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ANTI-GEORGIAN LANGUAGE POLICY  
OF RUSSIA IN GEORGIA ACCORDING  
TO THE 1925-1930 MATERIALS  
OF NEWSPAPER „COMMUNIST”

The anti-Georgian language policy of Russia aiming at linguistic-ethnic disintegration of the Georgian nation, still continued even after the Bolshevik occupation of Georgia.

In his book entitled *Marxism and the National Question*, Stalin renders the Megrelians, the Apkhaz, the Adjarians, the Svans, the Lezgians, etc. as being behind-hand nations or peoples with unwritten languages.

Georgian public figures (such as Konstantine Gamsakhurdia, Tedo Sakhokia, Giorgi Zhordania, Akaki Paghava, etc.) courageously confronted the activists who were „equipped” with Stalin’s radical ideas. These Georgian public figures were supporter by Lavrenti Beria, Alexander Gegechkori and other Bolsheviks. The discussion between the representatives of Bolshevik authorities took place on the pages of the Newspaper „Communist”.

The article is dealing with the letters of one part of the Bolsheviks (Al. Gegechkori, L. Beria, D. Topuridze, M. Kvaratskhelia, T Sakhokia, etc.) that demonstrate the invalidity of declaring Megrelia as a separate autonomous unit.