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On 25 November 1955 the AGB announced the voluntary surrender to Soviet Authorities of AENOBLE 27. Actually this agent was known to have been apprehended shortly after his infiltration 2½ years previously and had been played back as a double agent. Initial speculation as to why the RIS terminated this case and surfaced the agent was entirely speculative and inconclusive and based on RIS motives. A review of this case and of similar cases in the past does shed significant light upon possible Soviet motives, and also indicates a significant trend in announced Soviet policy towards existing foreign agents.

A. On 27 May 1953 a communique of the MVD announced the capture of 4 agents of the Caccolla B cycle. These agents had been infiltrated one month prior to that time. (AENOBLE 27 was a member of this cycle. His capture, separate from the _____ four, was not announced). The communique was a candid exposé of the REDSOX operations - from agent recruitment to dispatch. It had a twofold purpose - a propaganda blast, ^{primarily} previously for external consumption, against the USA and particularly against the US intelligence service, the sponsoring agency and "Masters" of the spies. Secondly, an ever recurrent anti-spy theme, for internal consumption. This theme was followed up in other Soviet press organs. No mention was made of NTS or of any Russian emigre organization. The agents, even ^e looked as active accomplices of the German ^a fascists, betrayers, and hangers-on of the US intelligence service. As traitors, they were put to death under the 12 Jan 1950 decree of the Presidium of the Super Soviet " _____ Introduction of the Death Penalty for Traitors to the Motherland, Spies, wreckers- _____".

Approximately a year later, on 15 June 1954 *Izvestia* carried the announcement of the "voluntary surrender" of AENOBLE 24 and 26, two other agents of the CACCOLLA B cycle. These two were also labeled American spies.

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Against considerable detail about the recruitment and training of these agents was given. The announcement stated that the agents had been contacted by members of an emigre organization (NTS) and then handed over to AIS for training and because of the "voluntary surrender" they were "not only not destroyed, but were given full opportunity for a full life and work on their native Soil". The dual theme in this announcement was anti-US propaganda abroad; and entirely a call for the voluntary surrender of agents, and implicitly, a warning to all with the POW background of 24/ Although NTS was not mentioned, certain of its known members and worders were, and emigre organization an labeled as tools of American intelligence.

Significantly, two days earlier, two AE _____ agents had been given the "relatively mild" sentence of 5 years in labor camps.

The announcement of 25 November 55 names AENOBLE 27 only as being an agent of a foreign IS. He also is reported to have "surrendered". His sentence, allegedly made in accordance with the 17 Sept. sentenced November to ___ years in prison.

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