

PROLETARIAN

Therefore it is not the liberation of the ~~political~~ masses but rather the administration of state machinery which regulates population and labor moves in a geographical ~~sense~~ *sense*, and isolates instances of backflow of labor in specialized economic areas, which leads to unemployment in capitalist countries due to automation and over production, both of which can be carefully controlled by the State, which builds and operates all enterprises in the U.S.S.R. In such cases as there are of overflow of labor, the ~~excess~~ *EXCESS IS* partitioned off by the "living vis" system, and since there is no place for them to live and the extra workers realize there is no place for ~~the~~ *THE WORKERS* the "virgin land" program is instrumented, and surplus labor is ~~promptly~~ *PROMPTLY* shipped off to a promised room and work ~~is~~ *THIS* one, Krushchev's *FAVORITE* plan and has been a spectacular failure, mostly owing to the quick subsiding of ~~enthusiasm~~ *ENTHUSIASM OF* the young people (for most part) ~~living~~ *LIVING* conditions of 5 to a room ~~hostel~~ *HOSTEL* erected, "towns" of ~~concrete~~ *CONCRETE* ~~blocks~~ *BLOCKS* with unpaved streets in village conditions, a 1,000 miles from their mothers and families in the over crowded, lack of work - demanding cities (mostly Moscow, Leningrad, ~~Kiev~~ *KIEV*, and a few of the other big population centers) conditions for leaving the Virgin land center and young back home are simple, get up and go, but few do because they must pay their own way back ~~at~~ *A* cost of sometimes ~~100~~ *200* rubles or more and also face the same conditions which ~~drive~~ *drive* them from the cities in the first place. *PART* When elections are initiated in the U.S.S.R. ~~is~~ *is* conducted a whole huge, mechanical apparatus is started ~~to~~ *to* not only to ensure victory but to safeguard the State from any voice of dissent, ~~either~~ *EITHER ABSENTISM* or opposition.

All ^{ELIGIBLE} ~~possible~~ voters (that is from the age of 16 up) are registered well before hand by "agitators", who go around to every door in their district getting names and ^{NOTIFYING} notify all voters of their duty to the Mother land in voting. In the case of the elections held throughout the Soviet Union on March 18, 1962 to "elect" the Supreme Soviet including Krushchev, the peoples government (house of ^{REPRESENTATIVES} ~~representatives~~) and the Soviet of Nationalities, the ^{AGITATOR} ~~citation~~ came on January 24 and February 20, on election day all voters go to the polls (usually a school) and vote, they are given a ballot which they ~~insert~~ drop into a box, on the ballot ^{IS} ~~is~~ the single name of the candidates for each post. That's all any body ^{EVER DOES} ~~envelopes~~ to "vote" this system insures a 99% turnout and predetermined victory. In each polling place there is a booth for secret balloting (crossing out the candidate ^{and} ~~any~~ writing in your own) under Soviet law anyone can do this, nobody does for the obvious reason that anyone ^{who} ~~now~~ enters the booth may be identified, there is a Soviet joke about the floor dropping out from anyone stepping into the booth. But the fact is that if the entire population used the polling booth they could beat the system, however ^{FEAR} years of mass discipline and ~~fear~~ have made the people afraid to, ^{ATTEMPT} ~~attempt~~ any such demonstration. And with no means of communication at the hands of a would be candidate, there is no way to communication with the people and wiping up support for a ^{BLACK HORSE} ~~black horse~~ candidate. Universal military training has been in force in the U.S.S.R. for several years, Unlike the U.S., Drafting always take place at 19 years of age all other reasons for exemption with standing periods of service are from 2 years in the north to 3 years in the south, climate conditions vary so much that many young

men elect to go to the relatively ^{SUNNY} ~~warmer~~ south to serve for three ^{RATHER} years ^{WINTERS,} then to the 9 month bitter cold ^{of} camps in Siberia ^{or} Sakhalin ^{WEST-EAST} in the far ~~west~~. Clothing issues are scarce in the beginning and ^{ALL DIRTY CLOTHS} ~~is~~ getting ~~cloths~~ cleaned ~~as is usually~~ ~~needed~~ ~~they~~ are thrown into a common pile to be cleaned off and steamed and brought back in a common pile with the result that a soldier never gets the same jackets and trousers twice. Barracks are usually bare and damp, even in Kink, where they are located in the ^{older} ~~old~~ parts of town, behind high walls, ^{NEVER} ~~are~~ given except on holidays and sometimes on Sundays or after maneuvers, leave of 30 days ^{AS OUR} ~~is~~ over armed forces ^{GUARANTEE} ~~growth~~ in their contracts are unknown. However the greatest difference is pay, after ^{MARCEL} ~~Marshal~~ Mikalyan ^{BECAME} ~~became~~ commander in chief of the Soviet armed forces in the early 1950's, pay was ^{summarily} cut for common soldiers (privates) from 3,300 rubles old money to 3 rubles new money a loss of 29.7 rubles (new) 3 rubles are enough to buy 12 packets of cigarettes, 20 cigarettes to a ~~pack~~ whereas 30 rubles was enough for a soldier to save up for his discharge, the pay of a lath worker in Kink is 80 rubles new money. The drop of money was ~~less~~ felt in the offices ranks since they lose only a 10% cut up to the ^{RANK} ~~rank~~ of Major. ⁴² and no loss of pay for major and ^{A LIEUTENANT} ~~above~~ in the Russian ^{ARMY} ~~army~~ vets 100 rubles a full soldier gets around 300 rubles but also gets ^{DUTY} "empty expense" pay, like our travel pay. Discipline in the Russian army is supposed to be the most rugged in the world ^{SINCE} ~~since~~ top sergeants can hand out up to 15 day sentences to any private any time he wants to, without a ^{COURT MARTIAL} ~~court martial~~ for minor offenses. Duties at a base

camp or barracks may be more like a prison than an American base
 as we know it with soda fountains, clubs where alcoholic drinks
 are served. ^{snack} bars and PX's as soldiers ^{are} never allowed to
^{WTA} wear civilian clothes (this is against military law) we might think
 such life to be exceeding drab even for a soldier but Russians have
 such drab-lives on the outside that there is no conflict of color
 between civilian and military life. When I told about the basic
 features of American military life in the U.S. Marine Corps. the
 ex-soldiers I knew usually laughed and said we have no discipline
 but I'm quite sure the ohs and ahs were signs of admiration when
 I spoke of our ^{undisciplined} army especially the complete ^{absence} of
^{political} military lectures under our system of separation of army and state.
 and also the fact that at the end of each work day we could ^{PUT ON}
 civies and pile in a car and ^{drive} up to town to movie or a dance ~~and~~ army
 discipline without a wall, with money in our pockets and our own
 military obligation clearly understood ^{and} in our own hands.

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Oct. 21 (Sun.) - watch my life whirl away. I think to myself, "How easy to die" and "A sweet death, (to violins) about 5:00 Rimma finds me unconscious (bathroom water a rich red color) she screams (I remember that) and runs for help. Ambulance comes, am taken to hospital. where five sticks are put in my wrist. Poor Rimma stays by my side as interpreter (my Russian is still very bad) far into the night, I tell her "Go home" (my mood is bad) but she stays, she is "my friend" she has a strong will only at this moment I notice she is pretty.

Oct. 22. Hospital I am in a small room with about 12 others (sick persons.) 2 orolists and a nurse. The room is very drab as well as the breakfast. Only after prolonged (2 hours) observation of the other patients I realize I am in the insanity ward. This realization disgusts me. Later in afternoon I am visited by Rimma, she comes in with two doctors. As entered she must ask me medical questions: Did you know what you were doing? Ans. yes. Did you black out? No. ect. I thank comp. about poor food the doctors laugh app. This is a good sign. Later they leave I am alone with Rimma (amongst the mentally ill) she encourages me and scolds me. She says she will help me get transferred to another section of Hos. (not for insanity) where food is good.

Oct. 23. Transferred to ordinary ward, (airy, good food,) but nurses suspicious of me. [They know]. Afternoon I am visited by Rosa Afanador of the hotel, ^{tourist office,} who asks about my health, very beautiful, excellent Eng., very merry and kind, she makes me very glad to be alive. Later Rimma visits.

Oct. 24 Hospital routine, Rimma visits me in afternoon

Oct. 25. " "

Oct. 26 An elderly American at the hospital grows suspicious about me for some reason. ^{Probably} because at embassy I told him I had not registered as most tourist and I am in general evasive about my presence in Moscow and at hospital ^{afternoon} Rimma visits.

Oct. 27. Sticks are taken out by doctor with "dull" scissor. ^{Oct. 28} Leave hospital in interest car. with Rimma for hotel "Berlin" later I change hotels to "Metropole", all clothes packed, and money from my room (to the last kopeck) returned as well as watch, ring. Ludmila Dimyeva (tourist office head) will Rosa invite me to come and sit and talk with them any time. I get lonesome at new hotel. They feel sorry for me.

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OCT. 28 (CON) RIMMA NOTIFIES ME THAT PASS+ REGISTRATION OFFICE WISHES TO SEE ME ABOUT MY FUTURE. LATER RIMMA AND CAR PICK ME UP AND WE ENTER THE OFFICES TO FIND FOUR OFFICIALS WAITING FOR ME (ALL UNKNOWN TO ME) THEY ASK HOW MY ARM IS, I SAY OK. THEY ASK "DO YOU WANT TO GO TO YOUR HOMETOWN. I SAY NO I WANT SOVIET CITIZEN I SAY I WANT TO RESIDE IN THE SOVIET UNION. THEY SAY THEY WILL SEE ABOUT THAT. THEN THEY ASK ME ABOUT THE ONE OFFICIAL WITH WHOM I SPOKE IN THE FIRST PLACE (DOPAR. HE DID NOT PASS ALONG MY REQUEST AT ALL BUT THOUGHT TO SIMPLY GET RID OF ME BY NOT EXTENDING MY SOVIET VISIT. AT THE TIME I REQUESTED IT) I DESCRIBE HIM (THEY MAKE NOTES) (WHAT PAPERS DO YOU HAVE TO SHOW WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE?) I GIVE THEM MY DISCHARGE PAPERS FROM THE MARINE CORPS. THEY SAY WAIT FOR OUR ANS. I ASK HOW LONG? NOT SOON.

Oct. 29. Hotel Room 214 METROPOL HOTEL. I WAIT. I WORRY I EAT ONCE, STAY NEXT TO PHONE WORRY I KEEP FULLY DRESSED

Oct. 30. HOTEL ROOM I HAVE BEEN IN HOTEL THREE DAYS IF SEEMS LIKE THREE YEARS I MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF A SHOWDOWN!

Oct. 31. I MAKE MY DECISION. GETTING PASSPORT AT 12:00 I MEET AND TALK WITH RIMMA FOR A FEW MINUTES SHE SAYS; STAY IN YOUR ROOM AND EAT WELL, I DON'T TELL HER ABOUT WHAT I INTEND TO DO SINCE I KNOW SHE WOULD NOT APPROVE. AFTER SHE LEAVES I WAIT A FEW MINUTES AND THEN I CATCH A TAXI. "AMERICAN EMBASSY" I SAY. 12:30, I ARRIVE AMERICAN EMBASSY, I WALK IN AND SAY TO THE RECEPTIONIST "I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CONSULAR" SHE POINTS AT A LARGE HALL AND SAYS "IF YOU ARE A TOURIST PLEASE REGISTER". I TAKE OUT MY AMERICAN PASSPORT AND IAY IT IN THE DESK, I HAVE COME TO DISSOLVE MY AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. I SAY MATTER-OF-FACTLY AND WALK

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and enter the office of Richard Snyder, American Head Consular in Moscow AT THAT TIME HE INVITES ME TO SIT DOWN. HE FINISHES A LETTER HE IS TYPING AND THEN ASK WHAT HE CAN DO FOR ME. I TELL HIM I HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE SOVIET CITIZENSHIP AND WOULD LIKE TO LEAVELY DISSOLVE MY U.S. CITIZENSHIP. HIS ASSISTANT (NOW HEAD CONSULAR) MEVICKERS LOOKS UP FROM HIS WORK SNYDER STATES DOWN PERSONAL INFORMATION, ASK QUESTIONS

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SAT. Oct 31. CON warned me not to take any steps before the soviet except to say I am a "god", and says the DISSOLUTION PAPERS ARE ALONG TIME IN PREPARING (IN OTHER WORDS REFUSES TO ALLOW ME AT THAT TIME TO DISSOLVE U.S. CITIZENSHIP). I STATE "MY MIND IS MADE UP" FROM THIS DAY FORWARD I CONSIDER MYSELF NO CITIZEN OF THE U.S.A. I SPEND 40 MINUTES AT THE EMBASSY BEFORE SNEYER SAYS "NOW UNLESS YOU WISH TO EXPOUND ON YOUR MAXIST BELIEFS YOU CAN GO." I WISH TO DISSOLVE U.S. CITIZENSHIP, NOT TODAY HE SAYS IN EFFECT. I LEAVE EMBASSY ELATED AT THIS SHOWDOWN, RETURNING TO MY HOTEL I FEEL NOW MY ENERGIES ARE NOT SPENT IN VAIN. I'M SURE RUSSIANS WILL EXCEPT ME AFTER THIS SIGN OF MY FAITH IN THEM. 2:00 A.KNOCK, A REPORTER BY THE NAME OF GORSTEN WANTS AN INTERVIEW I'M FIRERERBASSED & HOW DID YOU FIND OUT? THE EMBASSY CALLED U.S. HE SAID. I SEND HIM AWAY I SIT AND REALIZE THIS IS ONE WAY TO BRING PRESSURE ON ME. BY NOTIFYING MY RELATIONS IN U.S. THROUGH THE NEWSPAPERS. ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD SAY "IFS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD" A HALF HOUR LATER ANOTHER REPORTER MISS MOSBY COMES. I ANSWER A FEW QUICK QUESTIONS AFTER REFUSING AN INTERVIEW. I AM SURPRISED AT THE INTEREST. I GET PHONE CALLS FROM "TIPS" AT NIGHT A PHONE CALL FROM THE STATES I REFUSE ALL CALLS WITHOUT FINDING OUT WHO'S IT FROM. I FEEL non-depressed because of the attention 10:00 I RETIRE.

NOV. 1 - MORE REPORTERS, 3 PHONE CALLS FROM BROTHERHOODS NOW I FEEL SLIGHTLY AXZILLARATED, NOT SO ONLY.

NOV-2-15 DAYS OF UTTER LONELINESS I REFUSE ALL REPORTS PHONE CALLS I REMAINE IN MY ROOM, I AM RACKED WITH DYSENTARY.

NOV 15 - I DECIDE TO GIVE AN INTERVIEW, I HAVE MISS MOSBY'S CARD SO I CALL HER. SHE DRIVES RIGHT OVER. I GIVE MY STORY, ALLOW PICTURES, LATER STORY IS DISTORTED, SENT WITHOUT MY PERMISSION, THAT IS; BEFORE I EVER SAW AND OK'ED HER STORY. AGAIN I FEEL SLIGHTLY BETTER BECAUSE OF THE ATTENTION

NOV. 16. A RUSSIAN OFFICIAL COMES TO MY ROOM ASKES HOW I AM. NOTIFIES ME I CAN REMAIN IN USSR TILL SOME SOLUTION IN FOUND WITH WHAT TO DO WITH ME, IT IS COMFORTING NEWS. FOR ME.

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34 NOV 17 - DEC 30 I HAVE BOUGHT MYSELF TWO SELF-TEACHING RUSSIAN LAM. BOOKS I FORCE MYSELF TO STUDY 4 HOURS A DAY I SIT IN MY ROOM AND READ AND MEMORIZE WORDS. ALL MEALS I TAKE IN MY ROOM. RIMAPA ARRANGED THAT IT IS VERY COOL ON THE STREETS SO I HARLEY GO OUTSIDE AT ALL FOR THIS MONTH AND A HALF I SEE NO ONE SPEAK TO NO ONE ACCEPT EVERYBODY AND THAN RIMMA, WHO CALLS THE MINISTRY ABOUT ME. HAVE THEY FORGOTTEN?, DURING DECEMBER I PAID NO MONEY TO THE HOTEL, BUT RIMMA TOLD HOTEL I WAS EXPECTING A LOT OF MONEY FROM USA. I HAVE 28. LEFT. THIS MONTH I WAS CALLED TO THE PASSPORT OFFICE AND MET 3 NEW OFFICIALS WHO ASKED ME THE SAME QUESTIONS I HAD A MONTH BEFORE. THEY APPEAR NOT TO KNOW ME AT ALL.

DEC 31. NEW YEARS EVE I SPEND IN THE COMPANY OF RASA RAUFENVA AT THE HOTEL BERLIN, SHE HAS THE DUTY. I SIT WITH HER UNTILL PAST MIDNIGHT, SHE GIVES ME A SMALL 'BORATIN' CLOWN, FOR A NEW YEARS PRESENT SHE IS VERY NICE I FOUND OUT ONLY RECENTLY SHE IS MARRIED, HAS SMALL SON WHO WAS BORN CRIPPLED, THAT IS WHY SHE IS SO STRANGELY TENDER AND COMPELLING.

JAN 1-4 NO CHANGE IN ROUTINE

JAN 4 I AM CALLED TO PASSPORT OFFICE AND FINALLY GIVEN A SOVIET DOCUMENT NOT THE SOVIET CITIZENSHIP AS I SO WANTED, ONLY A RESIDENCE DOCUMENT, NOT EVEN FOR FOREIGNERS BUT A PAPER CALLED 'FOR THOSE WITHOUT CITIZENSHIP'. STILL A LIE. THE OFFICIAL SAYS THEY ARE SENDING ME TO THE CITY OF MINSK I ASK 'IS THAT IN SIBERIA?' HE CHANGES: HE ALSO TELLS ME THAT THEY HAVE ARRANGED FOR ME TO RECEIVE SOME MONEY THROUGH THE RED CROSS TO PAY MY HOTEL BILLS AND EXPENSES I THANK THE GENTLEMEN AND LEAVE LATER IN THE AFTERNOON I SEE RIMMA 'SHE ASKS ARE YOU HAPPY' 'YES'

JAN 5. I GO TO RED CROSS IN MOSCOW FOR MONEY WITH INTERMEDIATE (A NEW ONE) I RECEIVE 5000 RUBLES A HUGE SUM!! LATER IN MINSK I AM TO EARN 20 RUBLES A MONTH AT THE FACTORY.

JAN 7. I LEAVE MOSCOW BY TRAIN FOR MINSK BELORUSSIA I MY HOTEL BILL WAS 2200 RUBLES AND MY TRAIN TICKET TO MINSK 150 RUBLES SO I HAVE A LOT OF MONEY & HOPE. I WROTE MY BROTHER & MOTHER LETTERS IN WHICH I SAID 'I DO NOT WISH TO EVERY CONTACT YOU AGAIN! I AM BEGINNING A NEW LIFE AND I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF THE OLD!!'

JAN. 7. ARRIVE IN MINSK, MET BY 2 WOMEN RED CROSS WORKERS
WE GO TO HOTEL "MINSK" I TAKE ROOM, AND MEET ROSA AND STELLINA
TWO PERSONS FROM INTOURIST IN HOTEL WHO SPEAK ENGLISH STELLINA IS
IN 40'S NICE MARRIED YOUNG CHILD, ROSA ABOUT 23 BLOND ATTRACTIVE UNIVERSAL
EXCELLENT ENGLISH, WE ATTRACT EACH OTHER AT ONCE.

JAN. 8. I MEET THE CITY MAYOR, COMRADE SHARPOF, WHO WELCOMES
ME TO MINSK PROMISES A RENT-FREE APARTMENT "EVEN" AND WARNS
ME ABOUT "UNMIXTURED PERSONS" WHO SOMETIMES INSULT FOREIGNERS.
MY INTERPRETER: ROMAN DETKOF. HEAD FOR. TECH INSTITUTE NEXT DOOR.

JAN. 10. THE DAY TO MYSELF I WALK THROUGH CITY, VERY NICE.

JAN. 13 I VISIT MINSK RADIO FACTORY WHERE I SHALL WORK.

THERE I MEET ARGENTINIAN IMMIGRANT ALEXANDER ZEBER
BORN A POLISH JEW. IMMIGRATED TO ARGENTINA IN 1938 AND BACK TO
POLISH HOMELAND (NOW PART OF POL.) IN 1955 SPEAKS
ENGLISH WITH AMER. ACCENT HE WORKED FOR AMER. COM. IN
ARGENTINA. HE IS HEAD OF A DEPT. A QUALIFIED ENGINEER, IS LATE

40'S MILD MANNERED LIKEABLE HE SEEMS TO WANT TO TELL ME SOMETHING.
I SHOW HIM MY TEMPOR. DOCU. AND SAY SOON I SHALL HAVE RUSS. CITIZEN.

JAN. 13-16 I WORK AS A "CHECKER" METAL WORKER, PAY: 700 RUB.
A MONTH'S WORK VERY EASY I AM LEARNING RUSSIAN QUICKLY.
NOW, EVERYONE IS VERY FRIENDLY AND KIND. I MEET MANY YOUNG
RUSSIAN WORKERS MY OWN AGE THEY HAVE VARIOUS REMONSTRATIONS
ALL WISH TO KNOW ABOUT ME EVEN OFFER TO HOLD A MASS MEETING
SO I CAN SAY. I REFUSE POLITELY. AT NIGHT I TAKE REST TO
THE THEATER, MOVIE OR OPERA ALMOST EVERY DAY. I'M LIVING
BIG AND AM VERY SATISFIED. I RECEIVE A CHECK FROM THE
RED CROSS EVERY 5TH OF THE MONTH "TO HELP". THE CHECK IS 700 RUBLES
THEREFORE EVERY MONTH I MAKE 1400 RUB. ABOUT THE SAME AS THE
DIRECTOR OF THE FACTORY! ZEBER OBSERVES ME DURING THIS TIME
I DON'T LIKE: PICTURE OF LENIN WHICH WATCHES FROM ITS PLACE OF
HONOUR AND PHYS. TRAINING AT 11-1140 EACH MORNING (COMPLUSORY)
FOR ALL. (SHADES OF H.G. WELLS!!)

MARCH 16. I RECEIVE A SMALL FLAT ONE-ROOM KITCHEN-BATH
NEAR THE FACTORY (8 MIN. WALK) WITH SPLENDID VIEW FROM
2 BALCONIES OF THE RIVER. ALMOST RENT FREE (60. RUB A MONTH)
IT IS A RUSSIAN'S DREAM.

MARCH 17 - APRIL 31. - WORK, AS I HAVE LOST CONTACT WITH
PASA AFTER MY HOUSE MOVING. I MEET PAVIL GOLOVACHA.
A YOUNG MAN MY AGE FRIENDLY VERY INTELLIGENT A
EXCELLENT RADIO TECHNICIAN HIS FATHER IS GEN. GOLOVACHA
COMMANDER OF NORTH WESTERN SIBERIA. TWICE HERO OF
USSR IN W.W. 2.

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MAY 1 - MAY DAY CAME AS MY FIRST HOLIDAY ALL FACTORIES ETC. CLOSED AFTER SPECTACULAR MILITARY PARADE ALL WORKERS PARADE PAST REVIEWING STAND WAVING FLAGS AND PICTURES OF MR. K. ~~ETC.~~ ETC. I FOLLOW THE AMER. CUSTOM OF MARKING A HOLIDAY BY SLEEPING IN IN THE MORNING. AT NIGHT I VISIT WITH THE ZEGERS DAUGHTERS AT AN PARTY THROB BY THEM ABOUT 40 PEOPLE COME MOSTLY OF ARGENTINE ORIGIN WE DANCE AND PLAY AROUND AND DRINK UNTIL 2 AM. WHEN PARTY BREAKS UP. LEONARA ZELER OLDEST DAU. 26 FORMALLY MARRIED, NOW DIVORCED, A TALENTED SINGER. ANITA ZELER SO VERY GAY, NOT SO ATTRACTIVE BUT WE HIT IT OFF. HER BOY-FRIEND ALFRED IS A HUNGARIAN GUY, SILENT AND BROODING, NOT AT ALL LIKE ANITA. ZELER ADVISES ME TO GO BACK TO U.S.A. ITS THE FIRST VOICE OF OPPOSITION I HAVE HEARD. I RESPECT ZELER, HE HAS SEEN THE WORLD. HE SAYS MANY THINGS, AND RELATS MANY THINGS I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE U.S.S.R. I BEGIN TO FEEL UNEASY INSIDE, ITS TRUE!

JUNE-JULY SUMMER MONTHS OF GREEN BEAUTY, PINE FOREST VERY DEEP. I ENJOY MANY SUNDAYS IN THE ENVIRONMENT. ALFRED ALWAYS GOES ALONG WITH ANITA. LEONARA SEEMS TO HAVE NO PLANNED BOY-FRIEND BUT MANY ADMIRERS. SHE HAS A BEAUTIFUL SPANISH FIGURE, LONG BLACK HAIR, LIKE ANITA. I NEVER PAY MUCH ATTEN. TO HER SHE'S TOO OLD FOR ME SHE SEEMS TO DISLIKE MY LACK OF ATTENTION FOR SOME REASON. SHE IS NOT STRONG. I HAVE BECOME HABITUATED TO A SMALL CAFE WHICH IS WHERE I DINE IN THE EVENING THE FOOD IS GENERALLY POOR AND ALWAYS EXACTLY THE SAME, MENUE IN ANY CAFE AT ANY POINT IN THE CITY. THE FOOD IS CHEAP AND I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT QUALITY AFTER THREE YEARS IN THE U.S.A.C..

APRIL-SEPT. AS MY RUSSIAN IMPROVES I BECOME INCREASINGLY AWARE OF JUST WHAT SORT OF A SOCIETY I LIVE IN. MASS GYMNASTICS, COMPULSORY AFTERWORK MEETING, USUALLY POLITICAL INFORMATION MEETING. COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AT LECTURES AND THE SENDING OF THE ENTIRE SHOP COLLECTIVE (EXCEPT ME) TO PICK POTATOES ON A SUNDAY, AT A STATE COLLECTIVE FARM. A PATRIOTIC DUTY TO BRING IN THE HARVEST. THE OPIONS OF THE WORKERS (UNVOICED) ARE THAT ITS A GREAT PAIN IN THE NECK. THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE ESPECIALLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ANY OF THE "COLLECTIVE" DUTIES AN UNNATURAL FEELING. FAMILIARLY AWARE OF THE PRESENCE, IN ALL THING, OF LEBIZEN, SHOP ASSISTANT SECRETARY, PAT FORTYISH, AND JOVIAL ON THE OUTSIDE HE IS NO-SENSE PARTY REGULAR.

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JAN 3. I AM MISERABLE ABOUT ELVA. I LOVE HER BUT WHAT CAN I DO?
 IT IS THE STATE OF FEAR WHICH WAS ALWAYS IN THE SOVIET UNION.
 JAN 4. ONE YEAR AFTER I RECEIVED THE RESIDENCE DOCUMENT I
 AM CALLED IN TO THE PASSPORT OFFICE AND ASKED IF I WANT
 CITIZENSHIP (RUSSIAN) I SAY NO SIMPLY EXTEND MY RESIDENTIAL
 PASSPORT TO AGREE AND MY DOCUMENT IS EXTENDED UNTIL JAN 4. 1962
 JAN 4-31 I AM STATING TO RECONSIDER MY DESIRE ABOUT STAYING
 THE WORK IS DUMB THE MONEY I GET HAS NOWHERE TO BE SPENT.
 NO NIGHTCLUBS OR BOWLING ALYS NO PLACES OF RECREATION ACCEPT
 THE TRADE UNION DANCES I HAVE MADE HAD ENOUGH.
 FEB. 15 I MAKE MY FIRST REQUEST TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, MOSCOW
 FOR RECONSIDERING MY POSITION, I STATED "I WOULD LIKE TO GO BACK TO U.S."
 FEB. 28 I RECEIVE LETTER FROM EMBASSY. RICHARD E. SMYERBER
 STATED "I COULD COME IN FOR AN INTERVIEW ANY TIME I WANTED."
 MARCH 1-16 I NOW LIVE IN A STATE OF EXPECTATION ABOUT
 GOING BACK TO THE U.S. I CONFIDED WITH ZEGER HE SUPPORTS
 MY JUDGMENT BUT WARNS ME NOT TO TELL ANY RUSSIANS ABOUT
 MY DESIRE TO RETURN. I UNDERSTAND NOW WHY.

MARCH 17. I AND ERICH WENT TO TRADE UNION DANCE. BOWLING
 BUT AT THE LAST HOUR I AM INTRODUCED TO A GIRL WITH
 A FRENCH HAIR-DO AND RED-DRESS WITH WHITE SLIPPERS I DANCE
 WITH HER. THEN ASK TO SHOW HER HOME I DO, ALONG WITH 5
 OTHER ADMIRERS HER NAME IS MARINA. WE LIKE EACH OTHER
 RIGHT AWAY SHE GIVES ME HER PHONE NUMBER AND DEPARTS
 HOME WITH AN NOT-SO-NEW FRIEND IN A TAXI I WAIT HOME.
 MARCH 18-31 - WE WALK & TALK A LITTLE ABOUT MYSELF SHE
 TALKS A LOT ABOUT HERSELF. HER NAME IS MARINA N. PROSKAKOVA
 APRIL 1-30 WE ARE GOING STEADY AND I DECIDE I WANT HAVE
 HER, SHE PUTS ME OFF SO ON APRIL 15 I PROPOSE, SHE ACCEPTS.
 APRIL 31, AFTER A 7 DAY DELAY AT THE MARRIAGE BUREAU
 BECAUSE OF MY UNUSUAL PASSPORT THEY ALLOW US TO REGISTER
 AS MAN & WIFE TWO OF MARINA'S ~~OLD~~ GIRL FRIENDS ACT AS
 WITNESSES WE ARE MARRIED. AT HER AUNT'S HOME WE HAVE
 A DINNER RECEPTION FOR ABOUT 20 FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO
 WISH US HAPPINESS (IN SPITE OF MY ORIGIN AND ACCEPT) WHICH
 ARE IN GENERAL OUTRAGED QUITE TO MY RUSSIAN SINCE FOR
 ARE VERY RARE IN THE SOVIET UNION EVEN TOURISTS. AFTER
 AN EVENING OF EATING AND DRINKING IN WHICH UNCLE MOOSER
 STARTED A BRIGHT AND THE FUSE BLOW ON AN OVERLOADED CIRCUIT
 WE TAKE OUR LEAVE AND WALK THE 15 MINUTES TO OUR HOME.
 WE LIKED NEAR EACH OTHER - AT MIDNIGHT WE WERE HOME.

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1st MAY DAY 1961. FOUND US THINKING ABOUT OUR FUTURE. IN SPITE OF FACT I MARRIED MARINA TO HURT ELLA I FOUND MYSELF IN LOVE WITH MARINA.

MAY - THE TRANSITION OF CHANGING FULL LOVE FROM ELLA TO MARINA WAS VERY PAINFULL ESP. AS I SAW ELLA ALMOST EVERY DAY AT THE FACTORY BUT AS THE DAYS & WEEKS WENT BY I ADJUSTED MORE AND MORE MY WIFE MENTALLY. I STILL HADN'T TOLD MY WIFE OF MY DESIRE TO RETURN TO U.S.

SHE IS MADLY IN LOVE WITH ME FROM THE VERY START, BOAT RIDES ON LAKE MINSK WALKS THROUGH THE PARKS EVENING AT HOME OR AT AUNT VALIA'S PLACE MARY.

JUNE - A CONTINUENCE OF MAY, EXCEPT THAT WE DRAW CLOSER AND CLOSER, AND I THINK VERY LITTLE NOW OF ELLA.

IN THE LAST DAYS OF THIS MONTH I REVEAL MY INTENTION TO RETURN TO AMERICA. MY WIFE IS SLIGHTLY STARTLED, BUT TARA ENCOURAGES ME TO DO WHAT I WISH TO DO.

JULY - I DECIDE TO TAKE MY TWO WEEK VACATION AND TRAVEL TO MOSCOW (WITHOUT POLICE PERMISSION) TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO SEE ABOUT GETTING MY U.S. PASSPORT BACK AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MY WIFE TO ENTER THE U.S. WITH ME.

JULY 5 - I FLY BY PLANE TO MINSK ON A IL-20, 2 HRS 20. LATER AFTER TAKING A TEARFUL AND ANXIOUS PARTING FROM MY WIFE I ARRIVE IN MOSCOW DEPARTING BY BUS

FROM THE AIRFIELD I ARRIVE IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY. MAKING MY WAY THROUGH HEAVY TRAFFIC I DON'T COME IN SIGHT OF THE EMBASSY UNTIL 3:00 IN THE AFTERNOON. ITS SATURDAY WHAT IF THEY ARE CLOSED? ENTERING I FIND THE OFFICES EMPTY BUT

MANAGE TO CONTACT SNYDER ON THE PHONE (SINCE ALL EMBASSY PERSONAL STUFF ON THE SAME BUILDING) HE COMES DOWN TO MEET ME SHOWS MY HAND AFTER INTERVIEW HE ADVISES ME TO COME IN FIRST THING MON.

(see - July 8-13.)

JULY 8 - INTERVIEW JULY 9 - RECEIVE PASSPORT. CALL MARINA TO MOSCOW WISE. JULY 14 - I AND MARINA RETURN TO MINSK.

JULY 15 - MARRINA AT WORK, IS SHOCKED TO FIND OUT THEY EVERYONE KNOWS SHE ENTERED THE U.S. EMBASSY. THEY WERE CALLED AT HER PLACE OF WORK FROM SOME OFFICIAL IN MOSCOW! THE BOSS HAD A MEETING AND GIVE HER A STRONG BROWBEATING. THE FIRST OF MANY INDOLGENTIONS.

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JULY 16 AUG 20. We have found out which ~~STAMPS~~ STAMPS AND CERTIFICATES ARE NECESSARY FOR TO APPLY FOR AN EXIT VISA THEY NUMBER ABOUT 20 PAPER BIRTH CERTIFICATES AFFIDAVIT PHOTOS ect. ON AUG 20th WE GIVE THE PAPERS OUT THEY SAY IT WILL BE 3 1/2 MONTHS BEFORE WE KNOW WHETHER THEY'LL LET US GO OR NOT. IN THE MEANTIME MARINA HAS HAD TO STAGE 4 DIFFERENT MEETINGS AT THE PLACE OF WORK HELD BY HER BOSS'S AT THE DIRECTION OF "SOMEONE" BY PHONE. THE YOUNG COMM. LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS ALSO CALLED ABOUT HER AND SHE HAD TO GO SEE THEM FOR 1 1/2 HRS. THE PURPOSE (EXPRESSED) IS TO DISSUADE HER FROM GOING TO THE U.S.A. NET EFFECT: MAKE HER MORE STUBBORN ABOUT WANTING TO GO. MARINA IS PREGNET. WE ONLY HOPE THAT THE VISAS COME THROUGH SOON.

SEPT 21- SEPT 1. I MAKE EXPANDED TRIPS TO THE PASSPORT & VISA OFFICE ALSO TO MINISTRY OF FOR. AFFAIRS IN MINSK, ALSO MIN. OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE A SAY IN THE GRANTING OF A VISA. I EXTRACTED PROMISES OF QUICK ATTENTION TO US. (THEY'LL CALL US)

SEPT- OCT 18. NO WORD FROM MIN. (THEY'LL CALL US)

MARINA LEAVES MINSK BY TRAIN ON VACATION TO THE CITY OF KHMORV IN THE URALS TO VISIT AN AUNT FOR 2 WEEKS. DURING THIS TIME I AM LONELY BUT I AND ERICH GO TO THE PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES FOR ENTERTAINMENT. I HAVEN'T DONE THIS IN QUITE A FEW MONTHS NOW. I SPEND MY BIRTHDAY ALONE AT THE OPERA WATCHING MY FAVORITE "QUEEN OF SPADES" I AM 22 YEARS OLD.

NOV 12. MARINA ARRIVES BACK, RADIANT, WITH SEVERAL STARS OF PRESESSES FOR ME FROM HER AUNT IN KHMORV.

NOV-DEC. NOW WE ARE BECOMING ANNOYED ABOUT THE DELAY MARINA IS BEGINNING TO WAIVER ABOUT GOING TO THE U.S. PROBABLY FROM THE STRAIN AND HER BEING PREGNANT. STILL WE GUARD AND SO THINGS ARE NOT TO BRING IT OFF WITH THE APPROACH OF THE HARD RUSSIAN WINTER.

DEC 25th CHRISTMAS DAY TUES. MARINA IS CALLED TO THE PASSPORT & VISA OFFICE. SHE IS TOLD WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED SOVIET EXIT VISAS. SHE FILL OUT THE COMPLETING PAPER AND THEN COMES HOME WITH THE NEWS ITS GREAT (I THINK)

NEW YEARS. WE SPEND AT THE ZEBERS AT A DINNER PARTY AT MIDNIGHT. ATTENDED BY 6 OTHER PERSONS.

JAN. 4. I AM CALLED TO THE PASSPORT OFFICE SINCE MY RESIDENCE PASSPORT EXPIRES TODAY. SINCE I NOW HAVE A U.S. PASSPORT IN MY POSSESSION I AM GIVEN A TOTALLY NEW RESID. PASS. CALLED "PASS. FOR FORIN." AND SINCE THEY HAVE GIVEN US PERMISSION TO LEAVE, AND KNOW WE SHALL GO TO JULY 5 1942.

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JAN 15. DAYS OF Cold RUSSIAN WINTER. BUT WE FEEL FINE.
 Feb. 15. MARINA is supposed to have baby ON MARCH 12.
 Feb. 15. DAWN. MARINA WAKES ME. ITS HER TIME. AT 9:00 WE ARRIVE AT THE HOSPITAL I LEAVE HER IN CARE OF NURSES AND LEAVE TO GO TO WORK. 10:00 MARINA HAS A BABY GIRL. When I visit the HOSPITAL AT 5:00 AFTER WORK, I AM GIVEN NEWS. WE BOTH WANTED A BOY. MARINA FEELS WELL, BABY GIRL, OK.
 Feb. 23. MARINA LEAVES HOSPITAL I SEE JUNE FOR FIRST TIME.
 Feb. 23. I GO TO REGISTAR (AS PREPARED BY LAW) THE CITY. I WANT HER NAME TO BE June maria Oswald. BUT THOSE BEAURECRATS SAY HER middle name must be the SAME AS MY FIRST. A RUSSIAN CUSTOM SUPPORT BY A LAW. I REFUSE TO HAVE HER NAME WRITTEN AS "June Lee". They promise to call the city ministry (city hall) and find out in this case since I do have an U.S. passport.
 Feb. 29. I AM TOLD THAT NOBODY KNOWS WHAT TO DO EXACTLY, BUT everyone agrees "GO AHEAD AND DO IT, PO-RUSSKI". Never see.
 March. The LAST commiques are exchanged between myself and Embassy. letters are always arriving from my mother and brother in the U.S. I HAVE STILL NOT TOLD ERICK who is my oldest existing acquaintance, that we are going to the STATE, he's OK. BUT I'M AFRAID HE IS TOO GOOD A YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE MEMBER SO I'LL WAIT TILL LATER.
 MARCH 23 - MARINA QUIT'S HER JOB IN THE FORMAL FASHION.
 MARCH 25 - I RECEIVE A LETTER FROM IMMIGRATION & NATURAL SERVICE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, THAT MARINA HAS HAD HER VISA PETITION TO THE U.S. (APPROVED!!) THE LAST DOCUMENT. NOW WE ONLY HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE U.S. EMBASSY TO RECEIVE THEIR COPY OF THE APPROVAL SO THEY CAN OFFICIALLY GIVE THE GO AHEAD.
 MARCH 26 - I RECEIVE A LETTER FROM MR. PHILLES (A FRIEND) OF MY MOTHER, PLEDGING TO SUPPORT MY WIFE IN CASE OF NEED.
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DIARY. (EXTRA DAYS) NOT included in journal

NEW ENGLAND THE ... road, final, foreign, from ...
 Enna. Studying at Conservatoire & met her in 1860 at the
 years. Her family (who sent her to music) apparently
 well off. ENNA wore fancy cloths well made shoes and
 underings in Oct. 1860 we began to get very close and
 chattering in intercourse on Oct. 21 she was a
 very intelligent and very interesting we met in such a fashion
 on 4 or 5 occasions ending Nov. 4 1860 later upon completion
 of her last year at the music con. she left ... for ...
 = 3 Dec. 1861. Reprobate - large, 5 ft. 11. inch 150 lbs, built
 proportionally large, fruitfull breast hips wide and heavy
 but very pleasantly proportioned, from a village near the
 Polish borders of strictly Russian peasant stock.
 gentle kind womanly and understanding; passionate
 in heart, stubborn in hate she combined all the
 best womanly features with the kind, social, Russian heart
 I met her through one of her room-mates, Tomka,
 and Tomka together with three other girls lived in a
 room at the pos. Lm. Diet. Dom. in ... near the
 victory circle. I began to notice her seriously only
 after I had parted ways with ENNA. well at first she
 not seem to warrant attention since she is rather plain
 looking and frightfully large. but I felt at once that
 she was kind and her passions were proportioned to
 her size. I felt too to be found out only after a great
 deal of research. after a light affair - looking into
 her and even ... we certainly to remain on
 friendly but conventional terms throughout 1861
 up till May when after being married we no longer met.
 June 1861 LA Germain - a sizzly, black haired Jewish beauty
 with fine dark eyes skin as white as snow a beautiful
 smile and good but unpredictable nature, her only fault
 was that at 24 she was still a virgin, due entirely to
 her own choice. I met her when she came to work at my
 factory I noticed her, and perhaps fell in love with her,
 the first minute I saw her. we remained on amiable terms
 from the time we met to the time I left the country. I
 proposed marriage to her on several occ. and loved her with
 all my heart but she would not have me. our last
 formal date was in Oct. 1861 after which I stopped seeing her.

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DIARY EMBASSY MEETING.
Oct. 31, 1959.

12.30 ARRIVE IN "BOLGAI" TYPE TAXI, TWO RUSSIAN POLICEMEN STAND AT THE EMBASSY. ONE SHOUTS AS I APPROACH ENTRANCE OF THE EMBASSY AND SAYS "PASSPORT". I SMILE AND SHOW MY PASSPORT. HE MOTIONS ME TO PASS INSIDE AS I WISH. THEIR CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT I AM SURE IN HIS MIND THAT I AM AN AMERICAN. LIGHT OVERCOAT, NO HAT OR SCRAF AND NON-RUSSIAN BUTTON DOWN SHIRT & TIE. ENTERING I FIND THE OFFICE OF "CONSULAR" SIVE OPENING THE DOOR I GO IN. A SECRETARY BUSY TYPING LOOKS UP. "YES?" SHE SAYS "I'D LIKE TO SEE THE CONSULAR." I SAY "WILL YOU SIGN THE TOURIST REGISTAR PLEASE?" HE SAYS DRYLY "GOING BACK TO HER OFFICE." "YES, BUT BEFORE I'D DO THAT, I'D LIKE TO SEE THE CONSULAR," LAYING MY PASSPORT ON HER DESK, AS SHE LOOKS UP PUZZLED, I SAY "I'M HERE TO DISSOLVE MY AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP." SHE RISES AND TAKING MY PASSPORT GOES INTO THE OPEN INTER OFFICE, WHERE SHE LAYS THE PASSPORT ON A MAN'S DESK. SAYING "THERE'S A MR. OSWALD OUTSIDE, WHO SAYS HE WANTS TO DISSOLVE HIS U.S. CITIZENSHIP." "OK" THE MAN SAYS, "THANKS" HE SAYS TO THE GIRL WITHOUT LOOKING UP FROM HIS TYPING. SHE, AS SHE COMES OUT, INVITES ME INTO THE INTER OFFICE TO SIT DOWN. I DO SO, SELECTING AN ARM CHAIR TO THE FRONT LEFT SIDE OF SNYDERS DESK (IT WAS SNYDER WHOM I TALKED TO HEAD CONSUL). I WAIT, CROSSING MY LEGS AND LOOSING MY GLOVES IN MY LAP. HE FINISHES TYPING, REMOVES THE LETTER FROM HIS TYPEWRITER AND ADJUSTING HIS GLASSES LOOKS AT ME.

"WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU HE ASKS" LEAFING THROUGH MY PASSPORT. "I'M HERE TO DISSOLVE MY U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND WOULD LIKE TO SIGN THE LEGAL PAPERS TO THAT EFFECT." "DO YOU HAVE ANY REASONS FOR RUSSIAN CITIZENSHIP?" YES. HE TAKING OUT A PIECE OF PAPER AND SAYS "BEFORE WE GET TO THAT I'D LIKE SOME REASONS." HE ASK NAME, PERSONAL INFORMATION TO WHICH I ANSWER, THEN: "YOUR REASONS FOR COMING." I SAY I HAVE EXHAUSTED LIFE IN THE U.S. AMERICAN MILITARY LIFE, AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, I AM A MARXIST, AND IF WAITED TWO YEARS FOR THIS I DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN THE U.S. OR BE RETAINED BY AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. HE SAYS OK. THAT'S ALL UNLESS YOU WANT TO PROFOUND YOUR "MARXIST BELIEFS" YOU CAN GO. I SAID "I'VE REQUESTED THAT I BE ALLOWED TO SIGN LEGAL PAPERS. DEVOIDING MYSELF OF U.S. CITIZEN. DO YOU REFUSE THAT RIGHT?" HE SAYS "UHG. NO, BUT THE PAPERS WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO GET READY IN THE MEANTIME WHERE ARE YOU STAYING?" ROOM 212 AT THE METROPOLE. I STATE, HUNGRY AT BEING REFUSED P.R. WITH I START TO LEAVE. "YOU'LL TELL US WHAT THE RUSS. DO NEXT?" I TURN VERY NICE & POLITE & SAY "I'LL TELL YOU."

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INTERVIEW

NOV. 14 WITH MISS MOSBY NOV. 15, 1959

MISS MOSBY ENTERS greets me and sits down
 I START BY SAYING. I wish it understood that I wish to
 SEE THE STORY BEFORE IT'S SENT. "All right" she says "IT'S ALL
 THE SAME TO ME WHAT YOU DO IN REGARDS TO YOUR LIFE,
 IT'S JUST TAKING DOWN YOUR WORDS!" O.K. I SAY, FIRST THE
 REASONS FOR MY COMING. SHE ASKS ABOUT MILITARY SERVICE
 I ANSWER questions about MY MILITARY SERVICE AND THEN
 SHE ASKS why did you apply for Soviet citizenship?
 what are your reasons for coming here? I HAVE written
 for two years in order to dissolve my American
 citizenship I have seen too much hate and injustice
 in the U.S. I had seen in the occupation forces
 in Japan and occupation of a country is imperialism,
 what the Russians would call "imperialism" I have
 chosen a socialist country since there are only two
 main systems in the world, "why the U.S.S.R." she asks
 "why not Czechoslovakia, where the housing problem is
 not so bad" "I had chosen the U.S.S.R. since it is
 the leader of the socialist camp and the symbolic
 champion of the cause of communism." what other
 reasons lead you to change your loyalty. "In the
 U.S. as we know, there are many shortcomings, racial
 segregation and the repression of the under dog, U.S.
 Communist party." How long have you been studying
 Marxism. "I first started studying" "perhaps when
 I was 15." "I always had to dig for my books in
 the back, dusty, shelves of libraries and old outdated
 books were the back bone of my reading, books on
 philosophy, political economy etc." "In my library in
 the most obvious places there are the prominent
 anti-communist books we know so well but as
 I say I always had to dig for my books" what
 were some impressions you got serving in the occupation
 forces. "I saw the American military banking money
 as a means of aid, the tool of war and oppression I
 learned to hate the U.S. imperialistic military." "What you did"