



NEW RICHMOND REPUBLIC
CONGRESS OF PEOPLE'S COUNCILS

BE IT ENACTED by the elected delegates of the people's councils of the New Richmond Republic in Congress assembled during the second ordinary session thereof...

AN ACT

regarding counter-revolutionary crimes and their penalties

1. The New Richmond Republic defines certain criminal offenses as counter-revolutionary, particularly crimes directed towards undermining the rule of the people's councils and/or the Central People's Government, crimes directed towards the Blair Mountain League and/or its status as one of the great elements of the socialist republican system, crimes directed towards New Richmonder Socialism with the intent of subverting its goal of liberation for the working people from capitalism, and crimes directed at the continuing socialist revolution of the New Richmonder working people.
2. The organization, with counter-revolutionary intentions, of armed risings, or of the invasion of the Republic's land by armed detachments or bands; and likewise, participation in any attempt, made with such intentions, to seize power within the cities, communes, territories, and special administrative districts, or to forcibly detach from the New Richmond Republic any portion of its territory, or to subvert any treaties concluded by it, is defined as a counter-revolutionary crime.
 - a) This offense is punishable with the permanent exile from the Republic, permanent loss of citizenship, and permanent loss of the right to hold any office or honor. This punishment may, however, in extenuating circumstances, be reduced to a period of banishment of not less than two years, subject to review to determine a potential extension in the term by the People's Tribunal, and forfeiture of all held offices and honors.
 - b) When the People's Tribunal is satisfied that a participant was ignorant of the ultimate purpose of the crime described in the present article, such participation is punishable with a period of banishment for not less than one year, subject to review to determine a potential extension in the term by the Tribunal.
3. Communication with foreign governments or with their individual representatives with the object of inducing their armed interference in the affairs of the New Richmond Republic or a declaration of war on it, or the organization of a military expedition; likewise the rendering of assistance, in any shape or form, to foreign governments after war has been declared on them or after the dispatch of an expedition, is punishable with the penalties prescribed in article 2, section a of this Act.
4. Participation in any form of espionage, involving the delivery or communication or abstraction or collection - with counter-revolutionary intent or for a reward - of information bearing the character of state secrets, and in particular of military information, to or for foreign powers or counter-revolutionary organizations, is punishable with the penalties prescribed in article 2,

section a of this Act. The publication of such information, in the absence of counter-revolutionary or venal intentions and in ignorance of the possible consequences of such acts, is punishable with the penalties prescribed in article 2, section b of this Act.

5. The distribution of agitation literature of a counter-revolutionary character, the preparation or storage of such literature for the purposes of distribution, and the invention and diffusion - with counter-revolutionary intent - of false rumors or unconfirmed news which may create a panic among the public or provoke lack of confidence in the Central People's Government or the Party, are all punishable with exile for a period of not less than six months.
6. The concealment or aiding of any of the forms of crime described in this Act, in the absence of direct participation in the performance of such crimes or in ignorance of the ultimate purposes of such crimes, is punishable with exile for a period of not less than six months.
7. Participation in or cooperation with any organization which seeks to commission the acts described as counter-revolutionary crimes under this Act are punishable in accordance with the relevant penalties for active participants under this Act.

Enacted by the Congress of People's Councils and thereafter promulgated by the People's Commissioner of the Republic on this nineteenth day of February in the year two-thousand and twenty-two of the Common Era, and in the year of the Revolution the first.



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People's Commissioner of the Republic