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1. Transmitted herewith is a translation of an AECAPELIN report, subject as indicated above, dated 23 May 1955, the text of which was cabled under the reference number.

2. Re para. 3 of the attachment: AECAPELIN reported orally that STAKHIV and MARTSYUK have applied for a loan from the emigre bank at Bonn, Germany.

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ATTACHMENT TO NSMA-15680

SUBJECT: Crisis in the Anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN
SOURCE: AECAPLIN from Bohdan PIDHAYNYI and Ivan KASHUBA
INFO DATE: 23 May 1955

1. A week ago I had a discussion with Bohdan PIDHAYNYI, a member of the Provid of the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN (Kolegiya Upovnovashenykh). PIDHAYNYI appeared to be very discouraged and when I asked him why he was in this condition he very openly stated that it was because of the great crisis which currently prevails within the ranks of the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN.

2. This crisis was precipitated by the following conditions. First, there is no unity nor cooperation among the members of the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN. This has led to a depressing situation and today these people regret that they left the pro-BANDERA ZCh/OUN. Second, and more important, is the very poor financial situation in which the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN finds itself. Its newspaper, Ukrayinsky Samostiynyk, owes the printing company "Logos", 7,500 DM. The newspaper has been paying off its debt at 50 DM monthly. However, the new directors of "Logos" have taken this affair to the German court and are attempting to collect this debt via a law suit. Several days ago a representative of the German court appeared at the offices of Ukrayinsky Samostiynyk to take away the furniture and equipment. This is a very unfortunate situation. The people who are employed at Dachauerstrasse work almost without pay. Their monthly salary is from 100-150 DM. And from this little payment they even give some money to the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN. On the other hand, Suchasna Ukrayina employees receive as much as 500-600 DM monthly. Although ZPUHVR and Suchasna Ukrayina dispenses a large portion of money, the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN has not been able in any fashion to obtain money from them in order to straighten out its finances.

3. The anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN planned to open its own printing firm with the assistance of ZPUHVR and Suchasna Ukrayina in order to develop a source of income and to assure the finances of its employees. This plan, however, has fallen apart as the result of Volodymyr STAKHIV and Zenon MARTSYUK's opposition with ZPUHVR. STAKHIV and MARTSYUK plan to open their own private printing firm from which they will benefit personally.

4. The lack of understanding of ZPUHVR and its people at Suchasna Ukrayina concerning Ukrayinsky Samostiynyk and ZCh/OUN has left such a dim outlook among the ranks of the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN that most of its members are attempting to emigrate from Europe to Canada or the U.S. as soon as possible. Bohdan PIDHAYNYI is also planning to leave Europe as soon as he can.

5. On 23 May 1955, Ivan KASHUBA related the following to me: Ten members of the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN have approached the Provid of the pro-BANDERA ZCh/OUN with the request that they be readmitted to BANDERA's group.

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All of them were very disenchanted with the fact that ZPUHVR was not protecting and supporting the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN. The pro-BANDERA ZCh/OUN Provid will take this matter into consideration and will decide whether or not to re-accept these personalities into the pro-BANDERA group. Three of them definitely will be rejected but there is a possibility that seven of them will be re-accepted. Now, BANDERA's Provid is querying its Territorial Provids concerning the position BANDERA should take concerning these individuals. The Provid is afraid that the membership may take a dim view should he re-accept these people. On the other hand, if the Provid does not accept these personalities, then the latter will be completely disenchanted politically, will drop out of Ukrainian political affairs, thus creating a loss for Ukrainians. There are many good people among them who can make a good contribution to Ukrainian affairs.

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6. This affair should be considered very carefully. If ZPUHVR and Suchasna Ukrayina does not change its position vis-a-vis the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN, then it is certain that a great number of people will leave the latter group. Not only will it be a loss in terms of personalities, but it will also be a compromise of the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN. The BANDERAITES will take this as an argument and proof that the creation of the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN opposition was merely an attempt to break up ZCh/OUN. Messrs. STAKHIV and MARTSYUK must forsake their private interests in favor of the interests of the group.

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