

Soviet Humor... anekdoty
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In 1933, an epidemic of body lice strikes the entire membership of the Soviet politburo. Doctors try numerous remedies, but none work. Scientists, when consulted, also can offer no cure. Finally, someone suggests: collectivize the lice; half will die, the other half will run away!

Soviet druzhiny (militia or street police) always travel in threes: one can read, one can write, and the third is along to keep an eye on two dangerous intellectuals.

The difference between capitalism and socialism: under capitalism one finds the exploitation of man by his fellow men, while under socialism it is the other way around.

Burning question: What is the transitional stage between socialism and communism?
Answer: Alcoholism.

Brezhnev, newly arrived in Hell, is being given a personal tour of alternative punishments by the devil. He is shown, for instance, a room in which Lenin is being ripped apart by the tsar's wolfhounds. Down the hallway in another room Stalin is being flogged by two very large Ukrainians, while in an adjoining room Khrushchev is being slowly roasted on a spit turned by smiling Hungarians.

As he and the devil walk further, Brezhnev glances into a room where he sees a couple joined in embrace. Looking closer, he sees that it is Marilyn Monroe, being clumsily by very enthusiastically screwed by Walter Ulbricht, late leader of East Germany.

Catching up with the devil, Brezhnev says, "Devil, all this is very interesting, but just back a little way I noticed accommodations that might be to my liking. For instance, there was Comrade Ulbricht's room... "

"You don't understand," interrupts the devil, "that's not Hell for Ulbricht, that's Hell for Marilyn Monroe."

Boris, after long being on a waiting list to purchase a new Soviet-made Lada auto, is told he can pick up his car ten years later to the day. "That's great," he answers and, checking a small pocket diary asks "should I come in the morning or afternoon?" "Why does this matter?" he is asked. "Well, I have a plumber coming that morning."

What is a Soviet string trio? A quartet that has just returned from a trip abroad.

At the end of the second Five-Year Plan, when few industrial firms had managed to exceed their projected total production, Gosplan statisticians discover one factory, which had over fulfilled its goals by 900%. Upon investigation, it is discovered to be the facility where "Out of Order" signs are made.

During the years of close connections between Nasser's Egypt and the Soviet Union, a royal tomb containing a mummy is discovered. Egyptologists cannot decide which pharaoh was buried in the tomb. The KGB station chief in Cairo is brought into the case. Two days later, the mummy confesses to be Rameses VI.

To celebrate the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth (1616), the Soviet ministry of culture commissions a contest for best portrayal of Shakespeare in sculpture. After judging entries, it is announced that third place winner is a statue of Lenin reading Shakespeare. Second place is awarded to a statue of Shakespeare reading Lenin. And first place goes to a statue of Lenin.

As he is reading his lengthy "Secret Speech" on the crimes of Stalin to the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party in 1956, Nikita Khrushchev is given a note which was passed to the front of the audience. He pauses, opens the note, and reads it to himself: "Dear Nikita Sergeevich, While all of this was going on, where were you?" Looking up at his audience, Khrushchev says "I have just been given a note. Will writer of note please stand." Nothing happens, so he repeats, "Will writer of note please stand." Again, nothing. Khrushchev continues to speak, saying "To writer of note let me say: where you are now, I was then."

A new stamp with image of Leonid Brezhnev was issued, but soon there were numerous complaints that it would not stick to envelopes. An investigation followed, revealing that people were spitting on the wrong side of the stamp.