

Communication

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Dear Seth:

I would like you to print this short piece in the Bulletin:

Readers of the Bulletin are urged to read and ponder an article in the August Reader's Digest:

SOVIET MILITARY MIGHT MADE IN THE U.S.A.
If Russia has military superior-

ity over the U. S., we have no one to blame but ourselves.

As long ago as 1936, I spend a fortnight in Russia, carrying a letter of introduction from Madam Killantai, Russian Ambassador to Sweden, procured for me by Mr. Steinhart, American Ambassador to Sweden. Instead of being led around on a leash by an Intourist guide, this letter opened doors closed to most Americans visiting Russia in those days.

Stalin was then in power in Russia. He had arranged to import American technician as advisers in many categories to bring Russia up-to-date with America. They were paid extravagant salaries, paid to them in dollars in America. I met a dozen or more of them. They had the freedom of movement and the privileges of Russian Commisars. They ranged from expert in metallurgy to builders of high rise apartments.

I visited a Russian factory and, though an interpreter, talked with the woman manager.

"How does your production compare with America's?" I asked her.

"Oh, she said, "we are far behind — perhaps 25 percent of America's. But with America's help we will catch up in due time."

That was 44 years ago. By diverting their resources to the military while America was feeding her population with shipments of grain, and supplying her industries with technology, in those 44 years Russia has indeed caught up and surpassed America in military might.

Lenin had proclaimed in the

early stages of the Russian 1917 revolution: "In due time Russia's Marxist communism will dominate the world." Stalin was carrying it on in 1936 and every ruler since Stalin has carried on the effort to convert one country after another to communism. They have planted communism in Cuba on our very door-step.

It's time Americans are made aware of this.

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