

25 OCT 1917
OCTOBER REVOLUTION



EMANCIPATION OF SERFS IN RUSSIA

- 1861 -



- 1881 -

ASSASSINATION OF CZAR ALEXANDER II

**THE RULER OF RUSSIA SINCE 1855, KILLED IN THE
STREETS OF ST. PETERSBURG BY A BOMB THROWN
BY A MEMBER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY**

“PEOPLE’S WILL” GROUP.

**THE PEOPLE’S WILL, ORGANIZED IN 1879, EMPLOYED
TERRORISM AND ASSASSINATION IN THEIR ATTEMPT
TO OVERTHROW RUSSIA’S CZARIST AUTOCRACY.
THEY MURDERED OFFICIALS AND MADE SEVERAL
ATTEMPTS ON THE CZAR’S LIFE BEFORE FINALLY
ASSASSINATING HIM ON MARCH 13, 1881.**



- 1894 -

RUSSIAN EMPIRE:

126 MILLION PEOPLE

194 DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUPS

**THE WORKERS & PEASANTS LIVED IN
POVERTY AND HARDSHIP**

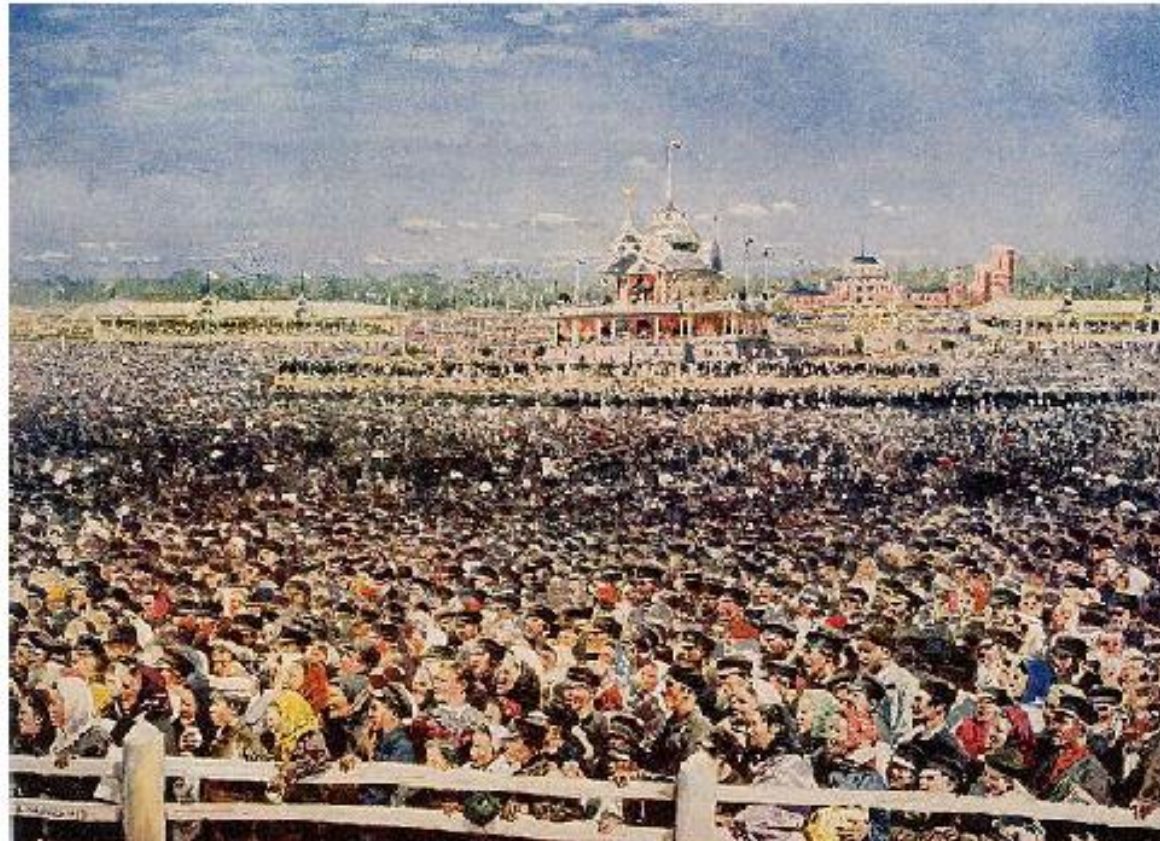
**THE IMPERIAL ELITE LIVED IN GILDED
LUXURY**

1ST NOVEMBER, 1894
NICOLAS II DECLARED **CZAR**
(CAESAR) OF RUSSIA



THE KHODYNNKA TRAGEDY 30 (18) MAY 1896

A STAMPEDE IN MOSCOW OCCURS DURING FESTIVITIES FOLLOWING NICHOLAS II CORONATION, AS CROWDS, WORRIED THAT THE SUPPLIES OF FREE SOUVENIRS WOULD RUN OUT, RUSHED FOR THE STALLS TO GET THEM. THIS RESULTS IN THE DEATHS OF OVER 1,300 PEOPLE.



**“I SHALL NEVER AGREE TO A
REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF
GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE I
CONSIDER IT HARMFUL TO THE
PEOPLE WHOM GOD HAS
TRUSTED TO MY CARE.”**

CZAR NICOLAS II, 1904

- 1905 -

FIRST RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

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**TSAR NICOLAS II FORCED TO
RECOGNISE A *DUMA*, OR
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

JANUARY 1905: BLOODY SUNDAY

**TROOPS AND POLICE OPEN FIRE ON
A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION
OUTSIDE THE WINTER PALACE AND
ELSEWHERE IN ST PETERSBURG,
KILLING AND INJURING AROUND
1,000 PEOPLE. THE LIBERAL PRESS
BLAMES NICHOLAS II**



- 1914 -

**WORLD WAR I WAS A DISASTER
FOR RUSSIA WITH 1,7 MILLION
DEAD ON THE FRONT AND FOOD
SHORTAGES AT HOME CAUSING
700,000 DEATHS**



**“WHAT IS ALL THIS TALK ABOUT
THE PEOPLE’S CONFIDENCE?
LET THE PEOPLE MERIT
MY CONFIDENCE!”**

CZAR NICOLAS II, 1916



Peace, Land, and Bread! All power to
the Soviet!

— *Vladimir Lenin* —

AZ QUOTES

LENIN

BROTHER & SISTER INVOLVED IN PLOT TO KILL CZAR AND WERE HANGED

LENIN LEARNED THAT REVOLUTIONS HAPPENED IN CITIES

1902 HE WAS IN LONDON WHERE HE READ KARL MARX – COMMUNIST MANIFESTO / DAS KAPITAL

"NOW WE SHALL BEGIN TO CONSTRUCT THE SOCIALIST ORDER."

1912 – LENA MINES – 270 KILLED, AN UNARMED MEETING

SECRET POLICE – OKRADA TSAR'S SECRET SERVICE, INFILTRATED LENIN'S ORGANISATION & SOME BECAME REAL REVOLUTIONARIES THEMSELVES

"WHERE WAS THE WORKERS' SOLIDARITY THAT SHOULD QUASH THIS WAR?"

ARMY WAS IMMENSE BUT DESPITE ITS IMAGE ON THE PARADE GROUND IT WAS UNPREPARED, UNDER-ARMED, UNDERFED, ILL-LED AND DOOMED. IT WENT FROM DEFEAT TO DEFEAT IN WINTERY POLAND. THEY WENT FROM CATASTROPHE TO CATASTROPHE.

4 MILLION NEVER RETURNED. PRIVATION AT HOME AND LENIN IN ZURICH.

SPARK OF REVOLUTION WAS INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE IN THE PATINOV WORKS IN MOSCOW (FEBRUARY REVOLUTION)

GARRISON IN PETROGRAD SIDED WITH WORKERS. NO POLITICS THOUGH, THE POLITICS WAS YET TO COME.

CZAR WAS CHALLENGED AND ABDICATED

LENIN COULDN'T CROSS A WAR-TORN EUROPE. THE 'SEALED TRAIN' – GERMANS HELPED LENIN INTO RUSSIA

LENIN OPPOSED THE IMPERIALIST WAR

HE DEMANDED IMMEDIATE LAND REDISTRIBUTION FROM RICH LAND OWNERS TO PEASANTS

HE ALSO DEMANDED THE TRANSFERRAL OF POWER FROM THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE'S SOVIETS (COUNCILS) THAT WERE BEING FORMED ALL OVER RUSSIA

"ALL POWER TO THE SOVIETS!"

PEACE, LAND AND BREAD!



The first issue of *Iskra* ("Spark"), official organ of the Russian Social Democratic Labour Party.

**“IT WOULD BE NAIVE TO WAIT FOR A
FORMAL ‘MAJORITY’ FOR THE
BOLSHEVIKS. NO REVOLUTION EVER
WAITS FOR THAT. HISTORY WOULD
NOT FORGIVE US IF WE DO NOT ASSUME
POWER NOW...”**

LENIN, 1917

JULY OFFENSIVE, 18TH - 1917

- **400,000 DIED**
- **MASS DISSERTIONS**
- **SOLDIERS & SAILORS IN PETROGRAD **MUTINIED****
- **THEY WERE JOINED IN THE STREETS BY BOLSHEVIK SUPPORT**
- **TROOPS LOYAL TO THE **PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT** OPENED FIRE ON THE PROTESTORS**
- **STALIN HELPED LENIN **ESCAPE** TO FINLAND**
- **8TH JULY **KERENSKY** BECOMES PRIME MINISTER AND HAILED AS THE MAN WHO WOULD SAVE RUSSIA FROM ANARCHY**
- ****GENERAL KORNILOV** ORDERED HIS TROOPS TO MARCH ON PETROGRAD TO RESTORE ORDER**
- **THE BOLSHEVIKS UNDER **TROTSKY** DEFENDED THE CITY AND APPEARED HEROES**
- **THEY NOW HAD A **MAJORITY** IN THE **PETROGRAD SOVIET****

MASS DISSERTIONS - JULY OFFENSIVE, 1917



FAMILY CRISIS

- **CZAR NICOLAS' GERMAN WIFE, EMPRESS ALEXANDRIA WAS RUMOURED TO BE HELPING THE GERMANS DURING THE WAR**
- **THE FAMILY WAS NOW UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A SIBERIAN MYSTIC, RASPUTIN**



- 1917 -

THE FEBRUARY REVOLUTION

- **23RD FEBRUARY (WOMEN'S DAY) WOMEN GATHERED IN PETROGRAD, THE CAPITAL, TO PROTEST AT BREAD SHORTAGES**
- **THE NEXT DAY JOINED BY WORKERS & STUDENTS CARRYING PLACARDS: 'DOWN WITH THE CZAR'**
- **ARMY MUTINED AND JOINED THE PROTEST**
- **2ND MARCH NICOLAS ABDICATED, ENDING 300 YEARS OF ROMANOFF FAMILY RULE - BUT WERE LATER ARRESTED**



- 1917 -

THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION

- **THE DUMA WAS DIVIDED INTO 2 SECTIONS**
- **THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT**
- **THE PETROGRAD SOVIET (COUNCIL) - CONTROLLED TROOPS, TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS IN THE CAPITAL**
- **PETROGRAD SOVIET WAS MORE RADICAL THAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT & WAS DOMINATED BY THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONARY PARTY & THE MARXIST MENSHEVIK PARTY**
- **BOTH GROUPS DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE WAR, BUT IT WAS A FATEFUL DECISION**
- **LENIN RETURNED TO RUSSIA**



PETROGRAD SOVIET

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT



THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION

- 25TH -

- **10TH OCTOBER - LENIN RETURNS FROM FINLAND**
- **25TH OCTOBER - AT NIGHT RED GUARDS & LOYAL TROOPS STORMED THE WINTER PALACE - THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT**

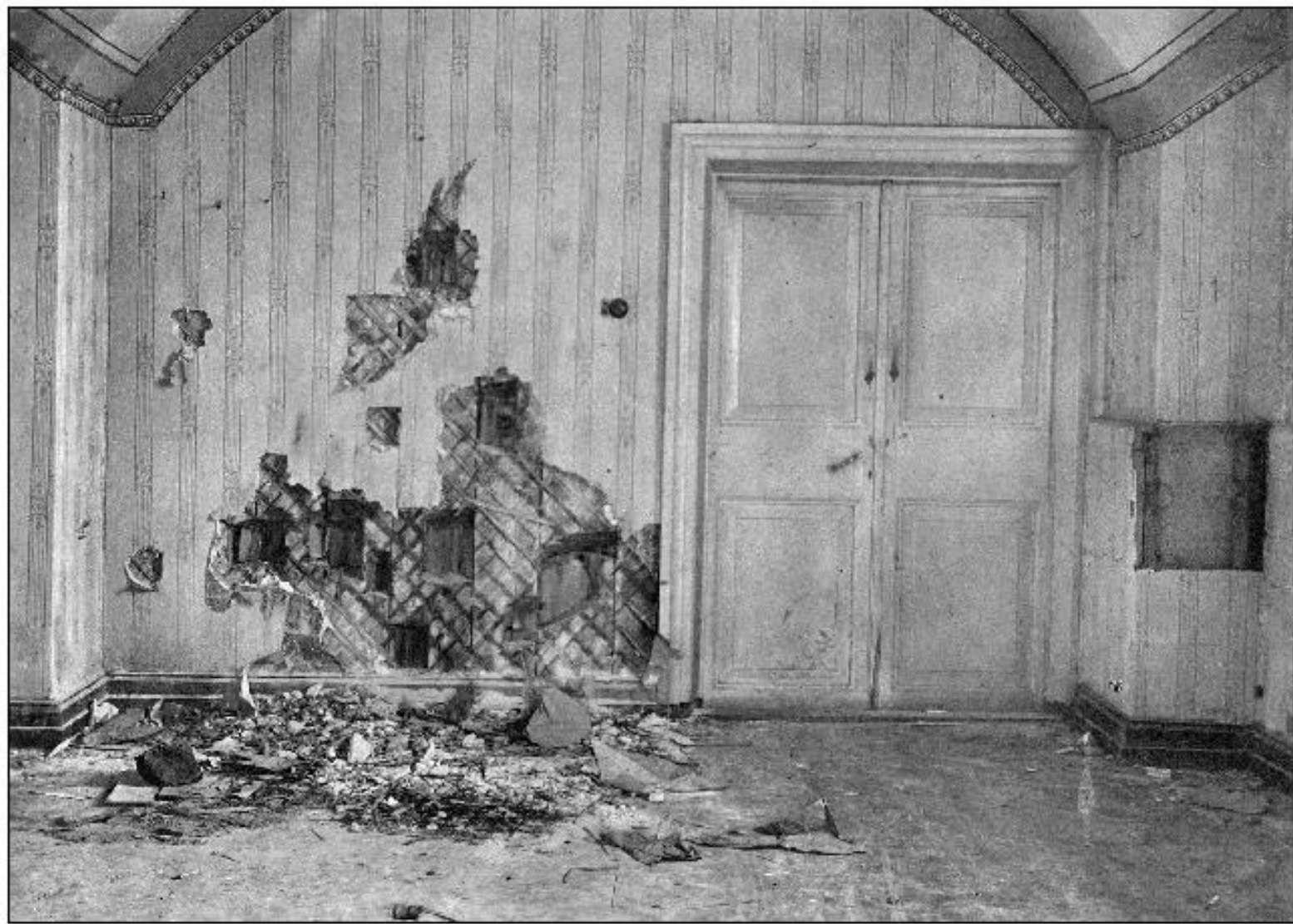


OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER REVOLUTION?

**IN 1917 RUSSIA STILL USED THE
JULIAN CALENDAR WHILE THE REST
OF EUROPE WAS NOW USING THE
GREGORIAN CALENDAR, HENCE THE
DIFFERENCE**

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR

- **RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR STARTS AS BOLSHEVIKS FIGHT AGAINST COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY, OR WHITE, FORCES**
- **WHITE FORCES HOPED TO RESTORE CZAR NICOLAS**
- **17TH JULY: WHITE FORCES APPROACHED YEKATERINBURG THE BOLSHEVIKS EXECUTE NICOLAS, WIFE & 5 CHILDREN IN A BASEMENT**
- **RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: 2 MILLION SOLDIERS DIED AND 9 MILLION IN FAMINE & TYPHUS EPIDEMIC**



THE SOVIET UNION

- **LENIN CREATED THE SOVIET UNION ON 30TH DECEMBER, 1922**
- **HE CREATED A NEW SOCIAL ORDER**
- **ONE PARTY STATE**
- **DEMOCRACY COULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE IN THE FEBRUARY REVOLUTION, BUT OCTOBER REVOLUTION CRUSHED IT**
- **OPPOSITION TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS PROHIBITED**
- **SOVIET UNION LASTED UNTIL 1991**



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New York: Today, limited sun, perhaps a shower late. High 62. Tonight, cooler. Low 40. Tomorrow, cloudy, a light shower. High 61. Yesterday, high 59, low 45. Details are on page D10.

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DECLARING DEATH OF SOVIET UNION, RUSSIA AND 2 REPUBLICS FORM NEW COMMONWEALTH

Frantic Moves Came to Light In Days Before Maxwell Died

As the Empire
Was Crumbling

A special report.



Robert Maxwell

By STEVEN PROKESCH

Special to The New York Times

LONDON, Dec. 8 — At the time of his mysterious death on Nov. 5, Robert Maxwell almost certainly knew he was about to be caught.

He had drained hundreds of millions of dollars from his two flagship public companies and from employee pension funds in a frantic attempt to keep his heavily indebted publishing empire afloat.

The auditors of the Maxwell empire, Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, were to conduct their next regular audit of the pension funds in a couple of months. And Coopers would have quickly discovered the transactions, said a person very familiar with the details of a special financial examination of the empire conducted for the banks after Mr. Maxwell's death. He agreed to discuss the report only if his identity was not disclosed.

'Basically Grabbing Cash'

The Coopers team also found evidence that some of the diverted money went to The Daily News in New York to cover its losses. That raises more doubts about the future of the newspaper, which Mr. Maxwell acquired in March.

The maneuvering by Mr. Maxwell to prop up the private companies that controlled his empire "was doomed to failure," the person familiar with the Coopers report said.

"It wasn't a sophisticated fraud like B.C.C.I.," he said, referring to the scandal surrounding the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. "The guy was basically grabbing cash, and Coopers found it out within days of going in." The Coopers team was led by Richard Stone, the partner in charge of the accounting firm's corporate finance division.

That discovery led the main holding companies of the Maxwell empire to

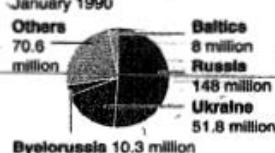
The New and the Old



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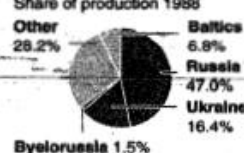
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January 1990



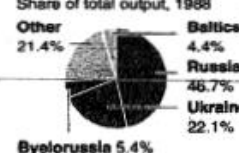
CONSUMER GOODS

Share of production 1988



AGRICULTURE

Share of total output, 1988



The New York Times

"We, the republic of Byelorussia, the Russian Federation and Ukraine... state that the U.S.S.R., as a subject of international law and geopolitical reality, is ceasing its existence."

— Brest declaration, Dec. 8, 1991

The Union Is Buried: What's Being Born?

By CELESTINE BOHLEN

Special to The New York Times

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 — Ever since the August coup d'état, the Soviet Union has been divided. Leaders of the

Gorbachev's Vain Pleas
Make His Eclipse Clear

he keeps warning about has already happened. This is a fact they can confirm with their daily lives, as they go to factories that have run out of materials, an official who admits they have

TAKE OVER A-ARMS

Newborn Bureaucracy Is
Inheriting Functions
of Old Authority

By SERGE SCHMEMMANN

Special to The New York Times

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 — The leaders of Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia declared today that the Soviet Union had ceased to exist and proclaimed a new "Commonwealth of Independent States" open to all members of the former union.

In a series of statements issued after a two-day meeting at a Byelorussian government retreat, the leaders of the three Slavic republics declared void all efforts to create a new union on the ruins of the old one. But they called for the creation of new "coordinating bodies" for defense, foreign affairs and the economy that would have their seat in Minsk, the capital of Byelorussia, and decided to maintain the ruble as the common currency.

They declared that the "norms" and activities of the former union ceased as of the moment of signing, and that the new commonwealth assumed all international obligations of the Soviet Union, as well as control over its nuclear arsenal.

Gorbachev's Move

"The U.S.S.R., as a subject of international law and geopolitical reality, is ceasing its existence," the leaders declared [Text, page A8].

The action essentially stripped President Mikhail S. Gorbachev of his office and authority, and the immediate question was whether the tough and tenacious Soviet leader would resist — and if he did, whether the military or other levers of power would support him.

The three cofounders of the new commonwealth — President Boris N.

West Europeans Gather to Seek A Tighter Union

By ALAN RIDING

Special to The New York Times

MAASTRICHT, the Netherlands, Dec. 8 — In an atmosphere of great

The Soviet Union.

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