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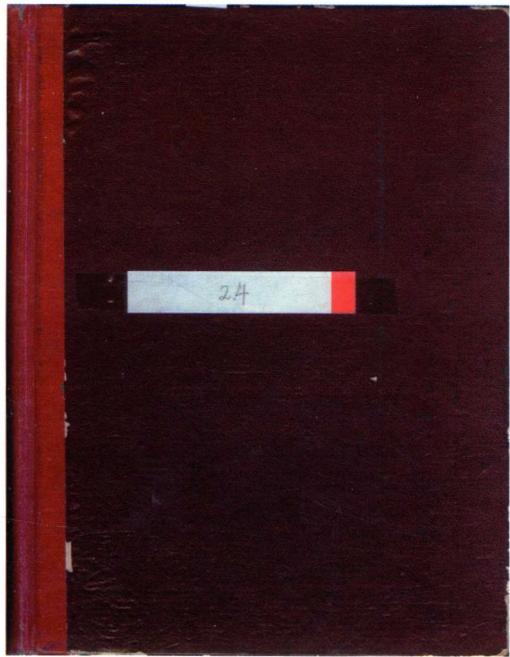
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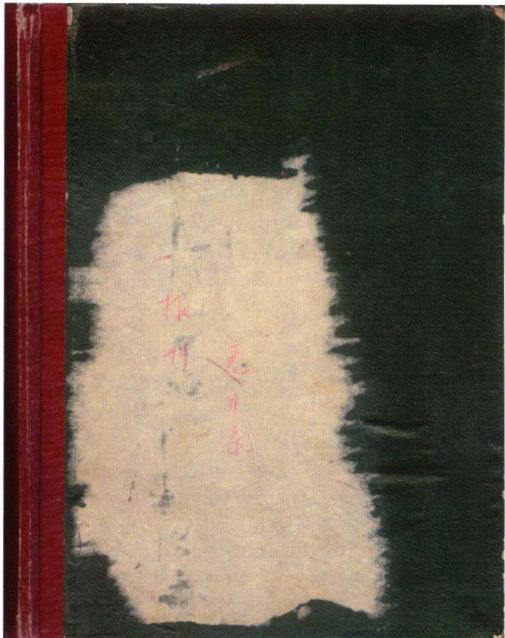
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* This June 6, 1936, p.19: "The atrocious, based on 'the incarnation of God in man' — are the results just as at once? What have been based on myth, & nation, race, Church & State, justified by supernaturalistic 'deity of man'? Had we to repeat here, freely & publicly, persons who, June 20, 1936, p.679 of Prof. Dr. Rudolf Leuckart's first so important Inquisition? Human society could not exist if we did not use each other as means & ends only. Human society must be destroyed in perspective, because it was based on the wrong idea. To our end, Kant's categorical imperative commands that we should freely & fearlessly point to a disastrous task of self-improvement, by persons for his virtuous & his communal life & set off them up outside himself, in a transmortal realm, all possibility of access to which is denied to him. Man is thus severed from his possibility, alienated from his fulfillment & maintained in a condition of slavery & subjectivity, the victim of his transcendental illusions. True, back's theory makes God redundant, by placing his redemptive capacity in the hands of man. It is not that God incarnates himself in man, but that man spiritualizes & so subpels himself in God. It seems to me that the morally decisive feature of the death camp — & of the Totalitarian System which engenders it — is its impersonal, cynical & scientific approach to the victims. Systematic torture & murder become a bureaucratic task, for which no one is liable, & for which no one is particularly to blame. What Hannah Arendt calls a "banalization" of evil, would be more appropriately described as a "depersonalisation", a removal of evil from the notion of personal responsibility. This impersonal evil is the true legacy of the materialistic view of man. Those very philosophies which claim as to place man upon the throne from which God has taken away for himself, have been most influential in creating the new image of man as an accident of nature, to whom nothing neither forbidden nor permitted by any power beyond himself. Human freedom is not just an appearance on the face of nature; beneath it rises the same implacable causality, the same sovereign indifference, which beheads death equally & unconcernedly for all of us. This vision — whose moral temper was captured so perfectly by Dostoevsky — is present, in some form or other, in almost all truly modern literature & art. Even though it may clothe itself in Utopian ambitions, this very adoption of a "morality of goals" serves further to fuel its nihilism. Nothing is sacred, & its killing & not murdering but "liquidations" such

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+ Nadezhda Alexeievna's identity was never revealed in public, she was forced to transport 2000 tents in 1810 to escape the��emper's aftermath of her beloved daughter Anna's first battle — she was awarded the Cross of George for bravery — later, she rammed a bullet into her chest, numbness down her legs. On her deathbed, she composed the will & begged to remain in the Cavalry as "a sacrifice" in Berlin? Women might crop dues to avoid creditors, like Zally Libby's daughter Charlotte Eliza, or to fulfil her mother's desire that she & find no other expression in their communication. In ballads & folk-tales, the Cossacks are frequently depicted as following a male lover, Nadezhda Duccora, a soldier in the Ruptlon war against Napoleon. Known after her initial sortie, by the Tsar at least, to be a woman, although she insisted in her journals The Cavalry Maiden that she was unknown to others. Later, she became a noblewoman.

Christopher Reid: Joseph Brodsky's new selection, *To Ukraine*, gets off to a troubled start with a 2-line poem that contains at least one grammatical slip (a sentence of capital c-bility). Read under some obligation to make allowances, but how generous should such allowance be? Brodsky's status as a literary idol is now so generally taken for granted that it may seem late for a skeptical enquiry into its foundation. He has seemed to occupy a position of stalelessness somewhere between Russian & English, in the neutral zone called Translationese. Praise for his command of English, in helping in many respects, has perhaps encouraged him to take sole charge. The question is whether he has been able to do so. Elementary errors of the kind that the long-suffering Mr Parkhill spent hours trying to correct Hyman Kaplan & his classmate, abound on these pages. Brodsky clearly has trouble, not just with forms, but with preposition, with Conjunctions, with word order, with the formation of the genitive, etc. He appears to have cultivated a taste for alluring & colorful verbal acrobatics, & his texts bristle with those thought-chimneys. No, I expect him. Moved by her participation the Tsar created her in the Marquise of Jefferson.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Comparative Literature	Comparative Literature Studies
ELH	English Literature History
JEGP	Journal of English and Germanic Philology
MLN	Modern Language Notes
MLR	Modern Language Review
New Statesman	The New Statesman and Nation
PMLA	Publications of the Modern Language Association
RES	The Review of English Studies
TLS	Times Literary Supplement

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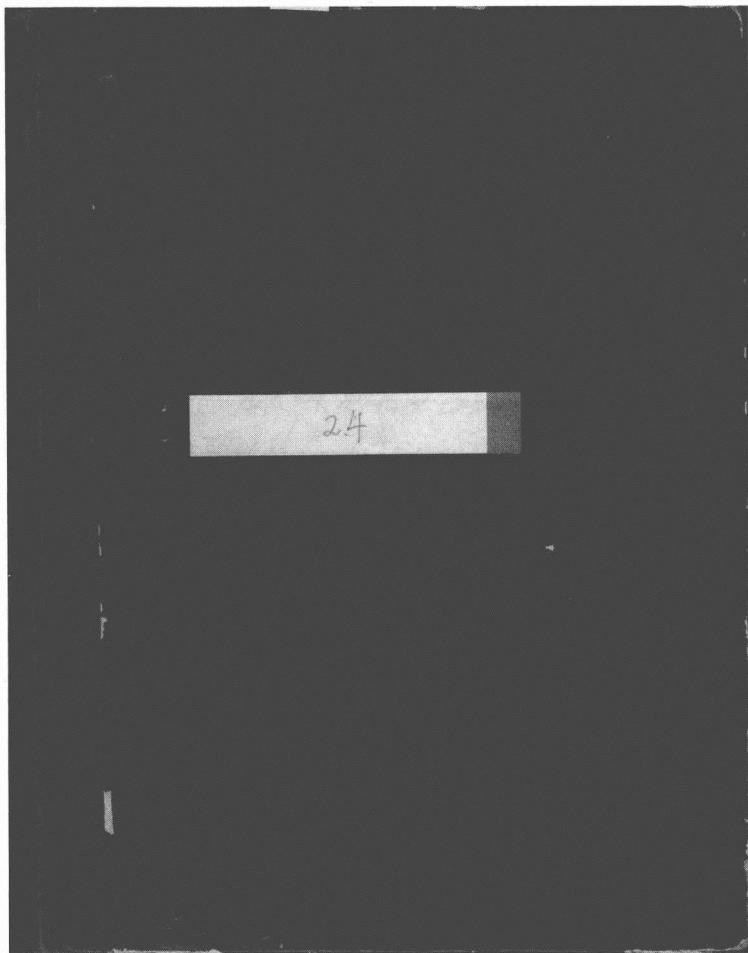
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It sold 4,000 copies on the first day, & run by 10,000 in another week. It is now in its third major printing. The runaway sales of the book has been accompanied by a defining conspiracy of silence in the literary journals. — Nov. 1983.

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Nicholas Gage, Eleni [Nikolaos Gatzopianis], the author of the book, gives an account of the Greek Civil War, in which his mother Eleni was shot by the Communists after having miraculously organized his escape to his absentee father in the U.S. I think the 19th century Greece, as a country, had no political existence, let alone unity. Eleni's tormentors are now all old, grey, broken men & women, half-living testaments to Hannah Arendt's famous remark about the "passivity of evil". Wood-smoke & goat-bells set the scene. A group of relatives exhumed Eleni's mother-in-law, 5 yrs after burial, prior to consigning her bones to an ossuary, & drank wine from the upturned skull to neutralize any curses the old matron might have uttered against any of them while she was alive. Farward medicines include dog-ticks & dried snake's heads. A kindly prayer runs: "May you have male children & female goats." Ignorance & total lack of privacy are dramatized by the story of a bride who screamed to her mother from the upper room: "This man is a devil! He's got a big red intestine between his legs & he's trying to stab me with it!" All her mother could think of was to advise the bridegroom to "hit her in the mouth". Atheism embraced monasticism: the guerrilla leader Aris Velouchiotis reminded his men that "your sad is only to fight with". The ideologies of mass murder or "Protection of the People's Struggle" came out with home-grown obster dicta, about cutting down the nettles before the grass could grow. "In the prize ring of life few who could have lasted ten rounds with Colette (John Updike). But then, he likes to feel his head spin & to see stars.⁶⁰ People want unilateral disarmament beginning with someone else, Iranians against the Iraqi bomb, Indians against the Pakistani bombs,