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Ayr--- Each January, patriotic Scots gather at Robert Burns' birthplace to pay homage to their national bard.

This year, the homage takes on an international flavour. For ~~the~~ though Burns never left his native land, his countrymen founded Burns' Clubs all over the world. And many delegates are here to honour the composer of ~~that~~ that immortal song ~~xxxxxxx~~ "Tam-o'-Shanter".

And the "Brig o' Ayr" - where Tam and his white horse Meg escaped the witch's clutches.

It was certainly a celebration with a difference- for two Soviet writers came as honoured guests, which made any Sassenach who happened to be there, doubly sure of a real Scottish welcome.