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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Interviews of IWAN JARYKOWSKYJ, President of subject society and EWSTCHIJ NESTORUK, Secretary of subject society, set out. Certificate of Incorporation reveals that subject society was incorporated in Feb. of 1952. Directors of the said society as listed in the aforementioned Certificate set out. Conflicting statements of UPA members relative to their training in sabotage set out. LEO FUTALA, former Chairman of NY section of subject society, said that everyone who became member of UPA received extensive training and instructions in sabotage and partisan tactics. Other UPA members have stated that only special sections or divisions of the UPA were trained and instructed in sabotage tactics. Investigation indicates that subject society is not controlled or in any way influenced or directed by forces outside the United States.

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DETAILS: The title of this case is marked changed to show the correct name of subject society as given by IWAN JARYKOWSKYJ, President and member of the Board of Directors. This title is also reflected in the Certificate of Incorporation of subject society.

The ensuing information was furnished by IWAN JARYKOWSKY, of Apartment 42, 761 Trinity Avenue, Bronx, New York, during the course of an interview by SE JAROSLAV BROZ and the writer. He was interviewed in the Ukrainian language.

He is President of subject society and has been since his election in about May of 1951. The office of President is also referred to as the office of the Chairman. The society does not maintain an office in New York City or elsewhere to the best of the said President's knowledge. Meetings are held at about 10:00 am the first Sunday of each month.

Subject society was incorporated at New York City on February 15, 1952. The Certificate was drawn up and filed at Albany, New York, by Attorney NICHOLAS MAVRYLKO, who maintains an office on East 7th Street, New York City.

From about May, 1944 until approximately October of 1947 JARYKOWSKYJ was a member of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) in the Ukraine. He served as a lieutenant in the Supply Division and was located in the area of Przemysl, the Western part of the Ukraine. This area is now within the territory of Poland.

Generally members of the UPA who traveled to Germany prior to 1947 are not eligible to be members of the subject society. This restriction does not apply to UPA members who were officially dispatched from the Ukraine.

Within the UPA were groups or sections trained in the principles of sabotage. JARYKOWSKYJ, as an officer of the Supply Division, did not receive this training.

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JARYKOWSKYJ recalled that he was a member of the Polish Army in 1938 and that in about September of 1939 this Army was captured by the Germans. He remained a captive until he was released in 1942 for the purpose of a visit to his home in the Ukraine. (General) TARAS CHUPRYNKA was Commander of the UPA.

The subject society pays \$10.00 dues per year for the right of membership in the Ukrainian Congress Committee, 50 Church Street, New York City. The society is not allied with either STEPHAN VANDERA or ANDRZEJ MELNYK. Some of the members admire VANDERA because they believe that he has made a gallant fight against Bolshovism.

The purpose of the society is to promote social contact between its members and to afford moral support to the Ukrainian cause of independence. The society also aids members who are in need of financial help.

By way of elucidation the above cause was further described as the movement for a Ukraine free and independent of STALIN and the Russian Government.

Mr. JARYKOWSKYJ subscribes to "Svoboda", a Ukraine daily newspaper which is published at 8183 Grand Street, Jersey City, New Jersey. This paper occasionally publishes articles made available by the subject society's secretary.

MYKOLA LEBED is general secretary of foreign affairs of the Supreme Ukrainian Liberation Council. He has no connection whatever with the subject society and is not a member of it.

BODNAR ROMAN SAHAJDACZNYJ, an employee of St. Joseph's Hospital, 523 East 143rd Street, Bronx, New York, is a former member of the UPA. However, he is not a member of subject society. SAHAJDACZNYJ resides at 513 East 144th Street, New York City.

Subject society has sections or branches in Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit.

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The direction of the activities of the New York incorporated subject society is strictly from within the United States. It is not controlled or in any way influenced by groups or individuals from without the United States.

JARYKOWSKYJ voluntarily showed the writer a copy of "Declaration of Intention" (to be a U.S. citizen), No. 160770. This Declaration indicated that IWAN JARYKOWSKYJ was born January 20, 1918 at Galacia, Ukrainia. His description was given as brown eyes, black hair, five feet eight, one hundred ninety five lbs. His wife ~~MARIA~~ was born November 27, 1927 in the Ukraine. They were married on September 9, 1950 at New York City. She entered the United States on September 11, 1949.

This Declaration further reflected that JARYKOWSKYJ, prior to coming to the United States, last resided at Munich, Germany. He emigrated to the United States on May 11, 1949 aboard the vessel WILLARD A. HOLBROOK.

The above Declaration was subscribed and sworn to by JARYKOWSKYJ before the Clerk of the Bronx County Court on December 18, 1950.

JARYKOWSKYJ related that his alien registration number is 7156897 and that his Immigration and Naturalization Service Entry Certificate is No. A7156897.

He is employed as a metal polisher by the Lewit Corporation, 60 Broadway, New York City.

(Mr) EWSTCHI J RESTORUK, Apartment 31, 371 East 10th Street, New York City, advised that he is secretary of subject society. He was born at Zowkwa, which is in the Western part of the Ukraine, on May 31, 1917.

He was a member of the UPA, without rank, from 1944 to 1947. During 1947 he migrated to Germany. He came to the United States on September 9, 1950, aboard the vessel GENERAL MUIR.

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NESTORUK advised that he did not receive training in sabotage tactics while a member of the UPA as this kind of training was given to specialized groups. NESTORUK further advised that the training which he received in the UPA was comparable to that given a soldier of any other armed service.

He is secretary of what might be considered the National Office of subject society. He explained that he is considered as secretary for the various sections located in New York, Detroit, Chicago and Cleveland.

NESTORUK advised that generally speaking the UPA members who left the Ukraine prior to 1947 are not eligible for membership in subject society. He emphasized that this restriction would not apply to members who had been officially dispatched from the Ukraine.

Mr. NESTORUK voluntarily exhibited a copy of "Certificate of Incorporation of Society of Veterans of Ukrainian Insurgent Army, Incorporated". This Certificate listed the following as objects of formulation:

- 1-To facilitate the getting together of those Americans of Ukrainian extraction who suffered from Nazi and Communist oppression and for social and recreational activities.
- 2-To uphold the traditional American way of life and the ideals of the American constitution, of human liberty and the essential dignity of the individual.
- 3-To aid those who suffer from Nazi and Communist totalitarianism.
- 4-Operation to be principally conducted in the principal office at New York, New York.

The aforementioned Certificate listed the following

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as directors of subject society:

~~JOHN SASKIEWICZ~~
470 North Broadway
Yonkers, New York

~~NICHOLAS ROMANYSHYN~~
125 Webster Avenue
Yonkers, New York

~~MICHAEL HRYCKOVIAN~~
412 Beverly Road
Brooklyn, New York

~~MICHAEL SUSKI~~
371 East 10th Street
New York City

~~THEODORE HAWRAN~~
263 East 10th Street
New York City

~~IWAN JARYKOWSKI~~
761 Trinity Avenue
Bronx, New York

~~MICHAEL SASKIEWICZ~~
15 Washington Street
Yonkers, New York

The above Certificate indicated that at least two thirds of the subscribers to the Certificate were citizens of the United States and that at least one director is a United States citizen. The Certificate was notarized by Attorney NICHOLAS HAWRYLKO, 34 East 7th Street, New York City.

THOMAS J. CURRY, New York Secretary of State certified that the Certificate was filed with the Department of State, Albany, New York, on February 14, 1952. The signature of BENJAMIN J. SCHREIBER, Justice of the Supreme Court, First Judicial District,

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which is dated February 5, 1952, indicated that the said Justice approved and consented to the aforementioned incorporation.

Mr. NESTORUK divulged that the following are officials of the subject society in their respective states:

S. ~~X~~GOLASH
952 North Fairfield Avenue
Chicago 22, Illinois.

M. ~~X~~HALUSZKA
4401 Germaine Street,
Cleveland 9, Ohio

B. ~~X~~KRUIC
2263 Danfort Street
Hamtramck 12
Detroit, Michigan

M. ~~X~~HRCKOWIAN
261 East 10th Street
New York City

During November of 1951, IGNAZIUS M. ~~X~~BILINSKY, a member of the editorial staff of "America", a daily Catholic Ukrainian newspaper published at 817 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was interviewed by SA STEPHEN J. SLIFKA. In part Mr. BILINSKY related that ~~X~~UPA is an abbreviation of (Ukrainska Powstanska Armia), which translated into English means Ukraine Insurgent Army.

He related that the UPA consists of young Ukrainian men who were given underground military training in the Ukraine. These men, according to BILINSKY have been fighting Communism in the Ukraine since 1944. He stated that any UPA member must kill himself immediately if captured by the Russians and that if any UPA member is suspected of being a Communist spy he is executed.

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According to BALINSKY, the underground military training afforded members of the UPA undoubtedly included espionage and sabotage tactics. Mr. BALINSKY emphasized that the UPA is a secret organization and the exact training afforded the members is unknown to him. He said that in view of the functions of the organization in the Ukraine, it could be assumed that UPA members received espionage and sabotage training.

On December 17, 1951, LEO PUTALA, 7360 Prairie Street, Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed by SAs (A) FRANK J. KNOTH and ALEKSO POPTANICH. In part Mr. PUTALA related that he is a member of subject society and is considered to be a national officer. He pointed out that he has no duties and that the UPA was originally organized in 1943 in Galezia, Ukraine. At the time of this interview Mr. PUTALA referred to subject organization as the "Brotherhood of Former Fighters of the UPA in the United States of America".

He related that subject organization in the United States is entirely independent and in no way directed or controlled by the UPA or any other organization in Europe. He stated that every member of the UPA received extensive training and instructions in sabotage and partisan tactics.

On February 13, 1952 (Mr. WALTER SAWCZAK, 11726 South Peoria Street, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by SA RICHARD A. WRIGHT. In part he related that he had been a member of the UPA for 3 years in the Ukraine and that during his tenure with UPA he mostly engaged in fighting the Communists.

Mr. SAWCZAK advised that a great many of the UPA members were trained in sabotage which they actively used against the Russians in the Ukraine. To the best of his knowledge veterans of the UPA were not instructed to carry out propaganda activities in behalf of the UPA in the United States.

Mr. SAWCZAK described the aforementioned Ukrainian Congress Committee as being anti-Communist.

On February 14, 1952, (Mr. MIKE BOGIRA, 4955 South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by SA RICHARD A. WRIGHT.

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He explained that while a member of the UPA he had for security reasons used the last name of BEDWID. Mr. BOGIRA advised that he had been a member of the UPA in the Ukraine but that he was not a member of subject society.

He related that a great many UPA members were trained in sabotage tactics. He said that the espionage and counter-espionage activities of the UPA was carried on in the Ukraine almost entirely by women. He said that all members of the UPA were not trained to carry out espionage work. However, all members were aware of the fact that the UPA committed acts of sabotage against the Russian Government. He related that the primary weapon of sabotage of the UPA was the planting of mines on railroad tracks and under bridges and railroad trestles.

He stated that this method of sabotage was used in many instances to impede the progress of trains carrying Ukrainians to Siberia. He stated that for the most part UPA members had meager equipment and not too much training since the very nature of their work required that they hide out in the day and strike during the night. He said that most of them were trained to handle small arms such as rifles and machine guns and were also trained to handle grenades.

Page 15 of the December 3, 1951 issue of the "New Leader" shows an article by DAVID J. DILLIN. The following excerpts are from the aforementioned article which is entitled "The Ukrainian Army Myth":

"Certain Ukrainian groups in this country conduct powerful propaganda to the effect that their comrades are carrying on great activity in the USSR and that there is even an independent Ukrainian army hiding and fighting in the forest and villages of its homeland. I noted last week that prominent political figures in this country and Britain have actually lent their aid and sponsorship to the so-called BANDERA Movement, the UPA and the ABN (Anti-Bolshevik Block of Nations). In 1946-1947 the MVD (secret Russian police) conducted a 'purge of the forests';

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"and the Ukrainian troops disbursed or cut up into small bands, proved no match for the Soviet police. Since 1949 the Ukrainian Army has ceased to exist. The Party machinery is honeycombed with Soviet Informants and spies. In 1950 General Chuprinka, Supreme Commander of the UPA was betrayed to the MVD by two couriers from the West and killed. It is a fact that there is no political underground in Russia today.

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