Russia has long been known to have purchased and bred good Arabians. The sale of MESAoud and other Crabett-breds there in the early 1900s and later the sale of a group headed by NASEEM left little doubt that Russia was willing to pay for the best. During World War I and II some of the best Polish Arabians were taken to Russia as trophies of war in the last instance, and evacuated to Russia and not returned in the first. Recently two stallions were purchased from the Egyptian Agricultural Society, so the bloodlines are about as cosmopolitan as those of America.

Due to the very fast times of the Russian Arabians compared to those elsewhere, it seemed a good idea to get the details on racing for this breed in Russia, and Mr. O. Balakhin, Senior Specialist in Animal Husbandry of the Horsebreeding Agency, Ministry of Agriculture in Moscow, was kind enough to furnish this information in English:

"In U. S. R. Arabian horses during 36 years are tested on racescourses. To 1948 they raced at Rostov race-course together with Stretets, Anglo-Don and horses of other half breeds and from 1948 to present time at Piatigorsk race-course together with horses of Tersk and Achal-teve breeds.

"At present in Tersky Stud yearlings shortly after weaning begin group training by trot and canter. [The Tersky Stud in the Caucasus region is the State Stud where purebred Arabians and the part-Arabians known as "Terk" or "Tersky" are bred.]

"Young stock breakings autumn (September, October) at 1.5 years old and begin individual training in..."
conformity with usual methods of training thoroughbred horses. One trainer has in his training section usually 20-25 horses, one constant jockey, one or two assistant jockeys and 5 or 6 stablemen. Breaking and winter training is made at the Stud and only spring (April, May) horses arrive at the race-course.

"During two months after breaking the horses are training by walk and trot only, next 3 to 3.5 months by walk, trot and canter and to end of period by a small distance at gallop. In the future training made mainly by canter and in April, before transportation of horses to race-course, on Stud race-track in a week make some fast gallops.

"On race-courses horses have regular training and, depending on age, every 7, 10 or 15 days have a race. With the purpose of control for quality of training, once a week, usually on Wednesday, make a fast gallop. Distance of gallop is less than distance of the race. The day before the race the horse has training by free canter with a gallop on the last 300 to 500 meters.

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"For horses 2 years old introduce next the traditional prizes: "Trials" separately for colts and fillies; "Summer Prize", "Big Prize for Fillies", "Prize name of M. T. KALININ" principal for horses two years 1600m; "Autumn Prize", etc.

"Colts of 3 years carry 58 kg (128 lbs), fillies 56 kg and races in distances of 1600, 2000, 2400, 2800, 3000 meters (one mile to two miles eighth). Introduce the national prizes: "Prize of "Big Summer Prize" analogos (English) 2000 Guineas, 1600 (1 mile); 'Big Prize for Fillies' 2000 Guineas, 1600 meters (1 mile)."

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ARABIAN HORSE
PAROM, an Arab, leads the inter-breed race at Pjatigorsk in this shot, but the Arabian KNIPPEL, shown fourth here, won the race. Third horse in photo is of the Tersk breed.

Derby, 2400 meters (1 ½ miles); 'Prize name of S. M. Budjonny's' analogous to St. Leger, 2800 meters (1 ¼ miles) and 'Prize to Close the Racing Season'. Horses of three years old have one race in 10 to 15 days.

'Horses at 4 years and older weekly have not more than one race. They carry weight: colts 59 kg (130 lbs), fillies 57 kg (125½ lbs) and race long distances 2400 to 7000 meters (1 ½ mile to 4 ½). For them introduce traditional prizes: 'Entrance Prize'; 'Prize of Elita';

'Prize name of U.S.S.R.' principal prize – 3200 meters (2 1/8 miles); and 'Farewell Prize'.

"For horses of 3 years old and older introduce some combined prizes of Comparison on distance 2400 to 3200 meters.

"In our country Arabs and horses of other breeds are tested according to the group system. Horses begin tests in the fourth group and after winning a race or two second prizes, move up to the third group, etc. Winner of a tradi-
tional prize moves up to next group across one group. Winners of 3 or more races are tested 'out of groups'. Horses of the lowest groups have a right to take part in the races 'out of groups' and in traditional prizes.

"Timing in all races begins when horses in full gallop pass the line of start and ends when winner passes the finish post."

"Pjatigorsk race course has the usual soil track 2116 meters long, which has a long slope in right turning and analogous long lifting in left turning. Races on the race-course begin the first or second of May every year and end in October or November. Principal prizes for horses all ages: 'name M. T. Kalinin' for 2-year-olds; 'grand prize of Pjatigorsk' for 3-year-olds and 'name of U.S.S.R.' for horses 4 years old and older, and usually are at the end of July.

"Arabian horses in the U.S.S.R. also take part in competitions in classic horse sport, particularly at three-event tests (military). In this competition the horse PROFIL gained the title of Champion of the B.S.F.S.R. and the title Champion of the U.S.S.R.

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