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Estonian Nationalist Movement: The Holocaust Pales before the Crimes of Communism

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The Estonian Nationalist Movement has held a protest in front of the Russian Embassy in Tallinn calling for the condemnation of the crimes of Communism.

Protestors held up an Estonian flag, signs saying “Russia, don’t interfere in internal Estonian affairs!” and an image of the controversial bronze statue of a soldier with the words “This soldier occupied our country and he was never of our people,” among other signs.

An announcement by the movement said Hitler’s Germany and the Soviet Union were equally responsible for causing World War II.

“Germany has accepted responsibility for what it’s done, and we demand that Russia as the successor to the Soviet Union accept responsibility and apologize for the crimes of Communism committed in the 20th century,” the statement said.

Movement representatives believe that “The Holocaust pales before the hundreds of thousands of people who were murdered by the Communists, the annihilation of dozens of ethnicities and the mass deportations!”

They also said: “Russian soldiers never liberated Estonia! For us, one occupation was replaced by another, and at least the Germans didn’t plan to destroy the Estonian people.”

“So long as the crimes of the Soviet Union and Russia are legitimized, and so long as Estonians are accused of fascism and sympathy for nationalism, then neither the occupation nor the Second World War have ended for Estonia,” the movement said.