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SUBJECT: Radio address by Dr. Hrynioch, Sunday, March 25, 1951
Radio Station WPIT, Pittsburgh

Preceding his English address, which took the form of a question and answer interview, Dr. John Hrynioch addressed the Ukrainian element in his native tongue, moderately expounding the efforts of the UPA, (Ukrainian Partisan Army), and attempting to further the passive resistance here in America toward the Bolshevik Imperialist Movement in Europe, especially in the Ukraine.

In the special fifteen minute broadcast immediately following the broadcast in the Ukrainian tongue, Dr. Hrynioch was introduced as a member of the praesidium of the Ukrainian Supreme Council of Liberation; that he (Dr. Hrynioch) was (at this time) on a three-month tour of the USA and Canada, participating in radio broadcasts (both in English and Ukrainian), in an attempt to arouse attention to the stubborn active resistance of the Ukrainian Underground, especially the UPA.

Dr. Hrynioch stated that the Ukrainians, within the boundaries of the Ukraine as set up after World War I in 1918, were recognized as the Ukrainian National Republic, but that this period of independence was cut short by the Bolshevik insurrection. Since that time the Ukrainians have been systematically butchered in an attempt to wipe out any semblance of Ukrainian nationalism.

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Some of the questions posed to Dr. Hrynioch were:

- Q. Who are the members of UPA?
- Q. What are the present aims of the UPA?
- Q. Who supports the underground?
- Q. Are the activities of the underground directed against the Russian Communists?

Answer: Activities of the underground are effected toward the Russian Imperialist Bolshevism, against the MVD and the entire police system, and not against the Red Army. The underground conducts political activity among the Red Army, because many Red Army members have been forced into service and have a strong desire for freedom.

- Q. What are the methods of reprisals?

Answer: Mass deportation of Ukrainian nationals; (in 1947, 150,000 Ukrainians were shipped to Siberian labor camps); activity against the churches, both Orthodox and more particularly Catholic; elimination of the cultural life of the Ukrainian.

- Q. What is the type of military action taken by UPA?

Answer: The military action of UPA is defensive.

- Q. Do the Ukrainians in the Ukraine hear the Voice of America broadcasts?

Answer: Yes, but they are disappointed. Even though the broadcasts are in the Ukrainian tongue they are not directed toward the unaligned nationalities?

- Q. What is the ultimate aim of the underground and the UPA?

Answer: Total destruction of Russian Imperialist Bolshevism.

Dr. Hrynioch iterated that the Voice of America is the best vehicle for the spiritual mobilization of the Ukrainian population; that, after a thirty-year reign of terror, through the VOA broadcasts despair can be transformed into hope. Therefore the tactics of the VOA must be changed, giving the Ukrainians moral support and an acknowledgment of sympathy toward the Ukrainian cause.

Dr. Hrynioch stated that in addition to the resistance activity in the Ukraine there is activity among the Lithuanians, Poles, Czechoslovaks, and Rumanians, and that, in many instances, members of these nationalities have joined UPA forces.

Dr. Hrynioch stated that a Stalinist-type of religion has been instituted and the traditional religions that flourished have been forced into a catacomb-type existence.