

Animal Farm & Russian Revolution: A Historical Backdrop

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Power **1 man**
CZAR
Monarchy
Aristocracy

Wealth

Under

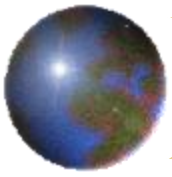
Czar Nicholas II

Powerless

– Proletariat –
Workers from
Privatized Farms and Industry
(owned by aristocracy)

Poor

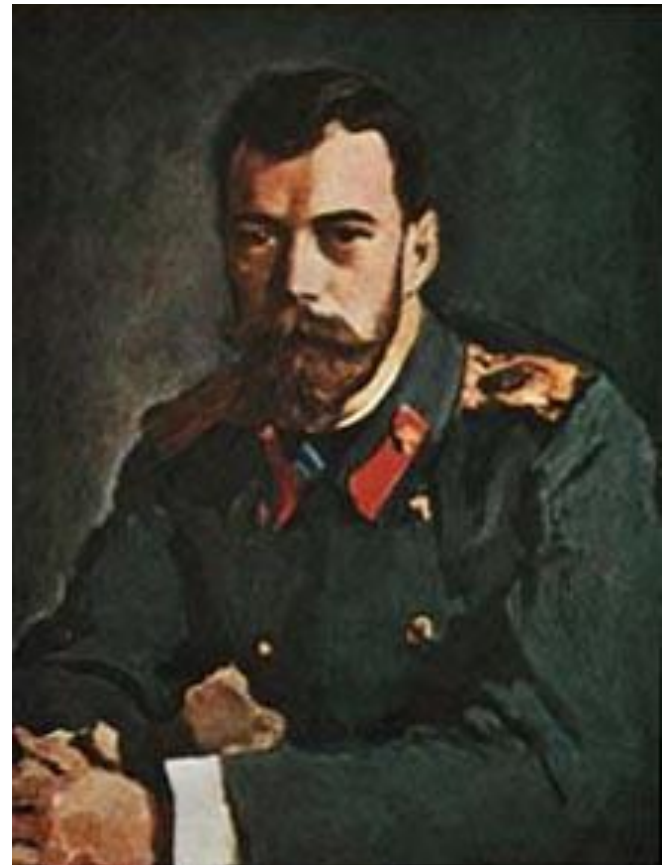
Millions of People

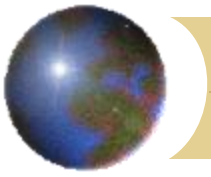


Monarchy Under Czar Nicholas II

1914-1917

- ✿ **Czar Nicholas was dictator of Russia**
- ✿ **Czar = “power from God”**

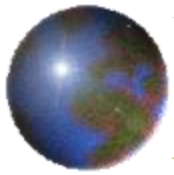




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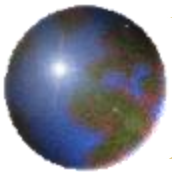
- ✚ **Russia lagged behind other modernized countries in:**
 - ✚ **Industrialization**
 - ✚ **Government**
 - ✚ **Education**



Monarchy Under Czar Nicholas II

- ✦ **Majority of population faced poverty, hunger, and unemployment**
- ✦ **WWI**
 - ❏ **Lost territory from war**
 - ❏ **Food & resources going to troops**

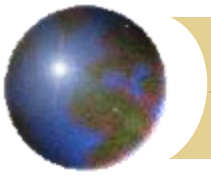




Monarchy Under Czar Nicholas II



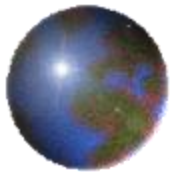
- ✚ **Revolts led by hungry workers erupted across Russia**
- ✚ **1917 – Czar Nicholas II was overthrown**



The Russian Revolution

- ✚ **Bolsheviks, under the leadership of Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky, and Joseph Stalin proceeded to structure a Communist country as envisioned by Karl Marx.**





No Man

Self-

Communism

Envisioned by

Karl Marx

Collectively

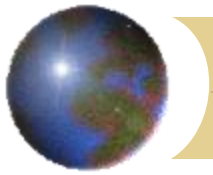
Collectively

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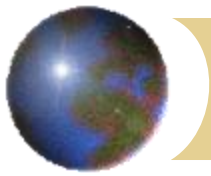
**Mandatory Military
Service
For All Citizens**





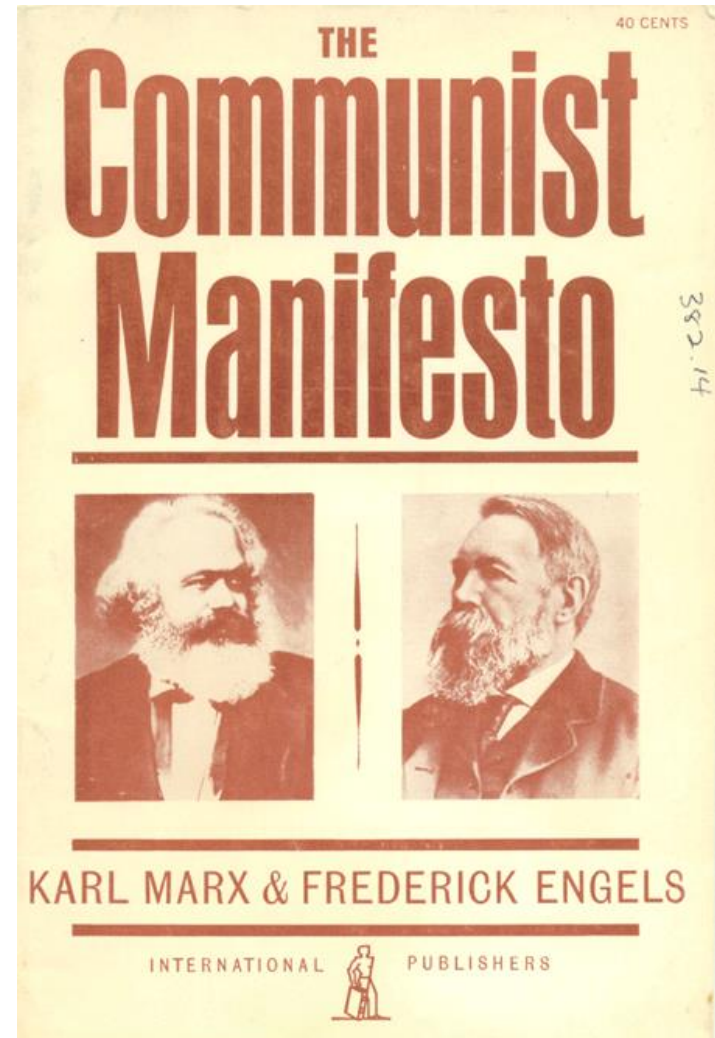
Communism Envisioned by Karl Marx

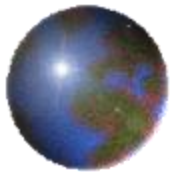
- ✚ **The communists hoped that after updating their country's industry, agriculture, & military, a populace of educated people could successfully govern themselves and collectively own the combined wealth of their nation.**



Communism Envisioned by Karl Marx

- ✚ It was a utopian type dream where a classless society provided all its citizens with a comfortable and meaningful life.





Power

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Lenin

Wealth

Transitional Rule

Communist

Party

Under

Agriculture

Industry

Modernization

Modernization

Vladimir Lenin

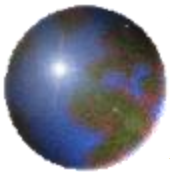
Military Modernization

Workers are quickly absorbed
Into Agriculture, Industry, and Military

Powerless

Poor

Millions of People



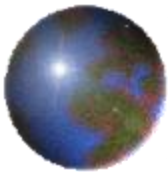
The Russian Revolution



Joseph Stalin and Vladimir Lenin

✚ **Soviets gain popular support by promising:**

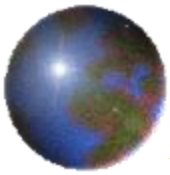
- ✚ **Land**
- ✚ **Bread**
- ✚ **Peace**



Transitional Rule Under Lenin



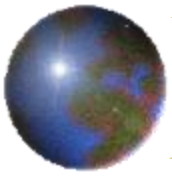
- ✚ **Their main goals were as follows:**
 - ✚ **Modernize industry and agriculture**
 - ✚ **Get rid of the aristocracy (middle & upper classes)**



Transitional Rule Under Lenin

(Lenin's goals continued...)

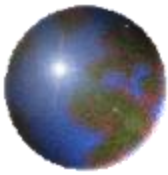
- ❏ **Provide adequate food, shelter, and medical services to the poor**
- ❏ **Educate the population in the ways of Communism**
- ❏ **Strengthen their military**



Transitional Rule Under Lenin

✚ **1918: The Red Army, led by Leon Trotsky, identified and executed suspected anti-communists.**



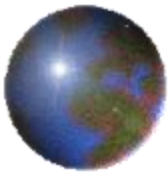


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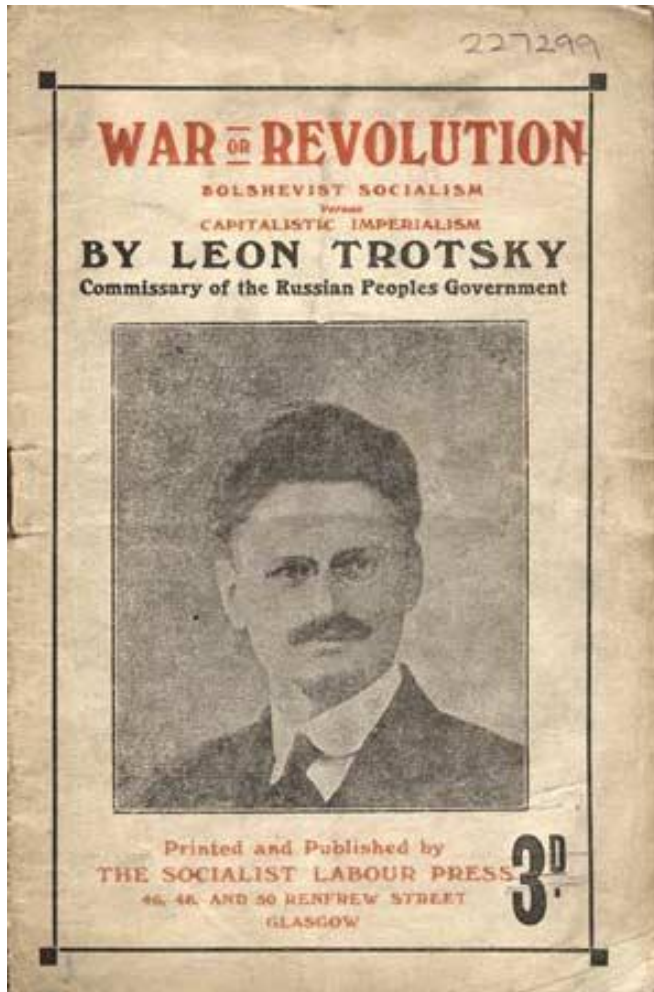


1918-1921

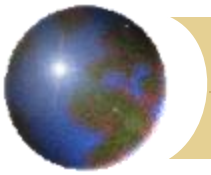
✚ **Civil War
erupted
between the
Communists
and their
opposition**



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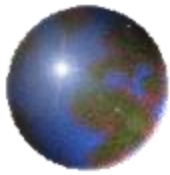
- ❖ **1922: Lenin died before he could see a new Russia emerge.**
- ❖ **A power struggle developed between Trotsky and Stalin.**

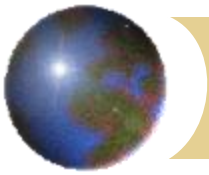


Transitional Rule Under Lenin

✚ **Trotsky was run out of the country by Stalin whose powers lie in his infamous secret police or “cheka” (KGB).**







Communist Rule Under Stalin



✚ **The Russia that Stalin developed was renamed the Soviet Union, and was not the same country that Lenin had hoped for.**



Communist Rule Under Stalin

1928

✚ **Stalin's "Five Year Plans"**

✚ **Designed to bring Russia into the industrial age**

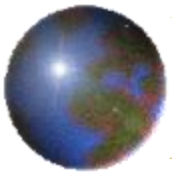




Communist Rule Under Stalin



- ✚ **Stalin maintained power by using political and social terror.**
- ✚ **KGB, Cheka, and system of spies**

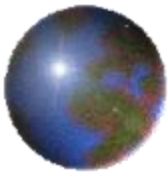


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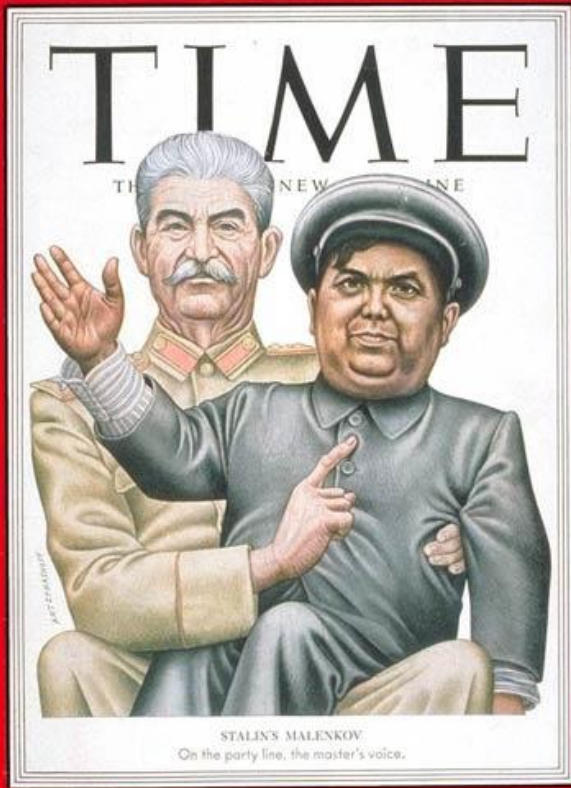
The Purges

- ❖ High ranking officials were arrested, forced to confess to false charges, and then executed
- ❖ Stalin was seen as protecting Russia





Communist Rule Under Stalin



- ❖ **In addition to his campaign of terror, Stalin also controlled all media sources.**
- ❖ **Stalin could effectively rewrite history to suit his political/military needs.**







