

TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Copy of a page containing Russian handwriting

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Translator's Note

This appears to be a fragment from a letter. It is to be noted that the text is written in an "old" spelling, i.e. the spelling abolished in Russia after the Revolution of 1917. This leads to a presumption that this text was written by an older person — someone in his or her fifties, because this sort of spelling has not been taught in Soviet schools since 1917. The use of the word "dresses" at the end of the first paragraph suggests that the writer was a woman.

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"..... their content and memorize new words. I must improve my health and gain some weight — for this I try to drink a lot of milk and eat rich and starchy foods. Also, vitamins. All these things are inexpensive here and I should take advantage of this at every opportunity (literally: "at every convenient and inconvenient occasion.") Texas is almost in the tropics and the climate here is hot — one has to take a bath every day and launder one's underwear and dresses frequently — or send them to dry cleaners! This is a must!

I try to look in the American newspapers — particularly