

The Lost Memoirs of the Anarcho-Syndicalist Isaak Tarasiuk

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От бывшего краснодарца,
реабилитированного Тарасюка А.Г.
против: Одесса, Болинчная 13 кв. 24
Заявление
15 января 1929г. при обыске, во время моего
ареста, забраны были воспоминания,
написанные мною к 10-летию Октябрьской
Революции.
Эти воспоминания я хочу взять, как основу
к воспоминаниям 50-летия Октября,
которые сейчас готовлю.
Надеюсь, прошу вернуть мне,
изъятые при аресте в 1929г. "воспоминания",
которые прошу выдать мне ценной
багажом, или же я по В/приглашению
явлюсь к Вам за вручением их мне
30 января 1967г. Тарасюк
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To the administration of the Committee of State Security [KGB] of the Council of Ministers of the Ukrainian SSR for Odessa oblast; [specifically] to the division chief comrade Gavriliuk.

From former Red Guard I. G. Tarasiuk (rehabilitated), residing at 13 Bolinchnaia [Street], apt. 24, Odessa.

Declaration

In January 1929, during the search conducted at the time of my arrest, my memoirs were seized. They were written by me for the 10th anniversary of the October Revolution.

I would like to recover these memoirs so I can use them as the basis for the memoirs I'm currently working on for the 50th anniversary of October.

I'm now making a request to have returned to me these memoirs which were removed at the time of my arrest in 1929. They can be mailed to me COD or, if you prefer, I can come and pick them up in person.

January 30, 1967. Tarasiuk

Isaak Geraikovich Tarasiuk (1898-?) was an anarcho-syndicalist from 1917. In January 1918, as a member of an anarchist military unit, he took part in the successful uprising in Odessa against the forces of the Ukrainian National Republic. During the ensuing civil war (1918-1921), he was active in the anarchist underground in Odessa, against both the Whites and the Reds.

In 1929, Tarasiuk was arrested for agitating among students at Odessa's universities. This was the time when anarchist groups in the city were being final-

ly liquidated. He then served terms of exile successively in Veliky Ustyug (northern Russia), Voronezh, and Kostanay (Kazakhstan). Despite repression, he continued to engage in anarchist activities. In 1937 he was arrested and sentenced to 10 years in the camps.

Somehow Isaak Tarasiuk survived. He was rehabilitated in 1965 and in 1967, when he made his bid to recover his memoirs, was living in the Odessa suburb of Usatovo. His memoirs have still not turned up.

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