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MEMORANDUM

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Re: Dismissal of Zolotareno from KCAB.-Strong Arm Tactics of the Bandera Group in Germany.-Intrigues of Col. Nicholas Chebotariv Against Gen. C. Udovichenko.-Plans for an ABN Congress.-

The executive committee of the Ukrainian Liberation Movement (UVR) dismissed V. I. Zolotareno as their representative in the Coordinating Center For Anti-Bolshevik Struggle (KCAB) and replaced him with V. P. Vasylyak. The alternate representative in KCAB remains Mr. L. M. Bondarenko. The dismissal took place on February 2nd and includes exclusion from the executive committee of UVR.

According to reliable sources, leader of the OUNr, Stephen Bandera decided to break the agreement of December 26th, 1953 which he signed with the representatives of the UHVR and which proposed democratization of both factions of Ukrainian nationalists and their union under leadership of Dr. L. o. Robot, Dr. Z. Matla and Stephen Bandera. The latter declared that the agreement was a mistake and that he should remain the leader of all nationalists in Ukraine and abroad. A meeting of 47 nationalist organizations held in Munich on February 10th accepted the agreement despite opposition of S. Bandera and his friends. ~~Indecent~~ his Steako, president of ABN. In response, Bandera ordered the commanders of his "security service" M. (?) Kasuba and Dr. H. Vaskovich to see to it that nationalist organizations follow the orders of Bandera. The "strong arm" units of the security service in Munich and in the vicinity did not follow their orders. Then Kasuba and Vaskovich called in the units from other cities which on February 16th wrecked the office of the newspaper Ukrainsky Spositivnyk in Munich and broke up in the printing shop of the publication the articles describing the whole affairs. The matter is now in the hands of the German police. It seems that the majority of the Bandera group and the whole UHVR group are in support of the "democratic agreement" of December 26th.

Former chief of secret service and military intelligence, in the government of the Ukrainian republic in the years 1918-1920, Col. Nicholas Chebotariv now in Ben Ula, Germany started a whispering campaign against Gen. Udovichenko as candidate for vice-president and chief of the army in the Ukrainian government-in-exile. Chebotariv who, during the last 30 years, served with the Polish German, and probably some other European secret services, often simultaneously had ambitions to succeed A. Livitaky. Now he tries to convince some Ukrainian emigre circles that Gen. Udovichenko was in contact with the Soviets and is a bolshevik agent. When requested to prove his accusations, Chebotariv refused to appear before a Ukrainian committee investigating his charges. During some phases of Chebotariv's career, he was closely associated with Nicholas Kovalevsky, present candidate for chief of the Ukrainian desk of Radio Liberation.

In order to strengthen their position, the Bandera group is pressing for an early congress of ABN which will represent the rightist nationality groups still in that organization. Besides mentioned previously, Ukrainians, Byelorussians, Croatians, Hungarians and Slovaks, the Latvian group headed by A. Berezins (now in the United States), the Estonian headed by Oskar Loris and the "Iron ~~Guard~~ Guard" of the Rumanian leader, Horie Sila, are mentioned.

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