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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE



Andrew Graham Bonar was born in 1933 and went to school in Scotland. Following two years' national service, during which he was trained as a Russian interpreter, he attended London University and subsequently Edinburgh University, and some years later, in 1968, joined the British Council and was sent on assignments to several overseas countries including the Soviet Union. Before being posted to Moscow, however, he had already made four visits to the Soviet Union, of which the first three form the subject of this series of six e-books entitled: *Memories of the Soviet Union 1957, 1959/60, 1968*.

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An Iron Curtain Watchtower



Revisiting the USSR of the 1950s

Anyone wishing to enter the Soviet bloc from the West by car or train was obliged, at some point, to pass through the Iron Curtain, a gigantic fence stretching from the Baltic to Yugoslavia with watchtowers at frequent intervals, whose main purpose was to seal off the Soviet bloc from contact with the West.



My invitation to the 6th World Festival

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 (Country, Pays, 國家, Land, País)

Гражданство Британские
 (Citizenship, Citoyen de, 國籍, Staatsangehörigkeit, Ciudadanía)

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A FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET

Fruit and vegetable market



At the Preobrazhensky market citizens could buy fruit and vegetables direct from peasant producers. But there wasn't a great deal of choice: apples, plums and perhaps pears in season, potatoes, peas, onions, radishes and one or two more items. But that was all.

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A street kiosk



Kiosks could be found on some streets and in some parks, but they frequently offered a very limited range of goods: refreshments, newspapers and periodicals, cigarettes and suchlike.



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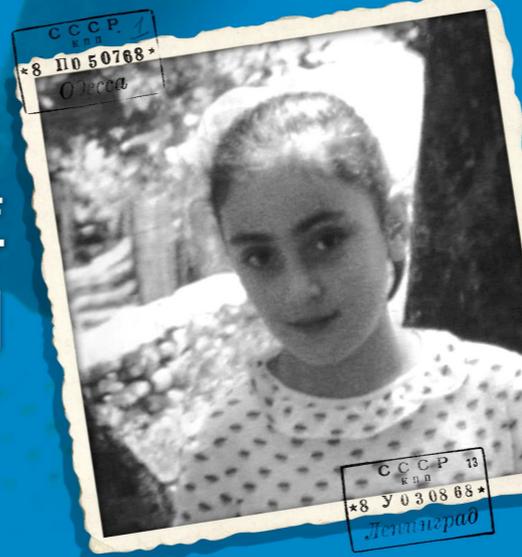


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