

## YANOVSKAYA'S 'GHOST'

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*Introductory comments.* Sof'ya Aleksandrovna Yanovksaya's influence was exerted more through her teaching and personal contacts than through her research. Many of Yanovskaya's students now have their own students, and of the older generations of those whose academic lives Yanovskaya touched, many have already died — some [Medvedev, Yushkevich] only in the last few years, some [internationally famed historian of logic N. I. Styazhkin] nearly a decade ago. Nevertheless, Yanovskaya's influence can still be felt in the halls of the the Mechanico-Mathematical Faculty of Moscow State University, as I found when I visited in August 1987 to attend the International Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science.

I have preserved my reflections, impressions, and experiences of that visit, and with the the reader's indulgence, I will relate those that pertain, either directly or incidentally, to Yanovskaya, as some of them might otherwise find no other suitable opportunity for recording more permanently and may serve as a record of useful historical information that might otherwise be lost.

(A caution: I recorded only a few bare facts on a day-to-day basis during my stay in Moscow, as the opportunity arose. My more sustained notes and recollections were recorded in a personal journal the week after I returned home. Therefore, I would not wish to be held to every specific detail of time and place. Moreover, many of the people whose opinions I recorded in 1987 may have since changed their minds; others who expressed their views or stated facts had done so in an informal, conversational manner, rather than formally, and may not now wish to