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Berlin, March -- Dr. Andrey Kossarev, graduate of the State Medical Institute in Moscow, as president of the Munich anti-Communist organization, founded the League of Victims of Communism and interviewed refugees from the USSR and the satellite countries arriving in Munich. On the basis of the information he has received from these refugees, he concluded that the USSR has progressed in its atomic research further than is generally realized. He attributes this progress to (1) effective Soviet atomic espionage and (2) the tremendous quantity of forced labor that Beriya, director of the Soviet atomic energy commission, has at his command.

According to Dr. Kossarev, one of the persons directing Soviet atomic espionage in the US is a secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Washington who is closely related to Professor Sergey Vavilov, director of the Atomic Research Institute in Moscow. At present, there are five atomic centers in the USSR, all called Atomgrad.

Atomgrad No 1 is located in the Caucasus. There, under the direction of Professor Kapitza, preliminary work for the construction of the American-type uranium bomb is in progress, high-grade uranium ore from the Armenian mountains being utilized. Research laboratories have been set up along the coasts of the Black and Caspian Seas.

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Atomgrad No 2 is located in the Urals, northeast of Magnitogorsk; it is a center for the production of uranium bombs.

Atomgrad No 3 is located in Pavlod, where work has been in progress since 1947 on the production of plutonium bombs and is reported to have been successful.

Atomgrad No 4 is located in the Kuznetsk area near Lake Kuybyshev. This area is rich in uranium. Soviet geologists have discovered a new radioactive mineral which they named mendeleyevite.

Atomgrad No 5 is located in Khatanga in northern Siberia.

Approximately 80 percent of the work at Atomgrad No 3 has been done by prisoners.