

# Karel Hujer: *Russia's 'Nervous' Center*

Inside the Kremlin, at the spot where the entrance gate is on the right of the Great Kremlin Palace, an inscription indicates this is the seat of the Supreme Soviet. From there, as you look toward Borovitsky Tower you also gaze in the direction of a small room in Sovnarkom, where the sinister tyrant Stalin spent countless days in his treacherous plans and schemes, holding his comrades and the entire nation at bay. In this same direction some distance beyond the Kremlin walls, the notorious shape of the high rise structure of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs protrudes. Under its persistent control of orthodox Communist International it might just as well be called the Office of Robots of Imperialist Affairs. It is an excellent view, combining the nest of power and world conquest ambitions in one portentous image.

But the tradition of Tolstoi's, "I Cannot Be Silent", and Dostoevski's, "Notes from the House of the Dead", is once again resurgent and Communist potentates whose power is based on lies, violence and agonizing brutality begin to recognize the symptoms of the power of the pen of the traditional Russian intelligentsia. The small man, a new kind of proletary, landless, a rootless slave, perennial inhabitant of forced labor camps of Lenin-Stalin creation, the cheapest commodity of the monolithic system, is even more crushed than in tsarist days. Countless forced labor camps, Archipelago Gulag, are an inseparable part of the Soviet economy. Just as the Roman empire two thousand years ago, today's Soviet system is still unable to produce to meet the domestic market and is dependent on this colossal slavery of the twentieth century.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's Archipelago Gulag is indeed a devastating document of the unprecedented state of organized Communist brutalities, starting with that "saint" Lenin, whose mummy Stalin in his scheming strategem placed under the heap of red porphyry blocks. In 1926, Stalin said to Zinoviev (whom he later liquidated): "To consolidate our regime we need a relic. Then the people will forget the saints of the Orthodox Church and come to worship the remains of the Red St. Vladimir Ilyich" (Lenin). This slave labor economy continues. All leading magnates in the present Soviet government are part of the massive guilt in this enormous crime against humanity.

During my three railroad journeys across all Siberia, 1932 and 1936, I caught a glimpse of the fringes of Archipelago Gulag — freight trainloads of kulaks, farmers uprooted by Stalin for the

sake of collectivization, transported worse than cattle to points of no return. A scene repeatedly returns to mind of such a long train on the side track near Krasnoyarsk, with hands stretched out through the openings of wretched freight cars, crying voices begging for water. Inhuman NKVD guards stood by, warmly dressed, well fed, preventing any relief. The only guilt of these shadows of human beings in tattered rags was the misfortune of having been born in the mythical land of a proletarian paradise.

Solzhenitsyn is right when he maintains that the tsarist regime's cruelties are paled down as compared with the inexpiable crimes committed by the ruling privileged camarilla representing 3 per cent of Russia's population. What a contrast to Lenin's three years' exile in Siberia, starting in 1897.

He could travel alone, that is unaccompanied by convoy carrying a whip or gun, as he carried one thousand rubles and some hundred books. Also, at Krasnoyark, while waiting two months for assignment to the village of his detention, he had access to a rich man's private library of 80,000 volumes, after which he was sent to the village Shushenskoye. His room, board and laundry amounted to 8 rubles a month while his monthly income was 150 rubles from his writings. He was the richest man in Shushenskoye. It was a comfortable vacation, not an "exile." Letters to his mother are excellent documents indicating his satisfaction with

the constant dispatches of books reaching him freely. It was actually in Siberian exile that Lenin shaped his Marxist revolutionary scheme of merciless dehumanized class struggle, as is presently budding in our USA, revealed by recent frightening incidents.

Solzhenitsyn surely does not attempt to mitigate the evils of Naziism as sly state propaganda now accuses him. He does make it clear that Nazis were first inspired by Communist atrocities, which went on for more than a decade before the Nazis gained power in 1933. The Nazis operated only 12 years and their camps were revealed to the civilized world. Soviet liquidation has a history of over half a century. Directed by Kremlin gruesome ruling advisers, Czech Communist henchmen, in small Czechoslovakia alone, in 25 years have created 247 forced labor camps with some 350,000 unfortunate inmates.

The Kremlin and its subservient literary prostitutes accuse Solzhenitsyn of a crime against his Fatherland. The exiled Nobel laureate, however, learned first-hand that there is a difference between the Communist party and the Fatherland, between the Soviet regime and positive Russian tradition. It was in the Moscow Lefertovo prison that he first really began to know Russian nationals. From Baltic nationals he learned of real parliamentary democracy, which has its weaknesses, but does not liquidate entire classes and nations as disclosed by the staggering facts of Archipelago Gulag.

Of course, the Kremlin is nervous that truth will finally prevail. The most portentous sign, however, in the course of developments in connection with this ominous struggle of one man against the appalling inhumanity of the gargantuan Soviet state, is the symptomatic silence of the leaders of this land of Jefferson and Lincoln. Do our leaders excuse their behavior speculating their detente will prevent a nuclear holocaust? A spiritual holocaust already goes on for with their appeasement they give encouragement to the tyrants who are tightening their oppression over one-sixth of the earth's surface with octopus tentacles reaching throughout the entire world. Our astronauts may circumnavigate the earth, they may land on the moon or even on Mars, but it will be to no avail, because those who claim the leadership give assistance and comfort to the greatest betrayal and crime against all humanity. America must awake lest it be too late.

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