



SYNOPSIS

THE PUNK BAND **VELIKIJE LUKI** STANDS UP TO SOVIET POWER AND DEFIES HARDSHIPS, UNTIL, WITH FORTUNATE ACCIDENTS AND DRUNKEN BRAVADO, IT TRIGGERS THE COLLAPSE OF THE **RED EMPIRE**.

In the Soviet Union, the 1980s are awaited with promises from the great leaders of an **impending Communist paradise**. Reality, however, is far from it: poverty, shortages, ideological control, and ruthless missile production to cope with the ever-looming threat of nuclear war. In the grim depths of stagnation, in late **October 1982**, a group of young Soviet youths gather in Tallinn and form the punk band **Velikije Luki**.

Meanwhile, the White House is run by a former Hollywood cowboy, **Ronald Reagan**, whose main goal is to consign the Soviet Union to the dustbin of history.

The members of Velikije Luki feel the weight of **repression** firsthand—arrests, beatings, forced psychiatric treatment, bans on concerts and performances—yet, spurred on by alcohol fumes and stubborn defiance, they continue their path. By a string of coincidences, their actions lead to rifts within the **Communist Party** and, in unwitting collaboration with the Hollywood cowboy's schemes, to the ultimate collapse of the Soviet Union.

FILM DETAILS