

RUSSIA TODAY

Moscow is expanding rapidly. The new quarters are made up of apartment blocks which are all alike, geometrically situated and furrowed with spacious avenues. The whole is set off with busts of Lenin and photos of Yuri Gagarin. The architecture in these new areas is poor; it is new, spacious, but banal. With the exception, perhaps, of the university and five other public buildings, all very similar to one another, there is no real architecture — but there is space and air. Old Moscow, however, is very interesting. Photographs must not be taken, for people will think you are looking for slums to prove that misery exists under the Soviet regime.

The Soviet economy is developing at an enormous rate, particularly in heavy industry and aviation. There is no need to call to mind their exploits in space; they supply passenger aircraft for all the communist countries; they are developing military aircraft at a swift rate, if one judges by the new Delta-wing Soviet bomber which came out in July of 1961. They also produce trucks and tractors for sale on the world market. Finally, they have a great hydro-

electric system which is developing constantly through the use of the Siberian rivers. There is no doubt that the USSR has the resources and the population necessary to become an economically powerful nation. And above all, there is a fierce determination to succeed.

Near the Stalingrad project, a little town by the name of Voschi has been built for the workers. This town is organized by the Komsomol, which acts, in effect, in the same capacity as our trade unions; it seems to have a great deal to say in the utilization of the workers, their conditions of work, and production. Here is an interesting list of Komsomol activities in Voschi: increasing production, organizing the recreation of Komsomol members, organizing evening classes, preparing workers for university entrance, helping youth in the service of the state, and assuring that modern methods of work are properly used. This list was given

to us by the local Komsomol president.

In Tashkent we went to visit the apartment blocks in the new section of the city. They are built at full speed on an emergency basis, for families in Tashkent average six to seven children. These prefabricated apartments are assembled in blocks, like a game. Each apartment arrives ready-made from the factory. The work is very quickly done. At the Canadian Embassy in Moscow we were told that much of this housing is condemned after a year of service. This is unfortunate, for they desperately need accommodation. There we asked to be shown an apartment. After having gone through five different blocks, the caretaker at last made his selection. The apartment we saw was small but comfortable, and had all the usual facilities. The tenant was a professor in the textile industry; the rent was 15 roubles (\$15, at the official rate of ex-

THE GIRLS... TAKING SHAPE

Although the stage of Memorial Hall is still dusty, bare and dimly-lit, spectacular transformation is already under way. The stars of "The Girls in 509", gathering together at the erratic hours typical of the Drama Society, are putting wit and sweat into their task, shaping the rather unusual characters that

this play is about. The humour of the play is gentle, and demands all the qualities of sensitivity, enthusiasm and skill — and watching the Thespians at work, it is nice to see they've got it! The student body will get a chance to see the rewarding results of all this devotion on December 2, 4 and 5.

change) per month.

In conclusion, one of the delegates writes:

"As I see it, the main objectives of any student exchange are to establish friendship, to develop understanding, and subsequently, where appropriate, to embark upon a cooperative course of action in the interests of the students of the countries concerned or students of third countries. Through friendship and understanding a contribution, however small, is made to the cause of peace. Through cooperation benefit accrues directly to the student organization concerned. In our exchange with the Student Council of the USSR we were dealing with a lesser agency of a government with which there can in fact be no real friendship. Because of our radically different value systems the understandings that were achieved by both sides were no doubt largely of a kind that reinforced previous judgments and confirmed existing difference. With little likelihood that any real friendship and common understanding will develop in the

future, there remains only a small base for useful cooperation with the USSR Student Council. This would have as its valuable but limited aim the broadening of the PERSONAL understanding of individual students through practical projects such as study exchange, travel cooperation schemes and the like, where the financial burden does not bear heavily upon NFCUS. This kind of project can serve a useful purpose, but where costs are high I believe Soviet exchanges should be curtailed in favour of activities in the Latin American area, where we should obtain far more encouraging returns on our efforts."

CONGRATULATIONS

The Knights of Neill wish to congratulate the Men of Aitken on their splendid showing in the Corpuscle Cup competition.

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