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1. Soviet Tourist Group under auspices of "Experiment in International Living". They were here in Nov /Dec 1965, 26 men and 4 women, aged 25-45 and stayed in homes of American families in Caldwell, Verona, Montclair, Roseland and Essex Falls areas of New Jersey. Among them was CHAIKOVSKY Bogdan, director of the Molod, Ukrainian publishing house. He stayed with the family VELTRE of 249 Passaic Ave., W. Caldwell, N.J. Our Source talked to CHAIKOVSKY over the phone and they agreed to meet after CHAIKOVSKY'S return from Washington, D.C. The group was leaving for Washington, D.C. on 8 Dec 1965 and was supposed to return ~~at~~ around 15 Dec 1965. However, after Dec 15, Source was unable to reach CH. and the latter did not phone Source as promised.

2. MASHNIN Mykola (Nicolai), exchange student at Columbia, N.Y. He is on rather friendly terms with Myhul Ivan and the latter helps him in getting study material. They meet quite often and Mashnin seems to enjoy Myhul's company, perhaps because the latter does not bombard him with ~~any~~ political debates. Lately Mashnin told Myhul that his father was a Ukrainized Russian and mother - Ukrainian. He was born in Cherkassy-Poltava region and studied in Kiev.

According to Mashnin "a few years ago" in one of West Ukrainian cities (oblast cities) ^{there} was a lawyer, probably a procurator, who was connected with an underground group. This group was ^{for} fighting with arms against the Soviet government. The group and the lawyer were discovered and the latter was publicly tried in an oblast-court. This was Mashnin's comment on "lawyers affairs" about which he read in Suchasnist given to him by Myhul.

In Mashnin's view Ukrainians are even more anti-Chinese than Russians. More than 50% of ^{Soviet} advisers and other experts to China were Ukrainians. The latter will never forget how they were treated in last years by Chinese.

Mashnin is very critical of Stalinism. Among other things it was Stalin's policy which led to allianation of Rumania and other satellites from the Soviet Union.

Adzubei was the one who tried to build up personality cult of Khrushchev. He failed and Mashnin hopes that there will be never a return to 'cults'!

Mashnin is Prof. Nedbailo's student and the latter recommended him to Dr Kl. for introducing him to some historical material of 1917-20 period.

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Beside current numbers of Suchasnist Myhul gave him also Dr. Zhivago and Moskovskoye Leto 1964.

3. On 22 Dec 1965 Prof. Shum. met at the United Nations SMIRNOVKonstantin aged 45-50, employee of Public Relations Dept. of the U.N., Russian, Soviet citizen. SMIRNOV complained about attacks of emigres against the Soviet Union and Sh. mentioned that just recently the Soviet propaganda started an intensified campaign against the Ukrainian emigration. SMIRNOV agreed with Sh. that such mutual attacks were not conducive to changing emigres' opinion about the Soviet regime and added that more friendly intercourse would help to mutual understanding. SMIRNOV suggested that perhaps a group of Ukrainian emigres invited by ,for instance, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, could visit the Ukraine and get familiar with conditions in the Ukraine on the spot. This would help the emigres to learn the truth about Ukrain. No names were mentioned as candidates for eventual trip to Kiev.

4. Prof Shumovskiy Yuri of New York ,N.Y. corresponds with his sister in MIZOCH, Volynska obl.,Ukr SSR. In one of her letters of Oct 1965 s's sister wrote that she had to return suddenly from her trip, from Moscow to Mizoch because she had received the news that "people from forest" have killed a family who took care of some of her relatives when she was on the way.

5. Dr Kl received a greetings card from LEVISHCHENKO Mykhailo on 30 Dec 1965 L. states his address as : Kiev 22, vul. Krutohirna 9, kw. 1.

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