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1. From official reports, an analysis of the reports in Reference A, above, it is noted that the reports are based on the following observations during his visit to Formosa as presented in the local press.
2. It is felt that the reports of the China News and the Chung Yang Ji'iao (Central Daily News) will reflect the official coverage given Stetsko and the reports of the China Post and the Lien Ho Pao (United Daily News) will reflect the coverage of the independent press. These newspapers were selected for the screening in order to obtain a representative sampling of local press coverage.
3. Reference B, above, contains statements relevant to Stetsko and AEM/PSTOR relationships as seen by the Chinese.

Attachment: Summary of news coverage on Stetsko's activities on Taiwan

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PHASS SURVEY OF YAROSLAW STETZKO

October 9

China News Yaroslav Stetzko, leader of resistance in 17 Communist-enslaved nations and former premier of the Ukraine, is arriving here this afternoon to discuss with Free China on ways and means to form a united front of resistance behind the Iron Curtain.

Stetzko, chairman of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations having staunch followers in 17 European nations now under the rule of the Kremlin, will stay here ten days. He comes in just in time to watch tomorrow's big show of Free China strength which will be eventually hurled against the Communists.

The Ukrainian leader will call on government and civic leaders here, join in the National Day celebrations tomorrow, discuss blueprints for victory with Chinese strategists, inspect the armed forces and hold an anti-Communist meeting.

Stetzko's visit coincides with that of Herbert Hoover, Jr., whose China-reared father, former American President Herbert Hoover, headed a US mercy mission to save millions of starved Ukrainians after the first world war. The case had not been fully known but a conservative count showed that at least 3,000,000 Ukrainians died in the 1920's due to Communist persecution.

During the last war, Stetzko organized a resistance movement in the Ukraine. At one time, 500,000 people fought under his banner.

China Post Yaroslav Stetzko, chairman of an anti-Bolshevik bloc of nations and Premier of Soviet Ukraine in 1941, is scheduled to arrive here from Hongkong today.

Coming at the invitation of the APACL (The Asian People's Anti-Communist League) Chinese Chapter, Stetzko will take part in tomorrow's National Day celebrations. For the next 10 days, he will pay a round of calls on governmental and social leaders and exchange views with APACL members. He will go down south to see China's ancient art treasures at Taichung and make a trip to the famous Sun Moon Lake.....

The anti-Communist bloc is composed of 17 anti-Communist organizations from countries enslaved by Soviet Russia, including Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Estonia, Ukraine, and Latvia.

United Daily News At the invitation of the APACL Chinese Chapter, Yaroslav Stetzko, chairman of an Ukrainian anti-Bolshevik league, who left Madrid for London last Friday and departed London for Hongkong yesterday morning, is expected to arrive at Taipei at noon today on a 10-day visit to Free China.

Stetzko was Premier of Ukraine in 1941, though deported later by Soviet Russia on the charge that he was leading Ukrainians in an anti-Communist movement. During World War II, he organized an anti-Communist guerrilla unit in Ukraine to rouse up the enslaved peoples of East Europe to the anti-Communist Movement. After V-E Day, his anti-Communist guerrilla unit broke up and turned into underground activities, which is now still an internal canker of the Soviet Communist regime.

The headquarters of the Anti-Bolshevik League is established in Munich, West Germany, with a history of more than ten years.

October 10

China News Yaroslav Stetzko...flew in from Hongkong yesterday at 4:50 p.m. to attend Chinese National Day celebrations as the guest of the Asian People's Anti-Communist League China Chapter.

Stetzko called for "cooperation of uncompromised anti-Communist and anti-Russian forces of Europe and Asia". Lashing out at neutralist and wavering nations, he declared that "he who defends the co-existence with Communism and Russia becomes responsible for the crimes and aids the tyranny."

The central committee of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations, of which Stetzko is president, is a coordinating center of liberation movements of nations which have been subjugated by Communism and Russian imperialism. Its membership consists of 19 political organizations including the Committee Free Armenia, the Bulgarian National Front, the Byelorussian Central Council, the Czech National Committee, the Hungarian Liberation Movement, and the organization of Ukrainian Nationalists.

Stetzko will stay in Free China for 11 days, during which he will visit central and southern parts of the island, and also address public gatherings. He praised Taiwan as "the island of liberty and hope for the persecuted and oppressed" and said yesterday that he was greatly honored for the opportunity to participate in Double Tenth celebrations. "Our aims are similar, and our roads of liberation are identical," he told his hosts.

United Daily News Yaroslav Stetzko...yesterday told the press at the airport that he believes the Communist bloc can be defeated earlier if East European nations enslaved by Soviet Russia wish to struggle against the Communists in cooperation with the anti-Communist nations in Asia. He declared that Free World nations would be unable to co-exist with Soviet Russia under any circumstances. Among the Soviet people, he pointed out, only 80,000,000 are Russians, and the other 120,000,000 are of different races unwilling to follow the Russians; the imperialist Russia would eventually collapse if Free World peoples do not collaborate with Russians at any cost.

Originally Stetzko was scheduled to come here to attend the 2nd APACL meeting as an observer at the invitation of the APACL China Chapter, but failed to show up on account of illness.

Central Daily News Stetzko called on CHANG Yen-yuan (1728/3508/0337), chief of the 6th section of the KMT Central Committee, and HUNG Ch'ao-ch'in (7806/2600/3830), chairman of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association, yesterday morning, and Legislative Yuan President CHANG Tao-fan (1728/6670/5672) and CHU Chia-hua (2612/1367/7520), chairman of the World Federation of United Nations Associations, in the afternoon. In the evening, he was the guest of the Foreign Relations Association at a dinner party. His schedule for today will be calls on the Mainland Broadcasting Department of the Central Broadcasting Station and Governor Yen in the morning, a luncheon by CHANG Yen-yuan, calls on Premier O.K. Yu, CHIANG Ching-kuo, Director of the National Salvation Corps, and Mayor KAO Yu-shu in the afternoon, and a dinner party by CHU Chia-hua in the evening.

Stetzko had a 50-minute talk with President of Legislative Yuan yesterday to exchange views on anti-Communist cooperation, and an hour talk with HUNG Ch'ao-ch'in and CH'IU Han-p'ing (8003/3353/1627), secretary general of the Foreign Relations Association. He declared that he would cooperate with all anti-Communist organizations of Free China, overseas and domestic, to free the Chinese people now on the mainland and behind Iron Curtain, overthrow the international Communism, and lay a foundation for an ever-lasting peace of the world. He will, he added, establish closer relationship with the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association to exchange anti-Communist information, and constantly baffle the Chicom attempt of getting into the United Nations. Finally, he signed a document written in German to express his determination of fighting for anti-Communist cause in collaboration with the Foreign Relations Association.

October 11

China News Yaroslav Stetzko...paid courtesy calls on Acting Foreign Minister SHEN Ch'ang-huan (3088/2490/3502), Legislative Yuan President CHANG Tao-fan, and Provincial Assembly Speaker HUNG Ch'ao-ch'in this morning. Stetzko will be the guest of Speaker Huang at dinner tonight.

The Ukrainian Anti-Communist leader will leave for southern Taiwan Thursday to visit armed forces bases.

October 13

United Daily News Dr. Yaroslav Stetzko called on Premier O.K. Yu at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. During their 15-minute talk, Premier Yu emphasized the firm anti-Communist stand of Free China, and Stetzko told the Premier that the anti-Bolshevik organization under his leadership would cooperate with Free China to fight for the anti-Communist cause and to exchange anti-Communist experience and information. After the conversation, Stetzko told the press that there were several viewpoints in common between Premier Yu and him. They both considered that the cooperative strength of Free World Nations was not enough to stand against the Communist aggression, and that the weak-point of the Free World Nations had been disagreement with one another.

Stetzko also had a 15-minute talk with Governor Yen yesterday morning, and called on CHANG Yen-yuan to exchange views on anti-Communist psychological warfare. At 10.30 yesterday morning, he visited the Mainland Broadcasting Department of the Central Broadcasting Station to discuss how to cooperate for a Broadcasting toward the Communist China.

Stetzko is scheduled to visit central and southern parts of Taiwan this morning, and to return back here on October 15.

The APACL China Chapter will sponsor a forum on October 17 for Stetzko to exchange views with Chinese leaders of various circles.

Central Daily News Stetzko visited the headquarters of the Chinese Youth anti-Communist National Salvation Corps yesterday. He was received by HU Kuei (5170/6510), deputy director of the said corps, and other section chiefs. During their talks, they introduced to each other the nature, task, and present anti-Communist operation of their respective organizations. Stetzko showed his respect to the heroic anti-Communist spirit of the Chinese youth, and emphasized that the anti-Bolshevik League would fight together with Chinese youth against the Communists and Russians.

October 16

China News Yaroslav Stetzko, president of the central committee of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations, will talk on a united anti-Communist front by Eastern and Western peoples at 3 p.m. October 18 at the City Hall.

The open forum is sponsored by the China Chapter of the Asian People's anti-Communist League. Discussions will include the Russians' intrigue of "peaceful co-existence" and their internal unrest, anti-Communist campaign behind the iron curtain, and how to unite the peoples east and west for liberating their brethren from under the Soviet rule.

China Post The APACL Chinese Chapter is sponsoring a public forum on the general subject of how to promote anti-Communism among Eastern and Western peoples at the City Hall at 3.00 p.m. next Tuesday. Mr. Yaroslav Stetzko will be the principal speaker at the forum.

October 17

China News Yaroslav Stetzko... returned to Taipei yesterday after a five-day tour of southern Taiwan visiting the Teyung naval base, new industries and life of workers and farmers. He went to Taoyuan this morning to observe results of Free China's land reform program.

The former Ukrainian prime minister who organized his countrymen against both Nazi invaders and Russian Communists during the last war said yesterday, "All of the 12,000,000 non-Russians within the USSR are opposed to the Kremlin and would arise against the tyranny if given a chance." The main purpose of his visit, Stetzko said, is to establish and maintain contact with the Asian People's Anti-Communist League, on behalf of his Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations.

He called for a "common organization or liaison center between anti-Bolshevik peoples of the East and the West, to exchange information and to map out a combined strategy in our common fight against world Communism." "I hope that my visit here will mark the beginning of cooperation between the APACL and the ABEN," he concluded.

Stetzko is scheduled to call on Acting Foreign Minister SHEW Ch'ang-huan this afternoon.

China Post Yaroslav Stetzko advocated an East-West center to streamline consolidated tactics and strategy for fighting against international Communism..... Stetzko said that the anti-Communist movement in Europe has long been formed... He also urged that the Asian peoples should forget their old wounds and join hand in hand to fight the Communists.

October 18

China News Yaroslav Stetzko will be the principal guest of the Asian People's anti-Communist League open forum sponsored by the China Chapter at 3.00 p.m. today at the City Hall on "Uniting the Peoples of East and West in the Anti-Communist Struggle."

Leaders of Chinese political parties, cultural and economic organizations have also been invited to attend. KU Cheng-kang, chairman of the APACL's China Chapter, will preside.

Stetsko...visited JCAR projects and the land-to-the-tiller program in Taoyuan yesterday. In the afternoon, he met with representatives of the 14,000 ex-POW's from Korea and exchanged with them experiences of Communist tactics.

United Daily News accompanied by HU Heng-wei (0149/1125/7191), deputy director of Taiwan Provincial Land Administration Bureau, and LIU Te-chih (0491/1795/2535) of the APACL China Chapter, Yaroslav Stetsko went to Taoyuan yesterday morning to observe the results of Free China's land reform program and call at local farmhouses. After the visit, Stetsko lauded the land reform carried out in Free China as the most perfect, most reasonable, and most successful policy in the world, saying that the land reform results should be widely publicized for other Free world nations to learn something from it. He pointed out that the so-called land reform enforced by the USSR for her East European satellites was to industrialize agriculture and strengthen her control over the peoples through collective farms, and absolutely not to raise the farmer's living standard as it is now materialized in Free China. The successful land reform, he added, would be the main factor for Free China's victory over Communism and the Russians in the future.

Stetsko yesterday was entertained to luncheon by HSU Chung-te (1776/1504/1795), magistrate of Taoyuan Hsien, who also accompanied Stetsko to visit farmhouses. He returned to Taipei at 2 p.m., interviewed anti-Communist loyalists at 3 p.m. and called on SHEN Ch'ang-huan, Vice Minister of Foreign Ministry, at 4 p.m. for a 30-minute talk.

President Chiang will give audience to Stetsko at 10 a.m. today, and the APACL will sponsor a forum from 3 pm. to 6 pm. at the City Hall for Stetsko to discuss anti-Communist problems with Chinese political leaders and experts on anti-Communist strategy. At 7 p.m., Stetsko will interview some pro-freedom crewmen of the Russian tanker "Tuapse".

Central Daily News ...Stetsko interviewed two farmers, K'ANG Liang (1660/5328) and LI Kuei (2621/6311). When asked about their opinion on the land reform, LI Kuei said, "Our life has been stabilized since the land reform. We are now making every effort to increase agricultural production. We also raise many hogs, chickens, and rabbits as our sideline to earn some extra money." "Our kids", he added, "have now more chances to go to school for education."...

October 19

China News President Chiang Kai-shek yesterday granted an audience to Yaroslav Stetsko...The President welcomed Stetsko's visit, expressed hope for closer cooperation in the anti-Communist campaign and wished the anti-Bolshevik leader success.

Stetsko expressed his confidence in Free China's cause of liberating the mainland. He said the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations would come up with moral support and coordinate with Free China's efforts once the bugle of counterattack is sounded.

The free Ukraine leader praised the progress made in Free China as encouraging examples. "The success of land reform here can serve as a guide for the eastern European peoples to follow in dealing with land problems after liberation." He said he was deeply impressed with the military might and social stability he observed during his short stay here.

At an open forum sponsored by the APACL yesterday afternoon, Stetsko said the free world can help avert an atomic global war if peoples suffering under Soviet yoke are aided in their liberation movements. He said there are widespread revolts behind the iron curtain.

The forum ended with three conclusions calling on the free nations to concert their efforts, pleading for support to anti-Communist campaigns behind the iron curtain and advocating the formation of a world anti-Communist league. The peaceful coexistence was branded as a Soviet intrigue to divide the democratic world and soothe its own internal unrest.

Stetsko is speaking to students of Free China on the life under Soviet rule and anti-Communist campaigns behind the iron curtain at 4 p.m. today at the City Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the China Youth Anti-Communist and National Salvation Corps.

October 20

China News Yaroslav Stetsko...said Taiwan is the symbol of victory in the world's anti-Communist campaign. At a public speech yesterday, he lauded Free China as the beam of hope for not only Asia, but also the whole world. "The unflinching anti-Communist stand of Free China has towered as a guide to the world's struggle against Communism."

Addressing a gathering of over 2,000 Chinese college and middle school students at the City Hall, Stetsko said "Today people in Free China have won freedom, and I believe peoples the world over will also enjoy free life in the foreseeable future."

The ex-premier of Ukraine condemned the Soviet plot of peaceful coexistence. "There will be no peace on earth as long as the Soviet aggressors exist." He said peoples fighting Communism should hold their fate in their own hands. "Our own freedom and liberty should not be traded for 'peaceful coexistence' with Russia."

At the forum sponsored by the China Youth Anti-Communist and National Salvation Corps, Stetsko said the youths of China and Ukraine are not fighting their battle alone. "Although the anti-Communist campaign has not yet won common support by democratic nations", he said, "youths of the world will eventually come to our assistance."

Reporting on the life behind the iron curtain, Stetsko said at least some 30,000,000 people have been massacred under the Soviet rule, and still more are either exiled or thrown into concentration camps. He predicted widespread revolts will burst out when the opportune moment arrives.

October 21

China News Vice President Chen Cheng yesterday received Yaroslav Stetsko...and exchanged views with the latter on anti-Communist activities in the East and West. Stetsko praised the land reform in Taiwan as highly successful and worthwhile for many European countries to follow.

The free Ukrainian leader is scheduled to meet ex-POW's from Korea today. He will be the guest at an APACL forum this afternoon. Stetsko will leave for Europe on Oct. 23.

China Post Vice President Chen Cheng Stetsko...in an hour talk yesterday.

October 22

China News Yaroslav Stetsko... is meeting the press at 3p.m. today at the Railway Hostel to report on the impression of his visit to Free China. Stetsko is returning to Europe tomorrow.

United Daily News Yaroslav Stetsko yesterday told the ex-POW's that the anti-Communist work under way in Free China was the most important ring of the world's anti-Communist struggle. "President Chiang knows not only the historical development of Soviet Russia but also the strategy and tactics used by Soviet Communists for world domination. I believe the struggle under the leadership of the well-experienced President will win the final victory in the anti-Communist war and national revolution as predicted by President Chiang." When calling on the 14,000 freedom-seeking ex-POW's, Stetsko lauded their daring action in breaking the iron curtain for freedom as a significant event not only in Free China and Free Asia but also in the free world. "This would tell the whole world that the 450 million freedom-loving Chinese people behind the iron curtain will certainly fight for freedom in the future and do their part in the forthcoming counterattack of Free China."

After visiting the ex-POW's Psychological Warfare Material Office, Stetsko stated that psychological warfare would be the most important work against the Communists. "Most of the people under the Communist rule are anti-Communist, but they feel they are isolated because the iron curtain has prevented them from knowing the real situation in the free world. Only by means of psychological warfare can we build up their confidence in seeking freedom and let them know that our present work will bring them some hope."

In analyzing the anti-Communist resistance movement in Soviet Russia and her satellites Stetsko said, "Among Ukrainians and Caucasians, who have long been ruled by the Communists, there are still anti-Communist activities with sabotage against their Communist regimes. This anti-Communist strength may be utilized to disturb the Soviet Proper when the free world forces march against Moscow."

In answer to a question about living conditions of the peoples in Soviet Russia and other satellites, Stetsko said, "In the area under the Russian Communist rule for 30 years, the people have not had their living conditions improved. It is much worse than that under the Czar. For instance, Ukrainians did stand against the famine systematically created by the Russian Communists in 1932-1933. There were 8,000,000 who died of starvation within a year. Five million of them were Ukrainians, and the rest Caucasians. At that time no bread could be obtained in Ukraine, though it was the granary of Europe. Even laborers were unable to get any. The satellites were equally suffering from starvation."

In conclusion, Stetsko declared that Free China had obtained excellent results in her military, economic and political buildup. "Free China's armed forces are the greatest strength among the anti-Communist nations in Far East, taking no compromising attitude in the anti-Communist war. They are not only well-equipped but also in high morale. All the reformation accomplished by Free China will be good enough to win over the people oppressed by the Communists on the mainland."

October 23

China Post A force built on the conceptions of self-determination and social equality by the Free World is stronger than that built on an atomic bomb, said a staunch anti-Communist leader of Europe yesterday.

Yaroslav Stetsko...reiterated his political beliefs in a press conference held at the Taiwan Railway Hotel yesterday afternoon.

The visiting anti-Communist leader of Ukraine told Free China's newsmen that President Chiang Kai-shek who has had 30 years experience in fighting against Communism is a great leader of the Chinese people. He also highly commended the political, economic, military and social progress made by the Chinese Government on this island.

Pointing out the weakness of Soviet Russia, he said more than three-fifths of the peoples in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are oppressed minorities and are fighting against the despotic rulers of the Kremlin. In Siberian and Vladivostok concentration camps, he said, the slave laborers are all anti-Communist "heroes". Thus, he believes not only the island of Taiwan is a stepping stone back to the Chinese mainland, but also the northern part of Asia is an ideal springboard for any eventual counteroffensive action provided unity and coordination can be worked out.

Stetsko is scheduled to depart here for Europe tomorrow.

United Daily News In a 1-hour press conference, Stetsko repeatedly explained that anti-Communist operation should be equipped with a lofty ideal, i.e. to fight for the independence and freedom of the oppressed peoples.

October 24

United Daily News Stetsko who was scheduled to leave for Europe yesterday postponed his departure until tomorrow because of the airliner's delay. He will continue his discussion with Chinese authorities concerned on how to establish a proper contact system between Free China and his anti-Bolshevik bloc.

October 27

China News Yaroslav Stetsko... yesterday donated US\$100 for the relief of Chinese people on the mainland. The Free China Relief Association has accepted the donations and wrote the Ukrainian leader of its appreciations.

October 28

United Daily News Yaroslav Stetsko...accompanied by HUANG Yu (7806/0147), secretary of the Ministry of Interior, arrived at Keelung from Taipei at 12:30 yesterday. YANG Lung-hu (2799/7127/4375), director of Construction Bureau in Keelung, acted as a guide to show Stetsko the Ship-Building Company and the Tunghsin (2639/0207) Public School. Stetsko left for Taipei at 4 p.m.

Stetsko made a farewell broadcast through the Chinese Broadcasting Company from 6:30 p.m. to 6:43 p.m. yesterday. He is scheduled to leave Taiwan for West Europe via Hongkong today.

October 29

China Post Yaroslav Stetsko...left here for Europe yesterday after more than a fortnight's visit to Free China.

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United Daily News Yaroslav Stetsko left Taipei for Europe by Thailand Airlines at 7:30 a.m. yesterday. Sent off by KU Chong-kang, chairman of the APACL China Chapter, Stetsko made a written statement to laud the progress of Free China.

Central Daily News In his farwell statement, Stetsko said that Taiwan had been an island under the Japanese reign in the past, but now is not only an anti-Communist stronghold under the leadership of President Chiang Kai-shek but also the Mecca of the Asian peoples.