

# Clausewitz and Tauroggen

MICHAEL BUERGERMEISTER—"The slaughter that followed the German attack on the Soviet Union in June 1941," wrote Christopher Simpson, "is without equal in world history. Next to the Nazis' operation of the anti-Jewish extermination centers at Treblinka, Sobibor, Birkenau, and elsewhere, the most terrible crimes of the entire war took place in name of anti-communism in the German-occupied territories on the eastern front. Civilian casualties in these areas were so enormous, so continuous, and so extreme that even counting the dead has proved impossible.