

Jiang Zemin speech run in Siberian newspaper

The historic Nov. 24, 1998 speech of China's President Jiang Zemin at the Akademgorodok science city in Novosibirsk (see *EIR*, Dec. 4, p. 55), has been largely blacked out inside Russia, as well as in the West. The full Russian text of the speech, however, is given in issue #45-56 of a publication of the Russian Academy of Sciences Siberian Branch, called *Nauka v Sibiri* (*Science in Siberia*), also available on the Internet at the Siberian Branch's web site.

The text of Jiang's speech was prefaced in *Nauka v Sibiri* with the picture shown here, and a short report on the Chinese leader's visit to Akademgorodok. The article noted that the Chinese delegation, which included the president of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, was joined by Russia's ambassador to China, the Russian minister of foreign economic ties, the Governor of Novosibirsk Province, and other officials.

"In the great hall of the House of Scientists," continued the report in *Nauka v Sibiri*, "the Chinese leader met with scientists from the Novosibirsk scientific center and representatives of the Chinese diaspora in Novosibirsk. In his pithy presentation, Jiang Zemin greeted the scientists of the branch, offered a high evaluation of their activity, and expressed hope for the expansion of fruitful cooperation with scientists from the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Out of respect for his sci-

entific audience at Akademgorodok, the Chinese guest delivered his speech in Russian.

"The members of the Chinese delegation then visited the Nuclear Physics Institute, with which the Chinese side has had economic relations for a long time. Twelve industrial electron accelerators, made at the NPI, are in use in various sectors of the P.R.C.'s economy. The guests were very interested in the NPI-designed low-dose medical X-ray apparatus, which the Chinese side is developing for manufacture under license in China.

"Departing Novosibirsk's Akademgorodok, the members of the delegation continued informal business discussions at the suburban residence of the Governor. Among the questions analysts believe may have been raised during these talks is the creation of an energy bridge between the eastern regions of Russia and the northern regions of the P.R.C., supply of Novosibirsk-manufactured commercial and military aircraft to China, and the opening of a Chinese consulate in Novosibirsk.

"The fact that the top-ranking figure in the Chinese state chose to visit the Academy's scientific center in Novosibirsk, rather than, say, some major firm, indicates the important place of science in the strategic priorities of the P.R.C.'s cooperation with Russia."

Nauka v Sibiri reported that Academician N. Dobretsov, chairman of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, gave Jiang Zemin the famous "Atlas of Tibetan Medicine," kept in Russia, and an anthology of writings by former Akademgorodok leader Academician V. Koptuyug. Dobretsov also "made several proposals for collaboration between the scientists and industrial firms in the P.R.C."



China's President Jiang Zemin (seated at the table on left) meets with Russian scientists at the Akademgorodok science center in Novosibirsk, during his visit to Russia.