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On the 17th of July, 1998, Tsar Nicholas II, his wife, three of his children and four of the family's helpers were buried eighty years after they were assassinated on orders of the Bolsheviks. Russian authorities published details about the funerals, beginning with the transport of the family's remains from the place where they were murdered. Image online, courtesy Russian-language news website.

The Romanov family was brutally executed (scroll down 60% to view rare pictures) without a trial. What crimes could the Tsar's children possibly have committed? None. What crimes had the Tsar been charged with? None. The Empress Alexandra? None. Their staff? None.

The headlines in the local newspapers said it all:

...Shot without bourgeois formalities...

Eighty years later, on the anniversary of their brutal execution, the Russian people laid the Tsar and Tsarina to rest, with most of their children, at the Peter and Paul Fortress in St. Petersburg. A Russian Orthodox funeral for the family, with a speech by President Boris Yeltsin, finally ended the atrocities committed against the Romanov family.

What happened during the midnight hours of July 17, 1918, is an example of what occurs when those in power disregard the law. For Yurovsky to even suggest the Tsar's trial was "prevented" because the White Army was advancing leaves no doubt justice was never an issue. Expediency was the only thing at work that night.

The "Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia" claims the Tsar and his family are still at work today. Believing the family has helped to bring about miracles since their execution, the Church has designated each member of the family a saint and a holy royal martyr.

In a final twist of irony, as the body of the murdered Tsar was laid to rest with honors, Russians debated whether the body of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin should be removed from its place of honor in Red Square. Where he

will ultimately end up is not known. As things sometime turn-out, the Tsar's memory (at century's end) was generally held in higher esteem than the memory of Lenin, who may have ordered the royal family's execution (at the century's start).

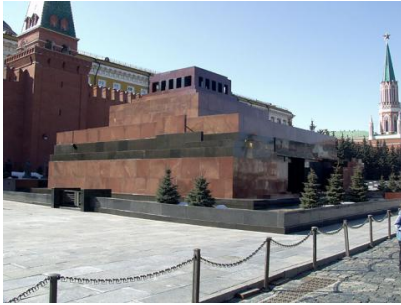
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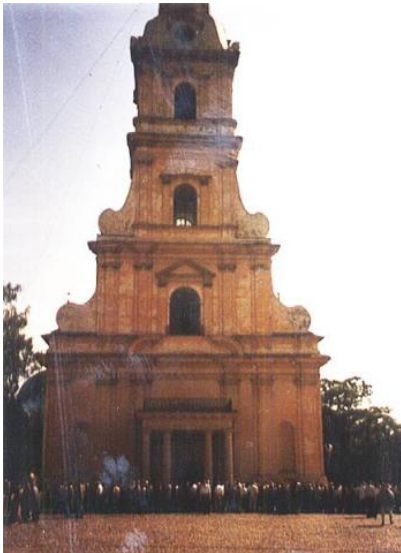


Lenin's Tomb in Red Square

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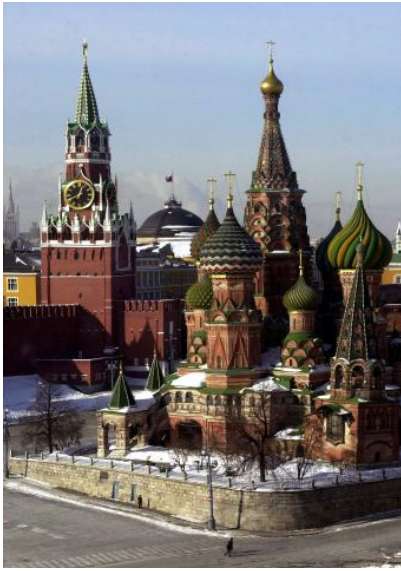


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