

Poster There is such a party! from 1947 drawing by Evgeniy Kubrik, 1950.

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The phrase "There is such a party!" is attributed to Lenin allegedly shouting it out on 3 June 1917 at the First Congress of Workers', Soldiers', and Peasants' Deputies in reply to Minister of the Provisional Government G. Tsereteli's statement that there was no party capable of assuming power in Russia, consequently assuming complete responsibility for everything that would happen in the country.

This episode was taken from Lenin's biography written by his biographer Robert Service, a British historian, specialist in the USSR history from 1917 until Stalin's death in 1953. There are a few other sources corroborating the fact, if not on the exact words uttered by Lenin. The verbatim transcript of the congress states that Lenin uttered his exclamation not on the 3rd but on the 4th of June.

Regardless of the exact historic particulars, Soviet propaganda milked this episode dry over the years. It inspired countless paintings and drawings, became a part of movies and sounded from theater stages, asserting the blind faith in the power of the Communist Party that Bolsheviks needed so much for their total control of the country.

This drawing was done in 1947 by Evgeniy Kibrik (Евгений Адольфович Кибрик, изначально Герц Адольфович Кибрик, 1906 - 1978). Note how Stalin's smiling profile is in the foreground and drawn more vividly than Lenin behind him? And how Stalin is the only one not looking at Lenin? Kibrik became a Laureate of Stalin's Prize 3rd class in 1948.

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