

The Infamous KREMVAX Usenet Post:

As it turns out, Al Gore didn't really invent the internet. Neither did Bill Gates. Long before Gore or Gates made the news for anything other than routine police-blotter reports, the nucleus of what would someday become THE NET was under construction. ARPANET, BITNET, FIDONET, and UUCP were passing traffic across the U.S. and the occasional overseas link was already starting to show up on the network maps of several organizations, including the U.S. Government. There was enough connectivity by 1984 that quite a few people swallowed the bait in this newsfroup posting; heck, they managed to take it hook, line, and sinker!

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Well, today, 840401, this is at last the Socialist Union of Soviet Republics joining the Usenet network and saying hallo to everybody.

One reason for us to join this network has been to have a means of having an open discussion forum with the American and European people and making clear to them our strong efforts towards attaining peaceful coexistence between the people of the Soviet Union and those of the United States and Europe.

We have been informed that on this network many people have given strong anti-Russian opinions, but we believe they have been misguided by their leaders, especially the American administration, who is seeking for war and domination of the world. By well informing those people from our side we hope to have a possibility to make clear to them our intentions and ideas.

Some of those in the Western world, who believe in the truth of what we say have made possible our entry on this network; to them we are very grateful. We hereby invite you to freely give your comments and opinions.

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And now, let's open a flask of Vodka and have a drink on our entry on this network. So:

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