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Ivan Demchenko's Attempt to Recount Canadian Ambassador, Moscow

From a casual, unsworn source, it was learned that Elizabeth (Lubovna) MELIK, nee ~~MAKAROVNA~~, a Canadian Christian presently living in Toronto, Canada, left for a visit to the Ukraine, sailing on the SS Romania on 12 May 1960. During her stay (May and June) she went on 26 May 1960 to Yablunivka (Yablouva under Polish administration), r-n Zolochyń Polik, Ternopol Oblast, which is her birthplace. She has a sister and other close relatives living there.

In Yablunivka, E. MELIK met Ivan DEMCHENKO, a Ukrainian orthodox priest about forty years old. DEMCHENKO, after checking with MELIK's sister as to her trustworthiness, explained that he had lost contact with the Canadian Ambassador and wanted her to go to the Canadian Embassy in Moscow and to tell the Ambassador and some other high official in the Embassy, of his desire for them to recontact him. DEMCHENKO asked her to tell them of his whereabouts.

MELIK was asked to warn the people in the Canadian Embassy of two priests who were working for the Soviets as "schmoks" (stool pigeons). She was given their names: Metody MELIK, an orthodox priest presently in Australia, and ~~FRAN~~ ~~MELIK~~ MELIK also a priest located somewhere in the Ukraine. Their photographs showed them to be bearded.

DEMCHENKO told MELIK that he had been deported to Siberia in the 1940's and at that time had received some help from the Canadian Embassy or from the Canadian Ambassador. She was to tell the Ambassador that he (DEMCHENKO) had experienced much suffering since then. He knew the address of the Canadian Embassy in Moscow, but he warned her that this was a very delicate matter.

DEMCHENKO had promised to meet MELIK on the following day; however, he did not keep the appointment. MELIK assumed that he had to go to Stanislaw to the court where he was to settle his divorce problem. DEMCHENKO had two daughters (one about 15 years old) and a son about 10 years old. The son had left his mother and had come to live with his father. DEMCHENKO's ex-wife had probably some objections and was trying to regain custody of the son through court action. DEMCHENKO told MELIK that his ex-wife had probably denounced him at one time to the authorities as a spy and had caused him much trouble.

MELIK so far has not reported anything about DEMCHENKO and his case to anyone in Moscow or to any Canadian official.

