withdrawal of US imperialism tactically and strategically unavoidable - the so-called displacement of the strategic centre of gravity towards Western Europe.

"For the social-liberal government under Schmidt that means that the Social-Democratic project of covert warfare, which has already miscarried when applied against the RAF, has been bungled."

"It is internationally seen as a political party which conducts open warfare."

"Ever since we arrived on the scene NATO has been evolving its counter-measures against the armed resistance of the RAF. The orders held in West German prisons are executed in accordance with its directives, just as there are now orders to shoot on sight those who struggle on the outside."

The struggle goes on regardless.

ANDREAS BAADER COMMANDO
RED ARMY FRACTION.
Smash US imperialism and its bases throughout the world!
Organise armed resistance in Western Europe!
Build the anti-imperialist front in the metropoles!
Solidarity with the struggle of Palestinian resistance against the Israeli occupation!
Solidarity with the anti-imperialist struggle in Turkey!

It is sad that with all the courage and daring of the "commandos" of the RAF they are still unable to make the necessary break with the boring ideology of third-worldism, glossing over all the crimes of Sovietism by omitting to mention them and harping constantly on that of America.

The acceptance of selected Soviet-favoured nationalism at face value and failure to question the bourgeois nature of Leninism also helps to weigh the balance against them, and enables the penetration of their ranks by police spies from the very governments they are innocently supporting. Must they always wait until they are in prison before they accept the truths of anarchism - with which the Springer press tries to label them in the first place?

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Due to the pressures caused by the 'Conspiracy' trial of the four anarchists at the Old Bailey (two of whom are members of the Black Flag collective) the typesetting and layout of this November issue has been delayed. The trial now looks like continuing into December!


A statement received from the 'Andreas Baader Commando' of the Red Army Faction (RAF), in which the commando claims responsibility for the abortive attempt on the life of the NATO commander-in-chief in Europe, US General Alexander Haig.

"On 25 June 1979 the ANDREAS BAADER COMMANDO carried out a bomb attack directed against the commander-in-chief of NATO, General Alexander Haig.

"What has changed since the political and military defeat of the United States in Vietnam is that their aggressiveness has increased, not decreased, and that the peoples of the world are confronted by a new American offensive which at the same time marks a qualitative leap in the unfolding of power relations between revolution and counter-revolution.

"Or as we have said before; in the world-revolutionary process of encirclement of the cities by the villages."

"The victories of liberation in Africa and South-East Asia have pushed the front closer to the centre, to the metropoles themselves, and have made the..."
ANARCHO-QUIZ

1. In which Western country was prostitution not only legalised but compulsory, until just over a century ago, with daughters compelled to yield sexually, if required, even to their own fathers - who fought hard to preserve their privileges in the name of Christianity and democracy?

2. Why did Colonel Barker falsely claim, in the twenties, to have cancer of the penis; and how did this wreck the (original British) Imperial Fascist?

3. Which Manchester cotton manufacturer of the last century was an avid foxhunter and considered himself a special authority on military matters; and is now revered throughout half the world for his supposed infallibility in economics?

4. What is the fallacy about J.M. Keynes's theory that State spending cures depression, because it creates jobs which in turn cause bigger spending and so gets the economy moving again?

5. Was Sir Norman Angell's economic theory of the "Great Illusion" (War) warmly welcomed and later generally derided?

6. Chinese piracy in the early nineteenth century was suppressed by a lady referred to as Mistress Ching. How did she do it?

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

The truth is that the whole of military intelligence and security is rotten to the core, it is a bedridden of the most audacious treason and it gets away with it because of the impenetrable wall of secrecy - which even Prime Ministers cannot surmount.

The actions taken constantly not only by military intelligence but also by police agencies subversive to them go beyond the wildest dreams of the creators of James Bond and his ilk. Is it to be wondered that there are show trials and political frame-ups and that the word of judges is accepted when they say that, so far as they are aware, there are no such things as political prisoners in this country?

IT STARTED IN WARTIME.

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RUSSIAN REPRESION

Can one wonder that a few Intelligence agents during the war, and subsequently, who had so-called "left wing" sympathies - that is to say, pro-Russian (they were totally divorced from the working class) may have gone now and again a bit beyond their directions? Who makes these directions anyway? - successive governments are left in ignorance. What wonder if British agents during the war, given the clear instruction to wipe out the Resistance against Hitler if it became so powerful that it could pose a threat to the Allies, made an exception in favour of the impenetrable wall of secrecy - which even Prime Ministers cannot surmount.

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Nobody need be surprised that a Russian intelligence agent has been discovered working in the Royal Household, allowed to continue after he had been exposed, with immunity, in exchange for information implicating others. The security forces thrive on secrecy, and secrecy is what constitutes the British State.

Sir Anthony Blunt went over to the KGB service during the war whilst working for British Intelligence. He was effectively discovered to be still acting for the KGB fifteen years ago only now, when his name has been dragged in the open, is he suddenly stripped of his knighthood and deprived of his royal post (no great punishments even so, when you think of the way political dissidents are treated - it's only to hold them for a year or two before placing them on trial and then being acquitted).

In the last sack in the cupboard, is there a Fifth (and only a fifth, not a sixth?) man?

WIBERT MELTZER apologueised to all who feel he may have neglected them - he's been on his back with sciatica - hopes to clear up his correspondence soon.

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does not want the overthrow of the USSR. It does not want it transformed into a gigantic capitalist state that would outleap the USA. Far less does it want libertarian anti-communist security forces of the world are effectively pro-communist. If an agent makes a blase one way - as Blunt did the war when Russia was a "great and honoured" ally - is it to be wondered at? Is it a cause of surprise? Or is it in the nature of espionage, of course, greatly over-rated. One might think cynically that if we are spending money on spies in Russia we might get from them the secret of how to make trains run when there is a bit of snow about. There are really no military secrets worth bothering about.

The Burgess-type probably did more for world peace at the time - by persuading the British that it was not going to work against them - than any of the Foreign Office generals who controlled USES and inflation-proof pensions. Why should they not trust the people they were paying? Why not publish evidence that the next morning Jose was seen kicking his side, vomiting and generally acting as if he was ill. The double standards and class bias of our system of justice are once again made obvious for those who are not too scared to open their eyes. When a cop or a murder is involved, (Deb. Joe O'Meally was made to take the blame for the beating. Seven years later no one was tried, Evidence produced at the second inquest included various prisoners who held a shuffle or fight outside their cells, including "dull thuds" and "someone screaming", and later saw the magistrate and public opinion leaders, (politicians, priests, etc.), launch a witchhunt. But when cops kill, (such as Abel and Swift), there is a cover up. As the U.S. Government Institute of Defense Analysis demonstrated back in 1969: "For every cop killed by a citizen, six citizens are murdered by cops."

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THE GUILLOTINE

GREGORY P. MAXIMOFF
THE GUILLOTINE AT WORK - TWENTY YEARS OF TERROR IN RUSSIA: VOLUME I:
THE LENINIST COUNTER-REVOLUTION.
Cienfuegos Press, 1979 (reprint of 1940 ed.).

In 1940, at the same time that the Communist Party, Party-line organizations, and fellow travellers were flip-flopping to accommodate the Hitler—Stalin Blood Pact, and fellow travellers were flip-flopping to Communist Party, Party-line organizations, the Chicago Section of the Alexander Berkman Fund published the Russian Anarchist Gregory of State Repression in Soviet Russia. Long out of print, Cienfuegos Press has now made this classic study available. A very valuable addition to our understanding of what went wrong, it is well written and scholarly researched.

What makes THE GUILLOTINE AT WORK unique? After all, by now there are many treatments - excellent ones, it might be added - of political repression the Stalin era — material on the Lenin era is relatively sparse; in the popular (and conventional left) mind, repression in pre-Stalin Russia is seen as beginning with Stalin's accession to power after Lenin's death. The entire apparatus of oppression, is usually referred to as "Stalinism". We are given to believe that somehow, overnight, Stalinism developed out of nothingness, the bizarre creation of an evil genius - in much the same way that Nazism is seen as the sole creation of one madman, Adolf Hitler. Both cases were the results, not of evil genius, but of what went on before it - more accurately, of course, abasing either dictator or guilt.

In the case of Germany, the manifold reasons included worldwide depression, a totally split-up left, a reformist-minded working class, a severely desperate petit bourgeoisie anda panicky haute bourgeoisie. In Russia, the seeds were sown under Lenin. The phenomenon we are dealing with, then, is clearly not one of specific evil geniuses, but one of an ideology in power.

Maximoff concentrates primarily on the repression of Anarchists, Left Social Revolutionaries and non-Party people. The book was written with the hope that similar studies could be published to trace the history of the Terror against all of the various factions. Maximoff's scholarship is above reproach; the book is well footnoted. There are two major deficiencies: first, there is no index, and second, there is no index, and it is desperately needed. Secondly, the publishers decided not to reprint part 2 - the "Data and Documents" section. References to the second section are made throughout the book - and although the reader does not need the second part to comprehend the first, still there is the feeling of being left high and dry. It is to be hoped that the publishers will decide in the near future to put out "Data and Documents" - perhaps a special fund for this purpose should be set-up.

It is important that THE GUILLOTINE AT WORK be read. As people search for solutions to the social problems of our time, revolutions of the past will be the litmus test of our present day. This book was published in 1940 to lay bare the roots of repression and end the conspiracy of silence surrounding criticism of a so-called "socialist paradise" where violations of human rights had occurred and were occurring. Every time there has been a revolution, there have been those who say we can't criticize; they keep their well-fed mouths shut while the "people" in the "peoples' republics" waste away in jails, concentration camps, labor camps. The facts must be made known, and the international hallelujah chorus exposed for what they are - public opinion partners in tyranny.

Shelby Shapiro.

NOTES

(1) As reported in TIME (Asia ed.), 11 June 1979, p.27 and NEWSWEEK (Asia ed.), 11 June 1979, p.13.

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The fact is that the Bureau of Prisons routinely and callously allows prisoners with infectious diseases such as TB and Hepatitis to roam among the prison population at will, until such a person becomes critically ill and obviously must be then isolated. This is contrary to standard medical practice and ethics, and is a deliberate threat to the lives of all federal prisoners.
The recovery of prisoners from the TB disease is often hindered by the filthy conditions in federal prisons like Springfield.
In the small, smoke-filled flat, where independent youths gathered, the atmosphere was comfortable. Long-haired, in army overcoats - the most sensible Baltic Republics, Moscow and Belorussia - didn't usually have any money.

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In the small, smoke-filled flat, he concealed his youth and the simple lines of his face, and he went about in an old torn overcoat and a VDKHR peaked cap with a star. He was a mild-mannered and kind-hearted individualist of his face, and he went about in an old torn overcoat and a VDKHR peaked cap with a star. He was a mild-mannered and kind-hearted individualist. Skobov sympathised with the commune, paying the rent and buying tea and sugar, to support the commune, paying the rent and buying tea and sugar, because the inhabitants of the commune - young artists and hippies from the Baltic Republics, Moscow and Belorussia - didn't usually have any money.

ARRESTS AND SEARCHES, DEMONSTRATION AT KAZAN.

The conference of oppositional youth was being prepared for September 1978. But events moved much faster. In August, the commune was smashed: the militia broke in and turned everything upside down, carried out a thorough search and confiscated the typewriter. In response to a demand for a search warrant or at least some ground for the raid, they stated: "We are the masters here and we do what we like!"

The interrogations began. People were summoned to the KGB headquarters or 'interviewed' at schools, institutes or work-places. The KGB used these interrogations to try to find out about the personality and politics of those being questioned, particularly Skobov and Reznikov. They wanted information about the conference - where, when and how it was being held - and about the journal 'Perspektivy', which had been confiscated in one of the searches. They wanted to know whether the articles 'Theses on the Present Situation' and 'A Critique of the Theses' were considered to be the programme. And they were interested to discover any links that Skobov might have abroad.

* Whatever that is!

Spain

VALENCIA

The city of Valencia was cloaked down by a General Strike June 27, 1979, in protest against the murder of a 19-year-old CNT striker, Valentin Gonzalez, who had stepped in front of his father, also on strike, to protect him from the charging National Police. The strike, called by the CNT, was the greatest demonstration of labor strength and solidarity in Valencia since before the Civil War.

The murder occurred at 10 o'clock at night on June 25th to break up the peaceful concentration of workers who were there to prevent the delivery of supplies to the Municipal Market by strike breakers. The legal strike was called by the CNT union which represents the majority of the workers in the Market.

Half a million people attended the funeral, according to the local papers, including the Mayor of Valencia, the President of the City Council and other political notables. Enrique Marcos, National Secretary of the CNT, came from Barcelona to attend the funeral. He spoke at the cemetery.

ANTI-NUCLEAR

From a manifesto of the Tudela Council and other political notables. Enrique Marcos, National Secretary of the CNT, of the mayor, according to the local papers, including the Mayor of Valencia, the President of the City Council and other political notables. Enrique Marcos, National Secretary of the CNT, came from Barcelona to attend the funeral. He spoke at the cemetery.

MALAGA: UGT MORTUARY WORKERS WIN STRIKE

Dissatisfied Malaga workers are increasingly turning to the CNT because the Communist Party's "Worker's Commissions" (CC OD) and the Socialist Party's labor union, UGT, are not responsive to the needs of their members.

When the Municipal Hospital workers went on strike for a better contract, their demands were met but to discontinue the strike and wait for the election of a pro-labor municipal administration to grant their demands.

The union officials also urged the strikers to scale down their demands in conformity with the wage ceiling worked out by the "Social Pact" between the government, the employers, and the government-collaborationist unions.

Although the majority of the unionized workers, 900, belonged to the CC OD and only 100 to the CNT and UGT, the workers repudiated their leaders by electing a majority of CNT members to the strike negotiating commission.

After the workers' three month strike (the strikers occupied the city hall) the new agreement smashed the wage ceiling, raising wages by 26%, with 30% for the workers; reduced the work week from 38 to 30 hours; provided for 33 days annual vacation and pension of 5000 pesetas for each year of service; 5000 pesetas a month for very young children; control of overtime schedules by the workers; permanent employment after 15 years trial period; control over hiring and employee lay-offs etc.

MALAGA: UGT MORTUARY WORKERS SWITCH TO THE CNT

UGT workers deeply disappointed with their bureaucratic officials trying to manipulate the members, and with the very poor, unsatisfactory agreement made without their consent in 1978, affiliated en masse to the CNT. The great majority of Malaga mortuary workers are now organized into the Hospital and Sanitation Syndicate of the CNT.