

Anthroposophs push 'superior Russian'

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The reopening of a 1923 file by U.S. military intelligence on the pro-Soviet subversive activities of Rudolf Steiner, founder of the cult of Anthroposophy, would shed light on one aspect of the cultural subversion of the Federal Republic of Germany, today, by the Anthroposophs and the Russians.

EIR has recently received reports, that there is a substantial increase in the learning of Russian as a second language among students between the ages of 15 and 19 in the F.R.G. According to West German media reports, 24,000 students are now learning Russian as a second language, up from 16,000 only three years back. These reports identify the state of Baden-Württemberg, and its main city, Stuttgart, as having the densest concentration of Russian instruction, particularly because of some 4,000 students learning Russian in the "Waldorf Schools." The Waldorf Schools—which now number about 100 in the F.R.G., as compared to about 50 a decade ago—are schools which instruct students in the pedagogy of Rudolf Steiner.

During a Jan. 19 discussion, a leading figure at the Stuttgart-based central institution for Steinerian pedagogy, was very proud about the Waldorf School's encouragement of Russian. He said: "Russian is a much more spiritually mobile and versatile language than English. English represents the end-stage of language, inexpressive and curt. Russian, by contrast, is spirit-transforming, with fresher expressions. For 15 years, our pedagogy has been stressing the importance of Russian, for purely pedagogical, not political, reasons. It is integral to our writings on education and art, toward the achievement of Steiner's conception of a free spiritual life." He and other Anthroposoph officials revealed, that at one Waldorf School in Stuttgart, the Kraherwald school, Russian replaced French as a second language about six years ago.

Unfortunately, this trend is not just a tiny fringe factor in the cultural life of regions of the Federal Republic. A 1986 special report of the Evangelical Church (EKD)'s Weltanschauung, or Ideology-Profiling, Unit, also based in Stuttgart, documented that there is a growing popularity of Steiner's "New Age" concepts among certain youth blocs in the Federal Republic, expressed through the ideology of the Green

Party, but also in the tendency of growing numbers of upper-middle-class parents, to remove their children from public schools and to place them in Steiner's Waldorf Schools.

The report also identified Steiner and Anthroposophy as central to the "New Age" movement of the past decades.

Anthroposophy is an outgrowth of a 19th-century-origin movement with deep roots in Russia, known as Theosophy, which was founded by the super-witch Madame Blavatsky. It is a hodgepodge of worship of "Mother Earth" nature cults; sun-worship; love of Satan-namesake Lucifer; rejection of technological and scientific progress; mysticism; gnosticism; etc. The Steiner movement is one of the more evil products of the East-West entity known as The Trust, which put both the Bolsheviks and Nazis in power, earlier in this century.

Steiner, the occult, and the Bolsheviks

Which brings us back to the 1923 U.S. military intelligence report.

Written on April 2, 1923, by one Norman Armond, it reports that Steiner, together with Satan-worshiper Aleister Crowley, had been under investigation around 1917, as two leaders of a New York-based esoteric-occultist group suspected of subversive activities favorable to the Bolsheviks. Armond goes further, and makes the challenging hypothesis, that the Russian Revolution may have itself been run by esoteric networks, on spiritual lines, but for political purposes. He also claims that Steiner was initiated into the occult mysteries, by members of the Jesuit order.

Further, Armond documents that Steiner was in control of a holding company, "Der Kommende Tag," which had the purpose of developing trade ties with the East, with the assistance of Steinerian disciples of all lands. For this, he was labeled an "excellent businessman," by Hugo Stinnes, the German businessman at the top of trade deals with Russia. In total, "Der Kommende Tag" had assets, at the time of the Armond report, totaling 70 million Deutschemarks.

Armond claims that the Anthroposophs, then, had a significant following in the Baltic states and Estonia. He also reports that Steiner entered into a friendly relationship with future Soviet leader Lenin, in Switzerland, beginning in 1909.

More modern documentation, leaves no doubt that Steiner and his Anthroposophs have been, and are, working for the world dominion of Holy Mother Russia. In 1968, a Britain-based Anthroposoph author named J. Fletcher, wrote a book entitled, *Russia, Past, Present, and Future*, as a hymn to the "spirituality of Russia," because it is a land centered on the figure of the mother, the earth-mother of gnostic spiritual traditions.

Fletcher contrasts the Americans to the Russians, noting that, for the former, the earth is to be subdued, whereas, for the latter, it is to be gently treated, because it is the actual beating heart of the mother. Russia, says Fletcher, "is the New Jerusalem," from which is emerging the "future slavonic culture, whose shining shall one day transfigure the world."