

Bread and Bullets

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Bread and Bullets: the story.

National Stories.

**The National Story after the
Russian Revolution.**

Would take over Russia.

Nationalize the economy.

Industrialization.

Heaven on earth.

Raison d'être for takeover.

**Justification for whatever it
would take.**

Go to late 1920's.

Especially to Ukraine.

The State: Take over the economy.

A plan: a very long list.

**Commodity X from Entity Y to
Entity Z on Date T.**

Payment from Z to Y.

**Now time to go to the next stage
of history.**

First Five Year Plan.

The First Five Year Plan:

Heavy industry: 330 percent.

Electrification: 335 percent.

Agriculture: collective farms:
kolkhozes.

Tractor Stations.

**Industry: tractors to
agriculture.**

Agriculture: bread to industry.

**Non-agricultural workforce:
needed to eat.**

**Grain to feed them: delivered
from the farms.**

“Voluntary” taxation.

Not entirely democratic.

**Payment: Less than cost of
planting.**

1928 harvest: Large shortfall.

Bolshevik story.

Fault not with the plan.

Class enemies.

The kulaks.

Expropriate the kulaks.

Dekulakization.

**3 to 5 percent: 20 percent of the
grain.**

**Dekulak the countryside: Big
problems.**

Starvation.

5,000,000 out of 25,000,000.

**Relevance: people live by
the stories they tell
themselves.**

**This is one example: stories
have consequences.**