

Note on Transliteration

Russian words are transliterated in accordance with the simplified Library of Congress system. An exception is made for those words or names with a commonly accepted English transliteration, such as “Mayakovsky” rather than “Maiakovskii.”

ABBREVIATIONS

Amtorg:	Amtorg Trading Corporation (<i>Amerikanskoe aktsionernoe obshchestvo</i>)
Glavpromstroi:	Main Office of Industrial Construction of the MVD
Gosplan:	State Planning Committee of the Council of Ministers of the USSR (<i>Gosudarstvennyi planovyi komitet soveta ministrov SSSR</i>)
Gosstroi:	State Construction Committee (<i>Gosudarstvennyi komitet SSSR po delam stroitel'stva</i>) Exists from 1950–1991
Gulag:	Main Administration of Camps (<i>Glavnoe upravlenie lagerei</i>)
Komsomol:	All-Union Leninist Young Communist League (<i>Vsesoiuznyi Leninskii kommunisticheskii soiuz molodezhi</i>)
<i>Oblast'</i> :	province or administrative subdivision of a Union Republic
MGU:	Moscow State University (<i>Moskovskii gosudarstvennyi universitet</i>)
MID:	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR (<i>Ministerstvo inostrannikh del SSSR</i>)
Minaviaprom:	Ministry of Aviation Industries of the USSR (<i>Ministerstvo aviatsionnoi promyshlennosti SSSR</i>)
Mingorstroi:	Ministry of Urban Construction of the USSR (<i>Ministerstvo gorodskogo stroitel'stva SSSR</i>) Replaces State Architecture Committee, exists from 1949–1951, offices transferred to Gosstroi in 1951
Mintiazhstroi:	Ministry of Construction of Heavy Industry of the USSR (<i>Ministerstvo stroitel'stva predpriatii tiazheloi industrii SSSR</i>)
Minvoenmorstroi:	Ministry of Construction of Army and Navy Industries of the USSR (<i>Ministerstvo stroitel'stva voennykh i voenno-morskikh predpriatii SSSR</i>)

MPS:	Ministry of Railways of the USSR (<i>Ministerstvo putei soobshcheniia SSSR</i>)
MVD:	Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR (<i>Ministerstvo vnutrennikh del SSSR</i>)
Narkompros:	People's Commissariat of Education (<i>Narodnyi komissariat prosveshcheniia</i>)
NCASF:	National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
RSFSR:	Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (<i>Rossiiskaia sovetskaia federativnaia sotsialisticheskaia respublika</i>)
Sovmin:	USSR Council of Ministers (<i>Sovet ministrov SSSR</i>)
State Architecture Committee:	Committee on the Affairs of Architecture of the Sovnarkom/Sovmin SSSR (<i>Komitet po delam arkhitektury pri Sovnarkome SSSR</i>) Existed from 1943–1949, replaced by Mingorstroi
UIA:	International Union of Architects
USDS:	Administration for the Construction of the Palace of Soviets (<i>Upravlenie stroitel'stva dvortsa sovetov</i>)
VOKS:	All-Union Society for Cultural Ties Abroad (<i>Vsesoiuznoe obshchestvo kul'turnoi sviazi s zagranitseï</i>)
ZhKO:	Communal housing office (<i>zhilishchno-kommunal'nyi otдел</i>)

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