CAPITAL REPORT

MRS. ROOSEVELT RETURNING FROM MOSCOW
What she saw in Russia made her happy.

takes the major part of all crops, as his own. This is lush special privilege in the language of the comrades.

The State Farm, however, represents most of the Soviet farm production. These are directed by Communist managers and the workers are hired as laborers.

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IN EITHER CASE, the living is about comparable to that of Tobacco Road. The farm boss, if he's lucky, may have a two-room house to himself. The rest of the company live three and four families in a one-room, unpainted shack without the first hint of what we consider minimum modern conveniences. No running water, no plumbing, no electricity, no gas, no hard-surfaced roads.

The farm Mrs. Roosevelt saw was a dairy farm, with concrete block buildings, concrete floors and American type interior fittings and stanchions. Aside from the fact the walls are cracked, it presents a fairly impressive picture to the uninitiated.

To anyone who knows, however, the sanitary standards are such that an American dairy farmer, operating on the same basis, would be arraigned on criminal charges. The milk is retailed in bulk from open cans in filthy sidewalk shops and is undrinkable to Americans.

There is a beaten-up red tractor, always on display, which won't run, but the visitor is told that the ones that do work are out on the land, in operation. Newsmen will tell you that this story has been told to everyone who has ever visited the farm, but nobody has ever seen a tractor in operation yet.

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SO FAR AS medical science is concerned, the kindest thing to believe is that Mrs. Roosevelt simply accepted the word of her hosts for this. There is no shred of evidence, from American correspondents or embassy attaches, to support it.

One English woman who had to be hospitalized in Moscow, owing to pneumonia, was kept in bed for eight days without even a sponge bath. She learned where a bathroom was located, sneaked there in the small of the morning, only to find the tub filled with potted plants.

An American, suffering a stomach difficulty, had a preliminary examination by the Russian doctor in the absence of the embassy physician, and his trouble was diagnosed as jaundice, a very common and widespread malady in Russia. The doctor noted the yellow tint to his skin.

The embassy physician arrived later, went to the window, raised the yellow shade, and the "jaundice" was gone.

The practice of asepsis in Russian hospitals is all but nonexistent and polio is rampant. Modern controls and cures for it are ignored and the Russian medical profession solves the problem by dubbing it "the American disease."

These are the great strides in medical science, which Mrs. Roosevelt advertises so glibly. Fortunately for her, she did not need medical attention while she was there.

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