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WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS IN PRISON

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A. WRITERS

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Vladimir Skutina

Author and television commentator. Sentenced in February 1971 in Prague to 2 years' imprisonment for "agitation", on a charge that he had written and planned to distribute two documents ~~al~~andering the state. In June 1971 he was brought to trial again, charged with having insulted the First Secretary of the Czech Communist Party. His sentence was 4 years' imprisonment, replacing the earlier 2 year sentence. He is reported to be very ill with cancer of the pancreas.

GREECE

Stylianos Perrakis

Publisher and poet from Crete; aged 63. Sentenced to 15 months in November 1971 for publishing a collection of poetry containing "shameful and insulting" references to Greek officers. The book was published last May, called Poetry for National and Social Amusements. He has a history of nervous breakdown resulting from hardship during student years and has had a nervous breakdown while under arrest.

INDONESIA

Pramoedya Ananta Toer

Author of ten novels, several volumes of short stories, a number of critical essays and one highly controversial book of popular history, The Chinese Question in Indonesia. Arrested in October 1965, was a supporter of LEKRA, the left-wing cultural organisation. Now one of 10,000 prisoners moved to indefinite detention on the island of Buru, in the Moluccas.

Bujung Saleh

Writer and literary critic, he is an authority on Multatuli (the pen name of E.D. Dekker), the author of the XIX century novel Max Havelaar. From 1962 to 1964 Saleh was Profeseor of Indonesian language and literature at Moscow University. He was a member of Baperki, the predominantly Chinese organisation, whose leaders were arrested in September 1965, and which was banned in 1966. Saleh was arrested early in 1967.

T.W. Kanil

Linguist and philologist on the faculty of Djakarta University. Aged 44: arrested in 30 October 1965, presumably because of his membership of HSI

(Indonesian Scholars' Association), a left-wing academic organisation. He is held in Salemba Prison, Djakarta.

Sitor Situmorang

Poet and writer; aged 49; formerly chairman of the National Cultural Foundation, an Indonesian Nationalist Party organisation. Situmorang comes from a Christian background and is not a communist. He was arrested early in 1967, apparently for having been in possession of writings which criticised the Suharto government.

Rivan Apin

Writer and poet, aged 45. He played an important part in developing Indonesian literature after 1945 through his editorship of various literary and cultural journals. At the time of arrest, was editor of Zaman Baru, the journal of the left-wing cultural organisation, LEKRA.

BANDAHARO Harahap

Poet and editor, aged 55. At the time of his arrest was Cultural Editor of the Communist Party newspaper, Harian Rakyat.

S. Hadi

Poet and editor. Executive Committee member of LEKRA, the left-wing cultural organisation; now detained on Buru island.

Ferdinand Risakota

Ambonese poet and playwright; specialist in Chinese literature; now detained on Buru island.

Benni Tjung

Born in Sumatra, of Chinese family; aged 35. Poet, writer and essayist, now detained on Buru island.

Mrs. Sugiarti Siswardi

Short story writer and poet; regular contributor to Harian Rakyat, the Communist Party newspaper; detained in Djakarta.

SPAIN

Luciano Rincon Vega

Arrested 30 May 1971 in Bilbao; tried 29 February 1972 in camera, on accusations of 'offences against the Chief of State'. He was sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment (the prosecution asked for 11). Has written articles, essays, books for Spanish language publishers in Paris, Ruedo Iberilo.

Gonzalo Arias Bonet

Tried twice before in 1969 and 1970. He was arrested again in April 1971 and released some time later pending trial (expected for mid-1972) on

accusations of threatening the security of the State from abroad, for which a 6-12 year sentence may be given. Attracted international attention when he attempted to act out his book The Poster People (Los Encartelados) in which he gives his philosophy of non-violent political action, and describes the movement of which he was the 'spiritual' leader, without asking people to follow him.

Jose Maria Moreno Galvan

Art critic. Arrested in November 1970, released on bail and re-arrested in November 1971. The trial was scheduled for 25 November, on accusations of holding an unauthorised meeting (in commemoration of Picasso's birthday, at Madrid University) - the trial was postponed, to a date as yet unknown.

TURKEY

Mumtaz Soysal

Author and Professor of Constitutional Law at Ankara University. Accused of having "made communist propaganda" by using his book, Introduction to Constitutional Law as a background for his lectures to students at the Law Faculty at Ankara University, he was sentenced to 6 years 8 months hard labour and 2 years 2 months additional administrative exile, and banned for life from public service.

Mrs. Sevgi Soysal

Novelist wife of Professor Soysal. Imprisoned for having allegedly used harsh words against the armed forces in a restaurant during the confinement of her husband. Also awaiting trial on charges of obscenity.

Abdullah Nefes

Charged under article 142 of the Turkish Penal Code for translating Mao Tse Tung's Selected Works into English, sentenced to 7 years 5 months imprisonment, followed by 2 years 5 months exile, and banned from the Civil Service for life.

U.S.S.R.

Nikolai Nikolaevich Braun

A Leningrad poet, born 1938. Arrested and tried in 1969, on charges of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda. Sentenced to 7 years in a labour camp and 2 years exile.

Sviatoslav Iosipovich Karavansky

Poet, translator and journalist. Born 1920. Previously arrested in 1944, sentenced to 25 years, of which he served 16 years. Re-arrested in 1965, and in 1970 sentence to 5 years, in addition to the remainder of his 25 year sentence, for anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda.

Annasoltan Kekilova

Poetess from Turkmenistan. Arrested 1971, charged with writing letters complaining about conditions in the Turkmen Union Republic. She has been detained in a psychiatric hospital.

Valentin Moros

Ukrainian, born 1936. First imprisoned 1965-69. He was re-arrested in 1970 and sentenced to 6 years in prison, followed by 3 years in a labour camp, followed by 5 years' exile. He was charged with the authorship of samizdat essays, and convicted of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda.

Alexander Petrov

Poet and song-writer from Leningrad. He was arrested and tried in 1969 on charges on anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda and sentenced to 7 years in labour camps.

Ivan Sokulsky

Poet. Arrested in 1969 and tried in 1970 for circulating samizdat literature. Sentenced to 4½ years in labour camps.

Yevhen Sverstynk

A Ukrainian literary critic, Sverstynk is known for his work The Cathedral in Scaffolding, published abroad in 1970. He was arrested in January 1972, charged with the dissemination of samizdat and anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda. He has not yet been tried.

Ivan Svitlychny

A prominent Ukrainian literary critic, Svitlychny was arrested and imprisoned without trial from September 1965 to April 1966, for being the author of several samizdat documents. He was re-arrested in January 1972, charged with the dissemination of samizdat and anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda. The trial has not yet taken place.

Andrei Alekseyenich Amalrik

Writer, historian and playwright. Arrested in May 1970, and sentenced to 3 years' confinement in a labour camp. At present he is in a labour camp in the Kolyma region of North East Siberia, and has been seriously ill.

Vladimir Bukovsky

Arrested in March 1970 and committed to a mental hospital. He was declared 'sane' in November 1971, possibly under pressure of world attention. In January 1972, Bukovsky was tried for anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda - this referred to his work collecting material on the confinement of prisoners in mental hospitals and sending it abroad for Western psychiatrists to examine. He was sentenced to 2 years in prison, 5 years in a labour camp and 5 years in exile.

Yury Timofeyevich Galanskov

Editor of underground samizdat publication Phoenix. Arrested in January 1967 for distributing copies of Phoenix which contained "anti-Soviet propaganda". Sentenced to 7 years in a Mordovian labour camp.

YUGOSLAVIA

Adem Demaci

An Albanian writer, born 1936. Sentenced to 12 years - probably in a labour camp - in 1964, charged with "stirring up nationalist sentiment among the Albanian minority".

Vlado Gotovac

Born in 1920, poet, essayist, dramatist, journalist. Arrested in January 1972, accused of "conspiring to overthrow Yugoslavia's social and political system". Trial has not yet taken place.

Vlatko Pavletic

Born in 1930. Prominent literary critic, essayist, publicist, and journalist. Arrested in January 1972, accused of "conspiring to overthrow Yugoslavia's social and political system". Trial has not yet taken place.

B. JOURNALISTS

BANGLADESH

S.G.M. Badruddin

Editor Morning News, Dacca; probably held on "collaboration" charge.

Salahuddin Mohammad

Working for Pakistan Times, Lahore; probably held on "collaboration" charge.

Maswani

Editor Chronicle, Chittagong; probably held on "collaboration" charge.

BRAZIL

Renato Ferreira Nunes

Held in special prison of the Marechal Caetano de Faria Regiment, Guanabara. Believed arrested for exercising his right to uphold freedom of the press. Reported to have suffered from a serious visual defect for many years.

Jose Adolfo de Graville Ponce

Accused of having lent his apartment for a political meeting. Held under preventive detention in Presidio Tiradentes, Sao Paulo.

Paulo da Costa Ramos

Works for O Estado de Sao Paulo. Charged with writing an article in June 1968, Ministerial Meeting, considered disrespectful to the authorities and harmful

to the national security. Case being heard in Curitiba, Paraná in
Justicia Militar.

EGYPT

Sayyid Loutfi

Journalist and broadcaster, held since 1959 on charges of having broadcast anti-UAR government propaganda from Baghdad. Sentenced to hard labour for life.

GREECE

Loizos Andreas Danos

55 years old. Journalist for pre-coup Centre Union newspaper. Arrested December 1970 and has still not been brought to trial.

Alexandros Zografos

Editor of Laidos Patridis. He was arrested in 21 July 1969, tried in March 1971 and sentenced to 19 years for sedition.

Kostas Filinis

Arrested in 1955, tried in 1960 and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, released in 1966 and re-arrested after the coup of April 1967. He is now serving a life sentence in Korydallos prison.

Alexios Papalexiou

Former chief editor of a weekly paper which was financed by EDA (left-wing political party). He was arrested in May 1968 and tried a year later under Law 509 (Sedition). He was sentenced to life imprisonment and was in Aegina Prison - his sentence has been suspended for 6 months for health reasons.

Yannis Horn

Editor, publisher and owner of Athens News. Sentenced to 6 months imprisonment for "violating the Press Law"; appeal rejected in May 1972.

Spyros Plaskovitis

Editor, former Judge in the Council of State and author of Nobel Prize-winning book, The Dam. He has also contributed to New Texts (published in 1971 in Athens). Sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment for carrying anti-government tracts in a suitcase. Has now had his sentence suspended for one year on health grounds.

INDONESIA

With the exception of T.D. Hafas, all the journalists named below are detained without trial on the suspicion that they hold communist beliefs, and that these were reflected in their work as journalists before the 1965 left-wing coup attempt.

Staff on Antara, the national news agency, all detained without trial since 1965:

Suroto

Editor-in-Chief; held Salemba Prison, Djakarta; his state of health is bad.

Rusijati (Mrs.)

Detained in Bukit Duri Women's Prison in Djakarta; in 1971 transferred to Plantungan, Central Java, to a camp for detainees who are scheduled for indefinite imprisonment.

Suprijo

Economics correspondent; health, physical and mental, is known to be poor; he is held at Salemba Prison, Djakarta.

Walujo

Head of the Domestic News Section, and also an official of the Indonesian Journalists Association (PWI). He frequently accompanied President Sukarno on his national and international tours. He is held in Salemba Prison, Djakarta; health known to be poor.

Satyagraha

Chief Editor of Suluh Indonesia, the daily newspaper of the Indonesian Nationalist Party and a strong supporter of Sukarno's "Nasakom" policies. The paper was banned after 1965, but is now republished under a new name. Satyagraha was also Secretary General of the Indonesia Journalists Association. Arrested in 1965, he is detained on Buru island.

Warta Bhakti

Go Bing Kwan

Director of Warta Bhakti, a paper formerly known as Sin Po, published largely for the Chinese community, which was banned after publishing a communiqué issued during the 1965 coup attempt. Many members of the paper's staff were arrested soon afterwards. He is held in Salemba Prison, Djakarta.

Thung Liong Hian

Director of Warta Bhakti; held in Salemba Prison, Djakarta.

A. Karim, D.P.

Chief Editor, Warta Bhakti, Chairman of the Indonesian Journalists Association, and a member of the Provisional People's Consultative Congress (MPRS) representing journalists as a profession. Arrested late in 1965, he is held in Salemba Prison, Djakarta.

A. Jusuf

Secretary-General of the Asian African Journalists Association which had its headquarters in Djakarta until 1965. Arrested in 1969, he is in Salemba Prison, Djakarta.

T.D. Hafas

Editor, Nusantara, a Djakarta newspaper. Arrested shortly before the 1971 elections and charged in court for remarks and cartoons which were regarded as being insulting to the Indonesian Head of State and other Ministers. Sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

Djoni Hendra Sitompul

Editor, Pantjawarna, a Djakarta weekly; Secretary of the Djakarta branch of the PWI until the organisation was purged after 1965.

Njoman S. Pendit

Regular feature writer of the English-language newspaper Indonesian Observer; also writer and translator of works on Hinduism, Indian religion, Hindu-Balinese culture. He is detained in Salemba Prison, Djakarta.

Staff of Harian Rakyat, the Communist Party daily paper, all detained without trial; most were arrested in 1965:

Naibaho

Editor-in-Chief; held in Salemba Prison, Djakarta.

Juliarso

Foreign news editor; held in Salemba Prison, Djakarta.

Arispranowo

Staff member responsible for peasant movement news and coverage.

Wahjudi

Staff member responsible for labour affairs and trade union coverage.

Machfud

Economics editor.

Dahono

Domestic news editor. Arrested in 1970 or 1971; held at the Central Army Intelligence interrogation camp in Kebajoran-Lama, Djakarta.

Lies Sukatno (Mrs.)

Journalist on the Ekonomi Nasional, a paper devoted to economic and business news, which generally supported Sukarno's policy of "Nasakom". Although the paper was banned in 1965, and many of its staff arrested, she was not arrested until 1968. Held in Bukit Duri Women's Prison in Djakarta.

Staff of Bintang Timur, a Djakarta daily which represented the left-wing nationalist party, Partindo, and was a radical advocate of Sukarno's "Nasakom" policies. All detained without trial since 1965:

Tom Anwar

Deputy Chief Editor and an official of the Indonesian Journalists Association Djakarta branch. Now detained on Buru island.

Jasjim Rachman

Managing Director and also an active member of the PWI. Detained on Buru island.

Marlon Tampubolan

Reporter detained on Buru island.

PAKISTAN

Altaf Gauhar

Editor-in-Chief of Dawn; sentenced to 6 months administrative detention.

Altaf Hussain Qureshi

Editor of Urdu Digest. Sentenced on 14.4.72 by a military court to one year's imprisonment with hard labour and fines; charged with "persistently indulging in objectionable writings calculated to harm the national interest".

Mujibur Rehman Shami

Editor of Zindagi; sentenced to one year's imprisonment, charge as above.

Husain Naqi

Editor of the Punjab Punch, sentenced to one year's imprisonment, charge as above.

PORTUGAL

Antonio dos Santos

Secretary General of the National Union of Journalists and employee of newspaper A Capital. Sentenced in February 1972 to one year's imprisonment with subsequent loss of civil rights for 5 years. He was charged with activities against the security of the state and with membership of the Communist Party which is banned in Portugal. Sentence was passed despite his statement that although he joined the Communist Party at the age of 16, he left it in 1958; now held in Peniche Prison.

RHODESIA

William Dzawanda Musarurwa

Former Editor of the African Daily News. Restricted 1964, and detained since 1967 in Gwelo Prison.

SINGAPORE

Mohammed Said bin Zahari

Former Editor of Utusan Melayu; arrested in February 1963 during "Operation Cold Store" shortly before leaving to attend the Afro-Asian Journalists' Conference in Djakarta. Detained under Internal Security Act; no trial or charge. Held in Changi Prison.

Ly Sing Ko

Senior Editorial writer, Nanyang Siang Pau. Arrested 2nd May 1971; detained without trial under Internal Security Act.

Lee Mau Seng

Former General Manager, Nanyang Siang Pau. Arrested 2nd May 1971; detained without trial under Internal Security Act.

Shamsuddin Tung Tao Chang

Editor-in-Chief, Nanyang Siang Pau. Arrested 2nd May 1971; detained without trial under Internal Security Act.

SOUTH AFRICA

Peter Magubane

Photographer of international standing and reporter on the Rand Daily Mail; arrested in May 1969, charged with membership of the African National Congress and acquitted in February 1970; charged and again acquitted on 15th September 1970, then re-arrested and later released without charge. Altogether he spent 586 days in solitary confinement. Now restricted to a small area in an African township outside Johannesburg; his restriction order prohibits him from writing, publishing or continuing his job as a journalist.

TAIWAN

CHANG Tung

Joint Editor-in-Chief of New Life Daily News, a government newspaper. Arrested in May 1970 for having been in correspondence with mainland China and having written articles about it. Officially charged with "cultural spying for Red China".

LI Chung-sun

Editor-in-Chief of Central Daily News, Chairman of Executive Council of Great China Evening News and joint Director-General of Broadcasting Corporation of China; also top member in Kuo Min Tang. Arrested in November 1970. Officially charged with "cultural spying for Red China"; alleged to have helped organise communist "cliques" under the guise of study groups. Being held and interrogated by Taiwan Garrison Command. Arrested for subversive activities and spying.

CHOU Chung-ping

Joint Editor-in-Chief of National Evening News. Arrested probably in connection with case of LI Ching-sun (see above). Officially charged with "cultural spying for Red China". No trial known.

HUANG Yi-shing

Chief of local information bulletin of the China Times. Arrested in November 1970 in connection with the case of LI Ching-sun. Interrogated by Taiwan Garrison Command. Officially charged with "cultural spying for Red China". No details of trial or sentence known.

SHAN Chien-chou

Chief editor of New Life Daily News. Arrested for alleged activities for mainland China. Details of arrest, trial, sentence, unknown. Charged with "cultural spying for Red China".

YAO Yun-lai

Editor of New Life Daily News. Arrested 1967 by Investigation Bureau and sentenced under Anti-Rebellion Law to life imprisonment for alleged activities on behalf of Peking. Officially charged with "cultural spying for Red China". Rumoured to have been executed.

SHEN Yuan-chang

Wife of Yao Yun-lai, arrested together with her husband, as a reporter on the same paper. Officially charged with "cultural spying for Red China". Reportedly committed suicide while under detention, but this is not confirmed.

FU Chi

Joint Editor-in-Chief of the China Daily News, Kuomintang paper. Arrested in Tainan apparently in November 1970. Accused of working for People's Republic of China, and officially charged with "cultural spying for Red China". No trial or sentence known.

YUAN Albert

Correspondent for Agence France Presse. Arrested in May 1963, apparently for writing an article criticising the Taiwan Navy. Accused of espionage, sentenced initially to 15 years, but sentence apparently reduced by half. Held in Tai Yuan military prison, Tai Tung, Taiwan.

Quintin and Rizal YUYITUNG

Philippine-born Chinese, born 1917 and 1923 respectively. Quintin was publisher-editor and Rizal was managing editor of Chinese Commercial News. Arrested in the Philippines and deported to Taiwan in May 1970; tried and sentenced to 2 and 3 years' reformatory education for "subversive publications".

CHIEN Kuo-Shu

Correspondent of China Times, born in Chihlin in 1943. Arrested after he had criticised a local party officer of the Kuomintang. Date and place of arrest, official charges unknown. Sentenced under Anti-Rebellion Law to 5 years' imprisonment. Probably held in Ching-Mei political prison, near Taipeh.

YOUNG Kun-ninn

Journalist, originally from Shanghai. Arrested 1969 by Investigation Bureau and sentenced under Anti-Rebellion Law for listening to broadcasts from Peking. Probably held in Ching-Mai political prison.

PO Yang (pen-name) or Kuo Yi-Tung

One of Taiwan's most popular novelists and contributor to a major Taipei newspaper. Arrested March 1968, held incommunicado for 6 months; accused of having been a Communist agent in Peking until 1949 (when Chiang Kai-shek came over to Taiwan) and assigned to Taiwan to engage in propaganda activities. Sentenced to 12 years in July 1969. Family: Wife had to leave her job at Broadcasting Corporation in Taipei because of husband. Held at Detention House of Taiwan Garrison Command, Ching-Mei prison. Health condition not good.

TURKEY

Suleyman Ege

Publisher and editor, sentenced to a total of 13 years' imprisonment under Article 141/2 of the Turkish Penal Code for the publication of a book on the Hungarian Peasant Movement and also for publishing Lenin's State and Revolution.

Muzaffer Erdost

Editor, and publisher of Sol Yayinlari books, translated into Turkish; also of Stalin's On Leftist and Rightist Deviations, and Marxism and the Rational Question. Sentenced to a total of 15 years hard labour, 2½ years exile to Antalya and 2½ years exile to Kugla.

Remzi Inanc

Publisher and translator of Ho Chi Minh's writings. Sentenced to 1 year's imprisonment to be followed by 6 months' exile.

U.S.S.R.

Vyacheslav Chornovil

Ukrainian journalist. Brought to trial in November 1967 for having written a detailed account (known in the West as the Chornovil Papers) of the 1965-66 trials of leading Ukrainian intellectuals. On his release in 1969, he was forced to earn his living as a railwayman. He was re-arrested in January 1972 on suspicion of "Nationalist activities" and "hostile activities against the socialist system". The trial has not yet taken place.

YUGOSLAVIA

Bruno Basic

Aged 33. Journalist. Arrested in January 1972. Accused of "conspiring to overthrow Yugoslavia's social and political system". Trial has not yet taken place.

Jozo Ivicovic-Bakulic

Aged 42. Editor of Hrvatski Tjednik (Croatian Weekly). Charges as above.

Zvonko Komarica

Aged 52. Journalist. Charges as above.

Ante Glibota

Aged 27. Regular contributor to Hrvatski Gospodarski Glasnik (Croatian Economic Herald). Charges as above.

Vlado Gotovac

Aged 51. Journalist and writer, Editor-in-Chief of Hrvataski Tjednik. Charges as above.