

I give the Final Scores to Sweden!
(To Raul Wallenberg, 1912-1947)

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*Where had he come? For now he saw
 The pillars of that lofty dwelling
 Where, on the perron sentinelng,
 Two lion-figures stand at guard
 Like living things, keep watch and ward
 With lifted paw. Upright and glooming,
 Above the stony barrier looming,
 The Image, with an arm flung wide,
 Sat on his brazen horse astride.*

Alexander Pushkin
 "The Bronze Horseman"
 (Translated by Waclaw Lednicki)

I was born in Leningrad,
 I saw the "Bronze Horseman"
 With the bronze snake
 Under its bronze horseshoe, --
 -- The snake of Sweden's state emblem,
 Read: Carl, smashed by Peter the Great ...
 Yes, this is what it means,
 Forget it, Vikings, --
 -- Let this old fact be some "OK".



But who is victorious when
Raul Wallenberg is killed by Stalin?
By Stalin – mad,
Bureaucracy dictator ...
Though not all of such old Russia is just bad;
(For instance, Petrov-Vodkin's horse is nicely red ...)
But to kill one who had been saving people! ...



Pushkin said that the iron hand of Peter
 Raised *both* the horse *and Russia*:
 Just as this big king's horse is raised, --
 The same hand and fist and arm
 Puts Russia on the end,
 Forcing it readily to rear.

I see the Swedish diplomat,
 Armed by his tempered honest spirit,
 -- The essence of his noble land;
 His hearty kindness in steel;
 A Christian, Aristocrat
 Who raises with his iron hand -- not Russia, Sweden, etc.,
 But something which *each one* does need:
Human conscience, -- *this* I mean, --
 -- Forcing *it* readily to rear ...
By iron hand!

Oh, no! Time is not money,
 It was and is poetic rhyme,
 The hearty rhythm;
 Wallenberg, -- victoriously great and wise,
 In humans simply is alive;
 And Carl's snake means Paradise;
 Yes, guys, I love this Bible slice
 And spirit of the Gan of Eden
 Starting the way ...
This is the day
To give the final scores to Sweden!

Well, ... who is Stalin?
 By far not Peter.
 And even in his quite safe grave
 He is afraid to say
 That as atrocious bureaucracy dictator,
 just ***thus*** he was the great.

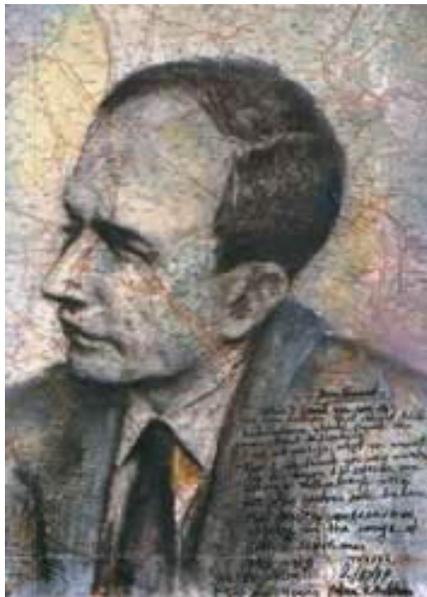
But [judge, for instance!] -- the victorious Red Army
 Was built by a Jew, -- Lev Trozkiij,
 Also killed by crazy Stalin, --
 -- The devils know ***whom*** to kill; they think they *may* ...
 [OK, OK, ...
 I ***know what*** the holly Russians did in fields;
 It is for Wallenberg today,
 All this ...]

As Einstein said,
(and one himself this sees), --
-- We, Jews, are *different*, -- not "good" or "bad", --
-- But *thus* sometimes hated ...

But Raul is:

*"Upright and glooming,
The Image, with an arm flung wide,
Above the stony barrier looming,
Sat on his brazen horse astride"*

**Raising up, by iron hand,
Human conscience on the end!**



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