

20 YEARS OF THE SPACE ERA

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A meeting devoted to the 20th anniversary of the first ever launching of an Earth satellite was held in Moscow. Party and state officials, prominent scientists, pilots-cosmonauts of the USSR, representatives of the public are in the Presidium of the meeting. Hero of Socialist Labour Academician Petrov, Pilot-Cosmonaut of the USSR, twice Hero of the Soviet Union Kuzasov, turner of the Lenin Komsomol Car Works Sudarikov stated that the launching of the first Sputnik had been the result of creative work of all our people. The ceremonial unveiling of a bronze bust-monument to Konstantin Tsiolkovsky took place in the village Izhevsky of the Ryazanskaya District, the birthplace of the founder of cosmonautics. The ideas of the Russian enthusiast-scientist his bold space projects received support only after the victory of the October Revolution. It was Tsiolkovsky who had predicted that man by means of rockets will be able to overcome Earth gravitation. This prediction came true 20 years ago under the direction of Academician Korolev, the founder of practical cosmonautics. Priority in solving numerous problems of exploration of outer space belongs to the Soviet Union. Major missions had been undertaken on space orbits by Soviet space pilots since the time when Yuri Gagarin, a citizen of the Soviet Union first flew into space. The exposition of the "Cosmos" Pavillion at the Exhibition of Accomplishments of People's Economy of the USSR has been enlarged on the event of the 20th anniversary of launching of the first artificial satellite of the Earth. New interesting objects have been added to the exposition.

AT THE BAM

One of the main objects of the Baikal-Amur Railway Project on the section which will cross the taiga and connect Tinda with Berkakil is the "Nagorny" tunnel. The length of the tunnel is 1240 meters. This is the first tunnel in our country to be cut through eternal congelation. Workers of the tunnel aim to cut through ahead of schedule. Socialist competition is taking place between brigades, working at opposite ends of the tunnel. The brigade of Anatoly Borozdin won the right to make the final cut-through. The tunnel will be ready for laying rails by next May. The cut-through had been made four months ahead of schedule. This labour accomplishment has been dedicated to the 60th anniversary of Great October.

COTTON REAPING

An abundant cotton harvest has been grown in the jubilee year in Tadzhikistan. Combines are reaping the cotton on all fields of the Republic. Competition in honour of the 60th anniversary of Great October aims at the highest productivity of labour, for rapid harvesting without losses. Best mechanisers have taken obligations to fulfill two season's norms and to reap over 300 tons each of raw cotton. Tadzhikistan intends to give the country no less than 850,000 tons of cotton this year. About 300,000 tons of them will be of the fine-fibre sort. The shipment of the first cotton to receiving stations is marked in each collective farm as a festival.

CIRCUS

The Moscow State Circus at the Tsvetnoi Boulevard has presented a new program "The Way to Happiness". Leading masters of the circus and talented youth showed a varied interesting program.

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