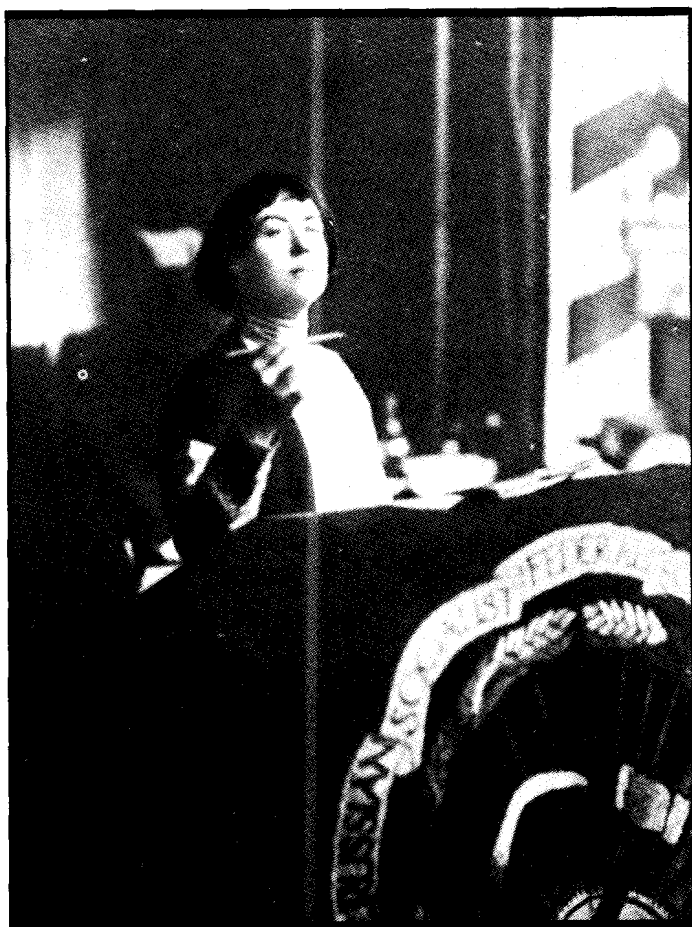


Soviet History

Chronology of Events

- 7 November 1917
- The October Revolution.
 - Prior to February 1918, the Julian calendar was in use in Russia. Thus, according to the old calendar, the revolution took place on 25 October 1917. According to the Gregorian calendar, on November 7.
- 1918 to 1921
- The Civil War and Allied Intervention.
- 1920
- The Women's Section (*Zhenotdel*) of the Communist Party is established. Inessa Armand and Aleksandra Kollontai are the first two heads of the *Zhenotdel*.
 - Abortion is legalized.
- 21 January 1924
- Lenin dies.



- 1928
- The collectivization of agriculture and the industrialization drive begin.
- 1929
- Stalin consolidates his power.
- 1930
- The *Zhenotdel* is disbanded.
- 1936
- Abortion is made illegal.
- 1936 to 1938
- The Great Purge.
- 1941 to 1945
- World War II (The Great Patriotic War).
 - Twenty million Soviet citizens are casualties of the war.
- 5 March 1953
- Stalin dies.
- 1955
- Abortion is legalized.
- 1953 to 1964
- Khrushchev is at the head of the Communist Party.
- 1964 to 1982
- Brezhnev heads the Party.
- 1982 to 1985
- Andropov and Chernenko are in power.
- 1985
- Gorbachev becomes General Secretary of the Party.