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It was a special run on NTV, which is a Russian network like CBS is here. Dish network makes some Russian stations available, and that's where I saw it. The documentary was made recently, and just showed how run down the original factory had become, and that it was a pity because there was so much history there.The documentary discussed the history of the Svetlana company and some of the things that were done there. There were some pictures and even some films of assembly in the 40's or 50's. It wasn't propogandized at all, there was no spin or motive of spin. But photos or films of the Svetlana factory in the 40's and 50's may be relatively scarce, since it was a secured area then. Maybe they were declassified, or maybe they were actually photos and films of another place, used for illustration. Sort of a re-enactment kind of thing, I don't know. I just know that the modern photos of the plant showed it to be a bit run down and vacant, but its history is interesting. I also know that manufacture of tubes is becoming popular again, and some Russian companies are keen on addressing the market.What is the story behind the Svetlana name usage in the United States? I know there was some issue there, but I don't know what. I also don't really know what Russian companies are currently building tubes. It is interesting to me, but I haven't really looked into it. I thought you might know. I'm guessing there are probably some pretty interesting stories there, and sometimes I think about looking to find the stories "behind the scenes." But then I get busy with my daily tasks and never take the time to learn more about the Russian tube market.