

XVII CONGRESS OF THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

The Kremlin Palace of Congresses. The nearly 5,000 delegates and the best representatives of the Lenin Young Communist League arrived at their XVII Congress. The youth of the country of Soviets reports to the Communist Party, to their people about the results of their work, about their resolution to be in the first ranks of the builders of communism. On behalf of all the young Leninists and youth of our country the Congress heartily welcomes comrade Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, members and candidates to the members of Politbureau of the CPSU Central Committee, secretaries of the CPSU Central Committee. Tyazhelnikov, First Secretary of the Komsomol Central Committee, opened the Congress and gives the floor to Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev. /"First of all, I would like to cordially congratulate you, all Komsomols and all Soviet young people with this major event--the opening of the 17th Congress of the Lenin Komsomol"/. Further in his speech comrade Brezhnev stressed, that Komsomol was always and has been staying the active reserve and faithful assistant of the Party. He emphasized the greatness of the tasks, facing the glorious Komsomol vanguard, and called on the young foremost workers of the five-year plan to be the initiators of glorious deeds, to inspire their comrades in work.

In conclusion of his speech comrade Brezhnev said... /Synch. "There is no borderline, no watershed, looking at which one could say: this is the present and that is the future. Already today one must build and affirm this future each and every day in one's working life, bring it closer and translate it into reality. It is the name of this that your League bears the lofty title of Leninist, communist!"/.

Comrade Tyazhelnikov, First Secretary of the Komsomol Central Committee, delivered the report of the Komsomol Central Committee. XVII Congress of Komsomol is a significant stage in the life of the young builders of communism, in their struggle for implementing the historical decisions of the 24th Party Congress.

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ND 32: CLEARING OF THE SUEZ CANAL

Ships of the Soviet Navy are in the Suez Canal. The USSR is a devoted friend of the Arab Republic of Egypt not only in time of war, but also in peaceful days. By request of the government of Egypt Soviet sailors and pilots are clearing the canal of mines. The work is being carried out strictly according to plans which were approved by representatives of Egypt. Soviet experts use modern technique for demining. Our miners have rich experience in such operations. Recently they had successfully cleared of mines port Chittagong in Bangladesh. This major waterway has been inactive since 1967. Now everything is done to open the passage of ships through the Suez Canal as soon as possible.

PARADE OF GRACES

Both men and women can participate in majority of types of sports. But there is one which is for women and women only. Art Gymnastics. The exercises become more complicated each year, each year it becomes more difficult to gain victory. Young gymnasts successfully competed with renown masters at the National Championships in Minsk, such as 16 year old Irina Deryugina, a schoolgirl from Kiev. One of the main favourites was World Silver Prize winner Natalia Krashennikova, a student from Stavropol. Exercises with a ball gave her 9,85 points. Her main rival was Galima Shugurova, World Champion in this exercise. She receives 10 points and becomes leader of the Championships. Next come exercises with the skipping-rope, one of the most difficult. Galima Shugurova begins easily and confidently, then suddenly the rope gets tangled. Valuable 0,3 points are lost. The fight for victory becomes very acute. What will Krashennikova show? The Gold Medal for the sum of points was awarded to Natalia Krashennikova, she was 0,3 points ahead of Galima Shugurova. Irina Deryugina was third. Team victory went to the team of the Russian Federation.

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(SOP) BREZHNEV SPEECH AT THE MEETING

Our country is meeting the 57th anniversary of the Revolution in the bloom of its power and strength. It has achieved great social, economic and cultural progress. A society of developed Socialism has been created in our country and the building of Communism is being successfully accomplished. This is the main result of the post-October history, the result of the selfless labour of all generations of Soviet people.

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NATIONAL GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sports gymnastics is becoming younger - even 15 year old gymnastics participate in such championships. Together with the young sportsmen our best gymnasts, such as Olga Korbut, Lyudmila Turisceva, Nikolai Andrianov, Viktor Klimenko competed for the title of the national champion. The chief pretenders for the title among men were Klimenko from the Moscow Army Club, and Andrianov, a student from Vladimir. Klimenko surprised the audience by his effective double-salto jump off. Nikolai Andrianov also demonstrated an excellent performance on the horizontal bar. A sensational result: both Klimenko and Andrianov gained an equal sum of points.

The fight for victory was close among women also. World, Europe and Olympics Champion Lyudmila Turisceva received 9,7 points and was ahead of Olga Korbut. Olga Korbut then demonstrated an excellent performance of her famous "Korbut loop" on parallel bars, which gave her 9,8 points. This decided the winner. Turisceva showed a surprising new program of free exercises and received 9,8 points. For the second time Turisceva becomes the absolute Champion of the Soviet Union. Olga Korbut received a Silver Medal, the Bronze was awarded to Nelly Kim, a school-girl from Uzbekistan. Turisceva's coach Vladimir Rastorotsky was also awarded a Gold Medal. /Soversky Sport No6/.

THE ART OF RESTORATION

Restored masterpieces of art. These wonderful paintings have been returned to the public through the art and painstaking work of painters-restorators. An exhibition of the paintings restored by the Grabar Studio, devoted to the 30th anniversary of its existence was mounted in the halls of the Academy of Arts. Now the Studio has been transformed into an All-Russian Scientific Restoration Centre. To restore a painting means not only to renew it, to return the painting its original brilliance. The restorer must also penetrate into the soul of the painting, to disclose the intention of the author, to reveal the secrets of his art and at the same time to be able to make use of the newest accomplishments of science and technology. The restorators of the Grabar Studio had restored the paintings of the Dresden Gallery, from museums of many different countries. Thousands of valuable paintings have received new life in the Studio during the 30 years of its existence.

FESTIVAL

Representatives of the republics of our country and from Socialist countries took part in the 3d All-Union Festival of Folk Dance in Moldavia. In conclusion the performance of the "Syrba" dance. The festival was a vivid demonstration of friendship among peoples.

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MEETING IN THE KREMLIN PALACE OF CONGRESSSES

A meeting devoted to the 57th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution took place on the eve of the holiday in the Kremlin Palace of Congresses. Leaders of the Party and government, distinguished people of the country, foreign guests are in the presidium of the meeting. A speech was delivered by A.A. Gromyko, member of the Politbureau of the CC of the CPSU, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR. A.A. Gromyko spoke in detail about how our country is confidently solving problems of great scope. The industrial production in the four years of the ninth five year plan will be larger than in the whole previous five years. A deep analysis of the international situation of our country, which is at present stronger than it had ever been, was made by the speaker. A.A. Gromyko spoke in detail of the achievements in bringing to life the Program of Peace set by the XXIVth Congress of the CPSU and stated in conclusion that all the 250,000,000 Soviet people are united in a single will of heading towards the great goal - Communism.

MILITARY PARADE

The Red Square is especially festive on the day of our great holiday. The participants of the military parade stand in formation. Marshal of the Soviet Union Grechko, member of the Politbureau of the CC of the CPSU, Minister of Defence of the USSR, congratulated the working people of our country, the guests of Moscow and the soldiers of the Soviet Army upon the holiday of the Great October. The march of the forces of the Moscow Garrison begins. The cadets of Military Academies, every one of which is an excellent school for the highly educated commanders of our valorous Army. The Minister of Defence of the USSR Grechko stated in his speech of greeting that the Communist Party and the Soviet government while persistently carrying out the Leninist policy of peace and international cooperation, pay unremitting attention towards the strengthening of the defense of the country, the further perfection of the Army and Fleet. The military parade at the Red Square showed that the Armed Forces of the USSR are equipped with first class technique and arms and represent a powerful fighting strength which is closely united with the Communist Party. Soviet forces together with armies of fraternal states will continue to securely defend the great achievements of Socialism.

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