

CENTER FOR  
**SOVIET-AMERICAN DIALOGUE**

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## **BACKGROUND**

Since 1984 the Center for Soviet-American Dialogue has operated as a clearinghouse and center of influence for Soviet - American cooperation.

In March, 1987 CSAD sponsored a symposium entitled "A New Way of Thinking In the Nuclear Age: Social Inventions for the 3rd Millenium." That forum became a cornerstone in Soviet-American citizen discussion. A shared vision of mutual trust gathered momentum.

In February of 1988 the first Soviet-American Citizens' Summit was held in Washington D.C. The response was overwhelming. This meeting between 450 Americans and 100 Soviets led to the creation of over 100 joint projects, many of which became active organizations in their own right with ongoing global agendas.

In January of 1990 CSAD acted as the American Host for CITIZENS' SUMMIT II in Moscow. The results were startling in focus and intensity. Task forces labored at fever pitch to confront the major issues of modern civilization that now challenge all citizens: issues of ecology, economics, global conflict, human rights, business and trade, health, religion and spirituality, education, the arts as a bridge to world cooperation, and many others.

Through a rare combination of hard work and creative exploration, world citizen diplomacy at SUMMIT II crossed a threshold to enter a new era characterized by uni-lateral cooperation and discernable positive change.

It is the intention of CSAD to assist in nurturing this emerging vision until it becomes the actual history of generations to follow.

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## PURPOSE AND VISION

*The purpose of the Center for Soviet American Dialogue is to nurture a common humanity by creating unprecedented global network forums with leadership provided by the American and Soviet peoples.*

*We believe that pragmatic open-hearted exchange is exponential in catalyzing the joint projects of a growing community - the community of mankind. The pioneering efforts of that commonwealth now provide a sustaining model for lasting world cooperation in the new millenium.*

*We trust in the mutual dignity of cooperation between powerfully distinct cultures. The resulting commitment promises a natural birthright of universal accord to the emerging family of man.*

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## PROGRAMS

### **CITIZEN AMBASSADOR TRIPS**

Since 1985, CSAD has taken over 1000 Americans to the Soviet Union to meet with their official and unofficial Soviet counterparts. With the help of governmental and non-governmental organizations, CSAD organizes round table discussions and special visits to academic institutions, film studios, music conservatories, churches, synagogues, private homes, and other places of interest to those on our tours. CSAD has lead specialized tours such as business groups, film and media specialists, children and youth, women's groups, clergy, social inventors and mixed professional groups from throughout the United States who wish to improve relations between the US and USSR through people to people programs.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

CSAD publishes a quarterly newspaper. The first issue was an indepth report of the first Soviet-American Citizens' Summit. The second issue, devoted to Glasnost, featured interviews of Soviet citizens expressing their opinions of the transformation process underway. The third issue saw the advent of change for our newspaper under the direction of editor, Ray Couture. Our *Soviet-American News* now accepts advertising and is co-published by ASK, a Soviet publishing organization. Bilingual articles enhance the scope our paper as we confront issues that concern citizen diplomacy in the USSR and throughout the world. 1990 also saw the addition of the *CSAD Bulletin*, a publication designed specifically to give information about activities of CSAD and updates on joint projects created through Citizens' Summits.

### **CITIZENS' SUMMITS**

Co-sponsored by the Soviet Peace Committee, CSAD hosted 100 Soviet citizens and officials who participated with 400 Americans in task forces or committees specifically to create joint projects. Hundreds of projects were born at the Summit, many are now coming to fruition. The second Citizens' Summit was held in Moscow in January, 1990 with 205 representatives from the United States, Canada, India, Europe, and Scandinavia hosted by the Soviet Peace Committee. This second Summit saw the creation of an estimated 170 additional joint projects and served as a catalyst as we move toward Summit III, tentatively scheduled for mid-1991 in Cyprus.

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