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In the city of Minsk there are ~~over~~¹⁰ factories, plants and industrial enterprises. These enterprises employ over 2,000 people or 55% of 550,000 people the population of the city. It is the fifth largest in the USSR. Other people in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, and Minsk. The capital of the USSR is Moscow. State television it is an important industrial plant. It is located in Minsk.

In the story of the workers of this great city like the people is understanding the character of the Russian people. The understanding of the arms and hopes of the biggest country in the world in land mass and the second greatest industrial power. I shall not in the course of the book refer to the agricultural service classes.

In the course of reconstruction at the end of the 2nd WW when the design of starting all major resources were turned to the rebuilding of the Soviet state, all sacrifices were made, including the slighting of the light consumer industry, to rebuild the heavy industry, the steel mills and machine tool plants, the ports and locomotive works. This book is an attempt at presenting a picture of the people who work in the modern Russian working class.

References which I shall make and figures are taken from the book "USSR Statistics for 1960" put out by the central ministry of books and printing, Moscow, and figures taken from the report of the 22nd Congress of the CPSU, which will form the still unpublished basis for the "USSR Statistics for 1962" book to be published in Moscow in early 1962.

This book is not, however, an economic analysis of the Soviet Union. It is a look into the lives of work-a-day average Russians.

About the author.

The Hardy Oswald was born in Oct 1937 in New Orleans La. He is the son of a poor insurance salesman whose early death left a ~~doctrinaire~~ man streak of independence brought on by neglect. Later, the US Marine Corps at 17 this streak of independence was strengthened by exotic journeys to Japan the Philippines and the scales of old Delano in the Pacific. Immediately after serving out his 3 years in the USMC he abandoned his ~~family~~ ^{parental} life in the USSR. Full of optimism and hope he stood in red square in the fall of 1957 vowing to see his chosen course through, after, however, two years and alot of growing up he decided to return to the U.S.A. This book is not a story about himself. It is only a ~~recollection~~ ^{reminiscent} of what he saw and heard and found out. He does think, however, that not too many people, at least Americans, have had the opportunity to look into a often incredible and sometimes terrifying world, but a world whose outward appearance is very like our own, if not ~~fact~~ ^{fact}.

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