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## SOLZHENSITSYN AND BELENKO

Two exciting events occurred last month that confirm that the rest of the world still believes the United States is the best country to live in.

On September 9 it was announced that Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, the great Russian Nobel Prize-winning writer, has moved from Switzerland to Vermont, where he bought a home. He has received a permanent visa to live in America.

Switzerland, where he was living after being expelled from the Soviet Union, now has the highest per capita wealth in the world, while the United States has dropped to a tie for fourth place. The Swiss are famous for their low crime rate, the absence of political corruption, a balanced national budget, and the scenic beauty of their countryside. It is very complimentary that Solzhenitsyn has chosen to move from Switzerland to our country.

On the same day as the Solzhenitsyn announcement, Lieutenant Viktor Belenlrn, a young Soviet fighter pilot, arrived in Honolulu on his way from Japan to live in mainland United States. Three days earlier, Belenko had flown the latest and best Soviet fighter plane, the :HIG-25, to northern Japan from Vladivostok.

This twin-jet fighter plane was described by our Secretary of the Air Force, Robert C. Seamans, as "probably the best interceptor in production in the world today." Japanese aviation experts describe this MIG-25 as "the most advanced fighter of the Soviet Air Force. 11

Japanese and American aviation engineers are now eagerly inspect ing the plane in minute detail in an effort to discover the Soviet

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