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MILITARY PARADE AND DEMONSTRATION AT THE RED SQUARE

Units of the Armed Forces of the USSR stand ready at the Red Square for the parade in honour of the 60th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution. Leaders of the Communist Party and Soviet government, heads of Party and State delegations from Socialist countries, which arrived in Moscow for the jubilee celebrations, President of Finland Kekkonen are on the central tribune of the Mausoleum. Marshal of the Soviet Union Ustinov, Member of the Politbureau of the CPSU CC, Minister of Defence of the USSR, received the report from General of the Army Gerasimov, Commander of the parade, and inspected the troops. On behalf of the CPSU CC and the Soviet government the Minister of Defence of the USSR congratulated the troops, the working people of our country and foreign guests on the 60th anniversary of Great October. The ideas which had been proclaimed by the October Revolution, Lenin's behests are being successfully put to life. The Communist Party and the Soviet government are consistently fighting for peace, for disarmament. Nevertheless, they are taking necessary measures for the further strengthening of defensive capacity. In conclusion Marshal Ustinov wished long life to the heroic Soviet people and their valiant Armed Forces, to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The ceremonial march-past begins. A unit of standard-bearers marches onto the square, led by a soldier carrying the Victory Banner, which had been hoisted over Berlin's fallen Reichstag. Cadets from Military Academies follow in the march - the sons of working people deserving heirs of military valour of the older generation of defenders of the country. Military technique of Soviet Armed Forces had been systematically renovated during the 30 after-war years. It had been perfected on the basis of the latest accomplishments of science and industry. At present our Army and Fleet are equipped with the most perfect weapons among them rockets of different purpose. In joint ranks with the armies of fraternal countries of the Warsaw Pact, the Armed Forces of the Soviet Union are always ready to defend Socialist accomplishments, to fulfill their patriotic and international duty. The festive demonstration of working people enters the square. As if returning us in mind into those days that had stirred the world, the portrait of Lenin is accompanied by sailors, soldiers, Red guards. Flowers are laid to the Mausoleum of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, the leader of the Great October Revolution, founder and leader of the Communist Party and the first in the world Socialist state. Representatives of the working people of Moscow march through the square. The banner of Hero-City Moscow is followed by a column of veterans of the Communist Party and foremost workers of Moscow enterprises. Working to the motto "Efficiency and quality" many Moscow enterprises completed the plan of the second year of the tenth five year period ahead of schedule. The great accomplishments of the Soviet Union are confirmed in the new USSR Constitution, which is a concentrated result of the 60 year development of the Soviet state. The Soviet Union consistently follows the course of peace, uniting those, who stand for proletarian internationalism, for democracy and national independence. Celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Great October vividly demonstrated the unity of the Party and people. Loyal to the banners of the Great October Socialist Revolution, the Soviet Union confidently steps into the seventh decade of its history.

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