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1 December

Temperatures rose considerably in all the European USSR. Daytime temperatures were above zero almost everywhere except in the Urals and the Volga Region, where light subzero temperatures prevailed. Daytime temperatures were one degree above zero in Arkhangel'sk, Petrozavodsk, Orel, Voronezh, and Voroshilovgrad; 2, in Leningrad, Moscow, Dnepropetrovsk, and Rostov on Don; 3, in Riga, Minsk, and Kishinev; 5, in Kiev; 6, in Simferopol' and Odessa; and 8, in Krasnodar. Moderate subzero temperatures prevailed in the eastern regions. Daytime temperatures were 8 degrees above zero in Gor'kiy and Saratov and 12, in Kirov, Sverdlovsk, and Kuybyshev.

Quite heavy snowfalls were recorded in the northern, northwestern, and central regions, the central chernozem zone, and most of the Ukrainian SSR. Wet snow fell in some areas. During the first 12 hours of 30 November, precipitation amounted to 5-9 millimeters. Snow fell in the Transcaucasus.

Subzero temperatures abated in Western Siberia. Extreme subzero temperatures prevailed in Novosibirskaya Oblast and Altayskiy Kray, where a daytime temperature of 23 degrees below zero was recorded. Daytime temperatures were 17 degrees below zero in Omsk and 11 below in Tobol'sk. Temperatures dropped in the eastern portion of the Kazakh SSR. Daytime temperatures were 22 degrees below zero in Semipalatinsk and 10 below in Alma-Ata.

On 30 November, slightly below zero temperatures prevailed in the Turkmen SSR. The daytime temperature in the Tadzhik SSR was 6 degrees above zero.

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On 1 December, overcast skies and very warm weather for this time of the year prevailed in most of the European USSR. Rain fell in the Belorussian SSR and in the central and northwestern regions. Snow, which changed to rain in some localities, fell in the Volga Region.

Daytime temperatures were above zero everywhere except in the Urals and the Middle Volga Region. Temperatures were one degree above zero in Arkhangel'sk and Saratov, 3, in Orel, Moscow, and Vologda, 6, in Kiev, Rostov on Don, and Minsk, 8, in Kishinev, Simferopol', and Krasnodar, and 10, in Odessa.

The snow cover which had formed earlier has diminished or changed to ice in some localities or disappeared completely. Snow has completely disappeared from fields in the Baltic republics, the Belorussian SSR, the Ukrainian SSR west of the Dnepr, the Crimea, and the Kuban'.

Moderate subzero temperatures ranging between 5 and 10 degrees below zero prevailed during the day in the Urals. During the night, temperatures dropped as low as 30 degrees below zero in Tomskaya and Novosibirskaya Oblasts and Altayskiy Kray. A snow cover has formed everywhere. Snowfalls and snowstorms are continuing in many areas. Approximately the same type of weather prevailed in the northern portion of the Kazakh SSR.

A daytime temperature of about zero was recorded in Central Asia. Snow has disappeared from most areas. Light precipitation fell in the eastern portion of the Tadzhik SSR and the southern portion of the Kirghiz SSR.

3 December

On 2 December, warm weather prevailed in the western, central, and southern regions of the European USSR. Daytime temperatures were one degree above zero in Leningrad, Moscow, Orel, and Voronezh, 2, in Saratov and Stalingrad, 3, in L'vov and Rostov on Don, 4, in Minsk and Voroshilovgrad, 6, in Kiev and Krasnodar, 7, in Riga, 8, in Odessa, and 9, in Makhachkala. Daytime temperatures were 2 degrees below zero in Kirov, 3 below, in Kazan', 4 below, in Sverdlovsk, and 7 below, in Chkalov. Light precipitation in the form of rain and snow was recorded in Arkhangel'skaya, Vologodskaya, and Kirovskaya oblasts, the central chernozem zone, the Middle and Lower Volga Region, and the Northern Caucasus.

Cold weather prevailed in Western Siberia and the eastern portion of the Kazakh SSR. Daytime temperatures were 25 degrees below zero in Semipalatinsk, 23 below, in Akmolinsk, and 21 below, in Barnaul, Omsk, and Tobol'sk.

Light snowfalls fell in some localities in Krasnoyarskiy Kray.

Rising temperatures were recorded in the Turkmen and Tadzhik SSRs.

4 December

On 3 December, unusually warm weather for this time of year prevailed in most of the European USSR. Precipitation mostly in the form of rain was recorded in the northern regions. Especially warm weather prevailed in the western regions. Daytime temperatures were 10 degrees above zero in Riga and Kishinev, 7, in Minsk, Kiev, and Krasnodar, 5, in Leningrad, Moscow, and Kursk, and about zero in the Volga Region.

The snow cover has disappeared in all of the Ukrainian SSR and the western portion of the central zone approximately as far as Moscow and ice has broken up on rivers and lakes. The snow cover has diminished in the eastern regions. An ice cover was recorded in Gor'kovskaya and Saratovskaya oblasts.

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Pasturing of cattle has resumed in the Crimea, the Moldavian SSR, and many areas of the Ukrainian SSR. Grass has begun to grow again in some localities in the southwestern regions.

Considerably below zero temperatures prevailed in Western Siberia. Daytime temperatures were 20 degrees below zero in Barnaul and Novosibirsk and 24 below in Omsk. Snowfalls and snowstorms were recorded in the Ural regions of Siberia.

Rising temperatures prevailed in the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR and Central Asia. Snow fell in the mountain regions of Central Asia.

5 December

On 4 December, very warm weather prevailed in almost all the European USSR. In Moscow, for example, the average daily temperature was 10 degrees higher than usual for this time of the year.

Slightly below zero temperatures prevailed in the extreme northern and the eastern regions of the European USSR. Temperatures were 4 degrees below zero in Syktyvkar and Sverdlovsk and 2 below in Ufa. Precipitation in the form of rain and wet snow was recorded in the northwestern regions.

Warmer weather prevailed in Western Siberia. On 4 December, daytime temperatures were 12 degrees below zero in Omsk and Novosibirsk and 16 below in Barnaul. Extreme subzero temperatures were recorded in Eastern Siberia and the Transbaykal.

Cool weather prevailed in Central Asia and the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR.

6 December

[No weather and crop information was published on this date.]

7 December

[No paper published this date.]

8 December

After a prolonged period of sharply rising temperatures, a drop in temperatures which began on 7 December had gripped almost all the European USSR except the extreme western and southern regions by the middle of the day. Temperatures were about 5 degrees below zero in Arkhangel'sk, Kirov, and Sverdlovsk, 2 below in Moscow, Kuybyshev, and Saratov, and one below in Minsk, Kiev, Voronezh, and Stalingrad. Daytime temperatures ranging between one and three degrees above zero were recorded in Riga, Kishinev, Odessa, and Krasnodar.

As a result of the recent heat wave, the snow cover disappeared in the northwestern, central, and southeastern regions. On 7 December, the boundary of the continuous snow cover followed a line running from Petrozavodsk to Kostroma, Saratov, Ural'sk, and Gur'yev. To the east of this line, the snow cover diminished noticeably. During the first 12 hours of 7 December, light snowfalls were recorded in the northeastern regions and the Middle Volga Region. Precipitation, mostly in the form of rain, fell in the Northern Caucasus.

Cloudy weather with snowfalls, snowstorms, and strong winds prevailed in Western Siberia. Daytime temperatures ranged between 2 and 3 degrees below zero. It was somewhat colder in Eastern Siberia. The temperature was 12 degrees below zero in Krasnoyarsk. Extreme subzero temperatures prevailed in the Transbaykal, especially during the night.

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Warm weather with light rains prevailed in Central Asia. Daytime temperatures were about 9 degrees above zero in Ashkhabad and 5, in Stalinabad.

9 December

[No weather and crop information was published on this date.]

10 December

[No paper published this date.]

11 December

On 10 December, cloudy with clearing weather without precipitation, accompanied by temperatures considerably higher than usual for this time of the year, prevailed in most of the European USSR. A sharp drop in temperatures has begun in the extreme northeastern regions and is gradually spreading into the Urals and adjacent regions. During a 24-hour period, the temperature in Komi ASSR dropped 8-10 degrees. On 10 December, daytime temperatures were 13 degrees below zero in Syktyvkar, 9 below in Kirov, and 5 below in Vologda. On the night of 10 December, temperatures dropped to 20-23 degrees below zero in the northern Urals. It is gradually becoming colder in the Volga Region. Noon temperatures were one degree below zero in Kuybyshev and 2 below in Ufa and Chkalov. Moderate snowfalls were recorded in the Urals and adjacent regions.

Warm weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR, the Ukrainian SSR, the Crimea, and the Northern Caucasus. Temperatures were 2 degrees above zero in Minsk and L'vov, 3, in Voroshilovgrad and Krasnodar, and 5, in Kishinev.

Overcast weather prevailed in Western Siberia. Snow fell and strong winds and snowstorms were recorded. Daytime temperatures were 5 degrees below zero in Omsk and 8 below in Novosibirsk and Barnaul.

Warm weather prevailed in Central Asia and the eastern portion of the Kazakh SSR. Temperatures were 7 degrees above zero in Tashkent, 6, in Alma-Ata, and 5, in Stalinabad.

12 December

On 11 December, gradually dropping temperatures prevailed in the Urals, the Volga Region, and the Northern Caucasus. Daytime temperatures were zero in Rostov on Don and Krasnodar, 4 below in Stalingrad, 10 below in Saratov, 13 below in Kuybyshev and Chkalov, and 15 below in Ufa and Kazan'. The drop in temperatures has spread to the central zone. On 11 December, temperatures were 6-7 degrees below zero in Moscow and Tambov while the day before they were above zero.

Warm weather prevailed in the western regions. Temperatures were 2 degrees below zero in Riga and Minsk and 5 degrees above in Kishinev. Temperatures rose considerably in Arkhangel'skaya Oblast and Komi ASSR. Temperatures rose to zero in some localities, whereas the day before they had dropped as low as 15 degrees below zero. Snowfalls were recorded in the northern regions.

Light rains which changed to snow in some places fell in the southern portion of the Belorussian SSR, some areas of the western regions of the Ukrainian SSR, and the Lower Volga Region.

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Moderate subzero temperatures with snowfalls and snowstorms prevailed in Western Siberia and the northern portion of the Kazakh SSR. Temperatures ranged between 7 and 10 degrees below zero in Omsk, Novosibirsk, and Barnaul. A snow cover has formed everywhere.

Daytime temperatures rose to 2-5 degrees above zero in Central Asia. Sub-zero temperatures were recorded during the night.

13 December

On 12 December, rising temperatures prevailed in the northern regions of the European USSR, but temperatures dropped in the southern regions. As a result, the unusual situation of colder weather in the extreme southern regions than in the northern regions appeared. For example, it was colder in Odessa than in Arkhangel'sk and the temperature in the Kuban' was lower than in Komi ASSR.

The lowest daytime temperature of 15 degrees below zero was recorded in the Urals. Temperatures were 6-7 degrees above zero in the Volga Region, 5, in Moscow, Minsk, and Voronezh, 3, in Krasnodar and Kiev, 2, in Leningrad and Syktyvkar, one degree below zero in Odessa, and zero in Kishinev and Arkhangel'sk.

Snow fell in the Urals and the Northern Caucasus and rains were recorded in some localities in Arkhangel'skaya Oblast and Komi ASSR. An ice cover has formed in many areas of the Ukrainian SSR. Vegetation is in the winter quiescent stage everywhere. Crops are standing the winter well.

Temperatures of about 10 degrees below zero prevailed in Western Siberia, except in the northern portion of Tyumenskaya Oblast where temperatures dropped to 25-30 degrees below zero. Snowfalls and snowstorms were recorded in many areas of Siberia. The depth of the snow cover has reached 15-20 centimeters almost everywhere.

Snow fell and daytime temperatures of about zero were recorded in Central Asia.

14 December

[No paper published this date.]

15 December

On 14 December, the coldest weather was recorded in the southern and southeastern regions of the European USSR. Daytime temperatures were 6 degrees below zero in Krasnodar, 7 below in Kishinev, and 8 below in Grozny and Kiev. Temperatures dropped again on the Black Sea coast of the Caucasus. On the night of 14 December, temperatures dropped to 2 degrees below zero in the Sukhumi area. Comparatively warm weather prevailed in the northern regions. Daytime temperatures were about one degree below zero in Sverdlovsk and Kazan', 4 below in Syktyvkar and Petrozavodsk, and 5 below in Vologda. Daytime temperatures ranged between 4 and 6 degrees below zero in the rest of the European USSR. Snow fell only in the Middle and Lower Volga Regions.

Overcast weather with snowfalls prevailed in Western Siberia. Light snow fell almost everywhere. Daytime temperatures were 10 degrees below zero in Omsk and 16 below in Novosibirsk and Barnaul. Snowfalls were recorded in the northern portion of Krasnoyarskiy Kray, where the daytime temperature was 9 degrees below zero.

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Cold weather prevailed in Central Asia. A daytime temperature of 2 degrees above zero was recorded in Tashkent and Ashkhabad. Moderate subzero temperatures prevailed in the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR. Daytime temperatures were 9 degrees below zero in Kzyl-Orda and Alma-Ata.

16 December

On 15 December, moderate subzero weather prevailed in almost all the European USSR. Temperatures at 1300 hours were 7-8 degrees below zero in Stalingrad, L'vov, Kursk, Minsk, and Vologda and 10 below in Kirov, Chkalov, and Saratov. It was somewhat warmer in the extreme south and the extreme north.

Snow fell in the Crimea, the Kuban', and Dnepropetrovskaya and Rostovskaya oblasts. A snow cover has formed in the last few days in Stavropol'skiy Kray and Groznenskaya Oblast. A continuous snow cover exists in the northern regions, all the Urals, and the Middle Volga Region. During the last days, snow has fallen in some areas of the central regions. The ground has frozen everywhere to a depth of about 30 centimeters. Winter crops are standing the winter well.

Daytime temperatures of about 10 degrees below zero, which dropped to about 20 below during the night, prevailed in Western Siberia and the northern portion of the Kazakh SSR. Snowfalls and snowstorms are continuing in many areas. Winter crops are standing the winter well.

Cold weather prevailed in the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR and Central Asia. Daytime temperatures were about zero in Tashkent and Ashkhabad, 5 below in Dzhambul, 8 below in Alma-Ata, and 11 below in Kzyl-Orda.

17 December

Subzero temperatures have gradually increased in the European USSR. On 16 December, temperatures were 7 degrees below zero in Arkhangel'sk, Tambov, and Odessa and 5 below in Moscow and Nal'chik. It was somewhat colder in the Urals. It was 10 degrees below zero in Ufa.

Light snow fell in the Urals, some areas of the Middle Volga Region, and almost everywhere in the Northern Caucasus. Heavy snowfalls and snowstorms were recorded in the Crimea and Dagestanskaya ASSR where 5-7 millimeters of snow fell during the first 12 hours of 16 December. Abundant rains fell on the Black Sea coast of the Caucasus. A snow cover has formed in most areas of Rostovskaya and Groznenskaya oblasts and Krasnodarskiy and Stavropol'skiy Krays.

Slightly below zero temperatures with quite heavy snowfalls and snowstorms in certain localities prevailed in Western Siberia and the northern portion of the Kazakh SSR.

Daytime temperatures in Central Asia were 11 degrees above zero in Stalinabad, 6 above in Tashkent, and 4 above in Ashkhabad.

18 December

Cloudy and, in some areas, overcast weather without precipitation accompanied by moderate subzero temperatures prevailed in most of the European USSR. On 17 December, daytime temperatures ranged between 9 and 14 degrees below zero in the northeastern regions and the Urals. Temperatures of 5-9 degrees below zero were recorded in the rest of the European USSR, including the Crimea, the Kuban', and the extreme southern portion of the Ukrainian SSR.

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During the first 12 hours of 17 December, light snowfalls were recorded in Arkhangel'skaya Oblast, some places in the central chernozem zone, the southern portion of the Ukrainian SSR, the Lower Volga Region, and the Crimea. An ice cover has formed in some areas of the Lower Volga Region and in the Northern Caucasus.

Moderate subzero temperatures prevailed in Western Siberia. Daytime temperatures were 9 degrees below zero in Novosibirsk, 10 below in Omsk, and 11 below in Barnaul. The zone of precipitation moved towards the east and on 17 December light snowfalls were recorded in Kamerovskaya and Tomskaya oblasts and Krasnoyarskiy Krai.

Daytime temperatures in Central Asia were one degree above zero in Ashkhabad and 4 above in Stalinabad. A light snow cover has formed in some areas of the northern portion of the Turkmen SSR.

19 December

Rising temperatures prevailed in the northern portion of the European USSR. On 18 December, temperatures were one degree below zero in Arkhangel'sk, 2 below in Petrozavodsk, and 3 below in Vologda.

Temperatures considerably below zero for that area prevailed in the southern regions. Daytime temperatures were 6 degrees below zero in Grozny and Krasnodar and 8 below in Odessa. Subzero temperatures have also spread to the Black Sea coast of the Caucasus. During the night of 18 December, the temperature in Sukhumi dropped to 2 degrees below zero. Snowfalls were recorded in the southern regions.

Cloudy weather, mostly without precipitation, accompanied by considerably below zero temperatures prevailed in the central regions, the northern portion of the Ukrainian SSR, and the Middle Volga Region. Daytime temperatures were 9 degrees below zero in Minsk and 10 below in Gor'kiy and Kuybyshev. The lowest temperatures were recorded in the northeastern regions. Daytime temperatures were 14 degrees below zero in Kirov and 12 below in Sverdlovsk.

Temperatures dropped considerably in Western Siberia. Noon temperatures were 21 degrees below zero in Novosibirsk, 17 below in Barnaul, and 19 below in Krasnoyarsk. Temperatures ranged between 7 and 9 degrees below zero in Omskaya and Tyumenskaya oblasts.

Heavy snowfalls were recorded in the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR and the Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR. Daytime temperatures were one degree above zero in Ashkhabad and Stalinabad and zero in Tashkent.

20 December

On 19 December, moderate subzero weather with heavy snowfalls prevailed in almost all the European USSR. Comparatively warm weather prevailed in the northern regions. Temperatures were 2 degrees below zero in Petrozavodsk, 4 below in Kishinev and Kiev, 10 below in Kazan', Riga, Orel, and Voroshilovgrad, 12 below in Minsk and Stalingrad, and 15 below in Kuybyshev.

A light snow cover has formed almost everywhere. Most of the snow in the last few days has fallen in the Northern Caucasus, the Crimea, and some areas of the Moldavian and Ukrainian SSRs. A snow cover with a depth of 10-20 centimeters has formed in the Urals and the Middle Volga Region.

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Orchards and winter crops are standing the winter well. Conditions for the winter pasturing of cattle are good in the Caspian Region.

Temperatures dropped in Western Siberia. Daytime temperatures were 21 degrees below zero in Omsk and Novosibirsk and 26 below in Barnaul. During the night, temperatures in Tomskaya and Novosibirskaya oblasts dropped to 30-33 degrees below zero. The drop in temperatures spread into the northern regions of the Kazakh SSR, where temperatures dropped to 15-20 degrees below zero. Snowfalls were recorded in many areas of Western Siberia and the northern portion of the Kazakh SSR.

Snow fell in Central Asia. Daytime temperatures were about zero; during the night, they dropped to about 5 degrees below zero.

21 December

[No paper published this date.]

22 December

On 21 December, overcast weather with light snowfalls accompanied by moderate subzero temperatures prevailed in almost all the European USSR.

A snow cover has formed almost everywhere including the Crimea and the Caucasus, but its depth is less than 5 centimeters in most cases, and it reaches a depth of 20-30 centimeters only in the Urals and in some localities in the Transcaucasus. The depth of the frozen ground is gradually increasing and has already reached 20-30 centimeters in most areas and even 50 centimeters in some places in the northern portion of the Ukrainian SSR and the chernozem zone.

Subzero temperatures have begun to abate in Western Siberia.

23 December

On 22 December, moderate subzero weather with snowfalls prevailed in the European USSR. The height of the snow cover is gradually increasing. Daytime temperatures were 6 degrees below zero in Simferopol', Kiev, and Rostov on Don, 9 below in Kursk, Moscow, and Tambov, and 15 below in Sverdlovsk, Ufa, Kazan', and Kuybyshev.

Snowfalls were recorded in all the northern regions of the European USSR approximately as far as Tula and also in the Volga Region, the southern and eastern portions of the Ukrainian SSR, and the Northern Caucasus. Winter crops are standing the winter well. Due to the formation of a loose snow cover, prospects for the further continuation of this situation are good.

Temperatures have begun to drop in Western Siberia. Daytime temperatures were 21 degrees below zero in Omsk and 23 below in Barnaul. Approximately the same subzero temperatures prevailed in the eastern portion of the Kazakh SSR. These low temperatures are not a threat to winter crops because of the deep snow cover.

Temperatures rose in the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR and Central Asia. Rain or snow fell in many areas. Temperatures were about zero in Dzhambul and Kzyl-Orda, 10 degrees above zero in Tashkent, and 13, in Stalinabad.

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24 December

During the first 12 hours of 23 December, snowfalls were recorded in the Belorussian SSR, some areas of the central regions, the Upper Volga Region, and the northern Urals.

Daytime temperatures were 19 degrees below zero in Syktyvkar, 21 below in Kirov, 20 below in Kazan' and Ufa, 15 below in Chkalov, 14 below in Kuybyshev, and 12 below in Saratov and Stalingrad. Cold weather prevailed in the Northern Caucasus. Daytime temperatures were 10 degrees below zero in Rostov on Don and 7 below in Makhachkala.

The snow cover has increased as a result of snowfalls. Fewer and fewer areas remain without a snow cover. A snow cover is completely absent only in the extreme western portions of the Baltic republics and the Ukrainian SSR and in some areas of Kurskaya, Sumskaya, Chernigovskaya, and Khar'kovskaya oblasts.

No precipitation was recorded in Western Siberia. Daytime temperatures were 16 degrees below zero in Omsk, 17, in Novosibirsk, and 18, in Barnaul.

Cold weather with snowfalls and rains prevailed in Central Asia and the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR. During the first 12 hours of 23 December, precipitation amounted to 8-14 millimeters in some areas.

25 December

On 24 December, overcast weather with subzero temperatures prevailed in the European USSR. Snowfalls were recorded in the Urals, the central regions, the Moldavian SSR, and the Northern Caucasus. Daytime temperatures were 20 degrees below zero in Ufa, 15 below in Chkalov and Kuybyshev, and 13 below in Saratov and Stalingrad. Temperatures ranging between 13 and 15 degrees below zero were recorded in the central chernozem zone. Warmer weather prevailed in the western and southern regions. Temperatures were 7 degrees below zero in Riga, Minsk, Kiev, and Simferopol' and about zero in Krasnodar.

A loose snow cover with a depth of approximately 5 centimeters has formed almost everywhere. A compact snow cover with a depth of 20-30 centimeters has formed in the Urals. Crops are standing the winter well.

Temperatures rose in Western Siberia. Daytime temperatures were 10 degrees below zero in Novosibirsk and Barnaul compared with 17-18 degrees the day before. Snow fell in Omskaya and Tyumenskaya oblasts.

Cold weather prevailed in the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR and Central Asia. Daytime temperatures were below zero everywhere and during the night they dropped to 8-12 degrees below zero. Snowfalls which were quite heavy in some localities were recorded in the Kirgiz and Tadzhik SSRs and the eastern portion of the Uzbek SSR. A snow cover has formed again almost everywhere.

26 December

On 25 December, temperatures dropped in the Urals and spread into the Volga Region and the Northern Caucasus. Temperatures rose in the Baltic republics and spread into the Belorussian SSR and the western portion of the Ukrainian SSR. Snow fell in the Volga Region and the Northern Caucasus. Daytime temperatures were 2 degrees below zero in Petrozavodsk, 3 below in Leningrad, 4 below in Riga, 7 below in Minsk, 10 below in Krasnodar, 15 below in Rostov on Don, Saratov, and Gor'kiy, 20 below in Chkalov, Sverdlovsk, and Syktyvkar, and 23 below in Kirov. During the night, the temperature on the Black Sea coast of the Caucasus dropped to zero.

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A drop in temperature in the Urals spread into Western Siberia. Daytime temperatures were 20 degrees below zero in Tobol'sk compared with 12 below the day before and 16 below in Novosibirsk. Warmer weather prevailed in the regions further to the east. The temperature in Krasnoyarsk was 7 degrees below zero. Snowfalls were recorded in many areas of Siberia.

Moderate subzero temperatures prevailed in the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR. Daytime temperatures were 8 degrees below zero in Dzhambul and 10 below in Kzyl-Orda. The daytime temperature in Central Asia was about zero. A snow cover has formed almost everywhere.

27 December

On 26 December, light snowfalls were recorded in most of the European USSR. Slightly below zero temperatures prevailed in the Baltic republics and in the northwestern and northern regions. Daytime temperatures were 2 degrees below zero in Arkhangel'sk and Petrozavodsk and 3 below in Leningrad and Riga. Considerably below zero temperatures for that area were recorded in the southern regions. Daytime temperatures were 9 degrees below zero in Krasnodar and 10 below in Simferopol' and Odessa. During the night of 26 December, temperatures were 14 degrees below zero in Feodosiya and 5 below in Yalta. Extreme subzero temperatures were recorded in the eastern portion of the Ukrainian SSR. Daytime temperatures were 19 degrees below zero in Dnepropetrovsk and 20 below in Voroshilovgrad.

Light snowfalls were recorded in the northern portion of the Kazakh SSR, in Altayskiy Kray, and in Tomskaya and Kemerovskaya oblasti. During the first 12 hours of 26 December, considerably below zero temperatures, mostly without precipitation, prevailed in Western Siberia.

Daytime temperatures were slightly above zero in Central Asia. It was 5 degrees above zero in Tashkent.

28 December

[No paper published this date.]

29 December

On 28 December, temperatures were 15 degrees below zero in Kirov, Sverdlovsk, Chkalov, Kuybyshev, and Saratov and 18 below in Rostov on Don and Stalingrad. During the night of 28 December, temperatures dropped as low as 25 degrees below zero, but by noon they had risen to 5-10 below. Warm weather for this time of the year prevailed in the northern and western regions. Temperatures were about 3 degrees below zero in Arkhangel'sk, Petrozavodsk, and Riga during the day and night and, during the day, 5 below in Moscow, 4 below in Kiev, and one below in L'vov.

Snow fell in the western portion of the Ukrainian SSR, in the Belorussian SSR, in many areas of the central regions, and in the northern Urals. A snow cover has formed everywhere except in the Baltic republics, the Moldavian SSR, and the Transcaucasus, where there is no snow in some places. Crops are standing the winter well everywhere.

Temperatures rose considerably in Western Siberia. Daytime temperatures were 7-8 degrees below zero in Novosibirsk and Barnaul and only dropped as low as 25-30 degrees below in Tyumenskaya Oblast. A snow cover has formed everywhere. Snowfalls were recorded in Novosibirskaya Oblast and Altayskiy Kray. Conditions for winter crops are good.

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A cold wave has moved into the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR and Central Asia where daytime temperatures on 28 December were about zero. Snow fell in many areas and rain in some localities.

30 December

Temperatures rose in the Ukrainian SSR, the Moldavian SSR, the Crimea, and the Northern Caucasus. On 29 December, temperatures were about zero in Kiev and Odessa, 3 below in Kishinev and Dnepropetrovsk, 2 above in Krasnodar, and 7 above in Simferopol'.

Moderate subzero temperatures prevailed in the rest of the European USSR. Daytime temperatures were 18 degrees below zero in Saratov and Chkalov, 13 below in Sverdlovsk, Kazan', and Kuybyshev, 11 below in Stalingrad and Gor'kiy, 8 below in Moscow and Riga, and 4 below in Kursk and Orel. Snow fell almost everywhere from Arkhangel'sk to Zaporozh'ye and from Riga to Chkalov.

A slight drop in temperatures was recorded in Western Siberia. Daytime temperatures were 11 degrees below zero in Novosibirsk and Barnaul and 20 below in Omsk. Temperatures dropped as low as 30 degrees below zero in the northern portion of Tyumenskaya Oblast. Snow fell in Tomskaya and Novosibirskaya oblasts.

Temperatures dropped somewhat in the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR and Central Asia. Daytime temperatures were 2 degrees below zero in Tashkent and Ashkhabad, 6 below in Dzhabul, and 15 below in Kzyl-Orda. Lower temperatures were accompanied almost everywhere by snowfalls. A snow cover has formed again in most areas of the Uzbek SSR.

31 December

Light snowfalls were recorded in most of the European USSR. During the first 12 hours of 30 December, no precipitation was recorded in the Karelo-Finnish SSR, the Baltic republics, the Belorussian SSR, the southern portion of the Ukrainian SSR, the Crimea, and the Northern Caucasus.

Daytime temperatures were 17 degrees below zero in Sverdlovsk and Chkalov and 15 below in Ufa. Temperatures rose in the Ukrainian SSR, the central chernozem zone, and the Lower Volga Region. Noon temperatures on 30 December were 3 degrees below zero in Orel, Kiev, Voroshilovgrad, Odessa, and Tambov, 6 below in Stalingrad, and 7 below in Saratov. Daytime temperatures were 3 degrees above zero in Krasnodar and 6 above in Simferopol'. Cold weather prevailed in the Transcaucasus. Daytime temperatures dropped to 16 degrees below zero in Yerevan.

Light snowfalls were recorded in some areas of the Kazakh SSR, in Altayskiy Kray, and in Tomskaya Oblast. Daytime temperatures were 16 degrees below zero in Omsk and Novosibirsk, 17 below in Akmolinsk, and 15 below in Aktyubinsk and Barnaul.

Cold weather prevailed in Central Asia and the southern portion of the Kazakh SSR. Snow fell in the mountain regions of the Kirgiz SSR. Daytime temperatures were zero in Ashkhabad, 4 degrees below zero in Tashkent, 12 below in Dzhabul, and 14 below in Kzyl-Orda.

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