#### The soviet economy



### Was Us economy declining?

Comparing US economy at the international level

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# Biggest world economy's share of world production and trade

| year | Country | % World | % World trade |
|------|---------|---------|---------------|
|      |         | GDP     |               |
| 1870 | UK      | 32      | 25            |
| 1913 | USA     | 36      | 11 (16UK)     |
| 1928 | USA     | 42      | 14            |
| 1938 | USA     | 32      | 10 (14 UK)    |
| 1950 | USA     | 45      | 15            |
| 1970 | USA     | 25      | 12            |
| 1990 | USA     | 25      | 11,8          |
| 2000 | USA     | 23      | 12            |
| 2010 | USA     | 19      | 8,4           |
|      |         |         | (China 10,4)  |

## AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATES OF REAL GNP

|           | United<br>States | Japan | EEC |
|-----------|------------------|-------|-----|
| 1961-1965 | 4.6              | 12.4  | 4.9 |
| 1966-1970 | 3.0              | 11.0  | 4.6 |
| 1971-1975 | 2.2              | 4.3   | 2.9 |
| 1976-1980 | 3.4              | 5.0   | 3.0 |
| 1981-1985 | 2.6              | 4.0   | 1.5 |
| 1986-1987 | 2.9              | 3.1   | 2.5 |

## From the failure of the market to the end of the mixed economy

- Beveridge Report
- French "planisme", IRI in Italy
- Germany and Scandinavian countries, welfare state
- the "superiority" of the social economy

### The 80 years "war" (1929-2008)

- From the triumph of Keynes to the victory of Hayek – and return?
- The General Theory vs.
   The Road to Serfdom?
- State intervention vs. monetarism or supply side economics



#### Hayek, the revenge

- "The theory which has been guiding monetary and financial policy during the last thirty years, and which I contend is largely the product of such a mistaken conception of the proper scientific procedure, consists in the assertion that there exists a simple positive correlation between total employment and the size of the aggregate demand for goods and services; it leads to the belief that we can permanently assure full employment by maintaining total money expenditure at an appropriate level. Among the various theories advanced to account for extensive unemployment, this is probably the only one in support of which strong quantitative evidence can be adduced. I nevertheless regard it as fundamentally false, and to act upon it, as we now experience, as very harmful"
- (Prize Lecture, *The Pretence of Knowledge*, December 11, 1974)

### Nobel Prize Winners in Economic Sciences of the University of Chicago

- Thomas J. Sargent, 2011
- Leonid Hurwicz, 2007
- Roger B. Myerson‡, 2007
- Edward C. Prescott, 2004
- Daniel L. McFadden, 2000
- <u>James J. Heckman‡</u>, 2000
- Robert A. Mundell, 1999
- Myron S. Scholes\*, 1997
- Robert E. Lucas Jr.\*‡, 1995
- **Robert W. Fogel**, 1993
- Gary S. Becker\*‡, 1992
- Ronald H. Coase, 1991

- Harry M. Markowitz\*, 1990
- <u>Merton H. Miller</u>, 1990
- Trygve Haavelmo, 1989
- James M. Buchanan Jr.\*, 1986
- Gerard Debreu, 1983
- George J. Stigler\*, 1982
- Lawrence R. Klein, 1980
- Theodore W. Schultz, 1979
- **Herbert A. Simon\***, 1978
- Milton Friedman\*, 1976
- Tjalling C. Koopmans, 1975
- Friedrich August von Hayek, 1974
- Kenneth J. Arrow, 1972
- <u>Paul A. Samuelson\*</u>, 1970

 Structural changes in the world economy: oil and raw materials price dynamics

 The end of the international monetary system

#### Stagflation in the 1970's

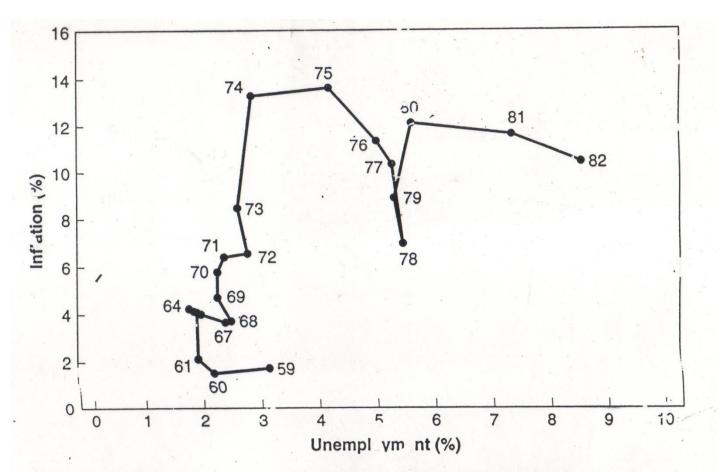


Figure 9.4. Inflation and unemployment in Europe, 1959-1982. Source: Eurostat.

#### The revenge 2.0

 There may be few instances in which the superstition that only measurable magnitudes can be important has done positive harm in the economic field: but the present inflation and employment problems are a very serious one. Its effect has been that what is probably the true cause of extensive unemployment has been disregarded by the scientistically minded majority of economists, because its operation could not be confirmed by directly observable relations between measurable magnitudes, and that an almost exclusive concentration on quantitatively measurable surface phenomena has produced a policy which has made matters worse. (Hayek)





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#### Towards liberalization