

July 15, 1954

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy to the President, Europe
FROM: Emigre Relations Advisor
SUBJECT: S. Stankievich, Member of the Institute Council

Mr. Reppin, Chairman of the Byelorussian Federalist group which belongs to KFAIB, related the following information to me in strictest confidence and requested that his name not be used in connection with this information:

During the occupation of Byelorussia by the Germans in 1941, six thousand Jews were executed. The order was given by the German authorities to the Byelorussian head of the city of Borisov, who in turn passed it along to the secret police to be carried out. The chief of the city was named Stankievich, and this person is the same man who is now on the Institute Council. Stankievich told me (Reppin) last year that he went to the country while the execution was taking place. He later returned to Borisov and was appointed to a higher post as chief of an Oblast. This story is related in Samuel Schwarz's book, Jews of the Soviet Union, on either page 131 or page 133.

This deed, and its connection with the name Stankievich, is well known among the Byelorussian emigration. It would be a great tragedy for the anti-Bolshevik activity of the emigration if the information were to reach the Soviet Byelorussians that this same Stankievich is now holding an important position in the Institute. There are a number of witnesses available who are willing to testify to the role played by Stankievich in this mass execution.

Comment: It must be realized that Reppin, who heads the Byelorussian Federalist emigre group, is a political rival of Stankievich and this should be taken into consideration when evaluating this information.

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