

SOVIET-FRENCH SUMMIT MEETING

A regular Soviet-French summit meeting took place in an ancient castle Rambouillet near Paris. L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CC of the CPSU, member of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, made a working visit to France at the invitation of the President of the Republic of France M. Valery Giscard d'Estaing. The meeting between L.I. Brezhnev and Giscard d'Estaing was penetrated by a spirit of friendship and mutual understanding characteristic of the relations between the Soviet Union and France. For the purpose of providing, strengthening and developing reciprocally advantageous cooperation an Agreement about Economic Cooperation for the period 1975-1979 was signed by the General Secretary of the CC of the CPSU and the President of France. The sides attach great importance to this Agreement. L.I. Brezhnev and Giscard d'Estaing expressed satisfaction on the exchange of viewpoints that had taken place and about the friendly atmosphere in which the talks were held, both sides marked the necessity of the continuation of working meetings.

THE "CRYSTAL SKATE" COMPETITIONS

International Figure-Skating Competitions for the "Crystal Skate" Prize were held in Moscow in the Palace of Sports with participants from 13 countries.. The women's single event was won by Lynn Nightingale from Canada. Ngdejda Gorshkova and Ievgeny Shevalevsky were best in pair skating. Best results in men single's were gained by Vladimir Kovalyev. The best pair in dancing with a series of brilliant compositions were once more Lyudmila Pakhomova and Alexandre Gorshkov.

THE TOKTOGULSK HYDRO POWER STATION

The Toktogulsk Hydro Power Station is on the eve of completion. The first two aggregates of 600,000 kwt power capacity are to be put into operation. The laying of concrete into the body of the dam continues. It is the highest dam in the country. Working in difficult conditions of mountains the participants of the largest project in Kirgizia are solving a number of complicated technical problems. One of them is the transportation of large-sized hydro-aggregates from the Tash Kumir railway station to the machine hall of the station. It took three days for this transport of 400 ton cargo to overcome the 77 km long road above precipices with sharp turns. Brigade master Valentine Zharin and his colleagues fulfilled the task with honour. As soon as the Toktogulsk sea collects enough water the first aggregates will be put into operation and will produce the first industrial current.

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