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The 1983 shootdown of KAL 007 and the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident dramatically changed the Soviet Union in unpredictable ways. The Communist Party, which struggled to maintain control of political messaging after the KAL crisis, lost control in the aftermath of Chernobyl.
