

Skull Fragment Found Near Lenin's St. Petersburg Hideout

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A fragment of a human skull was discovered near the hiding place Vladimir Lenin used while on the run after the failed Bolshevik coup of 1917, Interfax reported Monday, citing a source in law enforcement.

The grisly discovery was made by a passer-by along the road leading to the village of Razliv, near St. Petersburg, where Lenin and fellow revolutionary Grigory Zinovyev found refuge after the unsuccessful Bolshevik coup of July 1917.

Many Bolsheviks, including Leon Trotsky, were arrested following the failed putsch. Lenin remained in hiding until early August 1917, when he was smuggled into Finland. He ultimately returned to Russia later that year to lead the October Revolution, which led to the creation of Soviet Russia.

The skull fragment has been sent to a local morgue for identification, the report said.

This article has been amended to clarify that the October revolution led to the creation of the Soviet Union, and not to the Tsarist abdication.

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