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Abstract:	This essay explores Amnesty International's struggle for impartiality in the context of - and in confrontation with - the fluctuations of the Cold War and the emergence of dissidence and activism in its name in Eastern Europe. After a first analysis of the development of Amnesty International's policy, the essay proceeds to studying the situations in which it was tested and challenged by the fluctuations in the East-West conflicts and by direct contact with human rights groups in Eastern Europe and activities with aspirations to join Amnesty International. The essay concludes by discussing the suitability of Amnesty International's policy of impartiality in Eastern Europe and the alternative model provided by its main competitor, the International Committee of the Red Cross.
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