СЛЕДСТВИЕ

В с. Залучье Залучского района, Ленинградской области 1 мая без всяких оперативных мер арестован ГЕРАСИМОВ Иван Сергеевич — пекарь Залучского РАППО, предполагавший выступить на первомайской демонстрации с анархистскими лозунгами и черным флагом.

При аресте ГЕРАСИМОВА отобран черный флаг, спрятанный под полой пиджака. При допросе ГЕРАСИМОВ заявил, что он с 1917 г. является анархистом и хотел "как анархист демонстрировать на митинге, развевать свой черный флаг, как знамя анархии. ГЕРАСИМОВ предполагал также "обратиться с речью к народу и призвать бороться с коммунистической партией и Советской властью."

Ведем следствие.

НАЧ. УПРАВЛЕНИЯ НКВД по ЛО
- Комиссар Гос. Безопасности 1-го ранга:
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НАЧ. СПО УГБ - Майор Гос. Безопасности:
  / ЛУПЕКИН /

РАЗОСЛАНО: ЖДАНОВУ,
  ЧУДОВУ,
  ШЕСТАКОВУ,
  ГРИЧМАНОВУ,
  МОЛЧАНОВУ,
  ЛУШКОВУ.
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE LENOBKOM OF THE VKP/b/ – comrade CHUDOV.

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SPECIAL REPORT

In the village of Zalyche, Zalychsky raion, Leningrad Oblast on May 1 [1936] timely measures were taken to arrest citizen Gerasimov Ivan Sergeyevich – a baker at the RAIPo [Raion Consumer Co-operative], who was intending to take part in a First of May demonstration with anarchist slogans and a black flag.

During the arrest of Gerasimov a black flag was seized, concealed under the hem of his jacket. Under interrogation, Gerasimov declared that he had been an anarcho-communist since 1917 and that he wanted to address the demonstration as an anarchist, and display the black flag as the banner of anarchy. Gerasimov also intended “to appeal to the people to struggle with the Communist Party and Soviet power.”

The investigation continues.

CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE NKVD FOR LENINGRAD OBLAST
Commissar of State Security of the 1st Rank: Zakovsky

Chief of the Secret-Political Section, Dept. of State Security: Lupekin

Copies to comrades: Zhdanov, Chudov, Shestakov, Grichmanov, Molchanov, Lyushkov

LENOBKOM of the VKP/b/ = Leningrad Oblast Committee of the All-Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks)


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Ivan Sergeyevich Gerasimov was born in the Kashinsky district of Tversk province around 1880. From a peasant family, he received only an elementary education. He lived in the town of Kashin, where he worked as a pastry-cook. An anarcho-communist from 1917, he belonged to the Kashin Federation of Anarchists. He was the author of a poem entitled “On the Death of P. A. Kropotkin,” published in the journal Vol’naya zhizn [Free Life] in 1921. (Research by A. V. Dubovik)