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TEXT TEXT:

THE INFLUENTIAL DAILY IZVESTIYA IS MORE SCEPTICAL ABOUT THE SUBJECT. "THE 20TH CENTURY, BY ALLOWING EXPERIMENTS ON HUMANS AND CREATING ANIMAL CHIMERAS, HAS PASSED THE MORAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE POSSIBLE AND THE UNTHINKABLE," THE PAPER LAMENTS. "WILL REASON HELP US TO PREVENT MANKIND BEING PLUNGED INTO ITS FINAL TRAGEDY, WITHOUT HALTING THE ADVANCE OF SCIENCE?"

IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT THE RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT TRIED TO DRAFT LEGISLATION ON "BIO-ETHICS" TWO YEARS AGO BUT MADE NO PROGRESS. WITHOUT A LEGAL FRAMEWORK, "ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN", THE PAPER CONTINUES AND GIVES AN EXAMPLE FROM THE SIBERIAN CITY OF KRASNOYARSK.

A LOCAL FORENSIC SCIENTIST HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY REMOVING PITUITARY GLANDS FROM CORPSES TO WHICH HE HAD ACCESS BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND VIA AN UNDERTAKING BUSINESS HE RAN ON THE SIDE. THOUGH OVER 1,000 OF THE GLANDS WERE FOUND IN HIS LAB, THE SUSPECT HAD DENIED TRADING IN HUMAN PARTS.

UNDER-AGE DRINKING RIFE IN MOSCOW

THE POPULAR DAILY MOSKOVSKIY KOMSOMOLETS IS CONCERNED ABOUT UNDER-AGE DRINKING AND SMOKING IN MOSCOW. A CORRESPONDENT FOUND THAT 14- AND 15-YEAR-OLDS WERE ABLE TO BUY BEER AND CIGARETTES WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM. TEENAGERS WERE SENT INTO DOZENS OF SHOPS AND WERE NOT ONCE ASKED FOR IDENTITY PAPERS. "I SHOULD THINK THIS IS THE ONLY COUNTRY ON EARTH WITH SUCH A LIBERAL ATTITUDE TO SHOP ASSISTANTS SUPPLYING UNDER-AGE CHILDREN WITH ALCOHOL AND NICOTINE," THE PAPER COMPLAINS.

THE HEALTH MINISTRY REPORTS THAT 80 PER CENT OF BOYS AND 90 PER CENT OF GIRLS IN THE 15-18 AGE GROUP REGULARLY DRINK ALCOHOL. "NOT MANY OF OUR TEENAGERS REALIZE THAT BEING ABLE TO BUY LIQUOR IN A SHOP IS NOT A SIGN OF BECOMING ADULT," MOSKOVSKIY KOMSOMOLETS SAYS, AND ADDS "AND THEY WILL NOT DO SO AS LONG AS ADULTS CONTINUE GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY".

PAPER TRIES TO REPRODUCE CROP CIRCLES

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THE MASS-CIRCULATION DAILY KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF CROP CIRCLES IN RUSSIAN WHEAT FIELDS THIS SUMMER. MANY READERS ARE STILL CONVINCED THE PHENOMENA ARE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL BUT KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA DECIDED TO CONSULT AN AGRICULTURAL EXPERT TO FIND OUT IF THEY COULD BE FAKED.

THE ANSWER WAS THAT THEY COULD, BUT IT WOULD NEED A LOT OF PREPARATION AND A LOT OF NITRATE FERTILIZER. ONCE THE CIRCLE IS DRAWN ON THE PLOUGHED EARTH, THE AREA IN THE CIRCLE IS OVER-DOSED WITH FERTILIZER ONCE BEFORE SOWING WINTER WHEAT AND AGAIN IN THE SPRING. WHEN THE WHEAT GROWS, THE STALKS INSIDE THE CIRCLE WILL BE FLATTENED BY THE SLIGHTEST WIND, AN EXPERT TOLD THE PAPER.

KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA HAS FOUND A NEGLECTED FARM AND A WILLING FARMER NEAR MOSCOW AND TRIED IT OUT. THE RESULTS WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL THE WHEAT GROWS NEXT SUMMER.

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