

NEW LIES FOR OLD

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The politics of our day confront men of conscience with hard and sometimes dangerous choices and most severely senior officials of governments in ideological conflict.

Mr. Golitsyn's defection from the elite of the KGB was a premeditated political act of a high moral order. An act not lacking in great courage, not to mention a significant lifelong sacrifice. He left the Soviet Union because he had lost hope in the true purpose and integrity of that government. He was moved by a conviction to warn the West of the new uses which the communist countries had devised in stealth for their improved political, intelligence and military potential and of the new menacing dimensions which these developments added to the Soviet threat. He knowingly accepted the risk that by going to the West at the time he did, he might well suffer the fate of the fabled messenger who brought bad news nobody wanted to hear.

Too much of what he had to tell us about the meaning of the establishment of the Department of Disinformation within the KGB and the reach and scope of the communist threat has been overlooked in the blurred

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and distorted perspective of detente -- the communist manipulation of disinformation, the deployment of agents of influence and controlled sources and channels through which Western foreign policy has been trying to find its way in Africa, the Middle East, Central America, Asia and Afghanistan.

In the sixties, Mr. Golitsyn, from what he knew from the inside of the KGB, conveyed warnings to the Western governments. He cited the Soviet's determination to achieve military superiority; their desire to obtain credits and loans from the West to finance their industrialization and military programs; the inherent dangers of detente as well as the depth of the Soviet-bloc clandestine penetrations in the West. Many of his views were greeted mistakenly with disbelief, even ridicule at the time. In the two decades since, it is not without significance that the grim events of which he gave warning have largely come to pass. Indeed, they provide all too often the routine grist of the day's news.

The warning did not go wholly unheard. The original contribution he has made to the internal security of Western allies has been recognized by them at the highest level of government.

General Sir John Hackett rightly identifies Anatolyi Golitsyn as, "The most valuable defector ever to reach the West." I agree. The judgement was one I reached myself some 23 years ago.

Now, for the first time, Mr. Golitsyn has set forth for wide public scrutiny his knowledge and analysis of Soviet strategy and in particular the Soviet manipulations of disinformation as a masking element in that strategy. His work is based on his unusual access to top secret files, his

wide association with Soviet personnel and the intimate knowledge of KGB methodology which he acquired during his long service in that organization.

"New Lies for Old" is indispensable reading for the professionals in intelligence and foreign policy. It is hardly less so for all individuals concerned with the nature of the world struggle and not least among them the many who yearn for a painless end to superpower confrontation.

Mr. Golitsyn's revelations should also be notably instructive for bankers and industrialists who still carry optimistically on their books, the substantial investments which they made in Soviet bloc enterprises.

This work is not in itself deliberately controversial. It is certain to make controversy, and this should be all to the good in the degree it succeeds in throwing open a new door of debate in matters affecting the fates of nations. We all stand to gain from that.

James Angleton