

**THE ECONOMIC
FACTS
OF LIFE**

**A YELP
FROM
THE KREMLIN**

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Last February the National Association of Manufacturers published a study by one of its research associates, Frank A. Brady, entitled "A Glance At The Russian Economy."

The study revealed two outstanding facts.

1) With about 50% of its labor force working on farms (compared to 10% in the U. S. A.) Russia is unable to produce what most of the advanced nations would consider a decent diet.

2) The priority given to non-consumer and military goods (73.5% of the total production as compared to about 25% in the U. S. A.) deprives the Russian people of what the average American would consider a minimum standard of living in terms of clothing, housing, and comfort goods.

¶ Brady's study must have been a good one, because the Kremlin reacted like a scalded cat.