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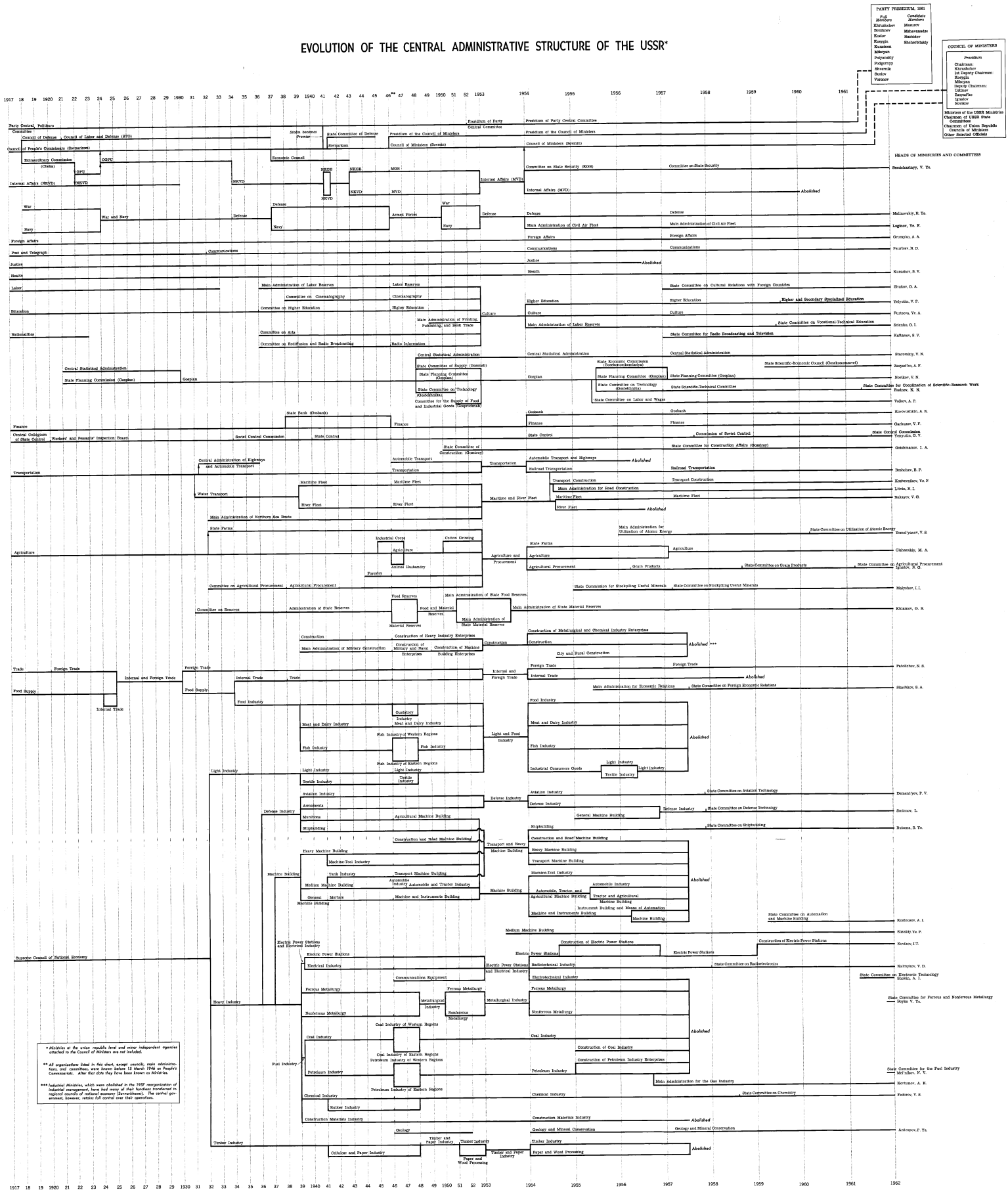
EVOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF THE USSR*



* Ministries at the union republic level and minor independent agencies attached to the Council of Ministers are not included.

** All organizations listed in this chart, except councils, main administrations, and committees, were known before 15 March 1946 as People's Commissariats. After that date they have been known as Ministries.

*** Industrial Ministries, which were abolished in the 1957 reorganization of industrial management, have had many of their functions transferred to regional councils of national economy (Sovnarkhozes). The central government, however, retains full control over their operations.

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