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Robert Waelder, Basic Theory of Psychoanalysis,  
Schocken Books, NY 1964 (1960 Int. Universities  
Press.)

142. "Wide area of lat. & destruct. manifestations  
for the explanation of dicit it is not necessary to postulate  
a destructive drive."

142/3 Ex. of destr drive: psychotic, epileptic behavior  
but also intense & in a hostile behavior aggressive  
for behavior raises question. Stoller, Kistler

145 Destructiveness, not longer subordinate to the require-  
ments of the ego or of the Libido (Maboa)

145 all strong suggestion that allowance must be  
made for the existence of some inner needs of destruction.

146 "... suggest the existence of a destructive forces in man -  
at least in many men." ("essential destructiveness")

147 or fundamentally man's <sup>essential</sup> destructiveness is due to  
his ability of symbolic thought, i.e. is committed in the  
source of ideas.

"There" "... this evil [destructiveness] belongs entirely  
to this side of the dividing line, it is purely human."

One has "to find a place for evil in our human world,  
he must fully realize the difficulty of a task that  
is hereby presented to us."

T. Schjelderup-Ebbe, "Die Despotie im Sozialleben der  
Vögel. Vögel, Forschungen 3. Tierpsychologie - Soziologie 10.  
"Despotism is the basic idea of the world, indissolubly bound  
up with all life & existence"



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Whether we do, or do not, accept the hypothesis of a death instinct makes no difference in our conduct of an analysis; the death instinct <sup>itself</sup> does not appear as an element of psychological interpretations suggested in analysis."

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"Essential destructiveness that goes beyond the requirements of the ego or the libido may either be due to a force of its own, or, following Dr. Rastan's suggestion about the pursuit of positions, to paroxysmal degrees of anxiety. \* In the first case an inborn instinctual drive of destruction may be assumed."

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Destructiveness either drive - or result of disintegration of psychic apparatus. (childhood or regression)

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If there is inborn destructive drive - why is it "that the great majority of adults do not have violent destructive urges most of the time." Freud ascribes the detoxification operation of love (libido)

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Hartmann, Klein, Lorenstein: destructiveness can be mitigated not only through the intervention of the libido, but also independently of it in the reaction, through a process that is the exact counterpart of the desexualization of sexual drives (deaggression), "Konturbation" to come both desexualization or deaggression.