



Fanya Josifovna Wolshtein-Rozhanskaya (movement aliases: Fanya the Corkscrew, Boi-Baba [a strong-willed woman], Deryabo) (1889, Starokonstantinovka, Volynskaya Province—July 16 1929). From a working-class family, she was a seamstress. In 1903 she joined the Russian Social Democratic Workers' Party. In 1904 she was arrested at a meeting and spent a year in the Odessa prison. In 1905 she transferred her allegiance to the anarchists, becoming a member of the Odessa Group of Anarcho-Communists. In 1908 she was arrest-

ed in Odessa. On September 9, 1910, she was sentenced by the Odessa Judicial Court to two years and eight months of *katorga* (hard labour) for possession of explosive shells, i.e., bombs. She served her sentence in the Odessa prison. In 1913 she was exiled to a settlement in Ust-Udinskaya Volost, Irkutskaya Province [Siberia]. Liberated in March 1917, she later joined the Russian Communist Party (Bolsheviks). In 1923–1929 she belonged to the All-Russian Society of Former Political Prisoners and Exiles.

— **Sergei Ovsianikov** (*translated by Malcolm Archibald*)