

SECRET

EXTRACT FROM:

221 CMGWU

SUBJECT: CSOB/Bi-Weekly Report #1

Program Report

9 July 1951

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3020
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

c. Review of CSOB Joint Projects

3) AEQUOR

In comparison with other projects, AEQUOR has to date been marked by uneventful, quiet liaison which has been most productive. Without making any commitments we have received from the group two excellent agents who are now in training and have a third about to undergo assessment. The agents now in training, one of whom will be dispatched in August, feel certain that an anti-Soviet resistance movement still smolders in Belorussia. Further, the nature of the geography is such that small bands, who will form the nuclei of communications centers, would be able to escape detection for years in the swamps and thick forests. If we are successful in establishing contact with the Belorussian resistance, we will not only have linked up operationally the Ukrainians to the south and the Lithuanians to the north, but also placed ourselves athwart the lines of communication of the Soviet Army.

With the final acceptance by us of the two agents for training, CAMHISTA 1, our operational contact with the Belorussian National Council, did indicate that he desired permission and support for two additional activities. The first was the preparation of a list of persons who might be usable either in current operations or in the event of war. Seeing that the latter fitted in with ZRELOPE aims and that we might always procure additional current agent personnel from such an effort, we concurred. The second activity was the support of a Belorussian weekly newspaper THE FATHERLAND, which is now being published irregularly in the Munich area. Its general line would be one of (a) anti-Bolshevism first and foremost, (b) pre-Americanism in the sense that American action in defense of the free world would be explained to Belorussian readers as an antidote to Soviet propaganda, and (c) a Belorussian nationalism which, while not inciting against the Great Russians or objecting to federation with them, would demand that Belorussia be given local autonomy wherein they would be ruled by their own people, freely elected, rather than by a combination of Great Russians and Georgians.

Little is perhaps known about the true strength of Belorussian nationalism, but even if it is not the strong force found in the Ukraine, it would appear that the republic is a sufficiently

SECRET

CS COPY

74-126-44/38

SECRET

strategic area to make cultivation of this nationalism worthwhile.

EG-2 ✓

SECRET