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and structure of the city already. I have no idea of the conditions of the capital of the Republic in 1945, only 10 short years ago. The architectural planning may be very different but it is the manner of almost all Russian cities with the airport striking as its northern eastern boundary and a large spread out town in appearance, only the industrial background township I say in appearance. The tall building here is the 9 story black apartment house flanking the main street (prospect Stalin) which is very all other streets are narrow and the only such street in the city. The city also has a stone ramping off the main street. The block at both ends by extensive parks the design and layout of this prospect is very reflective of the layout of this city from north to south of this street as in narrow view of the city includes in the first two miles the center district of the city, Hotel Mir and the main post office. The hotel was built in 1958 on the direct order of Khrushchev who was gripped at the fact that only one, old dilapidated hotel existed at that time when he paid a special visit to this the capital of Belorussia. The hotel was built in three months, a record for the entire Soviet Union, I think and has over 500 rooms. A modern well served and bright hotel, top shaped it serves many tourists traveling from Germany and Poland through Minsk to Moscow. - 1946.

The post office, handles all mail coming in and out of the city, built in 1955 at has 4 columns at its entrance in the brick style.

Next down the prospect are a clothing store, children's too the central movie house, the best one in Minsk seating 400 people in an small unventilated hall, next to it stands a shoe store across from it the central ladies shop, the main Drug store and a house of multi-story and a transportation (Bussian foot-hold) further stands the ministry of Internal Affairs whose boss is tough military Colonel Nikolay Alshov of the "people militia" he holds the title minister of Internal Affairs ground the corner is his sub-bureau the KGB committee for Internal Security (Intelligence and secret police) across from this is the five-crowns prospect Book shop across from this is the even more crowd restaurant, one of five in the city where for two rubles a person can enjoy fried honey, 64 plates of chicken with potatoes and fried cabbage instead of just the "Kottlet" bread and ground meat patties, 57 shined with more meat and less bread and BEEFSTEAK pure ground beef patties served with potatoes and cabbage and sometime macaroni. These dishes are always served in workers dining-rooms and stand up cafe (open at night). At some time sweet rolls coffee, in summer and fall fruits, salads and tomatoes can also be bought. } 2

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