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transformations who would not only modernize the economy of Soviet

Karelia, but also enlighten its society. North American