

The provocative and subversive activities of the mobsters were mainly directed against Dashnaktsutiu. They were spreading disinformation and spying on the Armenian community. Dashnaktsutiu was firm and unwavering. However, there are always cowards and deserters who will betray their faith to gain an advantage or save their hide. Some members of Dashnaktsutiu changed camp and became Cheka informants. They helped the Cheka put together a complete list of Atrpatakan ARF members. Ironically, in their haste to serve the enemy, the list they concocted showed the ARF to be 20–25,000 strong.

Dali Ghazo [*dali* meaning “crazy” in Turkish, a moniker given to him for his brave and fearless actions as a fedayee before the Sovietization of Armenia] was one of those lost souls. One day he came to me and told me that he had gone to Red Army headquarters and turned in his *Mauser*, saying, “I have fought against you, and now I surrender my weapon. Do what you want with me, kill me or forgive me.” They had “graciously” forgiven him and now he was actively working for their side. I reproached him. I told him that he was a fool, that the Soviets would use him and then destroy him. He went away and I never saw him again. I won’t name the other Dashnaktsakan unger who came to me and confessed that he was working for the Soviets and asked me not to trust him with any inside information. I was sad to hear that. He had been a valuable unger and I respected him for his honesty. He could have kept his dereliction secret and spied on us for the Soviet authorities.