

THE FEDERALIST MOVEMENT AND SOVIET ESPIONAGE

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In the last few years Ukrainians have been almost entirely absent from the list of political "defections" to the East. Recently, however, Soviet propaganda has begun to make up for lost time, with a strong assist from certain American quarters.

Last year the Soviet radio blared out the "voluntary return" of Joseph Krutij, an aged Ukrainian Socialist who had lived in obscurity for some thirty years in Western Europe. Both the Ukrainian National Rada and the Ukrainian Socialist Party charged that Krutij was abducted from West Berlin. Whatever the circumstances surrounding his return, Krutij was undeniably a Ukrainian, and the Soviets made full use of his name and alleged statements in virulent propaganda directed against both the Ukrainian emigration and the United States.

This year the Soviets have come up with a somewhat more prominent "defector"—who was not abducted. This was Vladimir Vasilaki, loudly proclaimed as a "leader of the Ukrainian liberation movement," who found his way to East Berlin. As he "appealed" for asylum, the American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism disclaimed any contact with him and the Ukrainian Information Bureau in Munich stated that Vasilaki had no active connection with the Ukrainian emigration in general. Nonetheless, this time the Soviets had picked on someone more significant and interesting than Krutij.

has been promised" Russian groups by some "private and official U.S. circles."

But the Russians did not stop there. It was not enough to collect for themselves. Fortunately for them, the bona fide Ukrainian groups, with large followings and backing in the United States and Canada, boycotted the American Committee because of its pro-Russian stand. The Russians seized this opportunity to amass more American dollars, and, at the same time, subvert once more the cause of Ukrainian independence.

Thanks to the subsidies of the American Committee, a spurious "Ukrainian federalist movement" was launched in both the United States and Canada. Isaac Don Levine, the American Committee's representative in Europe, boasted that he had succeeded in organizing "six Ukrainian political parties" in Germany which he thought could act as genuine Ukrainian forces in the American Committee's proposed anti-Soviet propaganda effort. As virtually an overnight accomplishment, this was no mean feat.

Since true Ukrainians spurned such Russian-inspired "parties," the emissaries of the American Committee accepted Russian adventurers, former Nazi collaborators and assorted flotsam and jetsam, who began to operate as "Ukrainian leaders." The birth of a Ukrainian liberation movement was announced in the Russian press, and on its "executive committee" appeared the names of the leaders—names which were totally unknown among the Ukrainians: "General" Demyd Hulay, Leontiy Boyko, P. Zelensky, Hudym Levkovich and, yes, Vladimir Vasilaki. Undoubtedly a plant of the Soviet secret police, Vasilaki was a "representative of the Ukrainian Democratic Union"—a wholly fictitious affair sans headquarters, sans membership, sans publications of any kind.

Somehow the blatant fraudulence of this "movement" escaped Eugene Lyons, then president of the American Committee, and Isaac Don Levine, its European emissary. Understandably eager to report progress to their American benefactors, however, these two men, both Russian-born and violently opposed to the liberation and independence of the Ukrainian and the other non-Russian peoples, saw the movement as a great political achievement.

In a negative sense, it was. (Courtesy, Ukrainian Bulletin) (To be concluded)

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Poet's Corner

THIS CASUAL SUMMER

This casual summer, laggard in arrival, is certain in its ultimate approach; there is profusion, lavishment of touch indicative of paramount survival. Across the hills, across the somnolent valleys with apple bloom triumphant we will know a carpet of cool petals soft as snow, water swift-moving through the crevassed gullies. That which is laggard, tempered in creation, remains forever as material token, remains for always as the consummation of that which we can visualize unbroken. This casual summer calls us to belief beyond remembered joy, all passing grief.

Marguerite Janvrin Adams.

Grass Root Opinion

BEDFORD, IND., DAILY TIMES-MAIL: "So long as man is inventive, so long as he is able to reap the rewards of his own efforts, just that long will there be no monopoly... The biggest monopoly, the biggest fear in the world today is not business, not labor—but government itself. That is monopoly."

HILLSBORO, ORE., ARGUS: "Government, whether it be federal, state or county, should stay out of business... Loss by private business is a loss to government because there is no money with which to pay taxes. In many instances it uses taxpayer money with which to compete with private business as for example in printing, thus cutting its nose to spite its face by hurting a segment of business and reducing taxable income."

HILLSBORO, ORE., ARGUS: LIGHT: "Isn't it strange how many props the Government puts under folk these days to kill human initiative and do

EPITAPH

By M. J. DIAKOWSKY

Here lies the meek Varlaam,
Monk and iconographer...

*He was born of rich parents in Chernihiv,
And against their will
Apprenticed himself to a painter in Kiev.
There he learned to paint, to drink wine—
(And things not fit
For a monk's epitaph).*

In his thirtieth year
He was driven by the empty vanities of a worldly life
And the consequences of his own folly
To seek refuge in God
And peace in the life monastic,
Taking the name of Varlaam.

He became an iconographer
And praised God with his brush.

He painted six iconostases,
Murals in two churches
Icons of which no one has count
—And his work was once praised by the metropolitan.

*There is no need to describe what he painted
Before he accepted the tonsure.*

His death was caused
By a fall from a scaffold.
While he was touching up
A seraph's nose on the ceiling (being very particular)
Of the Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin.

He died in his cell after receiving the Unction
From Father Hennadiy, his confessor.
And there is no truth in the libel
That he was full of wine that day.

Ye who read this inscription,
Learn by his folly and profit by his example.
Most Immaculate Virgin and all ye Saints,
Pray and intercede for him—
In the Name of the Father, the Son and
The Holy Spirit, Amen.

Brother Ioan carved this inscription.

UNLIKE TEXAS, UKRAINE IS A NATION

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Thus in the light of the basis of your proposal, are we now to regard Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania as state counterparts of Idaho, Utah, and Arizona? If Poland were nominally included in the Soviet Union, although functionally in its position in the real empire is substantially no different from that of the Baltic States or Ukraine or Byelorussia, would it be rationally sound to view it as a counterpart of Nevada or Oregon? The correct answers to these determining questions should be obvious if we maintain in our informed minds that sound historical perspective which proportionately discounts a 20 or more years' difference in the experiences of subjugated nations with Communist imperialism to only a few minutes in historical time. In short, the unfortunate and harmful effect of the premise upon which you found your proposal is the denial of Ukraine and Byelorussia as separate and distinct nations from the Russian; indeed, the irrational denial of the known aspirations, resistance, suffering, and perseverance of their peoples in their continuous struggle against the foreign yoke of Moscow, as much as it would be for those of the Baltic countries. In the framework of concrete, political realities, I think it will be agreed that no amount of legalistic juggling can becloud the crucial fact that these prominent known phenomena do not characterize the inhabitants of Texas and New Mexico who are conscious, integral parts of a single nation.

Consequences of Proposal

Now, within this founded context of thought, it should not be difficult to anticipate the consequences and effects of our official consideration and acceptance of your basically insupportable proposal, especially in view of the most recent developments in the Soviet Union. Sound and factually-substantiated reasoning on this subject forces us to the conclusion that by submitting this revisionist recommendation the United States would be providing Moscow with a powerful political weapon in its current efforts of consolidation in Ukraine and Byelorussia. One cannot overlook the essential facts, as confirmed by Senator Vandenberg, Mr. Stettinius, and others, that Stalin's insistence upon the admission of Ukraine and Byelorussia into the U.N. in 1945, was based primarily on the urgent consideration of appeasing the intense patriotic nationalism raging in those countries rather than on the superficial reason of merely gaining two additional votes for the Soviet Union. In another wave of concessions this past year Moscow donated the Crimea to the territory of Ukraine, and in a 6 month's celebration of the Pereyaslav Treaty of 1654 played on the theme of Russo-Ukrainian partnership in realizing the goals of Ukrainian freedom and independence. As quoted from the Theses issued on this occasion: "It was only thanks to this friendship that Ukrainian people, as all the peoples of the U.S.S.R., upheld their freedom and independence."

When sober thought is given to the outstanding fact that Ukraine, with a population of about 45 million, is the largest non-Russian nation in both the Soviet Union and enslaved Eastern Europe, the importance of Moscow's endeavor to mold a tight Russo-Ukrainian combination becomes manifestly evident and, from our point of view, quite ominous. The highly significant question for us to answer is whether, in the contest for the minds and loyalties of the large Ukrainian and Byelorussian peoples, we are content to offer them less than what Moscow has, including a denial of their separate national characters, as your proposal unquestionably signifies.

Following the recent Theses of Moscow, an adept student of this subject can with reasonable certainty envisage the propaganda content that Moscow in its constant appeal to the turmoil of the modern world is obvious evidence that the way of life taught of Christ is not universally accepted."

America Shows the World

By MYROSLAVA

As we circumnavigate the globe mentally, we note the fact that, justice in its broadest sense exists in America; in a lesser degree in other parts of the free world and is completely extinct under Communist domination.

Aside from Communism, the peoples of Asia and Africa have been compelled to live in darkness for the past centuries.

European footholds, under the guise of colonialism, once established on these continents exploited these lands greedily in the interest of self; by keeping the masses uneducated, they deterred progress for these nations. Such have been the injustices inflicted upon them.

These people are no longer reconciled to their backwater role. The day of awakening and resolve to do something about it is here.

The Eastern continents are in a state of rebellion. Tensions are mounting and conflicts are ensuing. That part of the world is hungry for justice and self-determination. This can be brought about by giving the rest their freedom as has been given to a few within the past years.

These nations, however, must be guarded militarily and aided financially and technically by Western powers if they are to exist at all. For the Communists are eyeing their rich natural resources as: rubber, tin, oil and rice. And once again, they would bind themselves—this time—in Communist shackles.

Given their freedom with protection and following it up with education, they will advance gradually until they are ready to exercise the civil and social rights they seek but must accept the duties and obligations that go with them.

THE AMERICAN WAY

Vital Defence Arm

By GEORGE PECK

Looking back over a long span of years to my boyhood, I can remember upon occasion that I was entrusted with a secret. It was always a tough assignment—at both school and at home there seemed to be a conspiracy to make me "spill" what I had sworn not to divulge.

The American watch industry today reminds me of my boyhood experiences of yesterday. That industry, so vital to our national defense, is in a similar predicament. We all know that this is the electronic age and that in keeping with other scientific developments, the national military picture has kept astride.

In modern warfare, no shell is fired, no bomb is dropped without some element of automation being part of its successfully destructive mechanism. The precision-perfect Nike, which almost things, and which can be launched into the sky to find its target, is powered and directed by many complex precision instruments. It goes without saying that all of these precision instruments are highly classified military secrets. The watchmakers of America are "in" on the secrets and sworn not to divulge them.

Yet, despite the importance of our American watchmakers to our national security, there are some watch importers, who, for selfish commercial reasons, seem not to care if the U. S. watchmaking industry perishes entirely.

The very arguments which would be most convincing against permitting an increase over the more than 833 percent of Swiss watches that came into this country annually—the details concerning the use of watchmaking precision skills in national defense—cannot be divulged because military secrecy forbids it.

A Strange paradox

This is a strange paradox and makes it extremely important that every American understand the situation. Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, has made it crystal clear. In an open letter to 9 U. S. Senators, Mr. Wilson said in part:

1939-40 (as in Theses, p. 13). We fought to have you as one of the founding members of the U.N. (p. 14). For years we have told you that only with you can prosper, grow, be strong, free, and independent. Now, surely, here is evidence enough that the imperialist Americans seek to deny you even the status of a world-recognized nation by urging your expulsion from the U.N., etc."

The End

THE SIXTH UCCA CONGRESS

I was privileged to be elected by members of my Branch 25 of the Ukrainian National Association as a delegate to the Sixth Congress of Americans of Ukrainian Descent, held under the auspices of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America over the past Memorial Day weekend at the Hotel Commodore, New York City.

I was thrilled by the sight of some five hundred delegates from all over the country, each one representing well founded organizations and societies, national and local in nature. I was also deeply impressed by the seriousness of their approach to the myriad of issues and problems which faced them on the agenda of the Congress.

It was my feeling that these delegates felt that they were attending a session—tri-annual as prescribed by the constitution and by-laws of the UCCA—of a convening body similar in nature to that of the Congress of our United States of America or of a Parliament of some Free World European country.

Each of the delegates, I'm quite sure, felt him or herself as a responsible representative of the organization, society, parish, constituency or party which had sent him to the Congress.

And they represented those who had sent them quite well, in some instances very well. For that matter, I do not recall particularly whether at previous congresses or conclaves of other organizations so many delegates took the floor and said what they had to say, so well and so fulsomely, for the betterment of the organization, which is dedicated to the Ukrainian National Cause.

Still, despite this positive aspect of the Congress there were nonetheless certain disquieting phases related to it which gave grounds for worry to most of us attending the Congress.

To put it in a nutshell—there was too much partisanship, too much partyism, and too much intolerance prevalent at the Congress. I am sure, as I have noted above, that each delegate acted in the best way he deemed was necessary. Still acrimonious debate, demonstrations and the like—which also characterized the Fifth Congress three years ago and the congresses before then—do not bring about that unity to which we Americans of Ukrainian birth or descent aspire.

These are crucial times. The Ukrainian problem, or, to put it more correctly, the struggle of the forty five million Ukrainian people to regain their national independence, is definitely in the focus of American foreign policy, especially since it relates to our American national security which is menaced by the fangs and claws of the Soviet Russian bear.

The American policy makers in the international field know well that a free and democratic Ukrainian National Republic would be a strong ally of the USA, for both Ukrainians and Americans are democratic and liberty loving in nature. Yet I am sure that they are somewhat dismayed over rifts and cracks which exist not only among Ukrainian Americans but Ukrainians in Europe as well, as manifested in some degree at the last Congress. When they see what they consider disunity among us, they may throw up their hands in despair. And, mind you, the American people are by nature friends of the Ukrainian people and sympathize deeply with them in their fight for national freedom.

I do hope that the wounds of partnership will soon be healed and the Ukrainian American people through their representatives such as those who attended the last Congress of the UCCA will present a united front. Thereby they will gain greater support among our fellow Americans for the Ukrainian liberation movement.

Josephine Gibajlo Gibbons

ON THE BEACH

I have found a place to go that is more fun than a circus. It is a place where one can really get a lot of laughs. This place is the beach.

On the beach one finds every kind of character imaginable. The rich and the poor alike are there, sitting in the sun or floating in the water.

The first impression I get each time I arrive at the beach, upon viewing all the people baking in the sun, is that of fried fish. Upon looking closely at the people, one cannot recognize them to be human beings. A man who is normally quite sane will seat himself on the beach with an extra loud shirt on, a pair of dark glasses, trick-soled shoes, a large hat and then pour a whole bottle of oil on himself. In a few minutes he spreads himself out on a blanket and lies there and roasts the rest of the day. That night he will be complaining for hours about his bad sunburn.

The next character one finds, is the young woman; usually a bleached blonde. She will sit on a large beach towel, carefully fixed so that no sand could possibly stray onto it. This female also spreads herself with sunburn preventive oil, and wears a gaily colored scarf to protect her hair, with elaborate sun glasses to hide her eyes. She wears earrings of course, and dangling bracelets on her arm. She sits under a beach umbrella all day without moving, not daring to venture in the sun or the water. Later this person will come home and complain that she didn't get a nice tan.

Of course one always finds children on the beach. You commendation and cooperation. We must preserve this vital defense arm.

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