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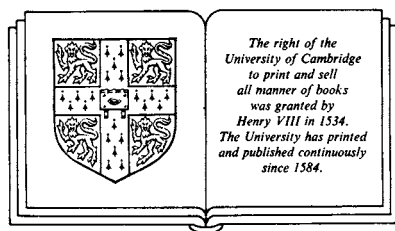
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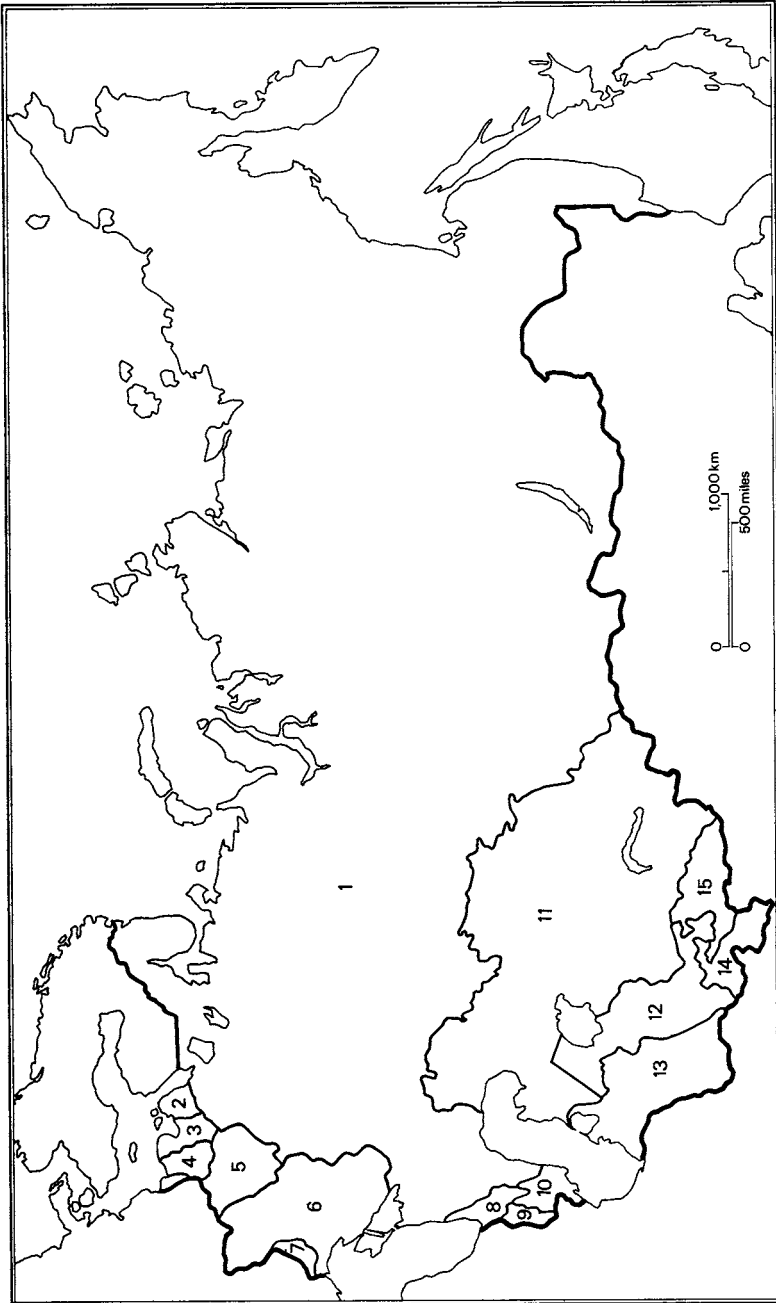
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Notes for readers

- ASSR (Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika) Autonomous Republic. Title given to twenty areas of the USSR with significant ethnic minority populations.
- delegatka* (Plural: *delegatki*) Woman delegate elected at and responsible to 'delegate meetings' set up by the Zhenotdel in the 1920s as a form of primary political organisation for women.
- kalym* Bride price paid by husband to bride's family in Central Asia.
- kolkhoz Collective farm.
- Komsomol (VLKSM) All-Union Leninist Communist Union of Youth. The youth arm of the Communist Party, open to young people aged fourteen to twenty-eight.
- RSFSR (Rossiiskaya Sovetskaya Federativnaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika) Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic. Largest of the fifteen Union republics of the USSR.
- shariat* Islamic law.
- sovkhoz State farm.
- Zhenotdel (*zhenskii otdel*) Women's Department of the Central Committee Secretariat. Party organ leading political work with women 1919–29.

Readers should note that Soviet statistics on rural women are somewhat limited. Data from the early 1970s have been used where, in the author's opinion, they represent the best available information.

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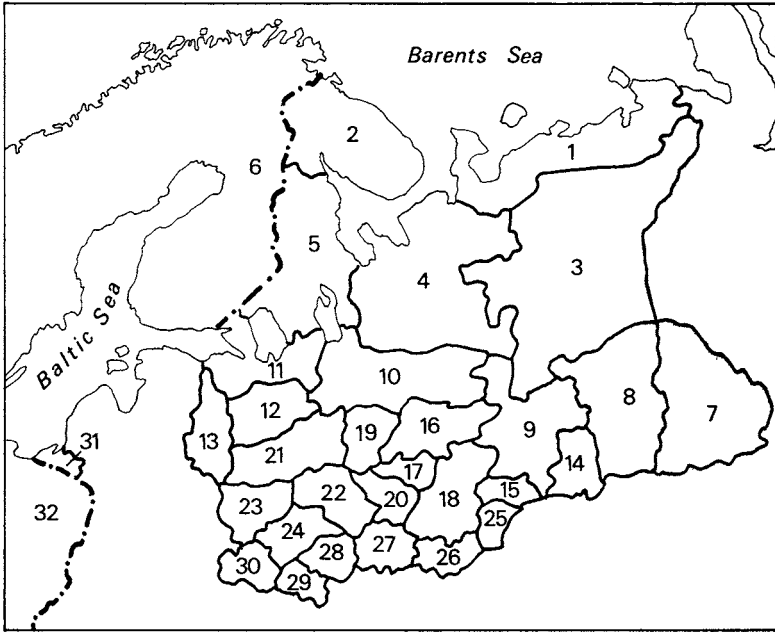
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| 2 Estonia | 5 Belorussia | 8 Georgia | 11 Kazakhstan | 14 Tadzhikistan |
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The Non-Black Earth Zone of the RSFSR

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| 2 Murmansk | 13 Pskov | 24 Kaluga |
| 3 Komi ASSR | 14 Udmurt ASSR | 25 Chuvash ASSR |
| 4 Arkhangel'sk | 15 Mari ASSR | 26 Mordovia ASSR |
| 5 Karelia ASSR | 16 Kostroma | 27 Ryazan' |
| 6 Finland | 17 Ivanovo | 28 Tula |
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| 8 Perm' | 19 Yaroslavl' | 30 Bryansk |
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