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Annotation

A choice between Russian Non–Black Earth and Virgin Soil regions in the context of agricultural development of the Soviet Union was discussing virtually during the whole post–war period. The controversy dealing with the regional priorities assumed a sharp political character and demonstrated the traditional perception of center and periphery of the country. New sources - memoirs and archival materials, enable better understanding of the decision-making.



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