

The Soviet Union: Land of mystery, wonder, and peace

by David Marples

Every time the Bank of Canada's interest rate goes up, every time I hear the words "economic crisis" I cannot help but wish that I was living in the Soviet Union, that mysterious and wonderful land where a hundred different races live together in eternal harmony and quiet satisfaction. In the fields the peasants are working, diligently and happily because they know that they are working for a state in which the people are the all-important factor. I would now like to illustrate the various facets of life in the socialist state, a true socialist state I mean, not some phoney facade like China or Poland (more on the latter in a moment). When you have read my arguments, which contain not one item of fanaticism or dogma, you will conclude, dear reader, that you are wasting your time living in this bourgeois, hell hole called North America. More than likely you will pack your bags and head northward.

1. History

The history of the United States and Canada is marred by the disgusting theft of land from the Indians. In the Soviet Union all the land was given freely to the toiling peasants. True there were a few dissenters, kulaks, bourgeois rattlesnakes, but Comrade Stalin, in his infinite wisdom put them to work in factories in the Arctic, where they could put their useless propaganda to proper use. Oh maybe a few million peasants died in Ukraine, but they were all bourgeois nationalists anyway, in the pay of Western imperialists. Some people have mentioned the "purges." But how was a true socialist state supposed to survive on its own without a few good purges to clear the air? Stalin, of course was a psychic. He could tell a man was guilty by looking at his eyebrows. Fortunately, a counter-revolution was averted, and if there weren't enough people left over to make up the Red Army, that was just too bad. Anyway we (the Soviet People, that is) soon recovered and sorted Hitler out good and proper. True the capitalists lent us a few thousand tanks and guns, but we would have made them anyway sooner or later. And look at Europe now. All those states followed the

USSR's example and fraternal leadership, with just the minimum of persuasion. Now an invasion every ten years or so is not so bad if it's going to keep the peace. Everyone knows Hungarians and Czechs are rotten people, with no loyalty. Keep the bastards in line, it's the only thing they understand.

But I am digressing. Finally a brief word about Afghanistan and Poland since much slander has been disseminated about those events by the Anglo-American imperialists. The Afghan people invited the USSR in, in order to link up with the workers of Russia. Brezhnev even has the letter from Karmal and I'm sure would show it to any of you who have doubts. A few exploiters opposed the Red Army, but the majority wanted the Russians in. *Pravda* makes this clear and generously allocated President Brezhnev space to explain his policy. Our aim is peace. Always peace. And we have to have a few wars to attain it. (Lenin, *Sochinenia* XXXVIII, 34th edition, p. 870). As for Poland, Lech Walesa is an American spy, a fact known to anyone with an ounce of sense. A good kick up the arse is what the Poles need and they are

going to get it. Because the USSR seeks peace.

2. Economy

The Soviet economy has expanded by leaps and bounds, completely outproducing its American rival. Soviet cabbage production is twice that of the United States and turnips are gaining rapidly. There are now 236 turnip collective farms in the USSR (United Nations Handbook, 1962, p. 34) most of which are producing more and bigger turnips per acre than their U.S. counterparts. By the year 2045, if the current pace is maintained, and there is no reason to believe otherwise, fantastic though it is, the USSR will be able to feed 45% of its own citizens. And there are a lot of people in the USSR. As for industry, we are untouchable in the world. Admittedly a small percentage of investment goes into armaments, but this is only minor, around 85%. At least 15% of Soviet investment in 1976-80 went to supply the people with consumer needs. Some workers now possess cars, if they're in the party that is, which is only fair. 23% of Soviet apartments now possess bath plugs and

that number is increasing daily. 43% of all collective farm toilets now possess toilet paper, thus these families are now able to actually read *Pravda*. And not all our planes are MiGs. Soviet airlines are amongst the most efficient in the world. Aeroflot hasn't had a crash for 4 months and even that was on a foggy day and with a slippery runway. No one is unemployed. Can people in the West imagine that? Even women work because women are equal in the Soviet state, although President Brezhnev says, they should be at home making babies, but that's another story. Everyone works except for a few thousand drunkards and hooligans who are most probably capitalist plants because they certainly don't act like Soviet people. Most of them are not Russians anyway, but Estonians, Ukrainians, i.e. members of the less intelligent races, lacking in Russian uprightness.

3. Ideology

Finally, a brief word on ideology. The West, of course, is decrepit in its total lack of new ideas. But in the USSR communism has almost been attained. Under the leadership of the great Lenin, Stalin and now the remarkable Brezhnev (with a bit of early work by Marx and somebody Engels, but who remembers them anyway) the USSR has gone forward, uniting the workers of the world, combating fascism wherever it rears its head. In contrast, Reagan hasn't an idea in his head, Haig is a maniac and Weinberger a clueless idiot who probably doesn't know his way to Detroit. Leonid Brezhnev is the possible saviour of the world. Don't let a few million nuclear warheads fool you. Brezhnev is seeking peace, and always will if he has to eliminate a few warmongers to achieve it. And why, you ask, why should the world follow in Russia's footsteps? Brezhnev has the answer and he told me one day, sitting in his pyjamas consuming his early afternoon bottle of vodka. "Bekosh," he spluttered, "We wash de firsh." Simple but profound.

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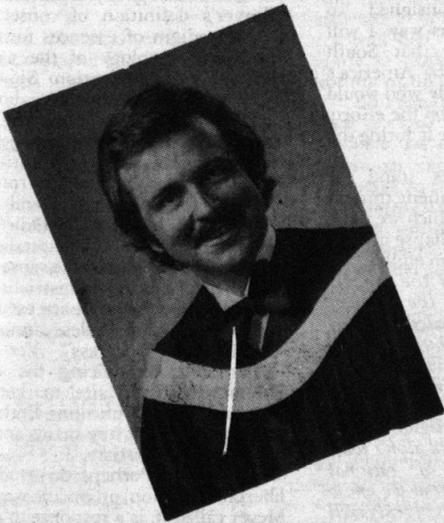
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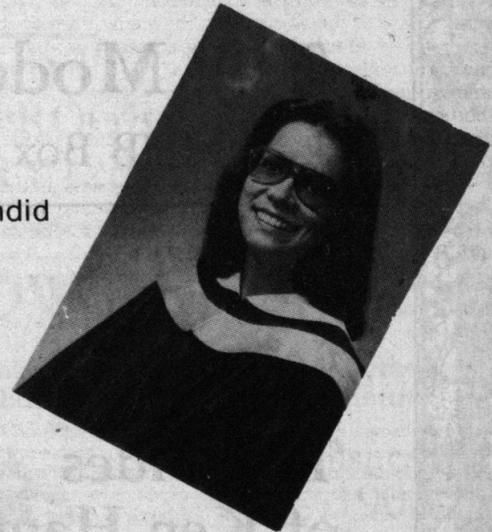
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