

Russians undermine capitalism

rest the myth that nothing can outperform private enterprise. There will be some who will argue that this has been done with slave labor. But here again, the 1978 United Nations Statistical Yearbook reports that in the manufacturing industry, the average work week in the Soviet Union was 40.7 hours, as compared to 40.8 hours in the US.

An examination of these production figures also suggests that the US may have passed its peak as a national economic unit by way of depleting its natural resource base, and will continue to thrive only as long as it can continue to plunder the natural resources of other countries.

Another point of interest is

called totalitarian government can make great strides in certain limited areas by directing all its energies into those areas. But here we have a comparison on a very broad front. Indeed we can go much beyond that front. For us we all know, the Soviets have distinguished themselves in the sciences, in the arts, in song and dance, and in sport, to the point where if some renegade Soviet ballet dancer defects to the West, we are overjoyed with our catch.

The comparisons that one can make seem almost endless. Thus between 1970 and 1976, the consumer price index stayed constant in the Soviet Union, but it went up by a hefty 47% in the US. Also, it is safe to say that no

and freedom for what? Surely a country that has lost over 20 million of its prime citizens in a war not of its making would be downright naive to give fascist elements the freedom to subvert it from within after they failed to conquer it from without.

There is a danger, of course, of belittling the accomplishments of the USA and its contributions to the world. As is well known, these are many and they are great, and it is certainly not the intent here to downgrade these in any way. But there is a greater danger in burying our heads in the sand in the belief that there is no room for improvement in our own home territory. Indeed, if one takes the trouble to keep his vision clear, he

and peace.

With the present stockpiles of modern atomic weapons, sufficient to kill every living thing on this planet earth many times over, the question of peace is far too important to be left in the hands of the politicians alone. A few of us dying off may not matter that much. But when it comes to a real possibility of the extinction of the

human race, and this is indeed a possibility if a war should break out, then that is a far more serious matter which should concern us all.

It is the duty of every individual who values life to give this question his very highest priority. It may be much later than most of us realize.

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that in 1977 the Soviet Union produced 14.32 million tons of salt as compared to the US production figure of 38.95 million tons. Further, the US has been producing consistently more salt than the Soviet Union. Yet we all hear about the Russians working in salt mines, but not once do we hear about Americans working in salt mines. Perhaps the Russians have to mine their salt with manpower, while the Americans mine theirs with know-how.

It is often argued that a so-

Soviet citizen is in danger of moving out of his place of residence because of escalating mortgage/rental costs. Likewise, no Soviet student need worry his mind about where the money for his tuition is going to come from. The Soviet student has the additional advantage of having the most comprehensive and effective educational system.

The point is sometimes made that there is a lack of freedom in the USSR. The appropriate question here is — freedom for whom

will find much room for improvement everywhere he looks. If we took the trouble to look at others in an objective and respectful manner, this planet earth would be a much better and safer place to live in.

But beyond politics and beyond our efforts to decide which are the good guys and which are the bad guys, there is, certainly, a much more important question that we should be directing all our attention to, and that is the question of nuclear armaments

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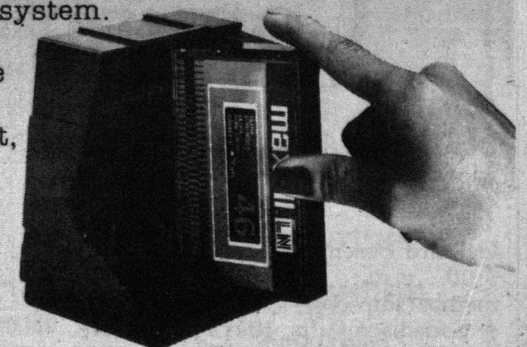
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