

Re: *BOYKO, Vladimir Gerasimovich

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Source: *See summary 51*

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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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Subject first met source in the lobby of the hotel EL Conde. Subject was sitting watching television, and source approached him and asked him about program, and if he was with Kiev company. Subject replied affirmatively and a conversation ensued.

BOYKO, Vladimir Gerasimovich, nationality Ukrainian, born in Kiev 1930. 5'7", 160 brown hair, balding, long face, dark eyes. Says that he worked in Moscow in VOK, and in Kiev in the ~~Committee~~^{Association} for Cultural Ties with Foreign Nations. The subject likes to attack nationalists in conversation, and calls upon their deeds of murder and collaboration with Nazi Germany during the war. Subject does not do too much talking, instead will give a few pointed remarks now and then. Subject was given a reprint from SUCHASNIST, which contained poems of SYMONENKO and leaflet about fire in Kiev Library. At present subject is the General administrator for the company. (*Ukr. State Ballet*)

Source approached subject with reprint and asked him to read about the company to see what the emmigration writes about the company. Subject took leaflet, and promised to read it. Then subject asked source who he was, where from, and what he was doing here. Source explained that he was a student working on a ship, and happened to be in Venezuela at this time. When subject seemed satisfied with the story, source asked him how he enjoyed the recent tour, subject replied that they were getting a good reception in South America, but that life was generally very poor in the countries. Source asked subject about his work, and subject told him that he had worked in Moscow in the Association for Cultural Ties with Foreign Nations. Subject went on to tell source that while he was there he had to read all the Ukrainian nationalist press, journals, and books. After reading same he had to write out a report of what he read, and make a short analyses. Subject mentioned that he read SHLAKH PEREMOHY, UKRAINSKI VISTI, VYSVOLNIY SCHLACH quite often when he worked in Moscow. On this theme, subject seemed to be well oriented and had a good knowledge of Ukrainian emigre groups.

Subject told source that while in Kiev, he worked in the committee which is presently headed by KOLOSOVA. At the same time asking source if he knew about the group of writers and cultural leaders which visited the U.S. recently from Ukraine. Source said that he had heard about such a group, and asked if another similar one can be expected in the near future. Subject said that there are plans for more of the same, and in the near future another group will come, but subject did not know who will be in it.

Subject stated that he has noticed that in the recent months Ukrainians have started to look realistically upon Ukraine, and there has been less useless noise about the fate of Ukraine. Source told subject that youth have begun to look upon Ukraine in a different light. Youth which was never born in Ukraine, or never visited it, see ^{some} progress which has been achieved there, but we also see the shortcomings, such as Russification, the fact that Ukraine is not a state in the modern sense of the word. Subject did not answer, but stated that to be well informed, source should go and visit Ukraine.

On this the conversation ended, because subject had to go.

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Source met subject in the hotel lobby, subject was talking to KOSTIUCHENKO and they asked source if he would join them for a walk. On the street subject asked source if he had heard of an incident, whereby a few months ago, a young Canadian Ukrainian had written a poem, and asked the newspaper RADYANSKA UKRAINA to print it for him. The paper obliged, but later it turned out, that if a person read the first-~~lines~~^{letters} of the poem downward, he would read an anti-soviet slogan. Source said that this was the first time that he had heard of it. This topic seemed to annoy subject and he went into a tirade about the crimes of the OUN and UPA. Saying that to this day bodies of innocent women and children are being found in villages, bodies which were supposed to have been murdered by the OUN. Subject then said that the OUN were Nazi collaborators, which did not care to help their people at all. Source listened quietly, then asked subject if the crimes of the OUN can in any small way compare with the crimes of the Stalinist period. Subject started to defend Stalin, saying that he led the country through the war, but conceded that Stalin did make some small mistakes. Source asked if the murder of 6 million people can be considered a small mistake, this figure is not a lie. Source also asked where was the party during the Stalin era. Who elected Stalin, the people? Where was Soviet democracy. Subject did not answer these questions and said that he had to return home. There they parted.