

XVIth CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS OF THE USSR

Over 5000 delegates of the working class, collective peasantry, and intelligentsia arrived in Moscow from all parts of the country for the XVIth Congress of Trade Unions of the USSR. Among the delegates of the Congress are initiators of patriotic beginnings which were picked up by machine-builders and steel founders, by collective farmers and oil industry workers, by builders and scientists - by all working people of the Soviet Union. Their shack labour serves as an inspiration for all Soviet people. Over 113,000,000 members of Soviet Trade Unions have met their Congress more than ever monolite and united with their Party and its Leninist Central Committee. The Congress was opened by Chairman of the AUCITU Shabayev. A speech was delivered by L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU CC, who was cordially greeted by the delegates. (SOF) "Dear comrades, Esteemed guests, I have been entrusted with an honourable and at the same time pleasant mission of extending to the delegates of the XVIth Congress of Trade Unions warm, cordial greetings from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Politbureau, Secretariat of the CPSU Central Committee and the Soviet government." In his vivid and deep speech L.I. Brezhnev stopped upon basic problems of home and foreign policy of our Party and state. He outlined in detail the role of trade unions in developed Socialist society, from Leninist positions stated their tasks in modern conditions. L.I.Brezhnev spoke about the most important the most significant in the life of working people of today, for what all the Soviet people are fighting today. In conclusion L.I.Brezhnev said: (SOF) "The results of the past year and the first two months of the present year show that the country continues to advance confidently along the course of the 25th Congress. But much, very much is yet to be done. This, naturally, fully applies to the trade unions as well, whose prime duty this year is to give active support to the emulation movement in honour of the 60th anniversary of the Great October Revolution." To the tumultuous applause of the Congress delegates and guests L.I.Brezhnev read the Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR awarding the Trade Unions of the USSR the Order of the October Revolution, and pinned the Order to the AUCITU banner.

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### BLAST FURNACE

An extremely complicated engineering operation was being carried out at the West Siberian Metallurgical Works. It was necessary to move an almost 80 meter high blast furnace and place it on the foundation of the old furnace which had outlived its time and had been dismantled. The main effect of this method of reconstruction is the saving of time, a significant reduction of the period between the stoppage of the old furnace and the blowing in of the new one. Preparations for the unique operation have been completed. The furnace which weighs 13,000 tons has been successfully moved to a hundred meter distance. Metallurgists of Novo Kuznetsk have taken an obligation to master the project power capacity of the new furnace ahead of schedule.

### THE ELECTRO TRANSMISSION LINE

Support towers for the electric transmission line across the giant Siberian river Angara have risen high into the sky, not far from the Ust Ilymsk Hydro Power Station. Young assemblymen work here at a great height in conditions of a severe Siberian winter. Komsomol members Stepan Khirovich and Konstantin Norgunov work rhythmically and efficiently. Assemblers from the brigade of Mikhail Pilipenko are stretching high tension lines across the Angara River. Each cable weighs over 6 tons, the length of the LEP-500 cable is 1.5 km. The new line of electric energy across the Angara is the first sector of the line which will allow the Ust Ilymsk Hydro Power Station to supply three times more energy to the United System of Siberia.

### TOWARDS THE OLYMPICS-80

A public discussion of the designs of Olympic projects in the city took place in the Architects' Club in Moscow. Facilities of the Olympics-80 will be situated in different parts of the city. Sports facilities of the Central Lenin Stadium are going to be reconstructed. 18 buildings of the Olympic Village will be built in the vicinity of Michurinsk Avenue. A swimming pool and the largest in Europe indoor stadium are to appear at Mir Avenue. Indoor and outdoor cycling tracks are to be constructed in Krilatskoye. Numerous hotels are to be built in different parts of the city. After the Games all new Olympic facilities are to be put to the use of muscovites and guests of the city.

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