

## FELLOW AMERICANS: WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Supposing that for advocating withdrawal of American troops from South Vietnam Senator *George McGovern* would have been declared insane, tried without appearing in Court, committed to a mental institution and subjected to treatment endangering his physical and mental health until he agreed to change his views. **WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?**



**N. GORBANEVSKAYA**

BUT THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT DID TO POETESS *NATALIA GORBANEVSKAYA*, 35, (mother of 2 small children) AND PHILOLOGIST *VICTOR FEINBERG*, 39, FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN A NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION IN MOSCOW RED SQUARE DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON AUGUST 25, 1968.

Both *Gorbanevskaya* and *Feinberg* were committed for "treatment" to Psychiatric Hospitals of Special Type (PHST) run by the KGB (Soviet Secret Police) because they REFUSED TO APPLAUD THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

On February 24, 1972, *Gorbanevskaya* was released from the Kazan PHST — a broken woman, but *Feinberg* is still incarcerated in the PHST at Arsenolnaya ul. in Leningrad.

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Supposing Senator *Edward W. Brooke* would have been dealt with in exactly the same way for his efforts to defend the interests and the rights of the American Negro. **WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?**



**P. GRIGORENKO**

BUT THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT HAPPENED TO GENERAL *PIOTR GRIGORYEVICH GRIGORENKO*, 65, A BEMEDALLED WAR HERO, FOR HIS ATTEMPTS TO DEFEND THE RIGHT OF THE CRIMEAN TARTARS TO RETURN TO THEIR HISTORICAL HOMETLAND IN THE CRIMEA. (In 1944 on the orders of Stalin the Crimean Tartars -- a nation of about 500,000 people -- were forcibly deported to Kazakhstan. About 40% of them perished in the process.)

Gen. Grigorenko has languished in the Cherniakhovsk PHST, Kaliningradskaya oblast', Cherniakhovsk-216, since February 1970

In an open letter addressed to World Public Opinion Mrs. Zinaida M. Grigorenko writes:

*"In the Tashkant KGB dungeon he (Grigorenko) was repeatedly and brutally beaten. He still says: 'I loathe to think of it all'.*

*His experiences there make one's flesh creep. How could he survive?*

*'I can't understand this myself', he answered. Now he is in the Cherniakhovsk PHST... On the morrow of his arrival there, two men in civilian clothes demanded from him a written renunciation of his convictions. After his refusal to comply, he was placed among the violent lunatics. The guards refused to let him use the toilet at nights. On November 16 -- when I was permitted to see him -- he said: 'I walk in compresses of urine. I have sores all over me. My gastritis has worsened. I've developed cystitis, I feel very, very bad'. And then on January 16, 1971, he was brought to the medical board. The Chairman Prof. Ilyinsky asked: 'PIOTR GRIGOREVICH, WHAT ABOUT YOUR CONVICTIONS?' "Piotr Grigoryevich answered: 'THEY ARE WITHIN ME, THEY ARE NOT GLOVES, AND CANNOT BE CHANGED'. And back he went to this, so-called, hospital for further 'treatment'..."*

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Supposing Dr. *Billy Graham* would have been brought to trial behind closed doors, and sentenced to 3 years of hard labor in a concentration camp for "slanderous statements about the existing political and social system" **WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?**

BUT THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT HAPPENED TO THEOLOGIAN AND RELIGIOUS WRITER *ANATOLY KRASNOV-LEVITIN* ON MAY 18, 1971, IN THE LYUBLINSKI DISTRICT COURT IN MOSCOW.

Speaking in his own defense, *Krasnov-Levitin* said:

*"...I am a practicing Christian. And the duty of a Christian is not only to go to church. It requires efforts to translate Christ's teachings into life. Christ taught to defend the oppressed. That's why I defended the rights of people, whether they be monks of the Pochayev monastery, or Baptists, or Crimean Tartars. And if someday atheists will become the object of persecution, I shall defend them as well... No man endowed with common sense will ever agree that criticism of some articles of law, and demands for reasonable amendments constitute a crime. This is a democratic right of every citizen won by the people in their hard battle for freedom... I wrote the truth, and only the truth. All my works are based on authentic facts and reflect the true state of affairs. I believe that the speech of the state prosecutor is a disgrace for Soviet justice..."*

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V. BUKOVSKY

Today *Krasnov-Levitin* is still another prisoner of conscience in the USSR. AND SO IS VLADIMIR BUKOVSKY, THE COURAGEOUS YOUNG MAN, WHO IN MARCH 1971 SENT TO THE FREE WORLD AUTHENTIC DOCUMENTS REVEALING THE FACT OF FLAGRANT MISUSE OF PSYCHIATRY IN THE SOVIET UNION FOR THIS THE SOVIET COURT HAS SENTENCED HIM TO 2 YEARS IN PRISON, 5 YEARS IN A LABOR CAMP, AND 5 YEARS IN EXILE - A TOTAL OF 12 YEARS.

Langishing in punitive and psychiatric institutions are many thousands of other Soviet citizens of all faiths, races and ethnic origins: ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS, CATHOLICS, BAPTISTS, JEWS and MOSLEMS; RUSSIANS, UKRAINIANS, BYELORUSSIANS, LATVIANS, LITHUANIANS, ESTONIANS, TARTARS, JEWS, people from the CAUCASUS, from CENTRAL ASIA, and SIBERIA...

All of them *NON-VIOLENT DISSENTERS*: priests and preachers, writers and artists, engineers and lawyers, officers and soldiers, scientists and students, workers and peasants - all of them guilty of one sole crime: *THEIR CONVICTIONS CONTRADICTED THE DICTATES OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST ESTABLISHMENT.*

They demanded the right for the people to worship God, to decry injustices, to protect the oppressed, to create and speak freely, to receive and disseminate information, to travel abroad, to leave the country altogether if they so desired.

IF ALL THIS WERE DENIED TO YOU BY YOUR GOVERNMENT, *WHAT WOULD YOU SAY? WHAT WOULD YOU DO?*

SO SPEAK OUT!

Demand the release of thousands of non-violent creative dissenters from Soviet jails! Demand the liberation of Soviet prisoners of conscience from concentration camps and insane asylums!

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The Nobel-prize winner Russian writer *ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN* said:

*"...It is time to think clearly. The incarceration of free-thinking healthy people in madhouses is spiritual murder. IT IS A VARIANT OF THE GAS CHAMBERS AND EVEN MORE CRUEL: It is a fiendish and prolonged torture of those who are to be killed!"*

REMEMBER THAT THE NAZI HOLOCAUST BEGAN WITH THE CORRUPTION OF A SMALL BODY OF GERMAN PSYCHIATRISTS WHO BECAME INVOLVED WITH EUTHANASIA THIS LED DIRECTLY TO THE CREATION OF DEATH CAMPS WHICH INVOLVED OVER 300 PHYSICIANS, AND DESTROYED 6,000,000 PEOPLE.

*CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY ENDANGER WORLD PEACE!*

The Soviet government has signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. IT MUST BE FORCED TO ABIDE BY ITS OBLIGATIONS. Only world public opinion can induce it to comply. This is the only PEACEFUL way in which a great threat to humanity can be eliminated.

Explain this to your fellow-citizens!

Write to your Congressmen!

Write to the United Nations!

Send your protests to Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny, c/o the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., and send copies of your protests for publication in your city newspapers.

HUMAN RIGHTS ARE THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND ORDER!

IT IS YOUR PREROGATIVE, YOUR SACRED DUTY TO UPHOLD THEM!

*FREEDOM IS INDIVISIBLE!*

AMERICANS OF RUSSIAN DESCENT.

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