

MAY 1 - MAY DAY CAME AS MY FIRST HOLIDAY ALL FACTORIES ETC. CLOSED AFTER SPECTACULAR MILITARY PARADE ALL WORKERS PARAD PAST REVIEWING STANDS WAVING FIMOS AND PICTURES OF MR. K. ~~XXXXXX~~ ETC. I FOLLOW THE AMER. CUSTOM OF MARKING A HOLIDAY BY SLEEPING IN IN THE MORNING. AT NIGHT I VIST WITH THE ZEGERS DAUGHTERS AT AN PARTY THROU BY THEM ABOUT 40 PEOPLE LONG MANY OF ARGENTINE ORIGIN WE DANCE AND PLAY AROUND AND DRINK UNTIL 2 AM. WHEN PARTY BREAKS UP. LEONARA ZELER OLDEST DAU. 26 FORMALLY MARRIED, NOW DIVORCED, A TALENTED SINGER. ANITA ZELER 20 VERY GAY, NOT SO ATTRACTIVE BUT WE HIT IT OFF. HER BOY-FRIEND AIFRED IS A HUNGARIAN CHIMP, SILENT AND BROODING, NOT AT ALL LIKE ANITA. ZELER ADVISES ME TO GO BACK TO USA, ITS THE FIRST VOICE OF OPPOSITION I HAVE HEARD. I RESPECT ZELER, HE HAS SEEN THE WORLD. HE SAYS MANY THINGS, AND RELATS MANY THINGS I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE U.S.S.R. I BEGIN TO FEEL UNEASY INSIDE, ITS TRUE!

JUNE-JULY SUMMER MONTHS OF GREEN BEAUTY, PINE FOREST VERY DEEP. I ENJOY MANY SUNDAYS IN THE ENVIRONMENT OF MINST. WITH THE ZEGERS WHO HAVE A CAR "MOS. NICK" AIFRED ALWAYS GOES ALONG WITH ANITA, LEONARA SEEMS TO HAVE NO PERSONAL BOY-FRIEND, BUT MANY ADMIRERS. SHE HAS A BEAUTIFUL SPANISH FIGURE, LONG BLACK HAIR, LIKE ANITA. I NEVER PAY MUCH ATTEN. TO HER SHE'S TOO OLD FOR ME SHE SEEMS TO DISLIKE MY LACK OF ATTENTION FOR SOME REASON. SHE IS NOT STRUNG. I HAVE BECOME HABITUATED TO A SMALL CAFE WHICH IS WHERE I DINE IN THE EVENING. THE FOOD IS GENERALLY POOR AND ALWAYS EXACTLY THE SAME, MENUE IN ANY CAFE AT ANY POINT IN THE CITY. THE FOOD IS CHEAP AND I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT QUALITY AFTER THREE YEARS IN THE U.S.M.C.

AUG-SEPT. AS MY RUSSIAN IMPROVES I BECOME INCREASINGLY CONIOUS OF JUST WHAT SORT OF A SOCIETY I LIVE IN. MASS GYMNASTICS, COMPIUSORY AFTERWORK MEETING, USUALLY POLITICAL INFORMATION MEETING. COMPIUSORY ATTENDANCE AT LECTURES AND THE SENDING OF THE ENTIRE SHOP COLLECTIVE (EXCEPT ME) TO PICK POTATOES ON A SUNDAY, AT A STATE COLLECTIVE FARM. APPARIDICT DUTY TO BRING IN THE HARVEST. THE OPIONS OF THE WORKERS (UNVOICED) ARE THAT ITS A GREAT PAIN IN THE NECK. THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE ESPECIALLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ANY OF THE "COLLECTIVE" DUTIES ANATURAL FEELING. FAN INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE PRESENCE, IN ALL THING, OF LEBIZEN, SHOP PARTY SECRETARY, PAT FORTYISH, and JOVIAH ON THE OUTSIDE. HE IS A NO-NONSENSE PARTY REGULAR.

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