

## Harriman's circle: racists, perverts, KGB agents

The Harriman family were the leading promoters of eugenics in the United States, advocating the unscientific view that an individual's intelligence, capabilities, and personality stem primarily from his racial inheritance. In the elaborate, peculiar scheme of racial supremacy developed by the Harrimans and their kept scientists, the Anglo-Saxons are on the top and their Russian (Slav) counterparts are near the bottom. In 1932, the Harriman family sponsored the Third International Congress of Eugenics at the Museum of Natural History in New York City, at which Dr. Ernst Rudin, the author of the later Nazi race laws, was elected president of the International Federation of Eugenics Organizations (see *EIR*, Sept. 7, 1982).

When Harriman returned from Russia to New York in 1927, he began attending the salon run by his elder sister, Mary Harriman Rumsey, whom Harriman credits with introducing him to politics. Rumsey was a raving eugenicist and promoter of Nazi race science. Through her salon, she patronized a variety of cults based on racialism and "ethnic identity."

Mary Rumsey had taken a particular interest in George Russell, an Irish poet who wrote under the pen name "A.E." He figured prominently in the so-called Irish literary renaissance which had been organized at Oxford University for the same reason the British promoted Pan-Slavism: to subvert nationalist sentiment into a fixation on blood and soil. Like others in his circle, notably avowed fascist William Butler Yeats, Russell was an early member of both the Theosophists and the Order of the Golden Dawn, the latter an occult group established by avowed Satan worshipper Aleister Crowley, who had traveled widely in Russia. Russell also knew Theosophy founder Madame Blavatsky quite well. His friend (and one of Yeats's few female lovers), fellow Theosophist Maude Goone, had served as an emissary between Olga Novikova and the British publisher and Round Table organizer W. T. Stead, two of the most important promoters of Pan-Slavism in the late 19th century.

This circle of occultists promoted the idea that the "real Ireland" resided in its pagan past and that the major problem represented by British domination was not the destruction of Irish efforts at industrialization but a failure to cultivate Ireland's ancient paganism.

Writing in 1975, Harriman cited George Russell as the source of his belief in world federalism: "[I] was fas-

cinated by Russell, a celebrated talker," Harriman noted, "when [we] met at Mrs. Rumsey's in the late twenties. Russell talked that evening of 'planetary understanding.' . . . [I] never forgot his words." In world-federalist terminology, "planetary understanding" refers to the global feudal empire Harriman et al. intend to bring into being.

### Harriman and the *New York Times's* KGB agent

According to Harriman's own testimony, his best intelligence on the Soviet Union came from the *New York Times's* Moscow bureau chief, Walter Duranty. Harriman has written that it was Duranty who provided him with the best intelligence on Soviet Russia and that he "learned more from this journalist . . . than from any diplomat." This is a remarkable comment, given that Duranty, according to syndicated columnist and Anglo-American insider Joe Alsop, "was a great KGB agent and lied like a trooper."

Whether Duranty was working for the KGB, the British, or both, he was a fervid devotee of the cultist outlook the two share. British-born and Cambridge-educated, Duranty had become an ardent disciple of Crowley—the same Aleister Crowley with whom George Russell collaborated. Duranty participated in many of the black-magic rituals which Crowley presided over, including one which commenced with a homosexual act between Duranty and Crowley; proceeded through several stages of sexual sadism, including physical mutilation; and concluded with the group chanting a verse composed for the occasion by Duranty, which ran:

People upon the worlds are like maggots  
upon an apple. . . . All worlds are excreta.  
They waste wasted semen.  
Therefore all is blasphemy.

Assigned by the *New York Times* to its Moscow bureau immediately after the Bolshevik seizure of power, Duranty established contact with one of the predecessor organizations of the KGB. He soon began to send back glowing dispatches about the Soviet experiment, which earned the *Times* the sobriquet, "The Uptown *Daily Worker*." By 1934, Duranty's pandering to the Soviet authorities had become so scandalous that the *Times* was forced to recall him. Harriman seemed unperturbed.