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Photo: Carol Walker While the word Kremlin signifies the Soviet government to most of us, it in fact means "fortress." It includes the Kremlin cathedrals which are a source of great pride to Russians. Inside they glow magnificently in gold leaf, and are rich with icons and murals.

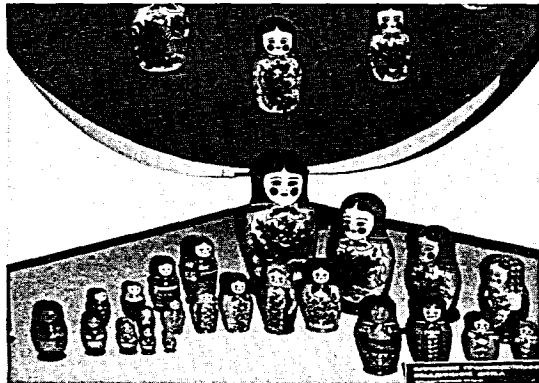


Photo: Carol Walker Matrioshka dolls. While our children enjoyed visits to Russian toy stores, they preferred toys from Britain, ordered by catalogue. Just before Christmas, four-year-old Michael burst into the apartment crying, "Mom! Santa's British!" Santa had come to the British nursery school. To his relief Santa's British accent meant British toys in his stocking.

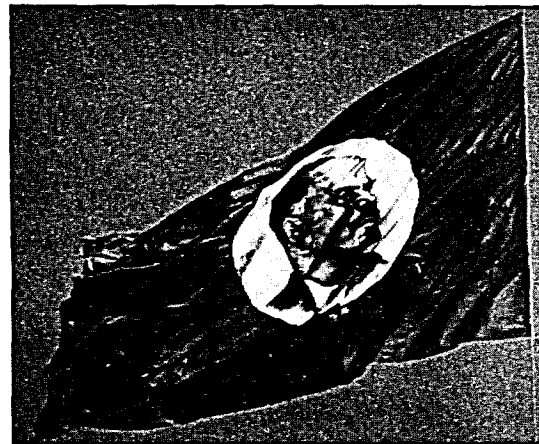
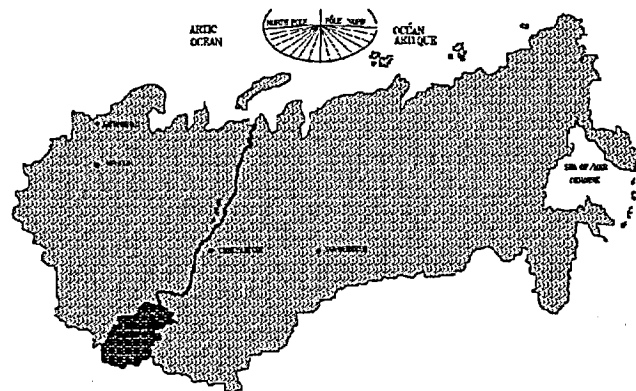


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A favorite weekend excursion for Canadians in Moscow is to the Bird Market. It is a pet market, with sections for birds, rabbits, fish (which are sold from aquaria strung around the neck of the vendors), dogs, and cats. Pet owners, many from rural areas, come to buy and sell animals privately. Russians have a great love of animals, and will join clubs with other owners of the same breed of dog. The naturalist, Gerald Durrell, called the Bird Market the most charming spot in the Soviet Union.