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A Petrograd Soviet Assembly meeting in 1917. **Kristalstadt**

Ninety–six years ago, on Nov. 7, 1917, according to the Gregorian calendar, Bolsheviks overthrew the provisional government in Petrograd and handed over power to local soviets, marking the beginning of the October Revolution and setting up the first communist government in Russia.

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