



Samuel Grigorievich Ryss (1902, Riga – September 8 1937, Leningrad). An anarchist from the early 1920s, he took part in anarchist activities in the Petrograd student milieu. He was one of the 29 anarchists arrested during the night of November 1 1922 in Petrograd. Others in the group included Senya Fleshin, Molly Steimer, and Shlema Yedvabnik. By order of the GPU, Ryss was expelled from Petrograd. Arrested again in 1925, he served many years of exile in the Narym region, Omsk, and in the Altai, where he organized circles of exiled anarchists. In the 1930s he worked as an economist for Rosmashtrest [machine tool industry] in Leningrad. Arrested on February 13 1937, he was sentenced by an NKVD panel on September 8 1937 to the highest measure of punishment and shot.

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The caption on the back of the photo (taken in 1924) reads: "Samuel Grigorievich Ryss (shot in 1938) with little Maryasha."