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1. TSUJI Masanobu, member of the Japanese Diet members group that recently toured the USSR and Vice-chairman of the Political Affairs Research Committee of the Japan Democratic Party, evaded the Soviet schedule while in the USSR and talked with 300 persons of various backgrounds. The following impressions of the USSR and Communist China were given by him at a meeting on 19 October to a restricted audience:
 - a. The USSR is even more imperialistic and ultra-nationalistic than expected; e.g., grade school textbooks emphasize patriotism more than communism.
 - b. The Soviet peace offensive is not political, but necessary because (1) the successor to Stalin is not yet found; (2) party-military friction exists; (3) the USSR is not prepared for an all-out war and is ten years behind the west in peaceful industries and agriculture; (4) the USSR is not completely recovered from the devastation of World War II; (5) the hatred of war by the families of the World War II dead is even more intense than in Japan; (6) the public anti-war feeling is very strong: e.g., TSUJI was told by leaders of party organizations and laborers at a Leningrad dinner party that no more wars were wanted. These remarks did not seem to be diplomatic utterances intended for the ears of outsiders.
 - c. In the Georgia Republic, Tbilisi seemed to TSUJI to be an offensive, not a defensive, base for the Middle East: there were four airfields on the outskirts of the city and a considerable number [sic] of MIG fighters were seen; one of every three persons in Tbilisi was in the military. A new factory using German precision instruments to make steel tubes has been constructed some 50 kilometers from Tbilisi. The premier of the Georgia Republic, in an interview with TSUJI, seemed arrogant toward the Japanese.

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- and subservient to the accompanying Soviet officials from Moscow. The premier's residence is heavily guarded by troops with automatic rifles.
- d. Concerning the Cossacks' [sic] attitude toward the Russians, seven out of ten people in Baku queried by TSUJI replied "The only reason that we, a small weak race, are not subjected to the aggression of others is because we are with the Russians. For this reason we must swallow down our little dissatisfactions."
 - e. The condition of the Soviet farmers is worse than expected; the productivity per tan (300 tsubo) is about one-fifth of that in Japan.
 - f. The Soviet and Chinese peoples are not so harmoniously united as they would appear to be. An important Chinese Communist told TSUJI in Peiping "We play up to the Soviets and get as much out of them as possible." This seemed to TSUJI to be the true sentiment toward the Soviets.
 - g. The Chinese people have completely lost interest in CHIANG Kai-shek. Chinese Communist circles say that an armed invasion of Taiwan is no longer necessary since the SUN Li-jen incident [sic].
2. In connection with the Japanese-Soviet negotiations, TSUJI stated that no concrete negotiations are possible since the Soviets hold 1,400 Japanese hostages; the territories can be regained, but not human lives. It is necessary to normalize relations first, then negotiate the territories.
1. Headquarters Comment. Probably this is in error for Caucasians.

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