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Newspaper, Published in
Salzburg Area

DATE: 19 August 1952

Informant No. 3825-T

S- 14602

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER
430TH CIC, SUB-DET "A"
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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION:

To determine the new editorial policy of the Russian language daily newspaper, Lutch (Beam), published in the Salzburg Area.

REFERENCES:

Verbal orders from the Commanding Officer, 430th CIG Detachment, Sub-Detachment "A".

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

On 12 August 1952 this Agent interviewed Informant 3825-T and essentially the following information was obtained:

Father Marcel van CUTSEN is the new editor of the Russian language newspaper, Lutch. Van Cutsen succeeded Oleg ZINAMSGWAROV, the former editor, on approximately 3 August 1952. ZINAMSGWAROV is now en route to the United States as an emigrant and personally chose van CUTSEN as his successor.

Lutch is a daily Russian language digest of German and English news briefs. The translations from the German language are done by Slava PAVLICHEV, a non-paid employee, and the translations from the English language are done by van CUTSEN. (Agent's Note: Time, the American weekly news magazine is one of van CUTSEN's popular sources.) Two female employees (fnu) ANDREEVSKAYA, resident at the Old Peoples' Home, Salzburg, a typist, and a woman (NU), a cleaning woman, make up the present Lutch staff. These women are as yet unpaid due to the financial status of the newspaper which is in critical condition at the present time. Van CUTSEN stated that he plans to shape

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the contents of the newspaper into a pro-American, anti-Communist organ; however, favoring the Roman Catholic Vatican viewpoint.

Since its inauguration in 1945 Lutch has had a steadily declining circulation due to the continuing emigration of its successive editors and their staffs. Consequently, upon assuming the editorship, van CUTSEN found the circulation to be a total of 100 copies daily. Since being in office van CUTSEN has succeeded in increasing the paper from an average two-page daily edition to a four-page daily edition. The circulation of Lutch has been increased from 100 copies daily to 200 daily. Van CUTSEN stated that an average of six families read each copy of Lutch and he could sell more copies if the selling price (60 Groschen per copy) was less prohibitive. The price is necessarily high at this time because of the critical need of funds.

Van CUTSEN denied that Lutch was ever an organ of the NTS (Natsionalni Trudovoy Soyuz - National Labor Union) but admitted that Vladimir KUNGURTSEV, an NTS leader now in Frankfurt, Germany, had been the Lutch editor, who preceded ZINAMSGWAROW. He stated that KUNGURTSEV was editor of the paper for approximately one and one half years and had been extremely objective in his reporting and news analysis. Van CUTSEN stated it was KUNGURTSEV who recruited Henning BULTMANN, Schranngasse 4, Salzburg, in registering with the local authorities as nominal owner and publisher of Lutch, as Austrian law requires that only a native hold these offices. Van CUTSEN added that since registering, BULTMANN has been afraid to visit his mother, who resides in Vienna. He has also been afraid of Soviet and Communist reprisals to her person.

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Van CUTSEN stated that one Miss (fnu) Morris, an employee at the NCWC (National Catholic Welfare Council) has been the sole supporter of Lutch since he assumed the editorship. She has done this by voluntary contributions to him directly; van CUTSEN did not think these contributions represented personal contributions but rather NCWC donations. On 11 August 1952 van CUTSEN was promised monetary aid for Lutch by the American Public Information Service, Vienna, Austria. (Agent's Note: A recent copy of Lutch, dated 10 August 1952, is attached to the original copy of this report as Exhibit "I". The original copy is attached to the file copy of this report as Exhibit "I".)

FILE CHECK:

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain the following information:

One Oleg ZINAMSGWAROW, born 29 September 1918 in Kharkov, Russia, possibly identical to the Oleg ZINAMSGWAROW mentioned in this report is listed as a visa applicant; no derogatory information was received regarding his case. He was also screened by CIC on 7 March 1950 for employment as a supply clerk for the USFA Engineers.

One Vadim Alexeyevich KUNGURTSEV, born 18 November 1897 in Barnaul, Russia, possibly identical to the Vladimir KUNGURTSEV mentioned in this report, is listed as an operator of a way-station in Salzburg, Austria (1947); as an instructor at an elementary school at DP Camp Parsch, Salzburg, Austria, (1951); and as editor of the anti-Communist DP newspapers, Westnik and Lutch (1950).

Henning BULTMANN, possibly identical to the Henning BULTMANN mentioned in this report, listed as being 28 years of age (1951), is listed as working for another US Intelligence Agency.

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Father Marcel van CUTSEN is mentioned in numerous reports as an alleged Vatican Intelligence Agent.

One Miss Minerva Mores, possibly identical to the Miss (fnu) Morris mentioned in this report, is listed in the files of this Sub-Detachment as a deputy director of the National Catholic Welfare Council (NCWC), a voluntary agency accredited to USCOA.

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain numerous references to the publication Lutch. It is variously described as an anti-Communist publication and as an organ of the NTS.

NTS (Natsionali Trudovoy Soyuz-National Labor Union) is described as an ever-widening anti-Communist Group in Western Germany and Austria comprised of "Russian youths sharing common ideals".

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain no pertinent information concerning the other personalities listed in this report.

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