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Extracts from Speech of Alexander Kirichenko

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Attached are some extracts from a speech by the First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Ukraine, Alexander Kirichenko. The speech was broadcast in Russian from Moscow Radio. SMASH suggested that if the interested officers at Headquarters had not seen this, it might be worth reading.

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Soviet apprehensions regarding the Ukrainian
Resistance Movement

1. The "Ukrainskyj Samostijnik", (Munich) No. 14 (220) of 4.4.54. published the following extracts from the speech of Alexander Kirichenko, First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Ukraine, made at Kiev on 23rd March on the occasion of the 18th Congress of the Communist Party of the Ukraine:

"The Communist Party of the Ukraine and the Ukrainian people will continue to promote the friendship of all the nations of our fatherland and its uncompromising fight against all manifestations of bourgeois ideology. In particular against the Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists, the dastardly and accursed enemies of the Ukrainian people . . ."

"The Party organisations of the Western regions of the Ukraine are obliged to remain vigilant in their fight against the OUN remnants, to prevent their penetrating the Kolkhozi, the industrial enterprises, the schools and there carry on their disruptive work. Utmost vigilance - remains the slogan for all party organisations."

2. In an editorial comment on the above the journal stated that Moscow Radio relayed Kirichenko's speech in full on 24th March, explaining that the broadcast represented a translation of it from the Ukrainian.

3. "Ukrainskyj Samostijnik" claims that this is the first occasion in which the existence of the OUN has been openly referred to by the Soviet authorities. It goes on to say that "the rules of Moscow in the Ukraine and the Soviet officials in Kiev have never, as a matter of principle, formally mentioned the OUN nor indeed admitted the fact that the OUN is a political factor in the Ukraine. That they have done so now is proof that the Ukrainian resistance movement represents a danger and a challenge which they can no longer ignore or pass over in silence."