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much more than in the U.S. in lunchtime breaks of vocation
two foreign languages are compulsory over a five year period.
in Engineering and also medicine at least one language is compulsory.
The leading languages in order of importance and popularity are,
English, German, French, Italian and Spanish with few
Eastern languages following. the text books from which
these languages are learned are very interesting in themselves
as they combine politics and education at, all, a very common
occurrence. an example is that texts in English or German for
instance are given on the life of Lenin founder of the Soviet State
or the structure of the Communist party of the Soviet Union formally
the life of Stalin was a favored subject to fill a text book
book- these books ~~have~~ are no longer in circulation.
a good text book for English speaking students studying
Russian, is the one by Nina Potapova, chairman of the USSR
Society of friendship with the United States and England.
this book published in 1959, by the moscow publishing house,
~~Moscow~~ Zubovski Blvd. 21, Moscow, is a good state
for anyone interested in the ~~russian~~ highly expressive
Russian language. Political text are kept to a minimum
in this book and only make up about 30% of the text.
6,000 titles ~~Most~~ of the millions of text books printed in the Soviet
in 1959 Union were published at the central moscow publishing
and house a truly gigantic and monopolistic enterprise
~~spread~~ for those opposed to centralization, here foreign book
1,109,000,000 copies are reprinted in the Russian language and translated
into any one of the 100's languages of minority groups in the USSR.
98% of the population of the USSR. speak Russian, however
national languages are protected and propagated by law.
of the ~~distribution~~ ~~Number of book printed in the Soviet~~
~~union~~. 208,827,000 million people in the Soviet Union
114,114,000 speak Russian as their national language, next
is Ukrainians 37,253,000, and Belorussians 7,913,000.
and Uzbekistanis 6,015,000. the remaining population
figures are distributed among 18 minority, and 60 fractional
groups. some of which have as few as 4,000 people speaking
the tounge. also there are 60,000 persons in the Soviet
union who are from ninty not union origin of these
the leaders are. Yugoslavs 5,000; Albanians 4,800; Afghans
1,900; Mongols 1,800, Italians 1,200, Frenchmen 4000,
Spanish 4000, and argentine (estimated) 4,000). here
the figures from argentine immigrants is not given
in the 1960 figures for the Soviet Union pp 74-75).

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