

Creation of Provisional Government:

1. The troops turned on the Tsar. March 2, abdicated
2. Soviet formed (council) known as Petrograd (St. Petersburg)
 - a. Leon Trotsky was a part of it.

Petrograd

- Workers and soldiers
- Mensheviks, Socialist Revolutionaries
- Protect interests of working class + soldiers

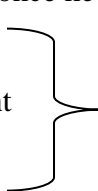
Provisional Government

- Leading members of liberal parties
- Run country until an elected assembly could form
- Had been chosen by the Duma, not the people

Key Issues:

1. War:
 - a. End involvement in WWI? = loss of territory/ image
 - b. Should only fight defensively? Or fight with allies to attain more territory
2. Land:
 - a. Take land from nobility/ large land owners?
 - b. Or leave it to an elected Government to decide
3. Nat. minorities:
 - a. Finns, Poles, Ukrainians, calling for independence
4. Soc. Ref.:
 - a. Greater power in workplace
5. Economy:
 - a. Improve supply of food + fuel

Lenin would be back in April:

1. Allowed passage through Germany on a sealed train (Germany afraid of communism, but wanted him to cause problems in Russia to pull them out of war)
2. He called for further revolution once he arrived
 - a. Worldwide socialist rev.
 - b. Immediate end to war
 - c. End of prov. Government
 - d. Soviet take power
 - e. Land to peasants

April Theses
3. Mensheviks opposed him as it was against Marx's teachings, even some Bolsheviks thought it was too radical and he was out of touch.