# CENTER FOR SOVIET—AMERICAN DIALOGUE



### Citizen Diplomacy Trips to the Soviet Union 1987

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**FACILITATORS** 

March 10 - 23 Barbara Marx Hubbard Copenhagen - Moscow - Leningrad

A NEW WAY OF THINKING IN THE NUCLEAR AGE: Social Inventions for the Third Millenium, Part One

The Center for Soviet-American Dialogue in cooperation with the Soviet Peace Committee and Komsomolskaya Pravda is sponsoring a four-day conference on the above theme. This will be part of a two-part symposium, the second part taking place at Airlie House near Washington D.C. in November 1987 Task forces have been created with Soviet and American counterparts who are specialists in the following fields of expertise: global politics, security alternatives/economic conversion from military to nonmilitary production, media/communication, education, new advances in health care and medicine, psychology and sociology, cooperative entrepreneurship and religion, atheism and science. Each participant is being asked to submit their social inventions in their area of expertise to help make a positive future a reality. On the last morning of the conference Gostelradio in conjunction with WBAI in New York will be broadcasting a two-hour live radio spacebridge show, giving coverage of this symposium. 32 Participants

March 10 - 24 Moscow - Zagorsk Father Luis Dolan

THE SAVING OF THE SACRED GIFT OF LIFE

The Russian Orthodox Church in conjunction with the Soviet State Council of Religious Affairs has invited the Center for Soviet-American Dialogue to select a small group of ecumenical clergy to participate in their Third Annual Conference entitled *The Saving of the Sacred Gift of Life*. This group will be sponsored by the Russian Orthodox Church. Some members have also been invited to be delegates and take part in the symposium *A New Way of Thinking in the Nuclear Age*, participating in the task force committee on Religion, Atheism and Science, which will take place in Moscow the same week. This will be part of a two-part symposium, the second part taking place at Airlie House near Washington D.C. in November, 1987.

March 26 - April 9 Helsinki - Leningrad - Moscow Blaine C. Mays Peggy Bassett

### INTERNATIONAL NEW THOUGHT ALLIANCE:

Explore Russia, Another New Thought Frontier

Dr. Bassett says that she is vitally aware of the "timeliness of this meeting of minds," and looks forward to "meeting USSR counterparts, to explore how we can together move into action for more harmonious participating of life at all times and places." Dr. Mays says "In addition to the cultural and educational aspects of being in the USSR and the special joy of traveling with like-minded folk, the resonating and growing spirit of understanding, brotherhood and peace, as the only alternative left for successful livingness by humanity shall be further empowered and empowering."

82 Participants

April 5 - 19 Helsinki - Leningrad - Moscow Ron Kaufman Mel Ingalls

### AN EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURE IN THE SOVIET UNION

Our group will visit primary and secondary schools in Moscow and Leningrad and have the opportunity to meet the teachers and dialogue with students. One of the purposes of these meetings will be to create the foundation for ongoing communication between Soviet and American educators and students. This trip will also focus on meeting with Soviets from a variety of professions. In addition to visits to schools, committees, and other areas of educational interest, we will be warmly received in unofficial meetings with private citizens. In home visits members of this delegation will have the opportunity to spend quality time in an intimate environment with artists, healers, educators, psychologists and journalists. This special tour is available to everyone with an open heart and an open mind.

August 2 - 16 Leningrad - Moscow - Sochi

18 Participants

Alan Cohen Beverly Hutchinson Alexander Everett

### A COURSE IN MIRACLES GOES TO RUSSIA

It will be over a year since a group of citizen diplomats took "The Course in Miracles" to Russia. This time they will again apply the principles of the Course in their meetings and interactions with the Soviet people on the official level and in all civilian walks of life. We will be meeting with healers in both Moscow and Leningrad, and then travel to Sochi on the Black Sea, one of the most beautiful areas in the Soviet Union. There we will visit the famous health spas, bathe in their healing waters, and meet with the people in this area, which will give us a different view than city life.

Linda Johnson August 2 - 16 Helsinki - Moscow - Golden Ring Cities

### YOUTH AMBASSADORS GO CAMPING

Youth Ambassadors of America will pioneer a new joint activity with Soviet youth at a summer camp on a beautiful lake close to Moscow, near a group of ancient towns popularly known as the "Golden Ring." The children will visit, and interact with children, at a nearby Computer Camp. In addition to the usual camp activities, the children will be learning about each other's languages and cultures. They will develop cooperative leadership skills by initiating childrens' joint projects, such as making a video of their activities. Other joint projects will include music, dance, theatre, photography, ecology, journalism, and the arts. After the camp, the children will experience an unprecedented stay as guests in Soviet homes for four days in Moscow. They will also visit Red Square, the Kremlin, a children's department store, Gorky Park, and the worldfamous Moscow Circus.

40 Participants, ages 7 - 17

August 23 - September 8 Leningrad - Moscow - Poland Dr. Tim LaSalle

THE KELLOG FELLOWS

The Center for Soviet-American Dialogue has been asked to arrange very special experiences within the USSR and Poland for the Kellog Fellows, and their families. They will meet with journalists, officials and academicians as well as counterparts in their area of expertise and interest. They will have round table discussions with Soviet officials and non-officials visiting the homes of people. A trip to a collective farm is also being planned. The children will join with Soviet Children in the annual children's International Peace Lesson, and participate in a joint art project on the opening day of school. After flying to Poland, they will visit Krakow, Auschwitz and Czestochowa.

#### September 10 - 20 Moscow

SOVIET-AMERICAN IMAGES: "A New Perspective" A select gathering for Media, Film and Performing Arts professionals to explore their commonalities and differences and openly discuss the images depicted of one another on stage, screen and through the written word. The U.S. delegation will be special guests of prominent Soviet representatives in the fields of the arts and media. This symposium will be more than a meeting of the minds. It will be a heart-to-heart exchange, discovering new ways in which film, media and literature, our most powerful communications vehicles, can be used to contribute toward deeper understanding between the peoples of our two nations.

November 8 - 22 Leningrad - Moscow Dee Dickenson Linda MacRae

### EDUCATIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE

This group is made up of leading educators from America who belong to an international human resource network created to communicate an expanded vision of education. The network focuses on increasing awareness of human capabilities and offering effective methods to develop these capabilities more fully through synthesizing and communicating information from current research on brain/mind function. These educators are to meet with their counterparts within the Soviet Union. They will meet with Soviet educators who apply traditional as well as innovative new theories in the development of the child, including Igor Cherkovsky, pioneer of underwater birthing, to observe his methods and theories on child development. They will visit schools, take part in round table discussions with Soviet teachers, meet with leading psychologists whose emphasis is on the psychology of children in the nuclear age, as well as with heads of Youth Council involved in developing the theories. The Youth Council plans to implement the practices of our children as the future social inventors.

40 Participants

December 20, 1987 - January 2, 1988 Lapland - Moscow - Leningrad

### NEW YEARS IN MOSCOW AND AN EXPEDITION TO THE HOME OF FATHER CHRISTMAS IN LAPLAND

The World Peace Event that was postponed in Moscow until the third of January, 1987 was, the Soviets said for them, a history making event. As a result, we have been asked to return again in 1987/1988. An article published in The Moscow News was entitled "Lighting Candles as a Sign of Hope." This year we are being asked to bring 20,000 candles. We are planning to precede the New Years event in Moscow with a trip to Rovaniemi, on the Arctic Circle in Finnish Lapland, to the home of Father Christmas (Santa Claus). In luxurious accommodations we will spend time in orientation preparation for the Soviet culture as well as experience the magic of Santa Claus's home, sign his Christmas book, and play with and ride the reindeer. After three days of play and preparation we will fly into Moscow to celebrate the New Year with Soviet families. This year they asked our delegation to participate in a celebration with 10,000 Soviets in Arbot Square.

Airlie House Washington D.C.

## SOVIET-AMERICAN CITIZEN SUMMIT "A New Way of Thinking" - Part II

Fifty Soviets will be hosted by the Center for Soviet-American Dialogue at this conference, which is Part Two of the Conferences held in Moscow during March and September. During Part One, Soviet and American participants identified social innovations and joint projects that can be implemented by Soviet-American collaboration. The March Conference, titled "A New Way of Thinking in the Nuclear Age: Social Inventions for the Third Millenium" included distinguished representatives who are on the leading edge in their professions. The September Conference will be concerned with "Soviet-American Images - A New Perspective". Film, Media and Cultural Portrayals of One Another. Participants from these two conferences as well as a small group of Soviet inter-religious leaders will attend the Washington D.C. conference. Soviet and American participants will present to a group of 300-350 delegates, the ideas and projects which they have already discussed. The Delegates will include members of Congress, representatives from the media, film and entertainment world, people from the academic community and from previous citizen diplomacy trips organized by the Center over the past 2 ½ years. Panel discussions will be formed around the same topics as in Part One, co-chaired by Soviet and American "social inventors"

# CONFERENCES, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND NEW PROJECTS

### SOVIET AMERICAN NETWORK FOR SOCIAL INVENTORS

Barbara Marx Hubbard and Rama Vernon are Co-Directing this new project for the purpose of establishing an on-going process of communication, collaboration and cooperation between American and Soviet citizens who are working together on joint projects that are contributing towards the betterment of humankind.

### YOUTH AMBASSADORS OF AMERICA

Linda Johnson has created the YAA in response to the need of young people to express their concerns and share their vision and desire for international trust and understanding.

#### MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

The last Friday of each month beginning April 1987, a luncheon is being held at the Four Seasons Olympic Hotel in Seattle, featuring a speaker on Citizen Diplomacy and US-USSR relations, culture, history and joint projects. Phyllis Grimes, as Educational Program Coordinator, is taking responsibility for this event.

# CENTER FOR SOVIET—AMERICAN DIALOGUE



#### IT IS THE INTENTION

OF THE CENTER FOR SOVIET-AMERICAN DIALOGUE TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BY CREATING A FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THE PEOPLES OF AMERICA AND THE SOVIET UNION CAN MEET AND DIALOGUE WITH ONE ANOTHER. THE PURPOSE IS TO CREATE A VARIETY OF FORUMS AND EXCHANGES BOTH IN THE U.S. AND THE U.S.S.R. THROUGH THESE EXCHANGES CITIZENS CAN COME TOGETHER IN OPEN-HEARTED ACCEPTANCE AND EXPLORE THEIR SIMILARITIES AS WELL AS DIFFERENCES.

THE CENTER FOR SOVIET-AMERICAN DIALOGUE HOPES THAT IN THIS SEARCH FOR A COMMON GROUND PEOPLE OF BOTH COUNTRIES WIL BE ABLE TO OVERCOME FEARS AND MISCONCEPTIONS THEY MAY HOLD OF ONE ANOTHER.

THROUGH PERSONAL COMMUNICATION, BOTH CAN REASSESS THEIR CONCEPTS AND BELIEFS: THEREBY CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF GROWING TRUST AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, THE CENTER FOR SOVIET-AMERICAN DIALOGUE BELIEVES, THAT THE PEOPLE OF BOTH NATIONS CAN RECOGNIZE THEIR COMMON HUMANITY AND TOGETHER MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS GLOBAL PEACE.

#### **TRIPS PLANNED FOR 1988**

January Physicians for Social Responsibility and Inter-

national Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War: A select cross-section of Physicians who will meet with Soviet Physicans and the President of IPPNW in the Soviet Union.

Feburary Special conference for Legislators and Legis-

lative Assistants.

March Context Training Graduates: Emphasizing person-to-person ties and understanding each

others "context" of life.

April Youth Summit: bringing 200 Soviet Children

from throughout the Republics together with 200 children from throughout the United States, sponsored by Youth Ambassadors of America, a branch of the Center for Soviet-

American Dialogue.

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