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the meeting with emigre intellectuals at Dr Kl's house  
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1. The main topics of discussion were sovereignty of Ukr  
SSR and the concept of sovereignty in general, Russification of Ukraine,  
concept of amalgamation of nations in the USSR, the religious question,  
particularly the situation of Ukrainian Catholics in West Ukraine;  
cultural exchange with Ukraine, Soviet-Chinese conflict and Vietnam.  
On all these topics Subject was attacked by emigres. His replies were  
not always to the point and <sup>in</sup> most cases he resorted to standard dialectics  
and "moderate phraseology". Subject said nothing substantial on his part  
and the gist of the dispute consisted in attacks <sup>of emigre guests</sup> directed at the Soviet  
nationalities policy and Soviet regime in general. The argumentation  
of non-Soviet guests was factual, elaborate, unemotional, and scholarly,  
and this <sup>had</sup> evidently impressed Subject.

2. While defending Soviet educational policy in Ukraine  
Subject stated that now at Kiev University, on first courses, 70%  
of all subjects were read in Ukrainian, and on higher courses  
approx. 50%. He assured that there are plans to improve this situation  
and already next year, the percentage of Ukrainian lectures in higher  
courses will get up to 70%, too.

He also mentioned that soon there will be published in Kiev  
a history of Ukrainian legal and socio-political thought, and a book  
on West Ukrainian Red Republic of 1920.

Subject denied very vehemently the idea of amalgamation of  
nations in the Soviet Union and stressed that the new nationalities policy  
will aim at getting-closer-of-nations, only.

3. In tete-a-tete conversation with Dr Kl, CHERNEVSKY  
told her the following:

a/ Some new developments took place in regard to church policy

and it will take two-three years before the question of Ukrainian Catholic Church could be solved in favor of Dr Kl.

TRONKO fully supports Dr Kl's demands and is waiting for appropriate time to raise this question.

CHEBANIIVSKY himself had a terrible time because of his support for Dr Kl's demands. "You cannot even imagine what I went through during my stay in Kiev. They put <sup>me</sup> on a mill in the CC of CPU and attacked for defending you, and your proposals. They enumerated to me all the evils of Ukrainian Catholics they could think of, including the late Halan. They also attacked me for my insistence on developing cultural exchange with emigration. You should know that there are many people in Kiev who are absolutely against any cultural contacts with emigres. They say, they don't care about emigration. Even more, they told me; OK, so Dr Kl is OK but who are the people who will come with her. Don't you know that there will be also those who will make contacts with hostile elements, brings leaflets and books, spread nationalist propaganda".

To Dr Kl's comment that in that case what was the use to talk about cultural exchange at all, CHEBANIIVSKY continued that "Of course, there are also people in Kiev who are for cultural exchange. Tronko supported my point of view very strongly, and there were others like him, too. I told them that we must not neglect the emigration and made it clear to them how important it was".

Finally he asked Dr Kl to be patient and persevere in her efforts because he was sure that soon "things will change". "We have to maintain our contact and develop it". "But you have to go to Ukraine and convince other people like you have convinced me, TRONKO, and others".

CHEBANIIVSKY also indicated that PALAMARCHUK "had much to get through together with me because he also supported your demands on the CC".

b/ CHEBANIIVSKY described SHELEST as a very good Ukrainian who definitely took "course on strengthening ~~the~~ Ukrainian culture and people".

"This is actually what you call Ukrainization".

As an example he mentioned "two facts"; at the recent plenum of CC CPU SHELEST asked a party secretary from Mikolaev or Donets area to read his speech in Ukrainian and if he could not do it now, to read it in Ukrainian tomorrow". Also recently SHELEST visited Lvov and was welcomed by pionery in Russian. "He asked: where am I, I thought I came to Lviv, and you welcome me in Russian, what is it?".

"Some official replied that they will take his words to the heart and in the future will speak Ukrainian. But Shelest told him: I want you to talk Ukrainian now, not in the future, I mean now!" "Shelest will go to Moscow."

c/ According to CHERNIAVSKY, SHCHERBYTSKY is a very fine man. He stood up to Khrushchev and he did not change since. "This man got character".

TRONKO is also "very fine man". He will become secretary of the CC (Source, however did not know whether CHER meant CC CPSU or CC CPU). He is also scheduled to go to Moscow.

There could be no better constellation for Ukrainian people than SHELEST, SHCHERBYTSKYI, TRONKO; plus BREZHNEV in Moscow.

d/ BILOKOLOS, the new Foreign Minister, Ukr SSR is little known. He is 40-45, candidate of historical sciences, specialist in party history. He is from the same area as CHERNIAVSKY.

e/ CHERNIAVSKY claimed to know nothing about arrests of Ukrainian intelligentsia in Kiev and Lvov, and added "don't think we are being informed about everything".

3. CHERNIAVSKY wanted to have the photocopies of "Suverenitet Sovetskikh Natsiy" (Voprosy Istorii # 12, 1965), Protiv Burzhuaznykh falsifikatorov Istorii KPSS, Resheniye Natsionalnogo Voprosa v SSSR v ismenennom svete burzhuaznoy istoriografii (Voprosy Istorii KPSS # 1, 1966) and Protiv Suchasnoyi Burzhuaznoyi Falsyifikatsiyi Natsionalnoyi

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Revolutsiyi" ( Ukrainskyi Istorychnyi Zhurnal # 11, 1965)

All three articles were used by non-Soviet guests in their argumentation against Sovs ( and were supplied by Prolog.) Dr Kl refused to give him the copies and suggested he could easily get them since these were Soviet recent publications. Instead, CHERNIAVSKY took paper and pencil and noted not only titles but also some exerpctions and mainly footnotes in which foreign authors were stated. It took him about half an hour or so.

CHERNIAVSKY took with him 28 books given to him by Rev SOLOVEI, among them 3 Church Calendars (catholic) in Ukrainian, 3 Ukrainian Orthodox Calenders, 2 yearbooks of Svitlo, 4 volumes of Documenta Ecclesiae, Der Metropolit (in German), and similar stuff.

4. REV SOLOVEI left before other guests and was followed by CHERNIAVSKY who told him in the corridor that he "should not take too serious what Professor (Nedbailo) said about sepration, or rather non-interference of the state into religious matters, because obviously the state would decide on what was going to happen to Ukrainian Catholic Church just as it had already happened many times in the past".

5. Subject told Dr Kl that his son was working as biologist in Lvov and his daughter was lecturing on Ukrainian language and literature in Kiev.

In 1940 he spoke with ~~xxx~~ Metropolitan SHEPTYTSKY in Lvov and the latter made a tremendous impact on Subject. The Metropolitan put him several time "into corner" by asking how many students of peasant and working clas. stock he had at Lviv University, what Subject did for enabling poor students to get appropriate facilities aso. Among other things the Metropolitan told him that at the Seminary in Lviv there was more students of peasant stock than at the University.

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6. According to Dr Kl Subject was quite satisfied with the meeting and told her that he was particularly impressed Ivan LYSIAK-RUDNYTSKYI and Myroslav LABUNKA. CHEBETAVSKIY, however, did not seem to be very happy about the Evening.

7. Asked whether NIKOLAIOS was a good man by Dr Kl, Subject replied half-jokingly: "He is practically unknown, I don't know <sup>him</sup>, and once I don't know him, how could he be good?".

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