

made to account for this development to a considerable extent. But he also draws attention to the role of Bolshevik ideology, its view of revolution in Russia and its organizational principles. There is an interesting description of the efforts to cope with various oppositional forces inside the party.

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