

Interesting Info #9
Political Crimes & SRs Terrorists (Spiridonova & Azef)

Excellent Timeline

- 1892 Evno Azef flees abroad to Germany to avoid possible arrest
- 1893 Azef becomes informant abroad for tsarist police
- 1894 Alexander III, succeeded by Nicholas II
- 1898 Formation of Russian Social Democratic Workers' Party (RSDRP)
- 1899 Azef returns to Russia on orders of tsarist police
- 1901 Formation of Party of Socialist Revolutionaries (PSR or SRs)
- 1902 Beginning of rural unrest leading to Revolution of 1905
Assassination of interior minister Dmitrii Sipiagin by SRs
- 1903 RSDRP splits into Bolshevik & Menshevik factions
- 1904 Assassination of interior minister Viacheslav von Plehve by SRs
Beginning of war with Japan
- 1905 "Bloody Sunday" begins the Revolution of 1905
Assassination of Grand Duke Sergei by SRs
Growing disorder, strikes, rural unrest, etc.
Nicholas II grants civil rights & parliament in October Manifesto
Martial law & "extraordinary security" in response to new wave of rural violence
- 1906 Maria Spiridonova fatally wounds provincial councilor G. N. Luzhenovskii
Convening of first State Duma (parliament)
Bombing of prime minister P. A. Stolypin's summer home
Hanging of first female revolutionary since Sof'ia Perovskaia (1881)
- 1918 Spiridonova arrested after unsuccessful SR uprising against Bolsheviks
- 1941 Spiridonova executed by the Bolsheviks

Concepts, People & Stuff

Political crime	Socialist Revolutionaries (SRs/PSR)	Evno Azef
Okhrana	Combat Organization (PSR)	Sergei Zubatov
Maria Spiridonova	Underground Russia	

Tantalizing Triads™

Political crime Russia Other European States	Popular sovereignty Autocracy Political crime
Azef Tsarist police (Okhrana) Party of Socialist Revolutionaries (PSR)	Maria Spiridonova myth Russian revolutionary terrorism