

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, [Nikita] KHRUSHCHEV

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... INSTEAD OF MEMORIZING SPEECHES BY LENIN OR BREZHNEV AS MY GENERATION DID, RUSSIAN FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLDS, LIKE THEIR WESTERN COUNTERPARTS, NOW FILL IN THE BUBBLES ON MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS AND ARE GIVEN SUBJECTS FOR DEBATE.

A	HURTFUL	HUR(ToFU)L
B	ALBANIA	...AIN A BLA..., hidden rev.
C	POSTPONE	POPE'S NOT*
D	PRUNES	double definition
E	YEARNINGS	YEAR + NI + NG + S
F	BAWDIEST	BA(W + SIDE*)T
G	IDOLIZE	"IDLE EYES"
H	RUBBLE	BURBLE with western half flowing westward
I	TRADE-OFFS	"AID TROUGHS", Spoonerism
J	HINTERLAND	HI(ANTLER*)ND
K	DISORIENTS	DIRTINESS* around O
L	ABLEST	A + B(L)EST, &lit.
M	YTTERBIUM	Y(BITTER*)UM
N	KEENNESS	KEy + E(N)NESS, SENSE*, &lit.
O	HONEYCOMB	BMOC + YE + NOH, rev.
P	REJOINER	RE(JOy + I)NDER
Q	UNFREEZE	...UN... + "FRIEZE"
R	SQUINTING	SQUIRTING with N for R
S	HEGEMONIC	H + EG + dEMONIC
T	CELTS	initial letters, &lit.
U	HOWEVER	HO(WE'VE)Rror
V	ECONOMICS	SCI + MONOCIE, rev.
W	VERSATILE	IT'S A LEVER*