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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET PEOPLES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1987

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HISTORY IS ULTIMATELY A RECORD OF HUMAN WILL, HUMAN SPIRIT, HUMAN ASPIRATIONS -- OF EARTH'S MEN AND WOMEN, EACH WITH THE PRECIOUS SOUL AND FREE WILL THAT THE LORD BESTOWS.

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Rhett Dawson Ext. 2702

(Judge)
December 4, 1987
6:00 p.m.

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Please provide any comments/recommendations to Tony Dolan by $2:00~\rm{p.m.}$ on Friday, December 4th, with an info copy to my office. Thanks.

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TO:

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FROM:

MICHELE ARCHAMBAUL DIRECTOR

VISITORS' OFFICE

SUBJECT: ARRIVAL CEREMONY

The President and Mrs. Reagan cordially invite you and your guests to join them in welcoming His Excellency the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and Mrs. Gorbachev, to the White House on Tuesday, December 8, 1987, at 10:00 a.m.

Entrance is through the Southwest Gate beginning at 9:15 a.m. Please be in place no later than 9:45 a.m.; present your pass and an officer will direct you to the correct area. Due to lack of space and in consideration of other passholders, we ask that you please limit the number of guests you invite.

In the event of inclement weather, the outdoor ceremony will be cancelled and the invitation to attend rescinded.

To: Clark From: Research

RUSSIAN FOLK SAYINGS

"I understand that the Russian people have a saying, 'A poor peace is better than a good quarrel'. Well, considering what we've achieved in this meeting in Washington, I want to drink to the health of General Secretary Gorbachev -- a Soviet leader who has done his part to begin changing the 'poor peace' that has long existed between our two great countries into a good one -- and that's what I and the American people desire."

suggested by Robert Tucker Princeton University

To underscore the importance of conducting arms negotiations carefully and deliberately, there is the following Russian folk saying:

"Measure seven times, cut once."

Translation: syem' raz primer', odin raz otrezh'

Phonetics: syem rahz pree-MYER, ah-DEEN rahz aht-RESH

To emphasize the need to apprach one arms issue at a time, (first accomplish INF, them move to START):

"If you run after two hares, you'll catch neither."

To underscore the importance of negotiating seriously in private sessions and not making provocative public pronouncements and ultimatums:

"The more quietly you go, the farther you get."
Translation: tishe yedesh', dal'she budesh'
Phonetics: TEE-she YED-yesh, DAHL-she BOOD-yesh

suggested by Rick Ruth USSR Country Affairs Officer, USIA

The harvest comes more from sweat than from the dew." (Urozhai ne stol'ko ot rosy, skol'ko ot pota.)

"Flowers ornament the spring, sheaves of grain the fall." (Vesna krasna svetami -- osen' snopami.)

"We've gone through seven sweats." (one has exerted one's self to the fullest to accomplish something.) In Russian: Sem' potov soshlo.

"Every man is the blacksmith of his own happiness." (Vsyak chelovek svoyevo schast'ye kuznets.)

suggested by Ambassador Matlock

"Moscow wasn't built in a day." (Moskva srazu ne stroilas) This might illustrate some comment on the necessary slowness of the START process.

"We were born to make dreams come true." (My rozhdeny, chtob skazku sdelat byl'yu). This is from a Soviet popular song about aviation and flying, which might have an application to the remarkable achievements of the summit.

"O it is excellent

To have a giant's strength; but it is tyrannous
To use it like a giant." Shakespeare Measure for Measure. These
lines might underline some remarks on the responsibility of both superpowers
to temper strength with gentleness and mercy.

Edward Brown Stanford University

HISTORICAL ANECDOTES

On December 19, 1780, Boston lawyer Francis Dana was appointed the first U.S. Minister to Russia. He travelled to Russia the following year with John Quincy Adams, then 14 years old. Adams left after a year. (It is interesting to note that our sixth president spent time in Russia so soon after our revolution.)

The first Roman Catholic priest to receive in the United States all orders from tonsure to ordination was Prince Dimitri Golitsyn, scion of one of the wealthiest and most aristocratic families of imperial Russia. Golitsyn was ordained by Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore, where he had attended the seminary, on March 18, 1795. Golitsyn was then assigned to Conowago, Pennsylvania. He died in 1840 and is buried in Loretto, Pennsylvania.

His sister, Princess Elizabeth Golitsyn, also abandoned Orthodoxy for the Roman Catholic church. She joined the Society of the Sacred Heart and died combatting a yellow fever epidemic in Louisiana.

Alexander Bodisco was the Russian Minister in Washington in 1839. He met and fell in love with 15 year old Harriet Williams, the daughter of a clerk in the Adjutant General's Office. On April 9, 1842, they were married in Georgetown. President Martin Van Buren attended and Senator Henry Clay gave away the bride. One on the bridesmaids was Jessie Benton, later Mrs. John C. Fremont. Two years after the wedding, the couple moved to St. Petersburg. The Emperor of Russia was the Godfather of their first child.

suggestions by Rick Ruth USSR Country Affairs, USIA

Peter the Great instituted reforms in Russian society that changed substantially the way the society lived and the way it viewed the outside world. While Gorbachev is not in that category, at least not yet, one could speak of him as "following the traditions of Peter the Great."

Ambassador Matlock

Ivan Krylov, the 19th century writer of fables who is sometimes called the "Russian Lafontaine," is well known to every Russian. His "The Swan, the Crawfish, and the Pike" is a brief, pointed classic on the need for pulling together:

"Once upon a time a swan, a crawfish and a pike undertook to move a wagonload together. They hitched and harnassed themselves to the wagon, but no matter how hard they worked the wagon wouldn't move, through the load was not really heavy. You see, the swan flew upward, the crawfish kept crawling backward, and the pike kept making for the water. No matter how hard they tried, the wagon is still there."

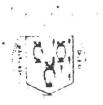
This might be used in the context of remarks to the effect that at least there is cooperation among the allies, the Soviet Union and the United States, in the matter of arms control.

RUSSIAN QUOTIATIONS

"To live a life is not the same as crossing a field." (This implies that life is hard; there are obligations that one would like to duck, but can't.)

Translation: Zhizn' prozhit' - ne polye pereyty.

Boris Pasternak



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To: Dana Rohrabacher

Presidential Speechwriter

From: Dan Davidson

Subject: Russian Sources for the President's Remarks

No doubt several of these items have already come to your attention. In selecting the quotations, I have tried to be extremely careful with matters of tone and appropriateness, given the significance of the occasion.

Literal Translation

- 1. "Russians may spend a long time harnessing, but they ride fast."
- 2. "Just begun, half done."
- "And the wagon is still there to this day." -Krylov
- 4. "Doveryai, no proveryai! Trust, but keep an eye on everything too.
- Measure seven times, cut once!
- Strike while the iron is hot! To be afraid of wolves is not to go into the forest.
- 7. Monomakh's hat is a heavy one! (Lit .: You're very heavy, hat of Monomakh!)
- 8. Not (just) on paper is it written, but shown by deed.

Commentary

(Change takes much time and energy, e.g., Gorbachev's reform efforts, but the prospects can be great.)

(Sufficient patience and labor will overcome difficulties. An optimistic view of the future.)

The closing line of a Krylov fable. A wagon got stuck in the river; the efforts to remove it were all at cross purposes. The phrase is used by Russian to refer to long-standing and still unresolved problems.

Used by the President on 11-23-87.

The necessity of discussing proposals thoroughly before making a decision.

The idiom is the same in Engl. and Russian. The need for decisive action when conditions are ripe.

The heavy burden of the leader of the government. (Vladimir Monomakh was one of the greatest rulers of ancient Rus' -- circa 1100-- and his hat (crown), full of precious jewels, is a treasure. An Act of God was defined as something which no reasonable man could have expected.

Ib. p. 316

Samuel Hoffenstein

1890-1947

² Babies haven't any hair; Old men's heads are just as bare; Between the cradle and the grave ¹ Lies a haircut and a shave.

Songs of Faith in the Year After Next, VIII

The heart's dead Are never buried.

Summer Day

Gerald White Johnson 1890-1980

Nothing changes more constantly than the past; for the past that influences our lives does not consist of what actually happened, but of what men believe happened.

American Heroes and Hero-Worship [1943], ch. 1

In revolutionary times the rich are always the people who are most afraid.

American Freedom and the Press [1958]

Hanns Johst

1890-

When I hear the word "culture" . . . I reach for my revolver.2

Schlageter [1933]

Robert Ley

1890-1945

7 Strength through joy. 3
Instruction for the German Labor
Front [December 2, 1933]

Howard Phillips Lovecraft

1890-1937

The most merciful thing in the world, I think, is the inability of the human mind to correlate all its contents.

The Call of Cthulhu [1928], ch. 1

See Dyer, 345:3; Shelley, 467:9; and Bellamy, 665:17.
Wenn ich Kultur höre ... entsichere ich meinen Browning.

Often attributed to GOERING.

³Kraft durch Freude.

Christopher Morley

There is only one success—to be able to spend your life in your own way.

Where the Blue Begins [1922]

Life is a foreign language; all men mispronounce it.

Thunder on the Left [1925], ch. 14

April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go.

John Mistletoe [1931], 8

A human being; an ingenious assembly of portable plumbing.

Human Being [1932], ch. 11

There was so much handwriting on the wall That even the wall fell down.

Around the Clock [1943]

Chattering voltage like a broken wire
The wild cicada cried, Six weeks to frost!

End of August

Why do they put the Gideon Bibles only in the bedrooms, where it's usually too late, and not in the barroom downstairs?

Contribution to a Contribution

Allan Nevins

6 Too little and too late.

Current History [1935]

Boris Pasternak 1890-1960

Art is unthinkable without risk and spiritual self-sacrifice.

On Modesty and Bravery [1936]
Speech at Writers' Conference

18 I am alone; all drowns in the Pharisees' hypocrisy.

To live your life is not as simple as to cross a field.⁵

Hamlet [1946]⁶

You are eternity's hostage
A captive of time.

Night [1957]⁶

20 But what are pity, conscience, or fear To the brazen pair, compared With the living sorcery Of their hot embraces?

Bacchanalia [1957],6 st. 4

Translated by E. LEVIN.

See Anonymous: Russian, 934:12.

Translated by Max Hayward.

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Pasternak — Christie

During the last years of Mayakovski's life, 1 when all poetry had ceased to exist . . . literature had stopped.

I Remember [1958]2

: It snowed and snowed, the whole world over, Snow swept the world from end to end. A candle burned on the table;

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Doctor Zhivago [1958]. The Poems of Yurii Zhivago, Winter Night,

A corner draft fluttered the flame And the white fever of temptation Upswept its angel wings that cast A cruciform shadow.

Ib. st. 7

- And when the war broke out, its real horrors, its real dangers, its menace of real death were a blessing compared with the inhuman reign of the lie, and they brought relief because they broke the spell of the dead letter. Ib. epilogue
- Departure beyond the borders of my country is for me equivalent to death. Letter to Khrushchev [1958]3
- I am caught like a beast at bay. Somewhere are people, freedom, light, But all I hear is the baying of the pack, There is no way out for me.

The Nobel Prize [1959]4

"Red" Rowley fl. 1915

Mademoiselle from Armenteers, Hasn't been kissed in forty years, Hinky dinky, parley-voo. Mademoiselle from Armentières 5

 Mademoiselle from St. Nazaire, She never heard of underwear. Ib.

George Seldes 1890-1970

Sawdust Caesar. 6

Title of book [1932]

Vladimir Mayakovski [1893-1930].

Translated by Manya Harari. Translated by E. LEVIN.

Translated by Max HAYWARD.

Soldiers' song of World War I, with innumerable Peraions. The tune and verse structure were based on a British Army song composed by Alfred James Walden ["Harry Wincon;" 1867-1947].

*Mussolini

Frederick Moore Vinson 1890-1953

Wars are not "acts of God." They are caused by man, by man-made institutions, by the way in which man has organized his society. What man has made, man can change.

Speech at Arlington National Cemetery [Memorial Day, 1945]

Charles Erwin Wilson 1890-1961

What is good for the country is good for General Motors, and what's good for General Motors is good for the country.

To the Senate Armed Forces Committee [1952]

Agatha Christie 1891-1976

"This affair must all be unraveled from within." He [Hercule Poirot] tapped his forehead. "These little gray cells. It is 'up to them'-as you say over here."

The Mysterious Affair at Styles [1920], ch. 10

- Every murderer is probably somebody's old friend.
- It is completely unimportant. That is why it is so interesting.

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd [1926]

I don't think necessity is the mother of invention7-invention, in my opinion, arises directly from idleness, possibly also from laziness. To save oneself trouble.

An Autobiography [1977]. Pt. III, Growing Up

- If you love, you will suffer, and if you do not love, you do not know the meaning of a Christian life.
- Trains are wonderful. . . . To travel by train is to see nature and human beings, towns and churches and rivers, in fact, to see life.

Ib. IV, Flirting, Courting, Banns Up, Marriage

One is left with the horrible feeling now that war settles nothing; that to win a war is as disastrous as to lose one! . . . We shall not survive war, but shall, as well as our adversaries, be destroyed by war.8

Ib. X, The Second War

See Pyrrhus, 92:10.

⁷See Persius, 117:8, and Anonymous Latin, 134:9.

Rattle his bones over the stones!

He's only a pauper, whom nobody owns!

The Pauper's Drive, st. 1

Alexander Pushkin¹

Reason's icy intimations, and records of a heart in pain. Eugene Onegin [1823], 2 dedication

J Unforced, as conversation passed, he had the talent of saluting felicitously every theme, of listening like a judge supreme while serious topics were disputing, or, with an epigram-surprise, of kindling smiles in ladies' eyes.

Ib. ch. 1, st. 5

Always contented with his life, and with his dinner, and his wife.

. Ib. st. 12

5 Why fight what's known to be decisive? Custom is despot of mankind.

Ib. st. 25

6 The illness with which he'd been smitten should have been analyzed when caught, something like spleen, that scourge of Britain,

or Russia's chondria, for short.

Ib. st. 38

7 Habit is Heaven's own redress: it takes the place of happiness.³

Ib. 2, st. 31

B Love passed, the muse appeared, the weather of mind got clarity newfound; now free, I once more weave together emotion, thought, and magic sound.

Ib. st. 59

Moscow . . . how many strains are fusing in that one sound, for Russian hearts! What store of riches it imparts!

Ib. 7, st. 36

Pimen [writing by lamplight]: One more, the final record, and my annals Are ended, and fulfilled the duty laid By God on me, a sinner. Not in vain Hath God appointed me for many years A witness, teaching me the art of letters;

¹The great music's unforgotten strain/Ceased . . . and shall not resound on earth again.—Mikhail Lermontov, The Poet's Death [written January 1837]

²Translated by Charles Johnston.

³See Burke, 372:1.

A day will come when some laborious monk

Will bring to light my zealous, nameless toil, Kindle, as I, his lamp, and from the parchment

Shaking the dust of ages, will transcribe My chronicles.

Boris Godunov [written 1825]4

Like to some magistrate grown gray in office Calmly he contemplates alike the just And unjust, with indifference he notes Evil and good, and knows not wrath nor pity.

¹² Ah! heavy art thou, crown of Monomakh! *Ib.*

Mosalsky: Good folk! Maria Godunov and her son Feodor have poisoned themselves. We have seen their dead bodies. [The people are silent with horror.] Why are you silent? Cry, Long live Czar Dimitri Ivanovich! [The people are speechless.]

¹⁴ And thus he ⁵ mused: "From here, indeed Shall we strike terror in the Swede; And here a city, by our labor Founded, shall gall our haughty neighbor; "Here cut"—so Nature gives command—"Your window through on Europe: ⁶ stand Firm-footed by the sea, unchanging!"

The Bronze Horseman [written 1833]

John Brown 1800-1859

Had I so interfered in behalf of the rich, the powerful, the intelligent, the so-called great, or in behalf of any of their friends . . . every man in this court would have deemed it an act worthy of reward rather than punishment.

Last speech to the court [November 2, 1859]

I am yet too young to understand that God is any respecter of persons. I believe that to have interfered as I have done . . . in behalf of His despised poor, was not wrong, but right. Now, if it is deemed necessary that I should forfeit my life for the furtherance of

'Translated by ALFRED HAYES.

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⁶Algarotti has somewhere said: Pétersbourg est la fenêtre, par laquelle la Russie regarde en Europe. — Au: thor's Note, The Bronze Horseman

I am at length going to give you some account of this new city, of the great window lately opened in the North, through which Russia looks into Europe.—Francesco Algarotti, Letters About Russia [June 30, 1739]

Translated by OLIVER ELTON.

*See Acts 10:34, 46:10, and I Peter 1:17, 52:8

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Time, March 1, 1954.

Alexander Pushkin

(1799-1837) Russian writer

The heavy hanging chains shall fall,

The walls shall crumble at the word,

And Freedom greet you with the light

And brothers give you back the sword.

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John Pym

(1584-1643)

English statesman

Shall it be treason to embase the king's coin, though but a piece of sixpence, and not a greater treason to embase the spirit of his subjects, to set a stamp and character of servitude upon them?

If they (the Jesuits) should once obtain a connivance, they will press for a toleration; from thence to an equality, from an equality to a superiority, from a superiority to an extirpation of all contrary religions.

Ouoted, The Churchman, July, 1956.

Pyrrhus

(3187-272 B.C.)

King of Epirus, general

Another such victory and we are undone.

Pythagoras

(1592-1644)

Greek philosopher, mathematician

It is only necessary to make war with five things: with the maladies of the body, the ignorances of the mind, with the passions of the body, with the seditions of the city, and the discords of families.

As soon as laws are necessary for men, they are no longer fit for freedom.

Francis Quarles

(582-497? B.C.) English poet

Let the greatest part of the news thou hearest be the least part of what thou believest, lest the greater part of what thou believest be the least part of what is true. Where lies are easily admitted the father of lies will not easily be excluded.

Enchiridion.

Matt(hew Stanley) Quay

(1833-1904) Political boss

If you have a weak candidate and a weak platform, wrap yourself up in the American flag and talk about the Constitution.

Quincey

See De Quincey

Josiah Quincy

(1744-1775)

American lawyer, Revolutionary patriot

Blandishments will not fascinate us, nor will threats of a "halter" intimidate. For, under God, we are determined that wheresoever, whensoever, or howsoever we shall of jurisprudence. A meridian is decisive of truth, or a few years of possession. Fundamental laws change! Right has its epochs! A pleasant justice, that, which a river or a mountain limits. Truth on this side of the Pyrenees, may be heresy on the other!

Ibid.

Thought makes the whole dignity of man; therefore, endeavor to think well, that is the only morality.

Ibid.

Justice without power is inefficient; power without justice is tyranny. Justice without power is opposed, because there are always wicked men. Power without justice is soon questioned. Justice and power must therefore be brought together, so that whatever is just may be powerful, and whatever is powerful may be just. *Ibid.*

The incredulous are the most credulous. They believe the miracles of Vespasian that they may not believe those of Moses.

Ibid., ch. 2.

Montaigne (bk. 1, ch. 22) is wrong in declaring that custom ought to be followed simply because it is custom, and not because it is reasonable or just. *Ibid.*, ch. 4.

Justice is what is established; and thus all our established laws will be regarded as just, without being examined, since they are established.

1 lbid., ch. 7.

To carry piety to the extent of superstition is to destroy it. Ibid., ch. 14.

Had it not been for miracles, there would have been no sin in not believing in Jesus Christ.

Ibid., ch. 22.

Tous nos malheurs viennent de ne pouvoir être seuls. (All our troubles come from not being able to be alone.)

Boris Pasternak

(b. 1890)

Russian writer, Nobel Prize for literature, 1959

Man is born to live and not to prepare to live.

Doctor Zhivago, Copyright, Pantheon Books, 1958.

To run true to type is the extinction of a man, his condemnation to death. If he cannot be assigned to a category, if he is not a model of something, a half of what is needed is there. He is still free from himself, he has acquired an atom of immortality.

1 bid.

Gregariousness is always the refuge of mediocrities, whether they swear by Soloviev or Kant or Marx. Only individuals seek the truth, and they shun those whose sole concern is not the truth.

1bid.

How many things in the world deserve our loyalty? Very few indeed. I think one should be loyal to immortality, which is another word for life, a stronger word for it. One must be true to immortality—true to Christ.

1bid.

It is possible to be an atheist, it is possible not to know whether God exists, or why, and yet believe . . . that history as we know it now began with Christ, and that Christ's gospel is its foundation.

Ibid.

The two basic ideas of modern man (are in the Gospels)—without them he is unthinkable—the idea of free personality and the idea of life as sacrifice. *Ibid.*

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As for the men in power, they are so anxious to establish the myth of their infallibility that they do their utmost to ignore truth.

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No single man makes history. History cannot be seen, just as one cannot see grass growing.

Ibid.

Wars and revolutions, kings and Robespierres, are history's organic agents, its yeast. But revolutions are made by fanatical men of action with one-track minds, geniuses in their ability to confine themselves to a limited field. They overturn the old order in a few hours or days, the whole upheaval takes a few weeks or at most years, but the fanatical spirit that inspired the upheavals is worshipped for decades thereafter, for centuries.

Ibid.

Now what is history? It is the centuries of systematic explorations of the riddle of death, with a view of overcoming death.

Ibid

I think that if the beast in man could be held down by threats—any kind of threat, whether of jail or of retribution after death—then the highest emblem of humanity would be the lion tamer in the circus with his whip, not the prophet who sacrificed himself. But don't you see this is just the point—what for centuries raised man above the beast is not the cudgel but an inward music; the irresistible power of unarmed truth, the powerful attraction of its example.

Ibid.

Reshaping life! People who can say that have never understood a thing about life—they have never felt its breath, its heartbeat, however much they may have seen

or done. They look on it as a lump of raw material that needs to be processed by them, to be ennobled by their touch. But life is never a material, a substance to be molded . . . Life is constantly renewing and remaking itself.

1bid.

The great majority of us are required to live a life of constant duplicity. Your health is bound to be affected if, day after day, you say the opposite of what you feel, if you grovel before what you dislike and rejoice at what brings you nothing but misfortune.

1bid.

I stand alone. All else is swamped by Pharisaism.

To live life to the end is not a childish task.

Ibid.

In every generation there has to be some fool who will speak the truth as he sees it. H. N. Taylor interview, N. Y. Times, February 2, 1959.

In this era of world wars, in this atomic age, values have changed. We have learned that we are the guests of existence, travelers between two stations. We must discover security within ourselves.

Nils Nillson of "The Reporter"; This Week, February 22, 1959.

Louis Pasteur

(1822 - 1895)

French chemist, bacteriologist

Two opposing laws seem to me now in contest. The one a law of blood and death, opening out each day new modes of destruction, forces nations to be always ready for battle.

The other, a law of peace, work and health, whose only aim is to deliver man from the calamities which beset him. The

V-E Day, Moscow: 'Time to Live!

By Robert C. Tucker

PRINCETON, N.J. — Germany surrendered twice, on May 8, 1945, in Rheims, France, and again on May 8, in Berlin. The news reached the soviet people early on May 10, a day some of us in the United States Emission in Moscow will forget.

Red Square was aswirt with people milling, smiling, congratulating anyone in uniform. The uniformed Americans who went out of the Embassy's chancery, across from the Kremlin, were carried off to Red Square on the shoulders of exultant Muscovites. A civilian attaché, I joined the crowd in the square. My most vivid memory is of a Red Army major looking toward me and saying to no one in particular, "Now it's time to live!"

In front of the chancery, where the stars and Stripes were displayed, thousands crowded to express gratitude and good will toward the country that had stood by the Soviet Union in its darkest hour, sending munitions, food, Jeeps and trucks that helped win a fight for national survival — in

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which 20 million or more lost their lives. The Soviet press had said little about the scale of Lend-Lease aid, but the people knew: "Studebaker" and "Villis" (for Jeep) were Russian words by them, and camed Spam helped civilians as well as soldiers survive years of hunger.

The throng held up no placards and shouted no alogans. It wasn't an official event. It was something almost unthinkable in Stalin's Russia — a spontaneous popular demonstration. George F. Kennan, then charge d'affaires, stepped on to the pedestal of a column and addressed the people in Russian, congratulating them on victory day. They responded with a roar of appreciation.

Apart from relief that the war was over, they had grounds to be hopeful. In grim 1841 and 1842, to solidify popular support for the war effort, Stalin's regime had spread word through the rumor grapevine — the Soviet Union's real communications network — that things would be different after victory. Americans would be invited to open department stores in cities, Collective farms would be dishinded. Students could study abroad. There would be freedom of expression in culture. No wonder people like that major in Red Square thought it was "time to live."

But in 1946, Stalin dashed hopes

But Russia's autocratic ruler harbored other ideas. When Nikita S. Khrushchev telephoned him frum Kiev on V-E Day to congratulate him on the victory, Stalin rudely cut him off, saying he was wasting his. Stalin's, time. Recalling the conversation in his immotive, Khrushchev interpreted Stalin's behavior to mean that "since the war was over and done with, he was already thinking about other, more important matters." Perhaps.

Subsequently, of course, all hopes were dashed. It wasn't "time to live" after all — but to goar up for another great war whose strong possibility was lodged, Stalin said on Feb. 9, 1946, in the nature of "imperialism." Hence, thirse or four more five-year plans ("five-year plan" symbolized sacrifice) would be needed to guarantee against "all contingencies." A

Russian in whose specimens sitting when Stalin's specimens over the radio lay has been on a folded arms when he sent in words. All over Russia, I believe the ple did the same. It was the and of expectations for a postware life her of the tension and privation can throughout the 1899. The parties period was besing prefigured to potential new previous period. The public war was to.

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Forty years later, what an Ancican who remembers V-I Day Moscow wishes for the people of Soviet Union is the freer life thoped for in World Was II, we denied when it ended and still into to btained despite improvements their lot since Stalin's time.

