gamzatov, famed Soviet poet, visited hospitals in Lebanon, and recorded from one of the young victims a caption for our photo above. "What is my pain in comparison with the pain of the people? What are my wounds in comparison with the wounds of Palestine? I may never see the dawn, but nevertheless the sun of freedom will rise over my homeland!"

People will drive Imperialism from Mid-East

Israel and USA have opened way for vengeance by liberation forces

After their invasion of Lebanon, and dispersal of the Palestine Liberation forces into several other countries, Israel now is satisfied that Palestine has disappeared, the problem no longer exists.

This process of "eliminating" an entire nation and people began with the very formation of Israel under Zionist domination. It made the first big step forward in 1949, when Jewish armed forces captured a large part of Palestinian territory that was generally considered to form the basis for a State of Palestine. In that war, 900,000 Palestinians were driven from their land, to become life-long refugees.

In 1967 Israel again declared war, and seized over 60,000 square kilometers — *three times more land* than occupied by *all Israel* up to that time. Jerusalem was seized, despite furious protests by Christians and Moslems, and declared the "capital" of the rapidly expanding Jewish nation.

By then, 1,500,000 Palestinians were homeless.

From "defending the homeland" over to Imperialism

Not only Israel's inhabitants but Jews around the world received immense support, when they sought to make their new homeland forever secure from such horrors as the holocaust launched by Hitler.

But World War Two was over only five years when the press in Israel, and more often its leaders, began to speak of Greater Israel.

Jewish memories could be so short!? Was it not Hitler himself who outlined in detail, then put into action, the "program" of defending Germany first, then in the name of "defense" moving on to conquer one nation after another for Greater Germany?

Was it not Hitler who boasted that he had once and for all solved "the Jewish problem", with gas furnaces?

Who now is telling the world that the Palestinian Problem has finally been solved: with the very latest guided missiles, pellet bombs and M-60 tanks?

Jews inside Israel can hardly be expected to protest. But what about the great majority of Jews in the West, who make no secret of their joy for Greater Israel?

How Ronald Reagan "differed" with Israel

For many months our media kept up the farce of the White House "warning" Israel, cautioning about "excesses" against the Palestinians. But in that very period Washington rushed to Begin's armies equipment and munitions worth \$217,695,000. *Ten times the amount of war material sent to Israel in 1980!*

For Israel's conquest of Lebanon USA supplied F-15 aircraft, M-60 tanks, and two of the most fearful people-killers the armament industry turns out — pellet bombs and guided bombs (Israel "guided" them into apartment buildings and hospitals).

Says *Business Week*: "U.S. support of Israel's invasion of Lebanon has led to an agreement that opens up new opportunities for establishing peace in the Middle East."

That same mouthpiece of Big Business then advises Arab nations to cooperate against the Palestinians.

And, incredibly, *Business Week* looks forward to a formal treaty committing USA to defend Israel!

The whole world saw that the White House "mediator", Philip Habib, was merely advising and encouraging Israel's leaders to complete their "solution" of the Palestine problem. Habib played a key role in the final all-out attacks used by Jewish forces — "mediation" with hundreds of millions of dollars worth of the USA's most advanced armaments against the rifles and grenades of the Palestine Resistance.

The latest Partnership of Imperialism

Though *Business Week's* "treaty" has not yet been drawn up, international observers are unanimous in ranking Israel as a major imperialist partner of USA.

This partnership goes very far beyond the latest conquests of "Greater Israel". It is, as recent debates (and votes) in the United Nations have revealed, the newest imperialist force spear-headed against the national liberation movements of the Arab and African peoples.

Its primary aim is to re-establish the grip of USA's petroleum monopolies on the entire Mid-East, which was gravely weakened when the Iranian people overthrew the Shah and expelled everyone linked to Washington.

Through Israel's armed forces the USA has now given the Mid East and Africa clear warning: surrender the positions of liberation or have your "problems" solved in Hitler's final way: *extermination*.

"Imperialism understands only one language, that of force," said Lenin. Never has his verdict been so powerfully confirmed as by the Israel-USA axis.

"I want nothing more to do with Israel"

Those are the words of Bruno Kreisky, Chancellor of Austria, one of Europe's most outstanding Jews.

Kreisky for many years strained every nerve to bring Israel into negotiations for *real peace*. Now he is totally disillusioned. "The world fears the madness of Israel's leaders. Gigantic crimes have occurred, and whoever remains silent becomes an accomplice. Israel stands morally naked."

But this long-time friend of Israel is *realistic*. He sees that by making Palestine "disappear", the Jews have solved *nothing*.

By joining forces with USA imperialism against the great masses of Arab and African peoples, Israel has opened the way for *its own disappearance*.

There is no force on earth that can prevent the disappearance of Imperialism, enemy of humanity.

On the side of the Palestinians, on the side of all the world's liberation movements, stands not only the USSR and its allies but the great majority of mankind, the peoples of the developing world.

The inescapable truth is that billions of people will inevitably overcome billions of dollars.

In taking the side of imperialism, Israel has chosen to break with humanity's future.

One thousand million are starving

We're concerned with soaring unemployment, swift decline in our high living standards. But right now the greater part of our Earth suffers even more tragically. One billion people, including 200,000,000 children, face death by starvation. Never, ever in history, have so many had so little to eat. Do others a favor and show them these shocking facts.



On the one hand, trans-national monopolies are introducing the very latest agricultural techniques, which (when used in warm countries) could feed the whole world. But on the other hand, it's far more profitable to feed people only in advanced countries, where most can buy high-priced foods.

The French analyst Susan George says: "*Third World is progressively taking over the job of feeding already well-nourished Americans.*"

Actually the motive here is not ordinary farm-food profits but **super profits**.

Former U.S. Agriculture Secretary, Orville Freeman, now President of *Business International*, is frank.

Soviet scientists have shown that our planet could today feed 12 billion people. Only 4 billion inhabit Earth. *And a quarter of them are starving.*

Take **India**. From the level of famine, science raised India's grain production so greatly that they can export wheat. *Yet millions starve!*

They can't afford to buy food that is harvested.

Most people you talk to believe that after crude colonial oppression was ended, in countries like India, then the people overcame their worst evils. Not so. Poverty and hunger is *increasing* in the Third World.

We all know that "trans-national monopolies" have set up big industries in the Less Developed Countries. What few of us realize is that this new industrialization includes radically new agri-industries.

Big Business, from the West, is today less concerned with "traditional" Third World crops (sugar, coffee, cocoa, bananas, rubber, etc.) and is making incredible profit from **grain, vegetables, fruit, beef**.

The people who grow this food do not eat it. **We in rich West get it piled up in our super-markets.**

- Today Mexico exports a tremendous crop of choice strawberries entirely to USA and Canada. Mexican kids never heard of *strawberries and cream on cereals*.

- We now enjoy **marvellous vegetables**, all winter, because agri-industries grow enormous quantities, in warm sunny climates, with very cheap labor to do the work.

- In Western Europe, a fleet of huge transport planes flies in **choice vegetables** from African countries like Senegal; prices are reasonable, but far too high for African families to pay.

- Agri-industry has revolutionized **beef-growing** in Latin America (based on excellent climate and almost slave-cheap labor) so Canada and USA are getting meat cheaper than our farmers can produce it.

- Gigantic "American Foods Share Co." is expanding **super-market food production** so fast, in Ghana, Egypt, Kenya, Zambia and Uganda, that its director boasts confidently: "Africa is going to become the world's biggest producer of vegetables, not only for Europe but also for America."

This is capitalist science working for profits.

He reveals that leading companies in Third World farm business return profits of **30 percent** yearly.

How so? Because, for example, costs of growing strawberries in Mexico are one-half the cost in Florida; for tomatoes, production cost is one-third.

Farm labor for *next-to-nothing*. USA farmers in Hawaii get 19 times more pay than those in Philippines!

Cowboys in Texas get 15 times more pay than beef handlers across the line in Mexico.

No wonder the "International Bank for Reconstruction and Development" (a front for Washington monopolists) put up \$1,100,000,000 cash to "aid" Latin Americans in expanding their meat production.

The effect of this is cruel to the point of savagery.

Traditional food crops, which poor people could buy, such as beans, are being steadily replaced, by super-profitable crops exported to well-fed western nations. Thus in Philippines already 55-out-of-100 farm acres grow crops for sale abroad, not for feeding the people at home.

But as we all know, even "abroad" (Canada, USA) there are hungry people. Indeed, the UNO, surveying only advanced capitalist countries, finds (1981) at least 28 million people, living in the midst of "abundance", suffer grave malnutrition. In USA itself, 30 million poor always feel hungry.

Starvation is fast becoming a contradiction that lays bare the fatal flaws in our capitalist system. Everybody could have enough to eat; but only those who can pay top price can enjoy plenty of food, in Free Enterprise.

Lenin predicted this with amazing foresight.

"In the 'border regions' of Capitalism . . . just emerging from pre-capitalist conditions, the growth of poverty — not only 'social' but also the most horrible physical poverty, to starvation and death — assumes a mass scale."

Not long ago the famous revolutionary hymn, *The International*, was considered by many to be "old fashioned". Even some on the Left thought it should be re-written. But now, more bitterly than back in the days when it was composed, this defiant challenge to Capitalism stirs the hearts of hundreds of millions. Their dream is to survive, somehow, in the hope of someday being able to fall asleep at night, and awaken in the morning, untortured by hunger . . .

"Arise, ye prisoners of starvation, arise ye wretched of the Earth, for justice thunders condemnation, a better world's in birth!"

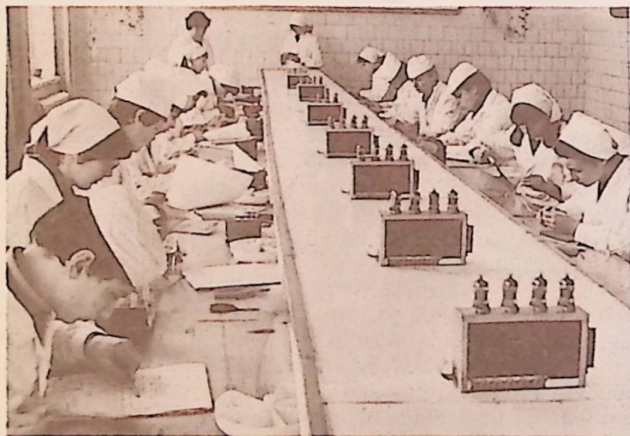
Jobs Line Up For Them



In this advanced school, big air-conditioner factory in Baku trains workers whose former work has been automated. Go right into new jobs.



Sasha Nikolayev (left) will take machinist's job as soon as he completes course. Right: two Krasnodar farm boys learn implements by inventing new form of tractor. Their machine-operating jobs are waiting for them.



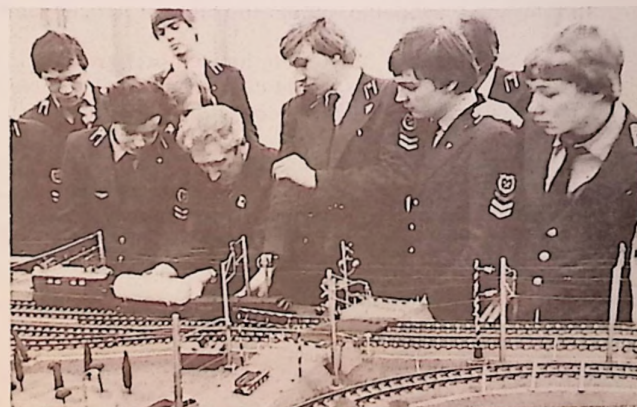
High school students, already drawing wages, get thorough electronics training so they'll move smoothly into waiting factory jobs.



One group of 5000 high-schoolers in Kursk who are completing office-work studies to fit them for wide variety of available positions.



In Chimkent (Mongolian Republic) these girls take a new course that will fit them for work in booming Soviet food industry. First class here this year is for 50.



These teen-agers aren't playing trains, they're already hired by railway while they learn jobs.

For them, too many jobs is a big problem



All these girls want to design clothes, and all who take this course will get the positions they want.



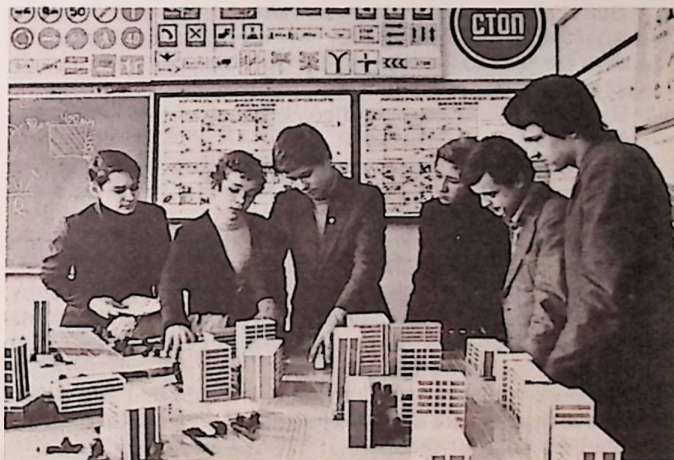
Unlimited number of jobs, for trained agriculturists, are open on Soviet farms. Thousands train each year in famed College and State Farm in Ukraine.



Hard to believe, but Soviet youth also train for unusual wine-makers profession. School in Moldavia.



In Georgia, these girls played for fun, but so big is demand for talent that their "Mziuri" group hit the big time and has been on 15 tours abroad.



No, not architects: these boys have taxi-driving jobs waiting for them as soon as they pass stiff tests at end of their course in this special school.



Fine points of tractor-driving taught here (Krasnodar). Like most other job-trainees, these boys get free tuition, board-and-room, even clothes, as they learn.

Think he could get the job today?

If you've been to Moscow you may have ridden with Mike Yudkevich, shown here at the wheel of his cab. He started driving when he was 22. *Now he's 80.*

Actually, Mike didn't start as a taxi-driver because in 1922 there were no Soviet taxis. Not even any cars made in USSR. Young Yudkevich chauffeured many people working for different enterprises, mostly riding in Renaults and Chevies.

Mike is the USSR's oldest cabbie. He doesn't want to retire. He meets all their required (daily) safety tests. He's in love with his job because he loves people above everything. So he's still at the wheel.

Yudkevich has a fabulous record: never one rebuke or a single ticket for any traffic violation.

He's looking forward to the end of this year when USSR celebrates its 60th Anniversary, and he'll meet people coming there from all over the world.



As you know, the big *employment problem* in Socialism is finding people to fill waiting jobs.

But the *exception* makes the rule. It may strike you as strange, since cab-driving over here is often a last-ditch occupation for jobless youth, but in USSR more young people apply at taxi depots than there are openings.

Reasons? Well, wages are good: equal to those of highly skilled industrial workers.

And then, if you like an eternally changing scene, meeting every conceivable kind of person, with fast rush-hours and lots of slack time too, *cabs are it.*

Our facts here relate to Moscow, but the picture is basically the same all over USSR.

Moscow's 20,000 taxis operate from "depots". Many cabs, radio-equipped, are despatched by phone. But thousands either start out from depots or work (in busy times) from places like railway stations.

Suppose you apply to fill a vacancy. To do that you'd have to prove that you are a very experienced driver with few if any violations on your record.

For a week you ride *as a passenger*, while a skilled cabbie shows you the city as you'll see it on the job. Second week, you aren't yet hired, but you work as best you can carrying fares. They expect you to do about 90 percent of the driving that is rated "normal" for cabbies in your depot... at least by the time you've done *three months* of this trial duty as a cabbie.

If you pass they give you a "young driver's passport". It's good for six months. On it they record how much driving you do, fares collected, how you fulfilled "the plan" for your cab, and your income.

Six months later you're up for *examination*. The veteran drivers in your depot decide whether or not you've made the grade. If so, you are a *Soviet taxi driver*.

But in USSR, where all cabs are *publicly owned*, and all profits go to the City Soviet (Council), they leave nothing to chance. Every driver, before every shift, gets a medical exam!

Alcohol test (a drink is absolutely *out*). Blood pressure. General physical and *psychological* condition. Plus your day's "bio-rhythm": cautioning you if your basic chart shows the day may not be so hot for you.

Cabbies quickly learn to make use of *extensive health facilities* provided for them, *free*. Like a real Rest Home outside the city. Stadium, swimming pool, hockey rink basketball court. Closer by, a pool and sauna. Low priced meals at a cabbie's dining-room.

All this expensive service for taxi-drivers they find is money well spent. Big city driving is *very stressful*. By far the best way to get the finest cabbies is to *keep them healthy*, relaxed, enjoying their job. The cost, of course, comes out of profits (which go into the city's treasury), so drivers pay nothing.

Goes without saying that they also pay nothing for their cabs, gas, service, repairs, etc.

Soviet cabs are checked by a responsible mechanic as many as *three times daily* (before each shift). Brakes, steering, lights... and the exterior.

In a separate check an expert measures the *exhaust gas*: if its "pollution level" is above the legal limit, that car is *out* until repairs are made.

This daily care, and the excellent quality of Soviet "Volga" cars they use for taxis, makes repair work far less frequent than our cab-operators require. *Routine checks* (bumper to bumper) are made every 6000 KM (3600 miles). Very few Volga cabs require *major overhauls* short of 350,000 KM (210,000 miles!). That's a feature making Volgas popular with European cab companies.

Taxis are *very important* to life in Socialism. Many more people use them, than over here. Taxis replace private cars for millions of people, and the demand for cabs, on holidays, is almost beyond supply.

In Moscow, busiest month of the year for cabs is February. And the most unpopular for drivers: late-winter blizzards, sudden thaws, the worst icing.

Busiest days are Friday and Wednesday. Weekend traffic is easy to explain (everybody in a hurry to start enjoying a holiday). But *Wednesday*? You figure it, and tell them, because there's no sound explanation so far.

How about daily shifts? Heaviest work comes from 8 to 10 a.m. Getting to jobs, schools, nurseries. Fares come steadily from 11 to 6: second big rush until 10 p.m.

One more peak, not big, after midnight, when late parties break up.

Millions use taxis over there. They're not a luxury but a public transport service. More expensive than subway, bus or streetcar, but very convenient and fast.

Price is small compared to our cab fares today: you pay 30 cents (our money) per KM (50 cents a mile), with no higher minimum fare.

Visitors to Soviet cities, if they're observant, notice an odd contrast to taxis in our country. You often see their cabs filled with *children*. And often with their *grandmothers!*



THE INCURABLE FREEDOM

Since you last read NN's report on **Unemployment**, many more facts have come in.

For the first time ever, our capitalist system is paying attention to the grave effects of increasing joblessness, other than the obvious economic penalties of lost wages and profits (as production slumps).

Medical studies have confirmed that whenever sizeable layoffs occur, the **death-rate** rises sharply, mainly from heart attacks, suicides, murders. Alcoholism increases, mental disease and crime start climbing.

Most distressing for some doctors and social workers is the startling increase in **wife-beating** and **child-abuse**, in "economically dis-advantaged" cities. These evils are not restricted to industrial workers' families but are appearing in middle-and upper-income groups. And all members of the family are affected.

Psychiatrists find that from the very day a man or woman is fired, a feeling of **strain** develops also in the wife, husband, children. Two damaging emotions arise: **anxiety** and **hopelessness**. They "feed" on each other until the stress wears down family relationships.

Incidentally, these findings are not restricted to USA and Canada. Several studies in Great Britain, Sweden and other Western countries prove that these effects of unemployment are developing throughout the **entire world** of Capitalism.

Latest evidence shows that damage caused by being fired is **spreading throughout** the population. Surprisingly, it is also harming **older, retired people**, who are not "unemployed" in the usual sense. Evidently the strain of unemployment is a **contagious disease**.

However, some observers are most concerned about the effects of firing on people **who still have jobs**.

In most companies, those kept on the payroll have the **fear** of being fired hanging over their heads; plus the new strain of **working harder** in hope that the axe won't fall on them. The combination leads to **poorer work** and many physical-mental illnesses.

The media are making matters worse, by publicizing pessimistic forecasts: factories, mines and stores warn laid-off workers that they **may never be re-hired**, as Free Enterprise learns how to get by without them. This is **killing hope** in the hearts of millions, and humans do not live well without hope.

Perhaps the **strangest conclusion** yet drawn from the available facts relates to **going back to work**. Those who are jobless for a year or more often suffer extreme strain when they're taken on again. This effect of "trying to cope" is **multiplied** with the worker's age, as he or she goes through several fire-and-hire episodes.

In a real sense, getting your job back (or finding another) **doesn't cure** the ills of unemployment. They are what doctors call **Chronic** sicknesses.

People who were always quite healthy come down with **alcoholism**. Others face breakdown in marriage as the stress of being jobless gives rise to **sex failures**.

Certainly, if proper facilities are available many victims of "unemployment diseases" can **recover**. But statistics are saddening: such recovered people rarely get back their old jobs, and often must settle for work far below their capabilities.

The Canadian Mental Health Association calls this nothing short of "**economic and social disaster**."

As you might expect, such authorities try hard to blame all this on "the situation", which they pretend is "world wide". The plain truth is that unemployment is not only **caused** by Capitalism, but is **essential** to our profit-motivated Free Enterprise system. Karl Marx revealed this, when he showed that capitalists must not only have workers in their factories, but also need "**a reserve army of unemployed**" always ready to fill new jobs and keep wages "under control".

As in Marx's day, so in today's depression, the least skilled workers, and women workers, and immigrant-minorities, and youth, all suffer most as rank-and-file troops in Capitalism's reserve army: **first fired, last hired**.

All new figures prove that these victims of our system are hit worst by the physical and mental strains of unemployment, and make up the **tragic majority** of suicides, abusers, murderers and penitentiary prisoners.

Sociologists have begun to **look deeper** into all this. Why are people so badly affected by being fired?

Because, in our money-takes-all society, being left without wages is the **ultimate disgrace**. From childhood we're taught that **personal enterprise** is the most. So what kind of "enterprise" leads a person to **welfare**? Without work, how can you say you really belong in our money-oriented system?

Canada, USA, and most other Western nations have just **broken all records** for numbers of unemployed.

Worse, many of our leading authorities see little prospect that the coming years will create tens of millions jobs for our jobless to fill. In a very real sense of the term, mass unemployment is the **outstanding Freedom** of modern Capitalism.

More people than ever in history are **free from jobs**. Monopoly enterprises dominate our Free World, and they are **free from any significant control by society**.

Only where there is **no such freedom, no individual enterprise, no privilege to hire or fire anyone** . . . only in Socialism is there no unemployment.

This may well turn out to be the greatest historical achievement of the Soviet Socialist Revolution.

Time will tell. Sooner than we think.

Meanwhile, whatever our economists and politicians tell us, whatever weirdo criticisms our media may throw at the Soviet people, it is **our system**, not theirs, that faces "**economic and social disaster**."

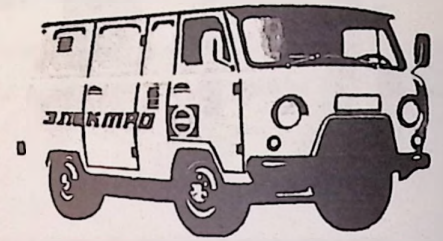
Electric Vehicles in the USSR



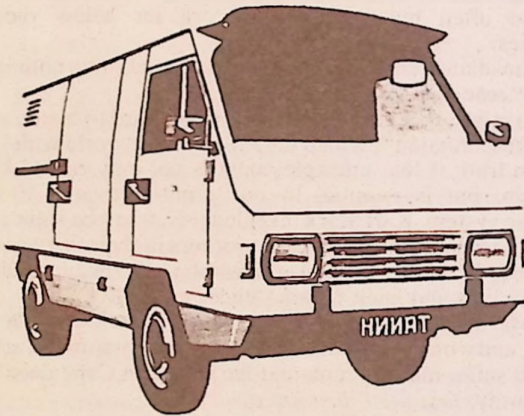
Millions saw this Soviet Electric car, used to carry referees at the 1980 Olympics. Turned out to be dependable, absolutely silent, and pollution-free. Produced now on small scale for special uses.



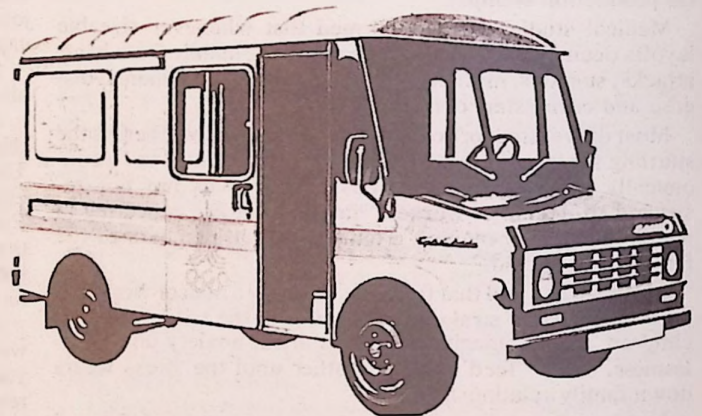
This "Elektro-77" has been made for years, as a personnel carrier. Attracted a lot of attention at the World Electro-77 Exhibition, where there were line-ups for rides. Different from the Olympic van in power system, chassis and body.



You often see this "UAZ-451-MI" on Moscow streets: it is used to carry hot breakfasts to schools. This electric powered model has a half-ton rating. Ideal for limited range of delivery work, and it's silent, exhaust-free.



So far this model isn't in production: it is one of the vehicles used for research at the Automobile Transport Research Institute. Many features are first tried out in this one.



This general-purpose delivery truck is already in limited production down in Yerevan, capital of Soviet Armenia. In southern climates battery-powered jobs perform well all year.

You shouldn't conclude that electric-powered vehicles are in "full" production in the Soviet Union. Actually their output is lower than in USA and Britain. As we'll see, severe limitations of electric "fuel" for road service make such vehicles questionable at their present level of development.

Four of the five Soviet electrics in small-scale output today use conventional power systems based on the Direct Current produced in various storage batteries. This current is fed to efficient DC drive-motors through various styles of transmissions.

Vehicle research of this kind goes on in a half dozen scientific-engineering centers ranging from Moscow down to Erevan, to frigid Siberia and tropic Turkmenia.

Most "radical" of their battery systems is in the UAZ-451 shown above. It uses standard batteries but their output is converted to Alternating Current, in an electronic device. This makes possible the use of light AC motors, for drive-power, and they consume less electric energy per 100 km run. Reason for that is rather technical, but is partly explained by such AC motors delivering full power at low speeds, so less energy is lost in complicated transmission gears.

The question of re-charging vehicle batteries holds the attention of engineers and chemists the world over. Most Soviet research is done at Podolsk, near Moscow. Results are different and challenging.

First, though, it's interesting to note that Soviet research into electric vehicles is proceeding at a steady rate, gradually picking up speed. But in USA and the West in general, Capitalism's new crisis is clobbering electric vehicle advancement. This situation will remind you of progress in Space: the USA advances by fits-and-starts, while USSR moves forward, faster, according to a scientific plan.

But it's important to note that in the West output of electric "golf carts" has soared to nearly 40,000 per year, and passenger cars to 600 yearly. Soviet people don't play golf, so no carts. And they don't push luxury cars (electrics are very costly).

Still, why not faster progress in this field, in the USSR? Several reasons.

— The question of *charging* batteries hasn't been solved; it is dangerous (explosive hydrogen gas is released); Soviet engineers favor all charging being done in special stations away from housing.

— The main obstacle to electric vehicles (everywhere in world) is that if they began to replace gasoline cars, then tremendous new supplies of electric power would be required, far beyond any sources being considered at this time (in either system).

So in Socialism electrics will be introduced, for now, only in specific places needing pollution-free vehicles.

Even so, *something new* has arrived: see next page.

Powered by *the Sun*



Dr. Babamurad Bazarov, Chief of Solar Power Research, in advanced centre at Ashkhabad, Soviet Turkmenia, and remarkable vehicle his group has developed.



The world's first solar-powered vehicle (for use on Earth) is attracting very wide attention.

Not merely because it is an "oddity". But because it solves the problem of finding electricity to charge its batteries. The required power is collected from the sun, by the array of photo-electric cells which you see on its roof.

This vehicle is based on the USSR's electric powered mini-bus, the RAF-2910. Indeed, the bus is used "as is", with its re-chargeable storage batteries. But instead of plugging those batteries in to an externally powered charger, when they're run down they are fed with the electricity that simply "runs off the roof".

No problems? Yes, problems. The sun-powered charger delivers only 700 watts of energy, so it takes a long time to restore the mini-bus batteries. One full sunny day, in fact. With that charge, the bus will run 100 km (60 miles) at about 50 km (30 miles) per hour.

The solar unit is eight square meters and its photo cells are fixed inside glass tubes carrying hydrogen gas, to prevent overheating.

Suppose the sun doesn't shine? You drive the bus to a special station, where its discharged batteries are removed (for charging) and a fresh set installed.

But Dr. Bazarov has a better idea: the charging station doesn't have to use local electric power supplies, since it also is equipped with those roof-top photo-cells to supply the energy. They'll work, and charge batteries, as soon as the sun comes out again.

Admittedly, the sun shines an awful lot, down there in Turkmenia. However, this research is being pushed because it will probably lead to answers suitable for cloudy places like you and I live in.

Already, their good results have led to big advances in photo-electric cells (making them able to extract far more electricity from sunshine).

Equally important: the very high cost of solar cells has to be brought down to economic levels.

Results so far lead them to predict a vehicle that will run 250 km at 70 km per hour, quite soon. And an outfit practical for cloudy regions is no longer just dream-world.

This remarkable solar roof-top bus illustrates a feature of Soviet science almost never considered over here. Far from being run by some "heavy handed bureaucracy", researchers in Socialism are encouraged to go after impractical ideas, if they hold out some promise. The principle here is to *keep on trying*, especially in fields where many small advances can add up to break-throughs.

Already in the cards: highly advanced new storage batteries; and very powerful solar cells; which together could power a vehicle much closer to gasoline and diesel units in economy and operation.

But the main contribution to the "vehicle of the future", by Dr. Bazarov's team, is the overcoming of that worst of all obstacles: vast electric power requirements to supply vehicles by the millions. With the sun, the power is waiting, in any quantity.

FLASH LATE NEWS . . .

Joint research and engineering in USSR and Bulgaria has produced an electric feeder truck for stock farms.

Device is silent, and can be used in any closed space because it produces no exhaust, as tractors do.

Though small, this machine can distribute feed for 50 animals within 2 minutes.

It is highly maneuverable, so it can be used in small farms with narrow aisles and stalls.

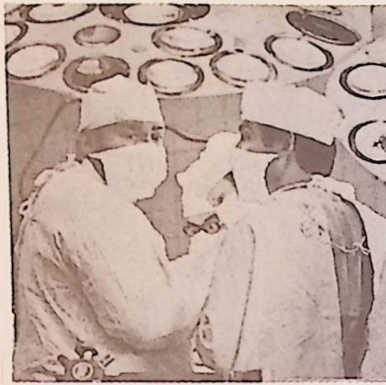
Yes, it is powered by re-chargeable batteries, so it can work 24 hours daily, 365 days a year.

Tests were so successful that a factory "geared up" immediately, and expects to deliver to Soviet and Bulgarian farms about 1000 units in 1982.

And other electric farm vehicles seem certain.

Has Socialist Medicine failed

Have you seen newspaper stories about health care worsening in the Soviet Union? About high child death-rates? Poor doctor and hospital service? Have you wondered about these charges? 'NN' offers the facts.



Reports of poor medical service in Socialism come at a time when *our own medicare* is being cut down (governments in financial trouble) and is becoming extremely costly (effect of inflation).

Also, more *world medical conferences* are being held in USSR, and thus doctors from Capitalism can get a first-hand look at how health is doing in the other system.

Thousands of specialists went to the 1978 meeting on urgent medical care, in Alma-Ata (Kazakhstan); and to the World Heart Specialists meeting in Moscow this year.

These doctors did not issue any of the news stories about declining Soviet health care.

Indeed, the World Health Organization (of UNO) recommended to developing nations that they use Soviet experiences in modernizing their own medical systems.

Another fact: our media more and more often report on sick people going from here over to there — for treatments that *work*, after being denied such treatments *here*. It is now common for hospitals in USSR to be treating the most difficult cases from Canada, USA, West Germany, Italy, etc.

Does this look as if Socialism's medicine is in poor shape?

It is true, however, that Soviet authorities are tackling medical problems; notably, the difficulty in bringing the most modern care to people living far from cities, in very remote areas.

But that is not affecting health care for the vast majority.

- Every day Soviet doctors handle over 200,000 emergency cases alone.

- They perform 40,000 operations, assist in 14,000 childbirths.

- Just inside hospitals they attend 3,200,000 patients daily and make some 4,000,000 medical tests.

This way they've solved problems of "quantity" — nobody lacks care.

Their big drive today is to raise the quality of their medicare.

One example: their new national drive against heart disease.

'NN' will report on this in detail soon. It is based on the world's largest network of "heart hospitals", backed by 12 new research centers, a giant center in Moscow, and a mass public campaign to save millions of hearts.

"Quality" is also being advanced by a big new Soviet "medical equipment" industry, aimed not only on care of the sick but mainly on halting illness before it really begins. Most advanced equipment known is being mass-produced.

But where is it getting them?

- In past five years temporary disability has dropped 11.5 percent; occupational illness (already near world's lowest in 1976) has fallen 8.3 percent.

- Death from cancer has stopped rising in USSR; some cancers (stomach and uterus) are definitely becoming fewer each year.

- USSR has only one-third the number of mental patients as USA.

- Injury and death from accidents, violence, murder, suicide, which rank very high in capitalist countries, do not influence the national health situation appreciably, in Socialism.

You may ask: what about that vital medical "figure", the death rate?

USA's rate is low: 8.7 per 1000. USSR's is higher: 10.3.

But! Other advanced countries, like Germany, Britain, Austria, have much higher death rates ... explained because of World War Two damage.

And that, also, explains why USSR has more people dying earlier than they should ... many millions suffered serious wounds and malnutrition during the war years, and they don't live so long as others do.

Now, how long do Soviet people live?

The average life-span in USSR now is 70 years. With little difference found in various nationalities.

But in USA their high life duration (73 years) leaves out, for example, their Indians, whose average life is no more than 48 years.

What about babies? Several sensational reports appeared over here about a "shocking rise" in infant deaths in USSR lately. Some facts:

- Before Socialism (1917) Russia had 272 deaths in first year of life, per 1000 births. At that time Britain had only 138, Sweden 92.

- By 1927 USSR had slashed this death-rate 50 percent and by 1950 (*in spite of the war*) infants died at roughly the same rate as in the advanced Western nations.

Today, however, as in all lands where health care is available, infant death-rate declines slowly, due to difficulty in saving babies born with serious defects.

In USSR 15 to 16 babies (per thousand) still die. USA claims only 13 infant deaths. But! Their figures are for whites only. In USA today 23 Negro babies die, per 1000!

Worse, they don't even report the death-rates for the babies of some 12 million USA citizens who are from Puerto Rico or Mexico ... they're "illegal"!

No country ever in history lowered the infant death-rate so sharply as did USSR after the coming of Socialism. If there is no spectacular decline today, that's true of all major nations — before it can be improved, big new advances must be scored in the medicine of infancy.

Our media brush all this aside, and then pretend to explain why "more" Soviet infants are dying. It's because their mothers are not so healthy as in the past!



or does it really work in USSR?

Now, **why** are Soviet mothers today less healthy? Because they were sick *when in childhood!*

You probably can find a familiar word to describe that kind of "reasoning". But lets look at medical facts instead...

- Soviet doctors are working hard to get more mothers to consult them, during the second half of pregnancy; today, 3-in-100 Soviet women still remain "on their own".

- In USA doctors have an aim: by 1990, they hope to examine all but 9-in-100 mothers in that important second half.

You're right: in USSR now 97-in-100 women get this vital care, while in USA (they hope!) in 1990, 90-in-100 mothers will consult doctors.

So who's ahead in motherhood? Let's see more facts:

- Since 1971 USSR has set up 2000 more mother-baby clinics.

- In USA 7 percent of all babies are premature; 12.9 percent of black babies, 5.9 percent of white babies are premature; in USSR, only 4.9 percent of all babies arrive while too young.

Perhaps the most unbelievable slander claims that Soviet babies suffer because of so much alcoholism among mothers in USSR. Any visitor to Soviet Union sees that *far fewer* women drink there, than here.

As for Soviet health in general, alcoholism is a problem for them.

- Contrary to reports, it is a *lesser* problem than in some Western countries, like France.

- As for USA, no reliable figures are available; alcoholism is seriously complicated there by mass-scale, addiction to other drugs; the USSR has no other drug problem, period.

- In USSR, the entire media are mobilized to fight alcohol, with promising results; over here, almost all media powerfully boost alcohol, with endless advertising.

Lately, Washington propaganda sources have been claiming that USA spends ten times more on "medicare" than does USSR.

Could be! Simply because...

- Inflation has enormously raised health care in USA; no inflation whatever in USSR.

- "Health" expenditures in Socialism do not include vast financial aid to health research, as is done in USA statistics.

- Health-related expenditures in the Soviet Union (benefits, grants, health-holidays, etc.) now total 59 billion dollars yearly, none of which is included in their totals for "medicare".



Suppose we consider medicines, drugs. Reports tell you Soviet people get far fewer drugs than do we in the West. How true!

In USA now they sell some 20,000 "different" drugs. Actually, their officials recognize only 700 drugs; the 19,000 or more are nothing but "copies", pushed for profit by drug corporations.

No, USSR is *not satisfied* with the long delay in introducing valuable new medicines. But we have that same problem, related to drug safety and difficulties of testing.

Shifting from drugs, our media run stories about Soviet people having to depend on "medical assistants" instead of real doctors.

Half truth, half falsehood.

- USSR today has 90,000 clinics staffed by trained "assistants".

- These are in *tiny remote villages*, not requiring full-time doctors.

- But nearby hospitals, fully staffed, serve all out-of-the-way places when an emergency arises.

You need only compare that situation

with shocking medical reports that reveal a desperate lack of any medical service for great numbers of Indians and migrant-worker families in "advanced" USA right now.

Some reports tell us that even in cities Soviet people must *wait for months*, to get into hospitals.

- You get immediate attention if you go to a clinic.

- If you can't go, a doctor will come immediately when you phone.

- USSR has 125 hospital beds per 10,000 people, one of the highest availabilities in the world.

- Hundreds of thousands of their beds would be empty if people had to pay for them; but they're all free and, as a rule, they're nearly all full; non-emergency cases sometimes are on a waiting-list.

Are you asking: why try to attack Socialism for "poor" medicare?

Maybe you have the answer. Because USA itself, for all its riches, is today "In Critical Condition" — as the crisis in health care is described by Senator Edward Kennedy in his recent book of that title.

- Half of all USA citizens never use medical service at all because they can't afford it.

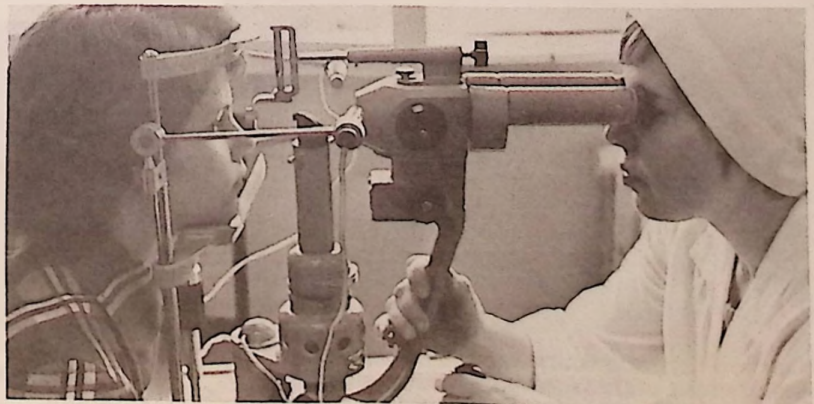
- The cost of "health" in USA this year will exceed \$300,000,000,000.

- Of that, a huge portion goes to private-enterprise hospitals, clinics, drug and equipment corporations.

- "Reputable" surgeons in USA now do 2 million unnecessary operations each year, at a cost to their patients exceeding 4,000 million dollars.

In that country (in Canada also!) hardly a day passes without the media having to expose some grim tragedy, involving lack of medical attention, or scandalously improper care, or the consequences of hospital wings closed down because of cuts in government funding.

The verdict we leave to you.



Calling on Uk

When you visit the great Ukrainian nation today, you'll find it very different from ours. To picture a "crisis" th



As in olden times, Ukrainians will still offer you the guest's "bread and salt", and their vast modern grain farms guarantee plenty of bread on every family table.



As Socialism booms, trade soars through Ukrainian ports. Top, at Yalta. Bottom, at Odessa. And "business" is not only freight, but also travellers from all over world.



Suburb of Kiev gets new cloverleaf.



Ukrainians are proud of huge new cities, but also preserve the bygone atmosphere of places like Lvov, where the "old town" mingles with bustling modern districts.



Everyone knows the "Hopak", here performed by Ukraine's top company, the Verevka State Choir.



If you're a wine fan they'll treat you to the finest in famed cellars of Massandra.



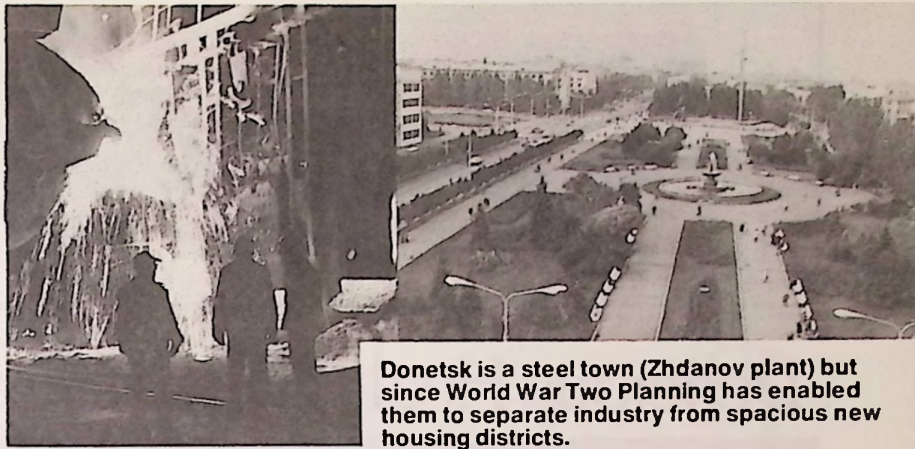
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Rusanivka suburb (Kiev) is one of world's most beautiful spots.



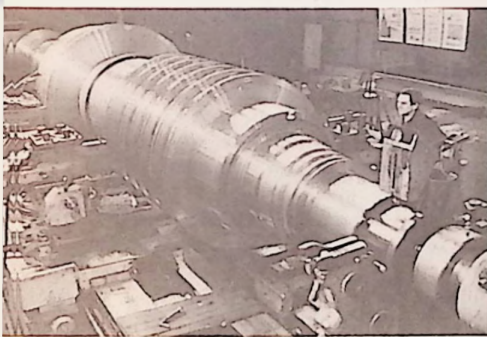
Donetsk is a steel town (Zhdanov plant) but since World War Two Planning has enabled them to separate industry from spacious new housing districts.



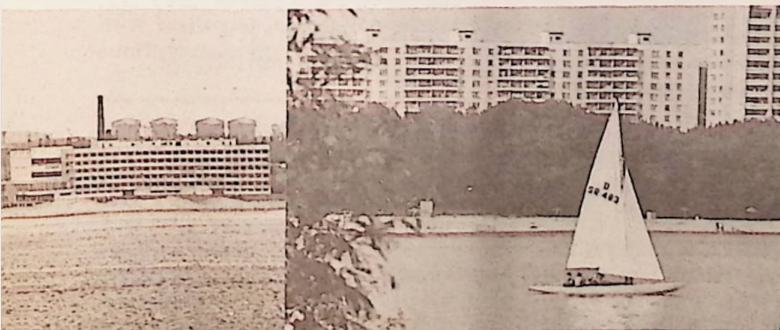
Famous T-150K tractors, made in Kharkov, are on toughest jobs in many countries. All their tractor plants work on overtime.



In recent years they've created many new beaches in and around big cities. This is right in Kiev's "rest zone".



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Great if you could get stars Nina Pisarenko and Maya Golenko to sing and play some traditional numbers.



Delicious Health Dishes From Stale Bread

Enjoy yourself making and eating these health foods. Never mind saving money, too; you can buy stale bread cheap. From Soviet chefs, doctors.

Super Toast

Take 200 grams (roughly half a pound) of stale white bread and cut into 1 cm (half inch) squares. Fry these in butter until brown: 1 or 2 tablespoons butter (or oil). Cover this toast with 4 medium-size apples, sliced thin. Sprinkle on top two tablespoons of grated cheese. Put it all under the broiler and watch carefully until it is nicely browned. Very good for lunch, too.

Super Vegetarian Toast

Shred finely a quarter of a small green cabbage, 2 medium carrots, 150 grams fresh pumpkin or marrow, 2 small apples. Cook carrots gently with a cup of milk and two tablespoons of oil or butter. Then add cabbage, pumpkin, apple. Stir all and cook gently until tender. Salt to taste. When cooked, sprinkle 2 tablespoons of parsley or similar greens. Lastly, beat well 2 eggs with a little milk, soak sliced stale bread in that mixture (like making French toast), and cook in oven. When ready, liberally spread each slice with the vegetable mixture, and sprinkle two tablespoons of grated peppy cheese on top.

Cheese-Onion-Bread Soup

Best if you use 100 grams stale white and 100 grams stale rye bread. Soak bread in about 1 litre (quart) water. When thoroughly soaked stir in two medium onions finely chopped and fried for 3 minutes or so in 2 tablespoons of butter or oil.

Bring all to low boil and simmer for 15-20 minutes. Finally add 100 grams grated cheese, and boil lightly, with stirring, for another 5 to 7 minutes. Add more water if too thick. (Some may prefer to put it all through a blender; others say *half* blended is just right. Many soups are good with "blended" bread to thicken).

Milk-Bread-Egg Soup

Soviet chefs have adapted this from Spanish cooking.

Start with 200 grams stale white bread cut into small squares. Arrange on pan, sprinkle bread with 2 tablespoons of ordinary sugar, and carefully brown the bread in oven.

Bring 1 liter of milk to boil, and stir into it 4 well beaten eggs. (This may require a little practice, to get the egg smoothly dispersed in the milk. Here, again, some find it's easier to let the blender blend it). Add salt to taste. Sharpen it if you wish with something peppery. Stir the browned sugared bread into the liquid, and cook gently. Caution: different breads add different "thicknesses" to this kind of soup, which you can look after by adjusting the amount of milk. It's a *different* soup, good on a cold day, and easy to make when you're familiar with it.

Surprise Charlotte Dessert

Main job here is to crush and sift white-and-rye stale bread crusts until you have what Soviet chefs call "crust flour". Usual way is with a rolling-pin and strainer, but it's easier with a blender. You take 2 cups of this flour and gently fry it in two tablespoons of butter (oil just won't give the flavor you want). Peel and cut into slices 5 medium apples. In shallow pot cook apples gently in minimum water, adding one-half cup sugar and a dash of lemon juice. Some like this Charlotte more "lemony", so suit your taste. Mix cooked apples with cooked "flour" you made from crusts. Press a layer of this mixture into bottom of buttered baking dish. Then sprinkle on a thin layer of icing sugar.

Then another layer of the mixture, followed by more sugar on top. Cover with clean napkin and press with plate for 20 minutes. Take off napkin, bake to light brown in oven, serve, pass the cream, and make more next time.

Your mother made this pudding?

Start with 200 grams stale white bread, which you let stand in a cup of milk until thoroughly soaked.

Now grate finely 4 carrots. (Mother didn't think of carrots?). Boil to tender in water.

Mix soaked bread and carrots with 200 grams cottage cheese, one beaten egg, 2 tablespoons sugar, and enough salt to bring up flavor.

Spread in baking dish, sprinkle with sugar, and bake to brown. Nutritionists say the carrots *make* this very tasty dessert.

Biscuits From Stale Bread

You need 3 cups of finely crumbed wheat or rye stale bread. Soak crumbs with one-and-a-half cups of milk, for 15 minutes, with frequent stirring. When crumbs are really swelled, stir in 1 table spoon of baking flour and 2 tablespoons of starch (*potato* starch if you have it). While stirring, sprinkle in half a table-spoon of powdered cocoa, half a table-spoon of cinnamon. Now beat 7 (yes, seven) eggs with 1 cup of sugar, and combine that with the first mixture. Spread it all evenly in a baking pan and cover with waxed paper. Bake carefully in oven. Test a bit to taste for "done-ness". Cool and cut to biscuit size. Store-bought biscuits were never like these.

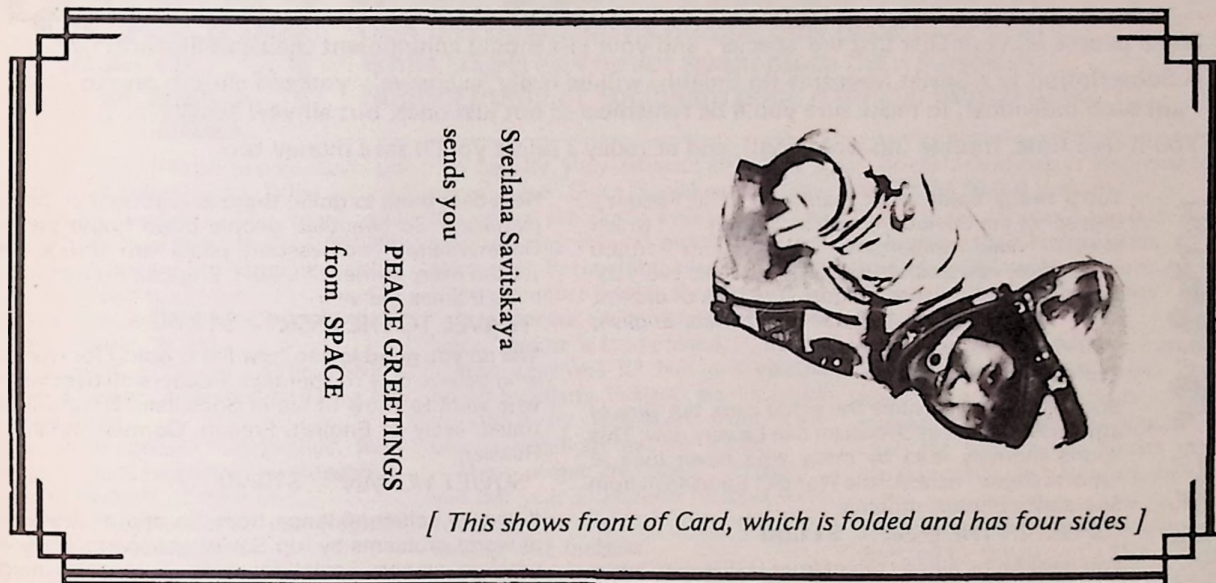
You can serve them just as they are, with tea or coffee; or, top them with fruit, jam, jelly, to get scrumptious combinations.

Now that our own nutritionists are, at long last, discovering bread (staff of life for 5000 years) you might enjoy reading "Maybe You Need More Bread?" (No. 213) "Russian Rye Black Bread" (No. 880) and "Bread" (No. 734).

Far from being a "starchy fattening" food, bread is a high-protein staple containing vital trace-elements. Hope these Soviet recipes help you introduce bread back in, differently.

First time on Earth

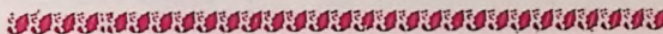
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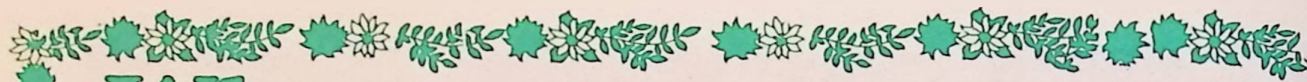
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50,000 BUDGETS

without borrowing one dime

**Reagan is piling up new debts of 100 billions per year.
With total already over a trillion dollars in the hole.
USA has balanced its budget only once in 22 years.
While USSR has never spent more than it took in.
Budget truths of Socialism pack a terrific punch now.**

Every year, Soviet people draw up and pass 50,000 budgets. What we call *government budgets*. This huge total does not include budgets for 1,500,000 enterprises run by Soviet people within their Socialist economy.

To get the picture, here's your breakdown of those 50,000. . . .

— Biggest, of course, is the USSR's national budget, followed by 15 for the 15 Republics.

— "Autonomous" Republics, Regions and areas (within major Republics) have 38 budgets of their own.

— Smaller Territories and Regions operate with 128 budgets.

— Districts have 3,196 separate budgets; cities have 2,089.

— Finally, "settlements" (usually developing districts) and rural villages have 45,374 budgets.

The total is well over 50,000.

Now, **each budget** is drawn up by its corresponding Soviet (Council), elected by the people. And all those 50,000 Soviets "**budget together**".

Early in the spring, village and city and similar Soviets estimate *what they'll take in* through the year. From the **profits** of enterprises operating in their area. Plus very low taxes from the public.

Naturally, they estimate *what they'll spend*, also. Since Socialism continually grows, practically every budget has more coming in, and more going out, every year. **But one thing remains always.** Expenses must be less than income.

In our terms: every budget has to "balance" before it is approved.

Who approves it? Not just elected Soviet members. Budgets are discussed in USSR by **volunteers** from trade unions, youth groups, the public.

These people are called "activists", and last year *30 millions* of them were concerned enough to go to meetings dealing with budgets.

Now a vital point. Their system of *Socialist Democracy* involves **careful check-ups**. Because people can make mistakes. So, every budget is checked *in the next higher Soviet*.

All the way up to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. There, all those 49,999 "lower" budgets are fitted into the nation's plans, and take shape as the Soviet Union's National Budget.

As you can well imagine, that national budget takes into consideration any plans drawn up that *may include* projects which, for one reason or another, *do not fit into the nation's resources* that year.

So their final step is also vital to balancing all 50,000 budgets. . . .

All those "lower" Soviets have to **re-consider** their budget plans, to make sure they fit into the budget drawn up "above" them. **Only then** are the budgets passed.

Yes, sometimes (though rarely) one Soviet may budget *beyond its own means*. As when a vital new industry requires a lot of extra housing. In which case, the next higher Soviet will find the necessary cash to meet the deficit.

But never do they allow borrowing! Their banks are all publicly owned, and directed by the nation's Ministry of Finance, so there is **no profit** to be made through "financing" any of the people's Soviets by lending them cash when they're strapped.

Their rule is **no debt, period**.

This is not a mere "principle" of Soviet budgeting. It is fundamental to Socialism, the system which allows no one to profit from the mistakes or misfortunes of others.

Their budgets always balance because they have **no "freedom" for capital**, no private ownership of banks.

And no public debt, either.

Because they have no capitalists.

Moscow's "budgeteers" handle financing of 12 million people

The population of Moscow is usually given as 8 million, but another 4 million live in suburbs more or less a part of the capital. Clearly, this is one of our world's biggest cities. *And its budget is balanced!*

That's not the only distinction. Moscow, a socialist city, owns-and-operates *the whole thing*, including some of the biggest industrial plants in the USSR.

And Moscow grows by 100,000 more people every year.

NN discovered that a woman financial wizard, Yevdokia Safronova, is the individual who supervises what is by far the greatest civic budget on earth. She tells us:

- **Profits and taxes paid by enterprises** owned by the people make up 94 percent of all Moscow's revenues.

- Taxes paid by citizens amount to just 6 percent.

- Of the capital's **total take** this year (2,600 million roubles, about 4,100 million dollars) well over 2,300 million roubles are receipts **our cities never get**: profits and funds from major economic enterprises.

- So it's not all that "impossible" to budget with no borrowing; indeed, Ms. Safronova is going to make sure she has 5 million roubles "left over" in December, just in case some emergency arises.

No other city **spends** like Moscow does.

Nearly everything the city spends goes directly or indirectly to the population.

Like 90,000 new apartments for some 300,000 people. With 19 big schools, 19 kindergartens, 12 out-patient clinics, many new stores and service shops.

Plus all associated streets, waterworks, power supply, sewers. *All paid for in cash, no borrowing.*

By the way: Moscow has another "first". **First city** that will very soon provide **every family** with its own **private apartment**. Never before been attempted.

What about *transporting* 12 million citizens?

That's Ms. Safronova's second biggest budget job.

Every day *15 million Moscow people take a ride!*

At prices from **three kopeks** to **five kopeks**. Fares don't cover operating costs. So Moscow's budget picks up the travel tab for . . . **147 million dollars** this year.

To say nothing of health services, education, theatres, sports facilities, social security. Total bill for those items is well over **1500 million dollars**.

But not to worry. The money pours in every day. The profits of Socialism. *Profit is a clean word to them!*

"Socialism is alive, developing, advancing. We don't simply believe this, we see it before our eyes!"

Contrast between our Depression, their Prosperity, sharper than ever

The on-going progress of the Soviet people is truly a "menace" to Capitalism, as tens of millions of jobless workers look at Socialism and wonder 'Why not?'

1977. As though by coincidence, the severe "oil crisis" in the West came at a time when Soviet geologists, engineers and workers far exceeded USA in petroleum output.

USA output fell sharply, and oil prices began to soar.

Soviet production increased 227 million barrels, USA's dropped 63 million. Socialism became a world source of petroleum, but at a time of rising world prices, inside their system the USSR experienced no energy inflation whatever.

At the same time Soviet cars began to enter the world market, as the huge factory making Ladas came into full production. This, when Detroit began its long and disastrous slide downwards, dragging with it steel, rubber, glass, plastics.

To top it off: Socialism showed no price increases for any goods, from clothes to housing. It was now clear that economic planning can keep prices steady while steadily raising people's incomes.

1978. This was the greatest year (to date) for Soviet Space science. Their cosmonauts broke all records for time-in-flight. Salyut-6 began working as first space station. Men inside it were joined by two more, linking three ships into a made-in-space unit 100 feet long.

Meanwhile, USA waited for the long-promised Space Shuttle.

For millions who wore thick glasses from childhood, Svyatoslav's "miracle operation" (ending short-sight in just minutes) was the big Soviet news. Couldn't be suppressed, and was soon copied by hundreds of eye specialists round the world.

But our media played up Jewish demands that Western world pull out of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, as a "punishment" of Socialism. Jewish coin dealers broadcast appeal to buy no Moscow collectors' sets.

Strong opposition to this boycott idea developed everywhere in sports circles. Ironically, Moscow coin sales began to break all records.

Story of the coming of Socialism



— year by year

1979. Suddenly the West woke up to Soviet shipping. As trade within the world of Capitalism started collapsing, obviously Socialism was not only doing more business (97 billion dollars foreign trade in 1978!) but carrying most of it in a fleet of very new, fast freighters.

World of finance could no longer turn a blind eye to the clear facts about tremendous Soviet production, which was making trade with the West ever more profitable.

And now it seemed that in Siberia, Soviet people were opening up what promised to be a whole new continent rich in everything the world required.

To make Socialism's expanding future a sure bet, their 1979 Census surprised the world with a population of well over 260,000,000 people.

Third largest in world. And the only mass-populated nation on Earth to have no unemployment.

Many in West asked: Can 260 million prosperous people be far wrong?

Soviet people meet new USA threats with peaceful achievements

1980. When liberated, pro-Socialist Afghanistan regime appealed for aid against constant armed attacks by USA-backed Pakistan and China, USSR sent in troops. Afghanistan was intended to be CIA's anti-Soviet base, replacing lost Iran. This the USSR would not tolerate.

Soviet action, which was decisive in saving Socialism there, aroused venomous, hysterical campaign all over West. Main "response" was Washington's frank new policy of arming to destroy USSR and its Socialist allies.

But major propaganda drive was USA's "call to the world" to boycott Moscow Olympics.

Olympic is history. Those Olympics not only were greatest sports events of all time, but rallied big majority of countries against the USA.

Just as President Carter's raid on Iran failed dismally, so his ridiculous anti-Olympics campaign died before it got going, and prestige of Soviet Union went soaring.

1981. Great event of year was 26th Congress of USSR's Communist Party, in which 74,000,000 of Socialism's most ardent supporters registered their historic gains and faced main problems before them.

In 10 years Soviet workers had raised their output 178 percent, while Capitalism suffered major down-turn in production.

Socialism's progress was all across the board: economy, science, health, sport, culture. And Soviet Communists greeted friendly parties of 94 countries — greatest political alliance in all history.

Western world media (especially in Canada and USA) pulled biggest ever blooper by raising sky-high the superiority of North American hockey, to be proven once and for all in Canada Cup Series. But in one of hockey's most dramatic clashes, the USSR Select cleaned up emphatically.

For all the world to see, sports had become a force favoring the new Socialist system.

1982. In this one year, Capitalism was hit by severely worsening crises in five major industries: steel, autos-trucks, airlines, lumber and railways. But this time the economic effects were compounded, in the world of propaganda-ideas, by astonishing Soviet successes.

In railways: greatest project of modern times, BAM Siberian road, symbolised Socialism's prosperity.

In lumber: housing and construction boom made USSR's timber workers strain to increase output (while West's forests fell silent).

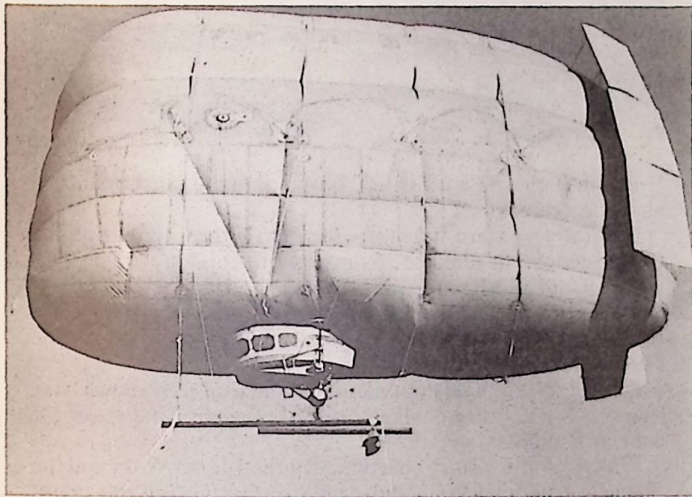
In airlines: record plane output failed to keep pace with Aeroflot's expansion, while major USA lines drifted into bankruptcy.

In autos: every year saw every new Soviet car and truck sold.

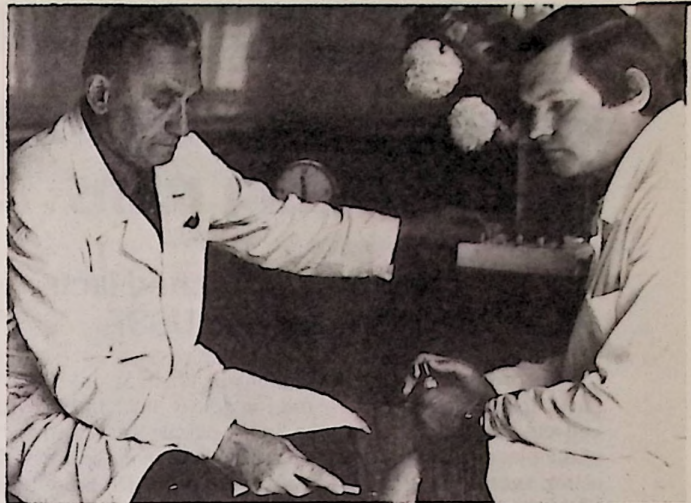
In steel: leading the world, Soviet plants pressed ahead with massive new production facilities, immune to deadly slump in West.

With more of same on the way.

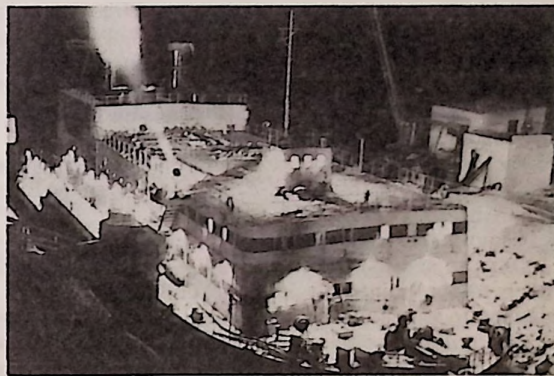
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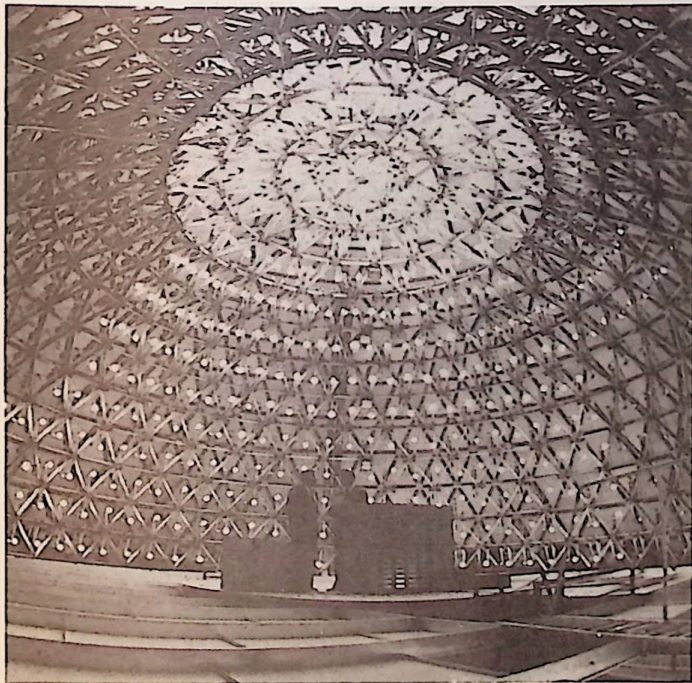
New small Soviet airship designed to carry freight loads in Siberia, where oil-and-gas fields are opened without roads of any kind. Note huge fins for stability, maneuverability. Called "Ural-3" this helium-filled transporter has two very big advantages: it can go anywhere (requires no "port") and is far cheaper than helicopter hauling.



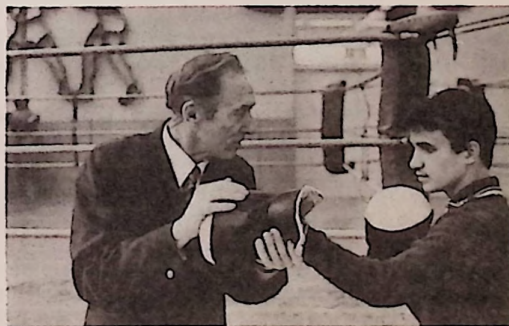
Dr. Yuri Mironenko trying out his new electrical stimulator device on athlete with first signs of arthritis. Already proven effective.



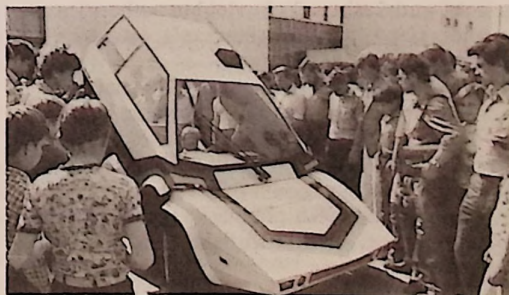
This ship is one of a new fleet of Soviet electrical-power vessels, used in Far North to light, heat, power isolated enterprises.



Only one of its kind in world, this testing-room, developed by Soviet architects and planners, gives infinitely different kinds of light, which duplicate natural outdoors daylight from dawn to dark, in every season, in any locality. In front of men, in our photo, are model buildings. By "dialling" for any hour, any day in year, any place in USSR, architects and city-designers can see exactly what lighting is like around any building. Major planning advance.



Georgi Zybalov shows boxer Anatoly Epov the new "soft" gloves, which some coaches say will become compulsory, to avoid injuries.



Alex Kalyugin's unique car isn't yet on sale but it draws packed crowds whenever parked.

A war to end the world?

In two hours nothing but smoking ruins...

Now you see from published facts what USA plans to do to USSR.

According to recent revelations in Washington, the USA first drew up plans to *wipe out the USSR*, back in 1949. That all-out nuclear assault on the Soviet people was scheduled to take place in 1957. As you've probably seen in the press, this "top secret" war plan was given the name **Dropshot** (taken from tennis).

Naturally, full details of Dropshot have not been given out. No matter — those nuclear plans of 1948 have been radically "advanced" since then. The general outline, however, was available to commentators as early as 1978. As you might expect, editors and reporters gave Dropshot little attention.

Main reason for that was the *astonishing goal* of USA war-planners in 1949. They aimed to follow up atomic bombing of USSR with *invasion by 23 divisions*. That was to be nothing short of occupying the Soviet Union.

And at the same time, another 15 USA divisions would smash and occupy the other Socialist nations on the European continent.

In short: *total extermination of Socialism*.

You can see that the out-dated war plan of 1949 is very much to the point now in 1982. Fully 33 years ago USA planned to wipe out USSR at a time when Socialism was *no threat at all* to Capitalism. "Turning back the Soviet threat" simply had *no meaning* then. Naturally, many military experts answer that fact with the question: is there actually such a threat now?

Bluntly: is Washington's frenzied arms build-up in response to any Soviet menace; or, is its real aim the same as Dropshot's... **to destroy Socialism?**

This year the prestigious *Centre for Science and International Affairs* (Harvard University) made public two more documents long kept top-secret.

- One, dated 1954, covered a briefing of U.S. Navy chiefs by the Air Force Strategic Air Command; it mapped out a new scheme for liquidating USSR.

- The other, dated 1955, was from the Department of Defense, and gave expert views on how effective that Strategic attack would be if it were launched.

You'll find it interesting to note that *none* of these war plans in any way tried to **justify** a nuclear holocaust inflicted on the Soviet people. Their attitude is unbelievable: a war of extermination is treated like an effort to explore the Moon or Mars, *just a scientific technological "problem"!*

It goes without saying that all this hasn't been lost on political and military leaders of the USSR.

The cold truth? Not only Soviet but authorities all over the West understand that Washington's infamous plans are **up-dated every year to this day**.

Of course, the situation has radically changed.

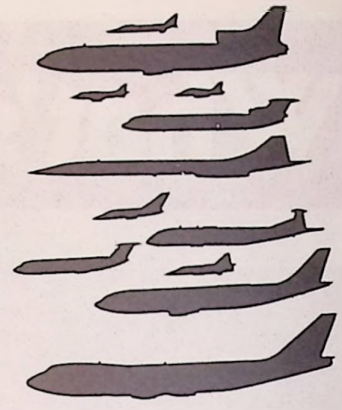
- In the 'fifties USA had 750 big atomic bombs, and planned to drop about 500 of them on USSR.

- Some 10 years later they had 2,000 much more destructive bombs which they could deliver to Soviet targets.

- At no time did USA planners make any difference between *military targets* (like airfields) and *heavily populated centres*.

- All were to be wiped out in a single massive blow.

Don't be mistaken: even the "earlier" nuclear bombs in Washington's arsenal were capable of wiping out the Soviet



Union in such a "First Strike" blow, planned (at the time) in absolute secrecy.

Naturally you are asking: **why didn't** they wipe out the Soviet people, as **planned**, from 1949 to this day?

Never did Washington give the public the answer.

The **one factor** that held them back was not humanism, but a fear that USSR would **not** be **totally** wiped out, and would **return the deadly attack in force**.

But get this: official documents reveal that USA **never** ever feared a Soviet "first strike", only blows in retaliation for nuclear assault.

Washington's history (particularly the Indian Wars and the Spanish-American War) show clearly that *hitting the opponent first*, while he is unprepared, is traditional cowardly "strategy" for USA war-makers.

But in the case of USSR... would **Socialism** turn out to be unprepared to handle a nuclear coward? Or?

The Pentagon seems never to have considered what worried President Eisenhower: legally, Congress has to declare war, but how could it do so without exposing a "first strike" war plan?

In any case, once that strike was launched, the Air Force was confident that **all USSR would be reduced to a smoking, radiating ruin within two hours**.

And that was at a time when USA could strike only with nuclear bombs carried by *bombing planes!*

Today they could strike with 2000 or more "instant" rocket-missile weapons.

Yes, but. You get the point, for sure. If they were *afraid*, back in the 'fifties, that USSR might send over some atomic **bombers** of its own, how much worse is their fear today that Soviet nuclear missiles would be able to return that terrible rain of death and destruction.

But *fear* is not the proper term now.

If the White House or the Pentagon ever "presses the button" to destroy Socialism, then retaliation will be inevitable. So the First Strike is **SUICIDE**.

Even so the "planners" go on planning.

They count on missiles fired from USA bases. From Trident and other submarines. From super-bombers. From cruise missiles. From many varieties of nuclear bomb launchers always ready in Europe.

In Europe the propaganda from Washington incessantly harps on this array of First Strike weapons. Claiming that USA could, really, *start and end a nuclear war all in one blow*.

Nobody is fooled. Europeans realize that even before USA's final suicide, **they would be gone** to the nuclear-bomb "paradise".

Especially, nobody is fooled by the nonsense about a nuclear war being *winnable by anyone*.

The grim and terrible truth, however, is that many in high places in USA today are thinking that **it might be worth trying**.

To hose these types down with some ice-cold reality, the people everywhere — above all we who live on this continent — must intensify our anti-suicidal efforts.

No war can save either system!

Makes you feel good to see them advancing

Every short item below was condensed from full articles in Soviet papers. Sorry, so brief. Just flash pictures of Socialism in action.

2,400,000 SOVIET BOYS AND GIRLS finished trade schools last month and every one stepped into a job. In fact, 1500 different kinds of job.

SCOTTISH FISHERMEN ARE HAPPY about their big herring catch. Last year, most herring couldn't be sold. Made into fertilizer. This year, Soviet food industry snapped up all of this choice fish. For first time, a guaranteed market at worthwhile price. Seems that Soviet consumers have plenty to spend on quality food.

FAMED LENIN-NEVA MACHINE WORKS, in Leningrad, took up challenge of President Reagan's "ban" on high-technology gas-line pumps. Workers designed, and now are making, pump with 3 to 5 times capacity of USA's biggest. New CTN-25 turbine outlasts USA's by 3 years.

21ST WORLD MILK CONGRESS HELD IN MOSCOW, where 2500 experts from 50 countries learned that our planet's dairy farmers now deliver 470 million tonnes of milk yearly. Surprise: 94 million tonnes are consumed in Soviet Union, which is now world's top milk producing nation.

ATHLETES IN AFRICA got a big boost this past summer, when Supreme Council for Sport in Africa made an agreement with USSR Sport Committee. Already, Soviet coaches work in many African countries and colleges in USSR have trained many native African sports leaders. But new agreement, centered on Olympics, is big step ahead.

RICE CROP IN NORTHERN CAUCASUS could have been a flop this year, due to late spring, heavy rains. But Aeroflot came to rescue by sowing enormous acreage with planes. Area of "aviation farming" was greater than Britain, France and West Germany combined. Result was a bumper crop, in region formerly considered hopeless for rice.

YOU MAY HAVE READ PRESS REPORTS that Soviet prisoners were being used as "slave labor" to build the great Siberia-Europe pipeline. This was traced in Europe to "Human Rights Society", a phony branch of CIA's "NTS" propaganda center. Editors were red-faced when assured by experts that difficult pipeline work demands highest-skilled specialist workers.

BUT YOU SURELY DID NOT READ news from West Germany, where 13th World Physics Competition was held last August. USA and German school kids were expected to clean up. USSR entered 5 boys. Four of them took all the supreme awards at the competition.

LATEST TRAGEDIES ON MOUNT EVEREST, sensationalized in our media, can't hide fact that Soviet expedition scored supreme triumph by climbing world's highest peak *at night*. Daylight efforts by USA and Britain were total failures. Seems as if Canada, also, will give up. This climb is measure of highest quality physical-moral preparedness.

SOVIET TRACTOR WORKERS have long produced more tractors than any others in world. Now a new record: despite extreme competition (during western agricultural crisis) USSR's machines are selling in 70 countries and lead the world in exports. Reasons: reliability, economy.

FORESTRY SCIENTISTS HAVE CONFIRMED that trees are more than safe in Socialism. In 25 years the "developed" forest areas of USSR have given 6600 million cubic yards of timber. But re-planting has *increased* available wood by more than 15,000 million cubic yards.

WORLD'S BIGGEST MEDICAL COLLEGE has opened in Tropariyovo, a suburb southwest of Moscow. Covers some 100 acres. Besides college facilities, center has clinic accommodating 1500 adults, 1000 children. This year USSR opened its 100th medical college. *Millionth* doctor graduated. But no "surplus" medical men, as feared in USA. More and more Soviet MDs work in *preventive medicine*, to cut down tomorrow's patients.

SOVIET ESTONIAN REPUBLIC is very small but its citizens appear to rate very big in culture. Population averaged 11 books purchased per person in year (counting babies in total!). And TV is no competitor for Estonian theatres. About 1-in-4 people go to a movie every week.

MARIA CHEKALDINA, KINDERGARTEN DIRECTOR, built USSR's very first swimming pool for tiny tots, 25 years ago. Now such pools are swiftly going up all over USSR. Teach babies to swim before they can walk. This pays off big in health benefits, with amazing results showing up in teen agers. Super-modern city of Volgadonsk has 38 kindergartens with their own swimming pools. Some youngsters swim 2 or 3 times daily.

SOVIET PEOPLE WILL LIVE MUCH LONGER, leading authority predicts from new information. Dr. Dmitri Valentei says Soviet women will live **25 years more**, by year 2000, and men **15 years longer**. That's not all. If breakthroughs come in problems of cancer and heart failure, life-span will be extended to still higher figures.

WHITE SWANS HAVE COME TO LOK BATAN, an old oil producing centre in Soviet Azerbaijan. Last Swans disappeared before Soviet Revolution, though some 1000 birds would pass through in spring migrations. This year 20 pairs of swans stayed and nested. Reason: Lok Batan recently "cleaned up its act" with many anti-pollution measures.

DIAMONDS MADE INTO FILM sounds impossible, but Soviet diamond-makers have produced the precious stone in form of extremely thin ribbon. This ribbon is formed on some other object, such as a machine shaft. It then serves as super-lubricating surface, drastically reducing wear. Other applications rapidly coming in.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD FOOD made by Soviet rice farmers. In amazingly short time they've cut Soviet rice imports to zero. They're not far away now from crop of 250 million tonnes yearly. Grown mostly on land that was too swampy for any crop. Converted by scientists and engineers into ideal rice soil. Soviet rice farming is very different from Asian. Uses little labor, many newly-developed machines, including aviation rice-sowers and sprayers.

AUSTRIAN SHIP-BUILDING CENTERS aren't suffering from shut-downs that plague most countries. One reason: they've built 120 big river ships for USSR recently. With more orders continually coming in. Austrian steel plants also are busy, on ships and pipe-line orders.

WHERE IS WEIGHT-LIFTING HEADED? Soviet coaches and fans are asking this after national championship, when *20 world records* were broken! Yuri Zakharevich beat world mark 6 times in 2 hours (in 100 kg weight class). Best guess is that among 300,000 weight lifters now enjoying the sport in USSR there will appear a great many very young men who will clobber all records.

WOMEN HAVE IT TOUGH IN MOST COUNTRIES, in science and engineering. Situation is rapidly changing in Socialism. You see this from fact that one-quarter of all new Soviet inventions now are registered by women. Very big change in just 12 years. Women inventors are getting some of the top prize money. No longer limited to "women's fields like education and medicine. They're into engineering, electronics, all high-technology.

THIS PAST SUMMER SOME 600 THEATRES, the best "permanent" drama stages of USSR, packed up and went on tour through towns that don't yet have their own, playing to millions. Special theatre ship sailed up Yenesei River to bring plays to Siberia's isolated oil and gas geologists, fishermen, workers at big new industrial plants.

SOVIET SPACEMEN, who now stay up many months at a time, are very pleased by food they get. Today they eat no less than 70 different dishes, prepared by chefs who are expert in adapting food to "weightless" containers. Many foods come in tubes. Most are heated at mealtime. Most delicious (says NN) are tiny bite-size loaves of bread with exclusive flavor, texture.

NO SCHOOL LIKE THIS ELSEWHERE, but it is 50 years old. It's a "culture college" which trains men and women to staff *tens of thousands* of Palaces of Culture operating in Socialism. These are working-people clubs and theatres. College now admits 4000 students yearly for 4-year training. And that's only the college in Leningrad . . . Moscow has another!



What will you think up next?



"Although I myself am hurting in this downturn, recession, slump, or whatever they call it, I get a kind of kick out of all the gloom peddled today. These same gloomies were telling us, just a while back, that our glorious Profit System would give us prosperity for good. Meanwhile those 'poor' Soviets just keep on rolling along with Socialism." G.F.E.

"So the number of people officially in the poverty class has gone up to 31.8 million (USA). I'm trying to think of that many men, women and children, but the mind boggles. Wonder if any NN Readers could tell us how they picture such numbers of people?" F.K.

"Enjoy your special Report on 'Animals in Socialism'. Will be visiting my daughter soon and will make a run to Gravenhurst to meet Maggie." G.F.

"In one day our paper carried this news. In USA last year, 2,200,000 more people joined the ranks of those who are officially 'poor'. In the same year, 23,400,000 workers (one in every five!) were unemployed at one time or another. Tell me, do the media over there in USSR inform people with facts like these? Maybe, just like me, they would find the facts hard to believe! I think we all have illusions about the high standard of living down south. But as they say, 'Truth will out'." L.D.

"I don't know if you are aware of what the lawyers call 'Class Action suits'. Nothing to do with 'class struggle'. It means that a whole group (Class) of people get together and sue, say, an automobile company, for a certain defect in a car. If the court agrees with the suit, then damages are awarded, and everybody concerned can collect. I've got the idea we should get some smart lawyer to launch a Class Action Suit against the big papers and TV, for lying about the Soviet Union. Their anti-Soviet lying is very harmful to people and the country too! So they should pay damages for it. Sure would like to hear what other NN Readers think of this." L.L.

"Congratulations to Leonid Brezhnev, on his birthday, for his contribution to world peace. He has done much to keep our world free from war for nearly four decades which, indeed, is unexcelled by any other world statesman." P.E.K.

"I like NN so much that I'm always worrying about my subscription running out, especially when the post office brings it late some months. How can I tell when it's time for me to renew?" E.T.

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"Suppose I want to leave a little money to NN. If I go to a lawyer how do I know he won't spoil my will because he hates the Soviet Union? I'm very sceptical about lawyers." M.I.W.

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Reply: Not yet. Would you buy any?

"Mexican peso has just dropped to 90-to-USA Dollar and reports are that it will drop to 100. Who decides the rate of exchange between countries? Who is responsible, who benefits?" L.N. (Mexico)

Reply: Not all that simple, we're told. But in general the flow of money into and out of a country (trade, investment and some gambling) makes one currency worth more, or less, than another. "The market" is the main factor. But governments can step into the market, dumping (or buying) millions to lower (or raise) the exchange rate. Today this is a measure of such control on most currencies. No one group benefits *always*, and profits-or-losses are huge sometimes. Fall in Mexico peso value was *foreseen* by currency observers, who cleaned up by selling millions of pesos months ago, then buying in after the terrible drop. There is a special "futures market" where such gamblers bet on currencies going up or down. *Stay out of it!*

"Show your Readers this quote: 'The day will come when our Republic will be an impossibility. Because wealth will be concentrated in the hands of a few.' This was said by James Madison, 4th President of USA." J.W.H.

"I hope all friends of Cuba saw the news item that was buried in the back pages on July 23. Juanita Castro, that people-hating sister of Fidel, who has done so much damage since she moved to the States, has been arrested and charged with selling drugs without doctors' prescriptions. The lady would be hard-pressed to find such 'freedom' as selling drugs, in Cuba." A.B.

"This is the first time I've written but I feel I must enter the 'debate' on how all these 100-year-old people get that way. To me, it's the cigarette-cancer question all over again. As NN has pointed out, the great majority of smokers never get cancer. Now, the great majority of people who live just the same as those Soviet 100-year-olds live, never get past age 60 . . . they're dead. So a certain way of life keep some people alive, but most just go on dying regardless of what 'system' they follow. I am very sceptical of all 'health systems'. If you feel good, keep it up. If you don't, do something that makes you feel better!" V.Z.

"Enjoy reading NN very much, look forward to each issue. Would like to know more about origins of NN and about editor Dyson Carter." J.H.

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"These poor wretched no-incentive "slaves" of USSR seem to be doing pretty good, I'd say. Papers told us (Aug. 14) that Soviet men won all five gold medals in the world amateur freestyle wrestling championships, against top competition from Japan, USA, Germany. Is it their fear of being shot at sunrise if they don't win, that drives them on to such victories? I wonder what those 'Kremlinologist' experts can tell us about this?" N.Y.

"When I read 'Drugs in Our Two World Systems' in Jul-Aug. NN I was shocked and passed it on to my wife's grandson. He came back sceptical. NN said about 'one-third of all people in USA between 18 and 25 now take cocaine'. Please clarify, or I may lose a potential new Reader for NN." D.H.C.

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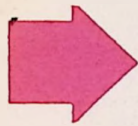
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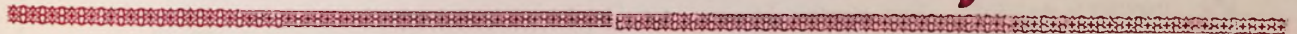
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