

"Despite Instructions We Debated Merits of Capitalism vs Communism"

by IAN BARRETT

During the winter holiday break two Georgetown men, Ian Barrett and Doug Dunning were in Russia with a high school hockey team from Silverthorn Collegiate where they teach. This is the first of a two part account by Ian Barrett.

The start of our trip to Russia actually goes back over a year to February 1972, during the first talk of the impending series against Team NHL and the Russian Nationals. It was at this time that one of my hockey players (on the Silverthorn Collegiate team) mentioned half jokingly that possibly we also could tour parts of Russia playing hockey. It was this comment that started the ball rolling.

The next day I made the first of what would be over four

hundred telephone calls. In order to establish the proper procedures. We made our arrangements through Ships Schools, a travel agency specializing in cultural tours for students. They assured me that there would be no problems and all I would have to do is send in the \$354.00 for each of the 30 players and managers.

All of the boys paid the entire cost out of his own pocket and we set about to raise \$5,000.00 to purchase new equipment, new sweaters, blazers with crests—in fact everything needed in order to appear in the Soviet Union as a first class operation.

The money was raised by staging marathon hockey games, selling candies and donuts, and canvassing business firms for donations. A number of companies also provided equipment at cost (C.C.M.) or donated equipment free of charge (Spalding).

In fact we were able to take the trip without borrowing one piece of school equipment, and without once asking the school or the Board of Education for money. The boys totally earned their own trip which makes it that much better in the long run for each of them.

Everything was proceeding comfortably until October of last year when the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association jumped into the picture. The CAHA informed us that all international hockey must proceed through them, and since this had not been the case it was unlikely that we would be allowed to play. Upon contacting the Russian Ice Hockey Federation we learned that without the permission of the CAHA, they would not grant us any games.

Since at this stage we had already paid our transportation and boarding costs, we were in a predicament. I then took our problems and presented them in packaged form to Allister Gillespie, Minister of Trade and Commerce, who is the member of parliament for all the boys on the team. Through his efforts and those of Mitchell Sharp we managed to bypass both the CAHA and the IHHF by dealing directly through the Canadian Embassy in Moscow. This allowed us to proceed upon our trip with confidence.

It was an uneventful flight until we left Helsinki. One of the great experiences of life is flying Aeroflot the Russian airline. No thrill ride at the

Exhibition could ever match the classic band special that carried us from Helsinki to Leningrad to start our trip. The plane shook constantly for the entire time; in fact it was shaking so much that the screws holding the walls together started coming loose. What was even more frightening was the way the engines kept stalling after each dozen or so revolutions.

We had read and heard so much about the Russian people that we expected to be met by an unprecedented bureaucratic machinery, manned by ogres that never smiled. Nothing could be further from the truth and our first major surprise occurred just after we landed.

The team had been warned by several "experienced" travellers that it would take over three hours to clear customs, and everyone was prepared for the long wait.

What greeted us was the shortest customs inspection I have ever seen. Our entire group of thirty-two managed to clear customs in less than ten minutes. The only delay occurred when one of the Russian customs officials found a recent copy of Playboy in one of the players' bags and called all the other officials over to grant and drool over the centrefold.

At Leningrad we were met by our Intourist guide, a twenty year old student named Anatole. If ever there was anyone who could remove the barriers between East and West, Anatole was that person. Speaking fluent English and constantly smiling, he stayed with us the entire time we were in the Soviet Union.

We had also been warned that the Intourist guides are the strictest of communists and that under no condition should we discuss politics, religion, or standards of living with them. Either our informants were all wrong (and I think they were) or Anatole was an exception. We had barely been on the bus for 10 minutes when he started a rapid discussion on the benefits of capitalism vs communism with about 10 students. What was even more amazing was that Anatole carried on the conversation with an entirely open mind, often criticizing communism as openly as he criticized capitalism. In fact we often found ourselves defending communism to him as he discussed its weaknesses with a frankness that startled us.

We found throughout our entire trip, though, that the Russian people were very proud of their country and if you mentioned something good about the Soviet Union (for example the very wide, spotlessly clean streets, the way everyone looked well fed and warmly dressed) then these people were your immediate friends. They would go out of their way to help you in any way possible. Everyone was conscious of the differences between our two societies, but they were all exceptionally proud of what they had.

Since most of the boys on the team ranged in age from 17 to 19 years old, Doug and I had decided they were old enough to look after themselves and no curfews would be imposed (this was after consultations with their fathers). We told them that we were available if they got into trouble and needed help.

When we mentioned this concept of no curfews to Anatole he was elated at the idea. As he said "most Canadians are so afraid of the secret police and Intourist when they come over here that they put all kinds of restrictions on themselves. Then when they go home they tell everyone that we put on the restrictions. This way your boys will find out what the true Russian people are like."

Well, the players took full advantage of the lack of restrictions to take bus and taxi tours all over Moscow, and Leningrad, and their surrounding towns. Each of them met hundreds of Russian people, getting in conversations with them in stores on buses and on the sidewalk.

The Russian people loved this as large crowds would gather when we stopped and talked with various people. Needless to say the boys on the team also enjoyed the opportunity and not

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Halton County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association is sponsoring a refresher course for nurses on diseases of the lung. This will take place at the Holiday Inn, Oakville, April 12.

The course is geared to the interest of public health nurses, Victorian Order of Nurses, and registered nurses attached to the medical floors and intensive care units of Halton County hospitals, and is under the direction of Dr. Cameron C. Gray, Director of the Ontario Thoracic Society, and Dr. R. W. T. Haddon, Specialist in

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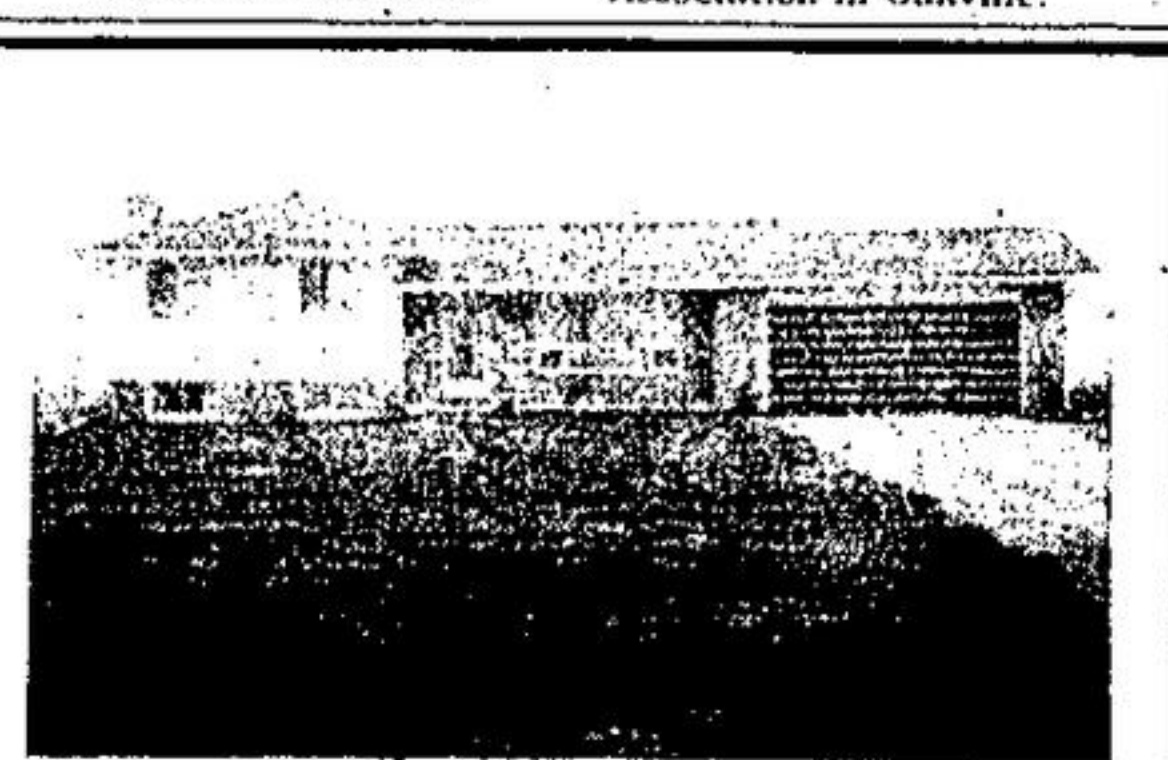
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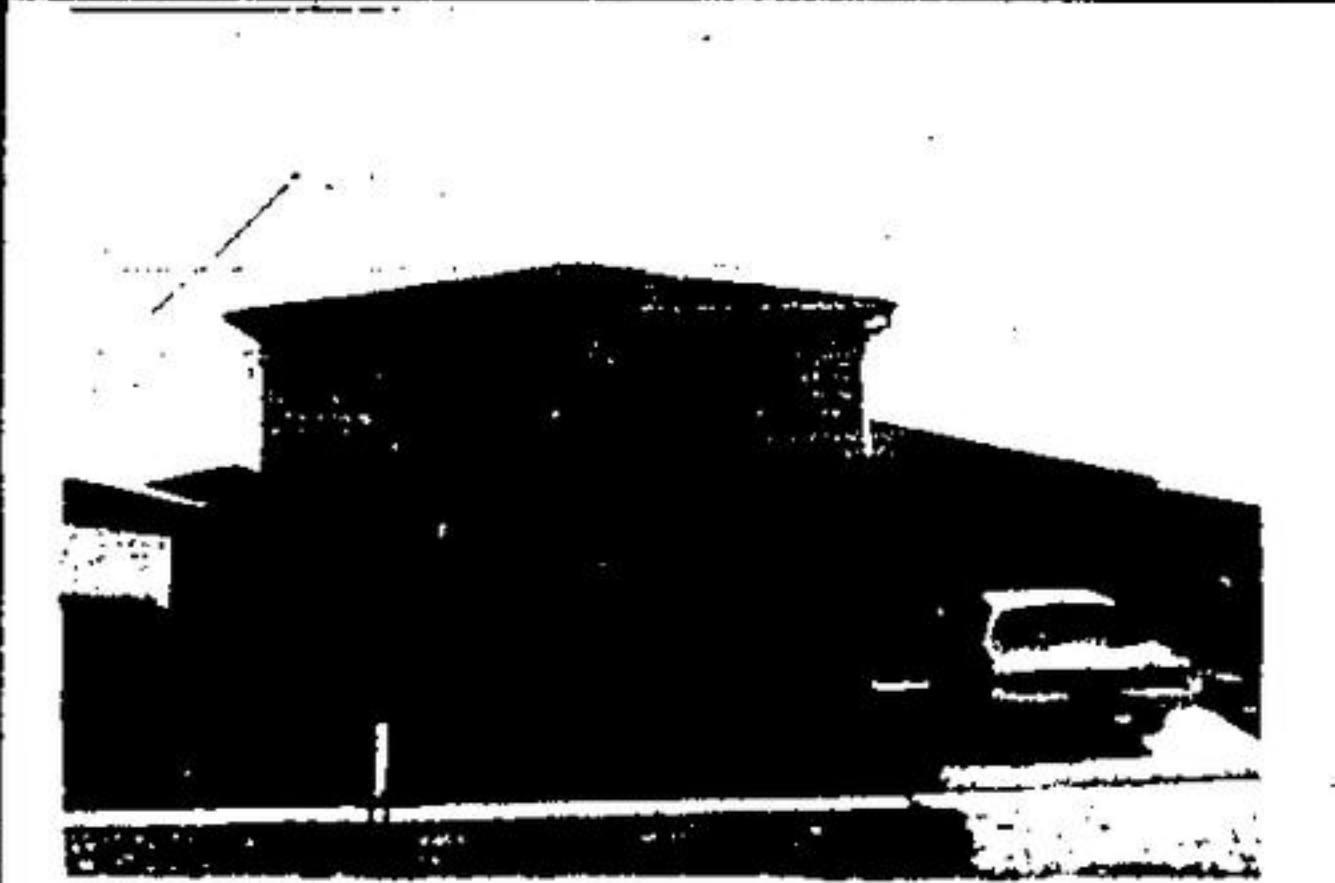
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