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FOREWORD

This statistical abstract, published by decision of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union of March 16, 1957, on "Preparations to Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution," presents statistical data illustrating the forty years of achievement of the Soviet power in industry, building, agriculture, transport, and the living and cultural standards of the Soviet people.

Apart from data for all the U.S.S.R., the abstract offers the principal industrial, agricultural, cultural and public health indices for the Union Republics. In a number of key issues Soviet economic and cultural figures are compared with those of capitalist states. There are also data illustrating economic developments in the socialist countries as a whole.

Some tables are followed by brief explanatory texts. The abstract contains a series of economic and cultural diagrams.

Post-revolutionary data are given for the Soviet Union within boundaries existing in the corresponding years, while 1913 figures, unless otherwise stated, are for territories within U.S.S.R. boundaries before September 17, 1939, i. e., excluding the Western regions of the Ukrainian S.S.R. and the Byelorussian S.S.R., the Lithuanian S.S.R., the Latvian S.S.R., the Estonian S.S.R., Bessarabia and the other areas incorporated in the U.S.S.R. after 1939.

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