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1. A ten-page report on the visit of the Norwegian Youth Leader Delegation to the Soviet Union is available in the CIA Library.
2. The report covers an inspection of School No. 545, a model school in Moscow of which the Soviet hosts were especially proud, but in which the Norwegian visitors could find nothing that was not common practice in their own country.
3. When the delegates inspected kindergartens in Moscow, Leningrad, and Yerevan, Armenia, they noted that the standards were somewhat lower than those in Norway, but that these institutions were "one of the good and encouraging" things to be seen in the Soviet Union.
4. The delegate also describes a visit to a factory vocational school and to the apartment of an ardent Communist.
5. The last part of the report is given over to a description of the ardent Communist youth leaders who were acting as guides and their reaction to statements of Western ideology, expressed intentionally by members of the delegation to test the sincerity of the guides. In general, Soviet beliefs were so ingrained that even after a demonstration of fact, falsehoods were still accepted as the truth.

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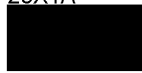
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