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выучим
управлять государством!
Vladimir Maiakovskii, *Vladimir Il'ich Lenin*, 1924

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Abbreviations and Russian Terms

<i>agitprop</i>	agitation and propaganda
<i>aktiv</i>	activist group
<i>artel'</i>	traditional Russian work-crew
CC	Central Committee of the Communist Party
<i>edinonachalie</i>	one-person management principle
<i>gorkom</i>	city committee of the Communist Party
<i>gubkom</i>	province (guberniia) committee of the Communist Party, <i>obkom</i> from 1929
KP	<i>Krasnyi Putilovets</i> , Red Putilovite works in Leningrad
<i>kul'tprop</i>	culture and propaganda, department and head of
<i>obkom</i>	province (oblast') committee of the Communist Party
<i>partkom</i>	party committee
<i>partorg</i>	party organiser
<i>partorg TsK</i>	party organiser assigned directly by the CC
<i>partsec</i>	party secretary
PPO	Primary Party Organisation
<i>rabkor</i>	workers' correspondent
<i>raikom</i>	district committee of the Communist Party
RGASPI	Russian State Archive of Social and Political History
RGAVMF	Russian State Archive of the Navy
<i>spetseedstvo</i>	specialist-baiting
TsGAIPD	Central State Archive of Historical-Political Documents, Saint-Petersburg
VKP (b)	All-Union Communist Party (bolsheviks), the Communist Party
<i>zapiska</i>	note to speaker, often question
<i>zavkom</i>	factory committee