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Ann:

Following per your request - wouldst mind coordinating dispatch with SR/Rp?

We are definitely interested in reports on unrest, uprisings or dissatisfaction evidenced in milder ways by the Soviets.

We agree with field comments that the material here may be exaggerated - however, there is no question that uprisings did occur in Novocherkassk and Rostov in mid-62 in response to the rise in food costs - we would, if the field has the opportunity, like more details on the troubles in Tuapse, Batumi and Taganrog. Material to date on this general subject has included some details on troubles in Rostov, Novocherkassk, Kemerovo, Aleksandrov, Murom, Odessa, Grozny, Voronezh, Zhdavov and Igarka. As the field is undoubtedly aware newspapers have run stories on troubles in most of the cities mentioned - and, of course, the riots have been subjects for CA exploitation. However, Taganrog, Tuapse and Batumi are new areas and of particular interest for CS reporting. We would also like to continue receiving details on any of the more generally covered areas mentioned above whenever the field runs across them - we are interested, too even when no details are available in how recently people have been discussing the uprisings and under what circumstances the subject was initiated.

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<p>AECASSOWARY/29 received the information in this report from his subsource who is a trade union official (see Attachment A of OBBA 17963). Helyna TOFIGHIY, who is named in this report, was actually an unwitting subsource. The source evaluation should doubtlessly be F. If disseminated, the source description might well be "Ukrainian women living in Western Europe via a usually reliable channel".</p> <p>A/29 commented that it is quite possible that news of the demonstrations or uprisings in the Caucasus may have been exaggerated, i.e., someone shooting off a rifle can eventually snowball into rumors of full-fledged revolts. A/29 still feels, however, it is important that people are talking in the Southeastern Ukraine about demonstrations and revolts in other parts of the USSR. In this respect, the report could well be accurate as a report of public opinion, but nevertheless inaccurate as to the details of precisely what happened.</p> <p>As mentioned in OBBA 17963, the Station would appreciate Headquarters' guidance re the value of continuing this type of reporting.</p>				
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SUBJECT: Unrest in the South-Eastern Ukraine, Kuban, and Western Georgia in summer 1962

SOURCE: TOPCHIY, Halyna, Ukrainian, Belgian citizen, married to a Belgian (his name : Delattre Leon), residing at 20, Ave. des Tilleuls, Hondeng Am., Ht.

DATE: 25 Dec 1962

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1. Source stems from KHARKOV-oblast, aged 40, finished semylitka , mother of two children: daughter Victoria and son Mykola, aged 17 and 5 respectively. Source is member of the Union of Soviet Citizens, and 16 Dec 1962 was elected as delegate from Centre to the Brussels-Conference of the Union. According to B. she only pretends to be a good member of the Union and in reality does it in order to be able to visit her relatives in the Ukraine. Source visited them in 1959 and 1960. First time she went to the Ukraine with her children, second time - also with husband. The latter was very much disappointed by what he saw in the Soviet Union.

2. According to Source's friends who visited the Ukraine (KIEV- and KHARKOV-oblasts) in August and September 1962, the people all over the Ukrainian Republic were talking at that time about unrest and "uprisings" in cities of Rostov-area, Donbass, in Kuban, and in some harbor-cities of Western Georgia. Among Georgian places were mentioned TUAPSE and BATUMI,

Unrest and uprisings were caused by the rise of food-prices and increased norms in factories and in mines. First and largest demonstrations started in NOVOCHERKASSK in June 1962. Very soon they turned into a regular uprisings which was finally quelled by special military units brought from Siberia. During the street-fighting and following massacres over 500 persons were killed. Army-units used tanks. Among the killed there were many children and women. During the demonstrations, prior to the arrival of the army, many militiamen, druzhinniki and party-officials were beaten up and some of them killed.

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Similar bloody uprising took place at about the same time (June 1962) in KRASNODAR. There also special military units were used to suppress the demonstrations. They did their job by killing many people. As to KRASNODAR-uprising the people were talking about a group of sailors who happened to be then in the city and during the demonstrations should have played^a very active role.

In TAGANROG, TUAPSE and BATUMI, as well as in other ports, there were strikes of dock-workers and fishermen who manifested in this way their solidarity with NOVOCHERKASSK, KRASNODAR and other cities. However, only in a few places it came to bloody collisions of workers with militiamen and ~~g~~ruzhinniki.

Also practically the whole DONBASS-area was swept by strikes. Miners refused to go down and organized sitting strikes. Party and militia tried their best to persuade people not to revolt and go back to work. They also promised extra-pay and rations. Then one night "the whole army" was transported to DONBASS-cities from Siberia, to meet any emergency. "It looked as though during the war behind the front, everywhere soldiers and tanks". The atmosphere was very tense. ~~and~~ Some party people lost completely their heads and ~~did~~ not know what to do until the army arrived.

Similar situation was in Western Georgia. There were also demonstration against the rise of prices and for solidarity with NOVOCHERKASSK and KRASNODAR.

In some places in KUBAN when KHRUSHCHEV was supposed to pass by on his way to SOCHI many people gathered at the Railroad stations and demanded to be heard by NIKITA, trying even to force the railway-men to stop rolling trains.

After uprisings and demonstartion, in all places, there were arrests of those most active participants. Many of them did not return yet and there were also rumors that they might have been "quietely liquidated" as in the old times.