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COMMENT ON IZVESTIA EDITORIAL

An examination of the complete text shows that the Izvestia editorial given so much publicity by the Associated Press is standard in all respects. In general, it is a commonplace eulogy of the Party's history, its leading role and the infallibility of the ideology on which it is based.

According to the AP ticker, Izvestia quoted from a 1946 speech by Malenkov, without mentioning his name, in which he said that the Party views Marxism-Leninism as a developing doctrine. A comparison of Malenkov's only speech in that year with the editorial does not show any striking similarities and certainly no quotations.

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