



# *The Bolshevik Revolution*

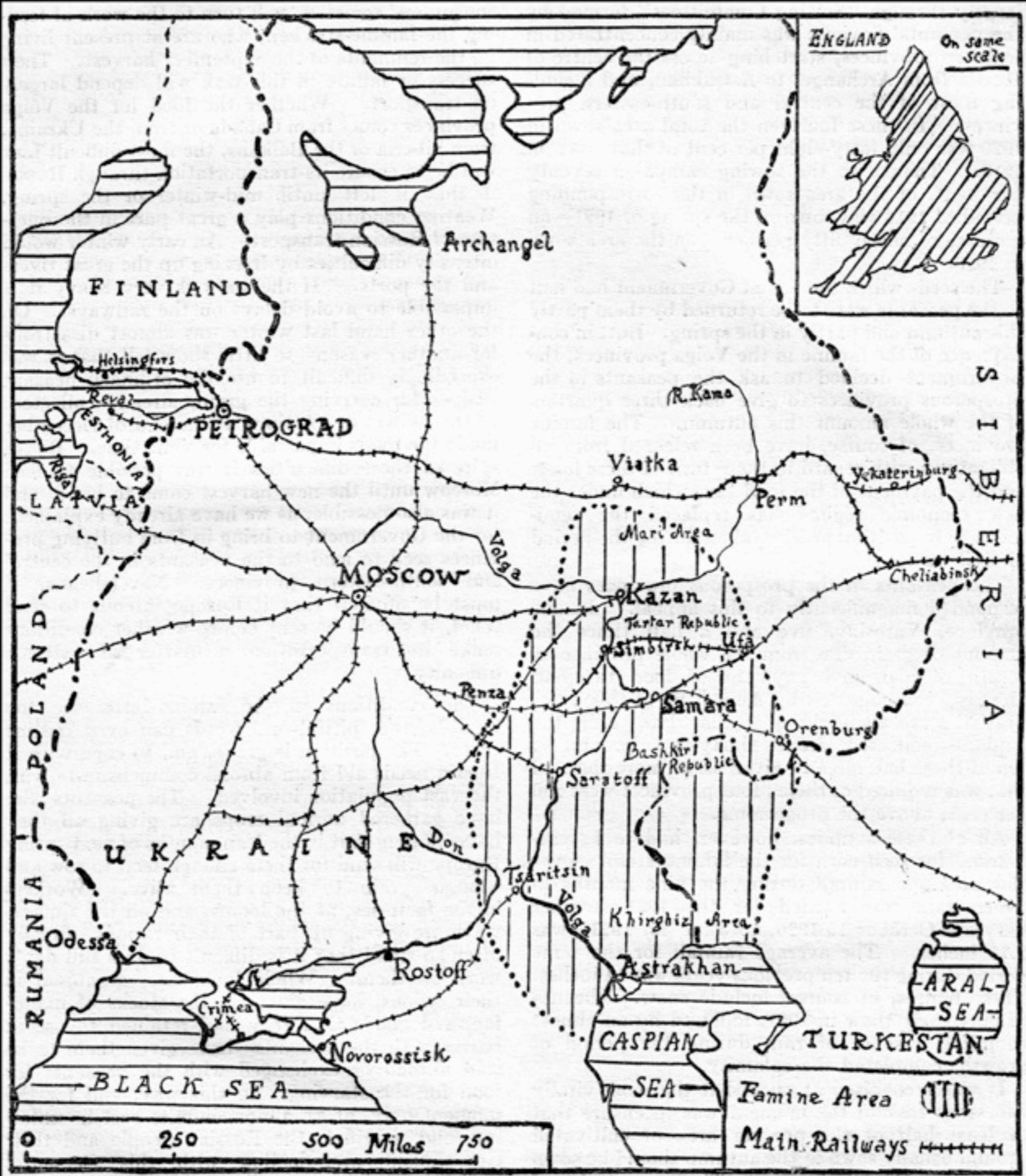
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# *Regime*

- ▶ 1917: Bolshevik Revolution; 1922: USSR formed
- ▶ Politburo, Central Committee, Control Committee, (Constituent Assembly)
- ▶ Authoritarian
- ▶ Religious to secular
- ▶ Charismatic legitimacy: “Land, Peace, Bread”
- ▶ Highly centralized, little accountability, coercive (Cheka)

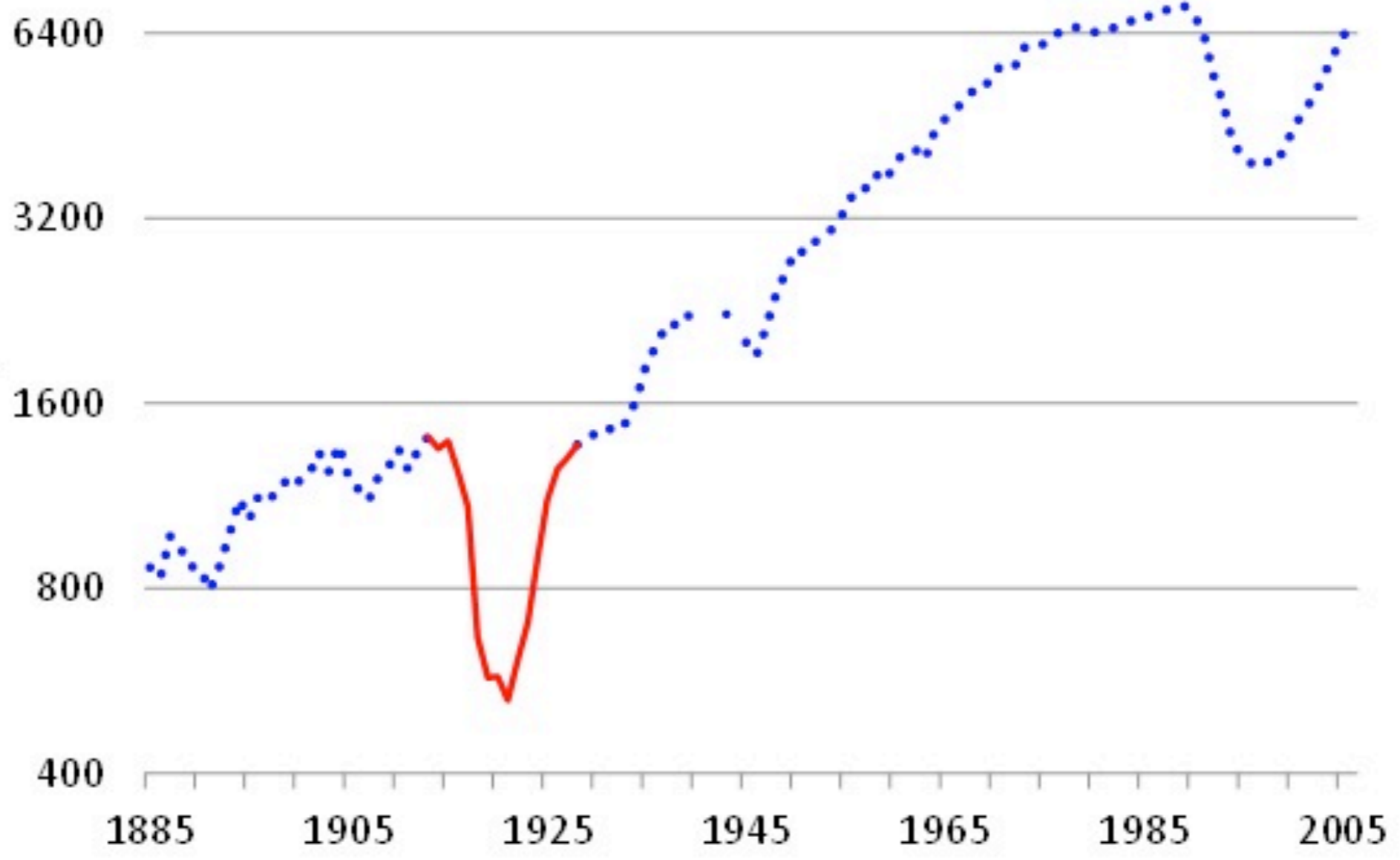
# *Economy*

- ▶ Communist, command economy
- ▶ Pre-industrial
- ▶ 1921-1923: Famine
- ▶ 1918-1921: Russian Civil War
  - ▶ War Communism
- ▶ 1921-1928: New Economic Policy
  - ▶ Mixed economy



EUROPEAN RUSSIA, SHOWING THE FAMINE AREA, PORTS, AND MAIN RAILWAYS

GDP per head, international dollars and  
1990 prices



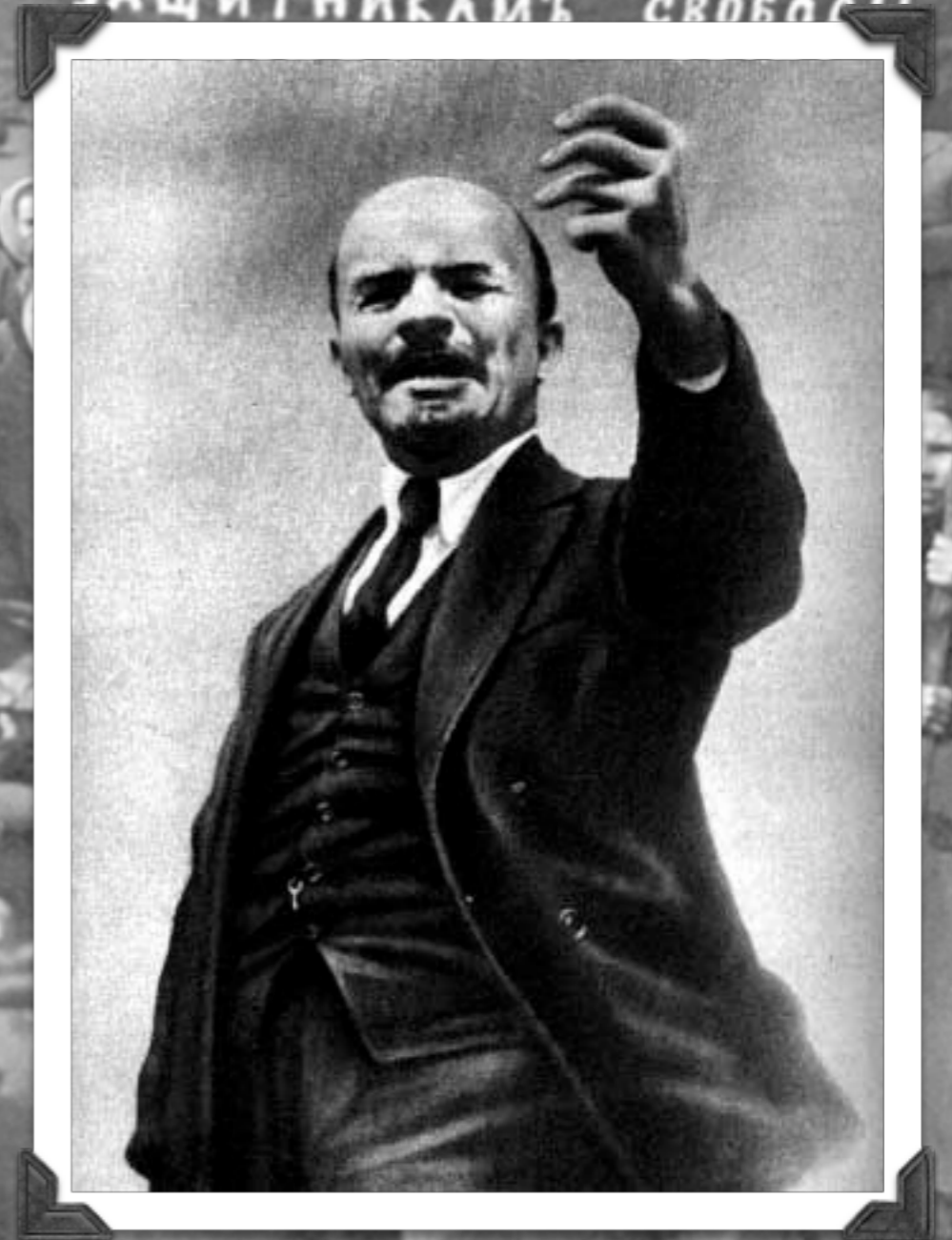
# Vladimir Lenin

- ▶ Leader of Bolshevik Revolution, Red Terror
- ▶ First leader of USSR
- ▶ Changed calendar to Western Calendar
- ▶ Moved capital to Moscow
- ▶ “Give us an organization of revolutionaries, and we will overturn Russia!”



# Ideology

- ▶ Leninism: Marxism executed by a vanguard party
- ▶ 1919: Comintern
  - ▶ Extension into international affairs
  - ▶ Aim: overthrow all capitalist governments and make the world communist through any means necessary



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