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A unique biographical work compiled by the research staff of the Institute for the Study of the USSR in Munich, Germany. Should be invaluable for researchers, students, journalists, radio and television commentators. Will be especially valuable for data on lesser-known Soviet figures who often come unexpectedly to the top through frequent changes and shifts. The work will include over two thousand biographies of the Soviet elite.

The gathering of data has been made possible by the use of a research staff of former Soviet scholars who have at their disposal a library of 25,000 volumes of Soviet books and 5,000 volumes of Soviet journals and newspapers, including rare complete editions of *Pravda*, which were scanned especially for biographical data. Other sources were biographies accompanying Stalin and other awards, reports of the Soviet Academy of Science elections, minutes of Communist Party congresses and conventions, encyclopedias, and an Institute fact file of 60,000 cards. The cut-off date for biographical data is June 30, 1957.

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