Book Review on Communism's Founding Tyrants
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James DeMeo: "The Hidden History of Communism's Founding Tyrants, in their Own Words:
Marx, Engels, Lenin, Trotsky: Genocide Quotes."
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Because historic memories in the United States tend to be short, there has been a
resurgence of romanticism about Marx and Lenin by those who believe that Stalin's
Communism perverted what was intended to be a benign philosophy of creating a just
world. Many people on the far left of the political spectrum hold this view, but so
do all utopian and dystopian tyrants in the world, who secretly like Stalin better
than Marx and Lenin.

My colleague James DeMeo, a geography Ph.D. (a rare degree today), has just come out
with what he calls "The other 'Little Red Book'" (borrowing from Mao), in which he
has compiled the words of Communism's founding fathers, words in private
correspondences or obscure speeches, that reveal what these people really thought.

This is a little book, available on Amazon, but deserves much more attention than it
will likely get. I read it in one sitting because it is no larger than a decent
essay might be, but its effect is explosive. I have never been naive about Marxism,
but I had no idea that it was the godfather of all fascism and has also been a model
for today's Islamism as well. We were foolish to think that religion and communism
were inherently enemies; this book shows that they were not.

It is widely believed that Stalin and Mao were butchers, but Marxist apologists still
insist that their horrors were a perversion of Marxism. This sounds exactly like the
apologists for Militant Islam, who claim that their horrors are a perversion of real
Islam. Both of these groups of apologists appear ignorant of what their glorious
founders actually believed and said.

The pronouncements (often private) of Marx and Engels shocked me the most. I had
thought that they were expounding a philosophy that addressed civilization's
inequities as philosophers have always done. But this is not so. They both wrote to
each other and to their inner circles bombastically, advocating the benefits of war,
the necessity for slavery, ethnic hatred and virulent anti-Semitism (Marx was born
Jewish). They advocated genocide, mass murder, assassinations, and terrorism, all of
which, they said, would clear the way for a brave new world. (Hitler learned from
them, as did Pol Pot, and certainly Stalin and Mao).

They advocated "exterminating" the peasants of the Ukraine by starving them to death
(which Stalin did); they also set up concentration camps and advocated and executed
mass deportations of entire peoples (such as the Chechens and Tatars) to Siberia.

One example of Lenin's instructions particularly shocked me: "Comrades! The kulak
uprising in your five districts must be crushed without pity. You must make example
of these people. 1) Hang (I mean hang publicly, so that people see) at least 100
kulaks, rich bastards, and known bloodsuckers. 2) Publish their names. 3) Seize all
their grain. 4) Take hostages per my instructions?Do all this so that for miles
around people see it all, understand it, tremble, and tell themselves that we are
killing the bloodthirsty kulaks. Telegraph your receipt and implementation." The
kulaks were only prosperous farmers who resisted collectivization.

Another shock: "?slaughter of those wounded fighting against you?anyone raising the
sword against the existing order will perish by the sword." Mohammad did the same in
his wars against unbelievers.

The cumulative horror of reading these century-old quotes are indeed shocking-and yet
terribly current, as practiced by today's monsters.

The little book also provides a brief timeline of early communism. Very good reading.

DeMeo has done us all a service in this revisit to a history that we had all better
know. It is alive again. (demeo@mind.net)

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