

PURGED AIDE CITED IN A LENIN LETTER

Rykov, Victim of '38 Trial,
Listed by Pravda Without
the Usual Epithets

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MOSCOW, April 22 — The name of one of the most famous victims of the purge of 1938 appeared today in Pravda. It was mentioned in a previously unpublished letter signed by Lenin.

Alexei Ivanovich Rykov, former Soviet Premier, was mentioned on the front page of the Communist party organ without the usual epithets that have accompanied it in the past.

Mr. Rykov and seventeen other Soviet leaders, including Nikolai I. Bukharin, were shot in March, 1938, for alleged conspiracy in an "anti-Soviet bloc of rightists and Trotskyites." Theirs was the last great trial of the pre-war purges.

Mr. Rykov was one of five persons listed in the letter from Lenin, dated April 12, 1922, and published in connection with the observances today of the eighty-sixth anniversary of Lenin's birth.

The letter denounced in violent terms the "stinking red tape" and atmosphere of the Muscovite intelligentsia. It called for more attention to local conditions and actual practice and less "political chatter."

Besides Mr. Rykov, the missive was addressed to the editors of Pravda, to N. Osinsky, former People's Commissar of Agriculture; Yuri M. Steklov, a former Social Democrat who is thought to have been purged during the Thirties after he had embraced bolshevism, and Aleksander D. Tsyurupa, former Commissar of Food during the civil war.

Pravda made no allusion to Mr. Rykov's apparent rehabilitation in its editorial comment on the letter and another Lenin document published today.

Pravda paid tribute to Lenin and declared Communist party policy was correct "despite individual errors and shortcomings that were committed during the implementation of this policy." It also reiterated the standard denunciation of the cult of personality, meaning the cult of Stalin, as being alien to Lenin's outlook.

Mr. Rykov, who succeeded Lenin as Premier in 1924, was identified by Stalin with Nikolai I. Bukharin and Mikhail P.



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Alexei Ivanovich Rykov, executed former Soviet Premier. His name appeared in a previously unpublished letter signed by Lenin.

Tomsky in a "right deviation."

Mr. Rykov was succeeded as Soviet Premier in December, 1930, by Vyacheslav M. Molotov. He then occupied the post of Minister of Posts and Telegraphs until his arrest and execution in 1938.