

'Russia in the 1970s'

Synopsis of an illustrated talk by Rick Marshall

This talk is drawn from my personal experiences gathered from more than 50 visits to the Soviet Union on business from the late 1960s to the early 1980s, aggregating to 1 ½ years of my life.

Before describing the situation at that time, some geographical and historical background is provided, necessary to 'set the scene'.

Day-to-day life in the 1970s is then portrayed, describing the propaganda fed to the people by the state, and the actual situation of shortages, inefficiency, poor quality and corruption.

Then, what was involved in doing business in the Soviet Union at that time, followed by...

... a discourse on food and drink and transportation and the nature of the Russian people.

... all of the above liberally sprinkled with anecdotes and the humorous or unusual situations I encountered.

The talk ends with a personal commentary on Russia today.

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