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A.M. Puzanov and Chinese ambassador Qiao Xiaoguang share information on the recent harvest conditions in both countries, industrial development in China, and the 15th UN General Assembly Session.

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I and [my] wife were invited to dinner by Chinese Ambassador Qiao Xiaoguang. During the conversation I talked about the good harvest of agricultural crops in the Soviet Union and the progress of the harvest campaign, and asked the prospect for the harvest in the PRC this year.

Qiao Xiaoguang said that this year there are certain difficulties in agriculture this year in the PRC caused by great natural disasters in individual regions of the country. This year agricultural fields have been subjected to flooding, drought, and also the destruction of agricultural crops by wreckers. These natural disasters have inflicted considerable damage. According to preliminary calculations the shortfall of agricultural crops in the country as a result of the natural disasters is 25% of the planned gross harvest.

The Ambassador then reported that PRC industry is working well. Qiao Xiaoguang said, this is evidently if only from the fact that the plan for the first half of this year for gross industrial production was 60% fulfilled at a time when in past years the plan for the first half of the year was usually 40% fulfilled of the annual plan.

I briefly told Qiao Xiaoguang about the progress of the work of the 15th UN General Assembly session in recent days. I also reported about the very sharp and interesting speech at the session by Fidel Castro and the speech of Nasser which merited attention.

In response to this Qiao Xiaoguang only noted that he had read about the meeting between Cde. N. S. Khrushchev and Fidel Castro.

It was notable that Qiao Xiaoguang sidestepped the question about the work of the 15th General Assembly session.

Embassy Second Secretary V. M. Bakulin was present at the conversation.

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