



### Politburo

Highest decision making body of the Communist Party – its inner cabinet. The five to nine members of the Politburo were chosen from the Central Committee. They discussed policy when a meeting of the Central Committee was deemed unnecessary. The Politburo met daily.

### Orgburo

Coordinated personnel within the Party and allocated tasks.

### Central Committee

The thirty to forty members of the Central Committee were elected by the annual Party congress. The CC voted on and discussed key policies. Resolutions of the CC were handed on to Sovnarkom to implement.

### Party Congress

Delegates to the Party Congress were elected from regional Party committees and in turn elected the Central Committee. They debated important policies and discussed the general direction of the Communist Party.

### Secretariat (Civil Service)

Managed paperwork and communication between Central Committee, Politburo, Sovnarkom and Soviet CEC.

### Sovnarkom (Council of People's Commissars)

The Council of People's Commissars – the government of Soviet Russia. Each commissariat was headed by a commissar selected by the Chairman (Lenin). Commissars met as a cabinet to discuss government policy; at first this was daily, but by 1920 weekly.

### Soviet CEC

The Central Executive Committee of the Soviet reviewed policies between meetings of All-Russian Congress of Soviets. The first chairman of the CEC was Sverdlov.

### All-Russian Congress of Soviets

Representatives were elected from regional soviets that were formed at village, town and district level. Chaired by Sverdlov and later Kalinin. Generally met once a year to elect the CEC and vote on important policies.

### Provincial and City Soviets

Each region, city and town had its own soviet. These implemented policies given by Sovnarkom, provided higher soviet and governmental bodies with information concerning economics and social concerns, and assisted in the administration of areas under their jurisdiction.

### District and Local Soviets

Workers and peasants elected their representatives to the local soviet – the lowest level of people's councils. Ordinary people would take their concerns and views to their local soviet. Select members were elected to the higher level provincial and city soviets.

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