

# POST-WAR RACISM SCORED IN SOVIET

## Lenin Ban on Anti-Semitism Recalled by History Journal —'Deviations' Charged

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MOSCOW, April 13 — The main Soviet historical journal has charged that there were "deviations" in the post-war Soviet Union from the national policy laid down by Lenin.

At the same time, the journal, *Voprosi Istorii*, recalled Lenin's rejection of anti-Semitism. It said Lenin's injunctions on the nationalities problem were improperly understood and misinterpreted in the country today.

The journal's reference to anti-Semitism is the first time in recent years that this subject has been openly dealt with in the Soviet press.

The journal recalled Lenin's energetic campaign against "Great Russian chauvinism" as well as the local nationalism of non-Russian peoples in the former Russian empire.

He condemned the "chauvinism of Russian reactionaries and bourgeois parties," *Voprosi Istorii* said, "and particularly their anti-Semitism, explaining that anti-Semitism is alien to the spirit of the proletariat."

Speaking of "serious errors in the leadership of the party and country in the post-war period," the journal said there had been deviations in carrying out the "Leninist nationalities policy."

It said this had been coupled with the cult of the individual, a euphemism for Stalin worship, and with violations of the law.

Another article in the same issue of the journal attacked Stalin's proposals in 1922 for the incorporation of the Ukraine, Byelorussia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia into a Great Russia with nominal autonomy.

It said that this plan, which "did not answer the demands of further strengthening the friendship of the Soviet peoples," was rejected by the Communist party in favor of Lenin's formula for setting up the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The journal also declared that charges against Nikolai Skrypnik, old Bolshevik leader and former Ukrainian Commissar of Education, had been trumped up. Skrypnik committed suicide during the purges of the Nineteen Thirties.

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