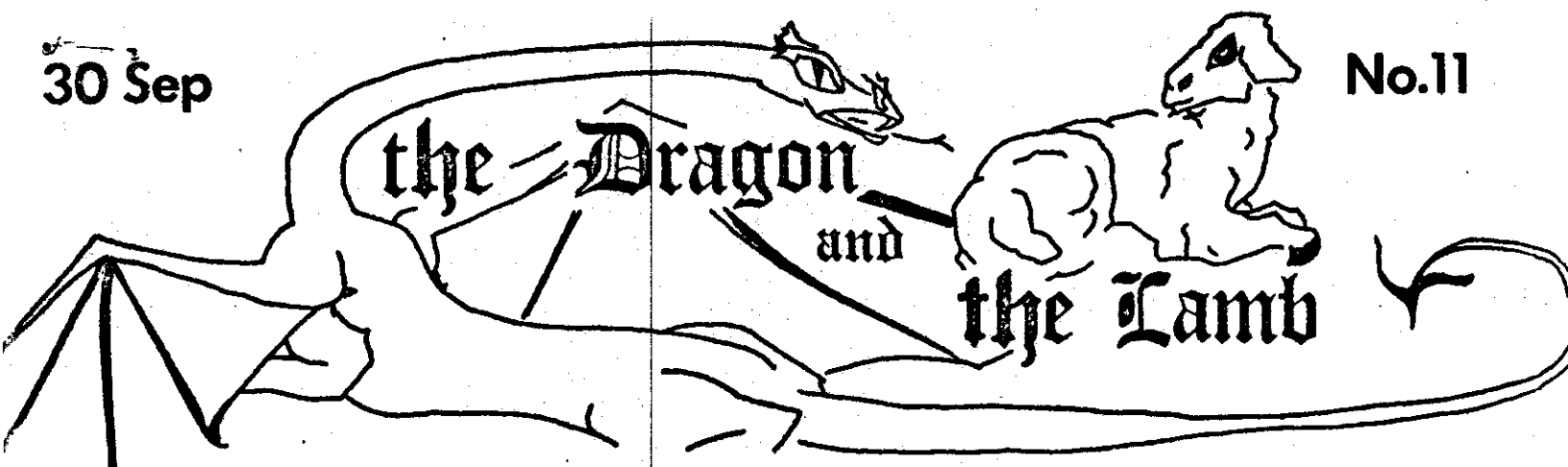


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Roma: The peaceloving Italian people today proclaimed their support of the government's decision to defend the nation against the aggression perpetrated by the Austrians and French. In a pleblicite a majority of 99.44% voted in favor of a fight to the end. "Guerre cominciata, inferno scatenato!" //Anyone ever notice that the more beat up a country gets, the more "peaceloving" its people become?????//

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the manager of the restaurant at the Sverdlovsk railroad station, for example, together invented a machine to fry meat and pies. It required less than the amount of fat officially stipulated, and for awhile the two conspirators pocketed savings of about four hundred rubles a month. Their crime discovered, both were sentenced to death in 1963. Between 1961 and 1964 the Soviet press revealed the shooting of at least three hundred people found guilty of economic crimes. Since 1964 the press generally has not announced such executions, but recent ominous warnings to the population suggest that they are continuing.

The Soviets (and thus, the KGB) are obsessed with secrecy, and universal censorship another control affecting all Soviet institutions and citizens. Glavlit, the Chief Administration for Safeguarding State Secrets in print, employs throughout the land a veritable army of some 70,000 full-time censors. The power of Glavlit over what may be legally printed or broadcast in the Soviet Union is all-encompassing. Virtually everything printed, even a bus ticket, must bear the censor's codemark, usually consisting of a letter and five numerals, certifying that publication is officially authorized. In the offices of every Soviet newspaper and publisher is a door with a sign warning "Entry Forbidden" behind which sits the censor. The censorship agency can confiscate or require deletions in material already in circulation, and it determines which foreign literature is acceptable for Soviet readers.

Glavlit, of course, is primarily preoccupied not with military secrets but with ideological and political content. It consults regularly with the KGB. Once a decision is handed down, no matter how capricious or silly, a Soviet editor violates it at personal peril. Leonid Finkelstein, formerly an editor of a leading Soviet scientific magazine, was once ordered to delete a figure denoting the diameter of the earth. "Has this now become secret too?" he asked.

"Yes, there is a directive not to publish the exact size of the planet," the censor replied.

Perhaps the most basic right any society may grant a citizen is the right to quit, to leave. However, Soviet rulers look upon the individual citizen as state property, a chattel whose loss is not to be permitted. Consequently, no Soviet citizen is allowed to leave the country except as a reward for services to the state or as a result of a judgement that his presence abroad is necessary to state purposes.

The mere fact that most of the Soviet population docilely submits to this multitude of controls attests to their effectiveness and to the skill of the KGB in overseeing them. Some Soviet citizens, of course, do protest openly. Arrested by the KGB, they are consigned to concentration camps or mental institutions. In 1972 more than 2 million people were incarcerated. Certainly, many of the inmates would be considered common criminals by the norms of any society, and it is impossible to determine precisely how many are political prisoners. But undoubtedly the percentage of political prisoners is substantial.

Consider some of the crimes and sentences of people arrested by the KGB in recent years:

Y.M. Suslensky, 42, teacher of English, seven years imprisonment for protesting Soviet actions, including the invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Juozas Zdebskis, age unknown, priest, 1 year hard labor for preparing children for confirmation.

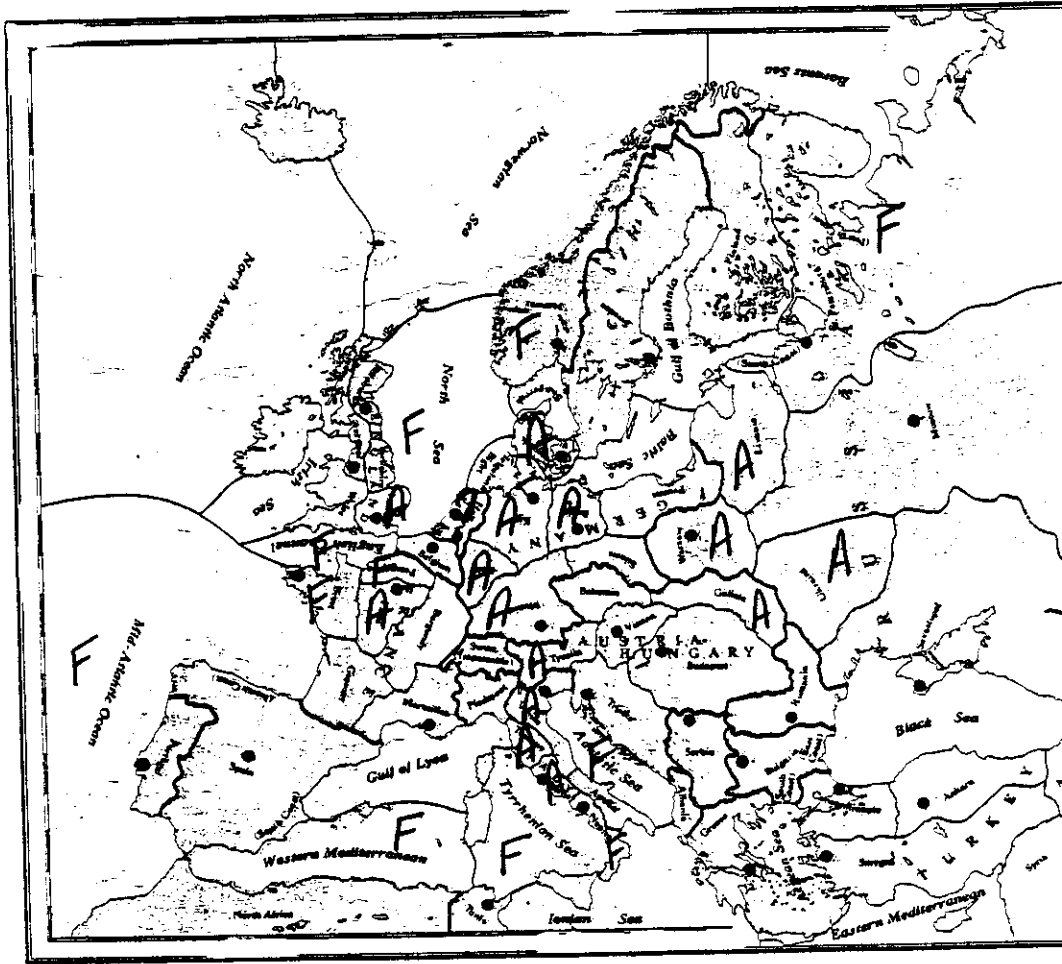
Natalia Gorbanevskaya, 35, poet, unlimited confinement in mental institution for demonstrating against invasion of Czechoslovakia and reporting trials of dissenters.

Olga Ioffe, 19, student, unlimited confinement in insane asylum for opposing a

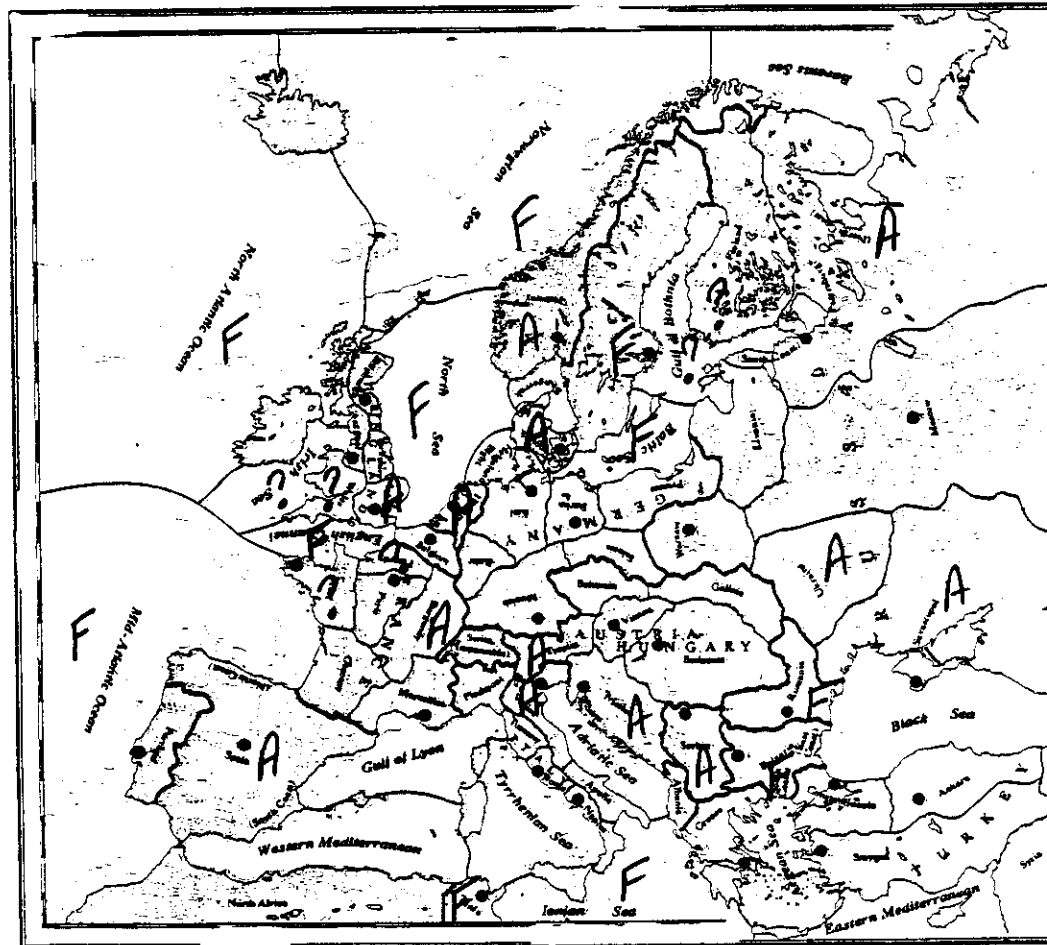
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