



Redemption Cathedral in Leningrad was erected as a memorial to the assassinated 19th Century Romanov Czar, Alexander II. A replica of St. Basil's in Moscow, the structure is a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture. Its facade is delicately decorated with religious frescoes while its ornate spires are accented with a kaleidoscope of multi-colored and gracefully designed domes.

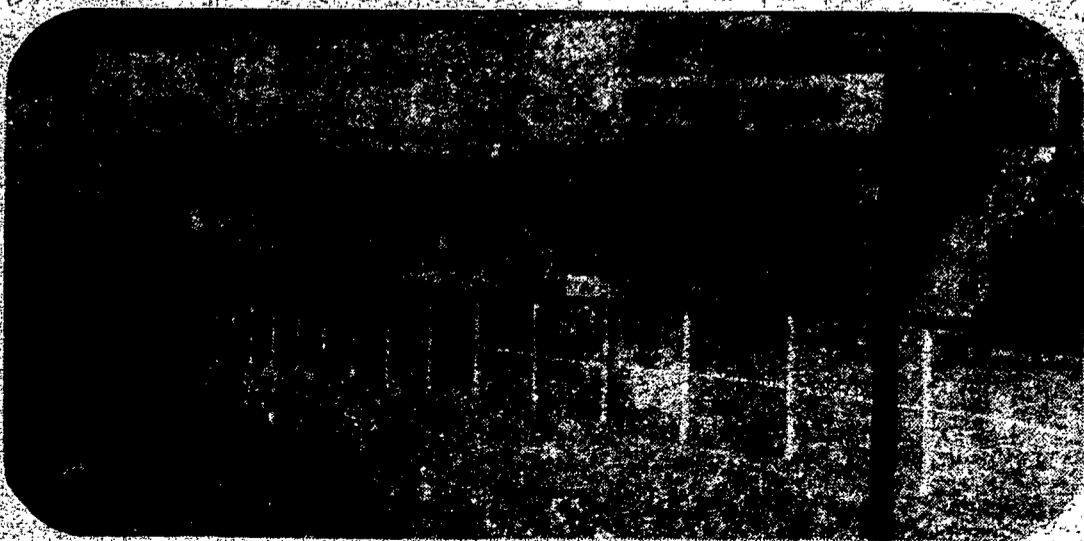


Typical of the ancient Russian Orthodox churches which abound throughout Moscow. There are 600 churches in the city out of which, according to Soviet guides, 40 are functional. The remaining ones are being restored as museums. Russian churches are not equipped with pews or chairs so worshippers either stand or kneel for services.

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Moscow starts weeks in advance preparing for its May Day People's Parade which occurs on May 1. Trucks decorated with brilliant red floats line walls of the Kremlin.



This woman is cleaning the promenades in Yalta on the Black Sea but it is a task which is performed throughout Russia. Sidewalks, streets, subways and parks are swept daily by people with short-handled, large bristled brooms. This nationwide network of sweepers insures no litter.