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Glossary

Geopolitical terms:

<i>guberniia</i>	province
<i>gubkom</i>	Communist Party committee of a province
<i>obkom</i>	Communist Party committee of an oblast
oblast	province (successor to <i>guberniia</i>)
<i>okrug</i>	region
<i>okruzhkom</i>	Communist Party committee of a region
<i>raikom</i>	Communist Party committee of a district
<i>raion</i>	district
<i>uezd</i>	county (predecessor to <i>raion</i>)
<i>ukom</i>	Communist Party committee of an <i>uezd</i>
<i>volost'</i>	subdivision of an <i>uezd</i>

Other terms:

agitprop	agitation propaganda; a department of all Party committees
<i>aktiv</i>	activist body
<i>antireligioznik</i>	antireligionist
apparat	administrative machinery
<i>bezbozhie</i>	godlessness
<i>bezbozhnik</i>	godless person
Glavpolitprosvet	Main Administration for Political Enlightenment, attached to the Commissariat of Enlightenment
Komsomol	Communist Youth League
OB	Obshchestvo Bezbozhnikov (Society of the Godless)
ODGB	Obshchestvo Druzei Gazety "Bezbozhnika" (Society of Friends of the Newspaper <i>Godless</i>)
OGPU, GPU	Soviet secret police

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<i>perebroska</i>	administrative transfer of cadres
<i>peregruzka</i>	overextension, overwork of Party cadres
<i>politprosvet</i>	political education, or the relevant division of a local education authority
<i>stikhiinost'</i>	uncontrolled change