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PROPAGANDA

Soviet

Anti-Western

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOVIET AND AMERICAN SKYSCRAPERS.

SOURCE ROME : Diplomatic source

DATE OF OBSERVATION : Current Period

In the Czech town of MNÍŠEK nad HNILCOM, District KOŠICE a Communist Party circular was distributed among the peasants which described the proposed MOSCOW skyscrapers as follows :

"The idea for this great work must be attributed to the intelligent leadership of the party and of the Soviet population, and above all to the leadership of the great STALIN. The skyscrapers of MOSCOW will embody the greatness of our era and the will of the Soviet people to work for peace. However, these Soviet skyscrapers can in no way be compared with the American ones, which are merely grey masses suffocating the narrow streets. What an enormous difference there is between the skyscrapers overseas and those of MOSCOW which are full of light and happiness! In America, for example, the elevators are frequently out-of-order, and go up when they should go down and vice versa. The Soviet elevators, instead, transport the persons who use them. In America they are merely machines to herd together human flesh!

EVAL. COMMENT : Possible - unknown whether it really happened at MNÍŠEK, but in keeping with boastful descriptions of MOSCOW skyscrapers in the CSR press.