

Subject: The Visit of the Delegation of the Communist Party of Canada (CPC)
to Moscow and Kiev in April 1967 (See Report dtd 4 Apr 1967
and pertinent presscuttings from Radianska Ukraina and other pape
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Following is a summarized appraisal of the visit and its
results "internally" spoken of in "progressives" circles and mainly based
on confidential relations of individual members of the Delagation:

The Delagation returned very much disappointed . In Moscow they
were referred to Kiev as the proper place to raise their complaints and
demands. Here again, they had to visit 17 various governmental and other
institutions and organizations , and the appointments had been in such
a way arranged that by overlapping they gave no time for Delegates even
to discuss and agree on the topics dealt with inbetween.
Furthermore, all the demands, a complaints , and statements by the Delagation
were treated by the party and government officials with "a flair of
frivolity " as ~~exaggerated, overemphasised, Not to the point etc.~~
Only with SHELEST they had a long and substantive talk during which they
were told to pay more attention to international problems , and to the
Soviet Union as a whole. This was their duty as members of the Communist
Party of Canada . ~~On his part~~ ~~he made~~ some vague promises in general terms but
the only tangible result of their demands was his on the spot decision to
let them go the countryside if they wanted. Some of the delegates
complained that whereas "nationalists" are allowed to visit villages ,
they (the progressives) are banned from the countryside. In reply to
that SHELEST asked who wanted to visit the countryside and noted their
names saying that they could leave to respective villages any time they
wanted. But most of the time with SHEKEST was spent on his teaching them
how they had to behave as members of the CPC, how they should not get
involved in matters of no direct concern, aso. The Delagates took it
as almost an upbraiding and felt very much depressed. This was a clear
proof to them that there was little they could do about the present
situation in the Ukraine.

The Delegation raised also in Kiev the problem of the arrests and trials of 1965/66. The Sovs refused, however, even to discuss this problem pointing out that it was "very dangerous and intractable".

No one was willing to discuss this question at all.

After the Delegation had left the Soviet Union BAK, Tim remained there, some hoping, "to continue the negotiations". Yet, hardly.

In brief, there is nothing at the present to dispell the Delegates' dismay and disappointment.
