

XXVI th SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC

ASSISTANCE

XXVI th Session of the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance completed its work in Moscow. In the Session's Protocol are stressed considerable successes of the CMEA countries in the realization of the Comprehensive programme of economic intergration. The Session's Protocol was signed by the heads of the delegations:

- of the People's Republic of Bulgaria,
- the Hungarian People's Republic,
- the German Democratic Republic,
- the Mongolian People's Republic,
- the Polish People's Republic,
- the Socialist Republic of Rumania,
- the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,
- the Czechoslovakian Socialist Republic.

After signing the protocol Alexei Nikolaevich Kosygin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, took the floor. He expressed satisfaction with the results of the work of the Session, welcomed the reception of the Republic of Cuba to the CMEA community. "The coordination of national economic plans-said comrade Kosygin-already brings to light the outline of a magnificent development programme of the socialist community of nations with a population of 382 million. Over a ten year period, these plans are to secure practically a doubling of our economy". Willi Stoph, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of GDR, expressed on behalf of all present delegations at the Session their hearty gratitude to the Central Committee of CPSU, to the government of the USSR for its hospitality, for excellent conditions of the work of the XXVIth Session of the Council of Mutual Assistance.

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HELICOPTERS IN BUILDING

This helicopter was designed specially for building and assembling work. During the test period the crew of the helicopter under the command of pilot Fedor Belushkin performed complicated assembling operations which demand very high accuracy. A construction weighing 120 tons had to be installed into the orifice of a 250 meter high chimney of the Kostromskaya Electro Station. The actions of pilots and assemblers are coordinated with extreme accuracy. The final manoeuvre and an exact hit. The assistance of the helicopter helped to reduce the period of work four times.

A UNIQUE OPERATION

Caustic alkali burned out the eyes and the man became absolutely blind. Three years of hopeless search for ways to return his sight brought Nikolai Belii to Professor Krasnov. After thorough examination the scientist offered the patient to make one seeing eye from both affected ones. Medicine had not yet heard of such an operation, but this was the only possible way of curing the patient. Professor Mikhail Krasnov and a staff of physicians of the Laboratory of Micro-Surgery of the Eye of the Second Medical Institute thoroughly prepared for the difficult experiment. The operation that was planned by Professor Krasnov was unusual and daring. He proposed that the eye ball made from two unaffected halves should normally grow together and make one whole eyeball. Biological incompatibility was excluded because both eyes were from the same man. The unique operation was carried out in stages during several months and was completed with full success. Sight has been returned to the patient. It was an outstanding victory. Both are happy today - the man who is once more able to see the world surrounding him, and the surgeon-scientist, who has turned a new page in world medical science.

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