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Death of Lenin: Authoritarian Transition and the Communist Experiment

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Additional Characters

Vlas Chubar is the Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars of the Ukrainian SSR. Originally not of the political sphere, but rather a graduate of a mechanical-technical school, Chubar retains much expertise in the detailed workings of industry and has worked previously in economic administration. He first became involved with politics in 1907 when he joined the Bolshevik party. While a relatively new member to the central committee, he has extensive experience in related revolutionary committees within Ukraine, his birthplace. Given his background, Chubar has strong opinions about the economic theory circulating presently. He is a harsh critic of current trends in collectivization. Additionally, he advocates for an increased focus on local level economic management.

Sergey Kirov is the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Azerbaijan. Originally born of a poor class and eventually sent to an orphanage, he surprisingly proved to be a remarkably bright child that eventually was sponsored by rich benefactors to obtain an engineering degree. He went on to join the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party in 1904. He participated in the 1905 Revolution, and

spent a good portion of the next decade printing illegal literature on Marxist theory, for which he was incarcerated several times. From 1918 to 1920, he was a commissar in the civil war, where he gained a ruthless reputation with his excessive killing orders. While his loyalties lie with Stalin, his civil war reputation aligns with that of Trotsky.