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REPORT ON CONTACT WITH SOVIET HYDROELECTRICIANS

On Friday, 17 February, I talked with some of the Soviet hydroelectricians who have been visiting hydroelectric stations in Canada for the past two weeks. There were four engineers in the group to which I had access. They were specialists in the construction of hydroelectric stations. One of them spoke English and had previously visited Canada: MIRONOV. Let me note in the beginning that this man did not impress me as being an engineer. From my own observations and from remarks made by other Canadian engineers who saw him on other occasions, he seemed to avoid technical questions and was very unhappy when such questions were posed to him.

There was an engineer from the Ukraine in the group, BAKSHEYEV, who stated that he had worked at the construction of the KAKHOVSK and KHEMENCHYISK hydroelectric stations. He presently is located in KHARKOV. Are you a Ukrainian?, I asked. No. Do you speak Ukrainian? No, but I understand the Ukrainian language well. Are you a Russian by birth? No, I am Siberian. He has a warm personality and has the general appearance of a Ukrainian, 42 years of age, regular features, black hair, heavy eyebrows. He knows his business. He was the best dressed of the delegates.

In general, the group was poorly dressed. Two of the delegates wore colored work shirts and they looked like plain laborers.

The oldest, age-wise and status-wise was BOCHKIN: a tall Moscovite, old, likes to drink and doesn't try to hide this fact. He had been an army engineer during the war. He spoke Russian during the interview. He praised the Canadians and their progress in the development of energetics (power) resources.

They were very obtrusive in their questioning of Canadian engineers, asking for all sorts of details about construction, some of them very elementary questions. Two of them had cameras and tried to take pictures of photographs of hydroelectric stations displayed on the table. A Canadian told one of them, "Don't bother, you may have the photograph." *Indean*

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the St. Lawrence river dam, one of the Soviets took a snapshot of a group of the participants, in order to get a photograph of the machinery in the area. I turned at an opportune time and tried to prevent him from doing this. At another time when I happened to be standing in a streak of bright light, he tried inconspicuously to photograph me, not having asked my permission, but a technician who was with me blocked the camera with his back just as he (the Soviet) tried to snap the photo. His camera hung on a long strap from his neck, so that he could snap pictures inconspicuously. It was worth seeing the uncomfortable expression on his face when he realized that his intentions became known. He made no further attempts to photograph me and even tried to avoid me. Every one of them in time questioned me about when, from where and why I came to Canada. I repeated my legend for them. It is interesting that ever since I have been with the delegation there has been a representative of the Embassy in Ottawa. I didn't see him but L. HUSYN, of the Ukrainian Section of CBS, who had an interview with another group, met the attache of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, ROMANIUK (who although he stated that he comes from Kiev, is a Galician).

Canadians' impressions of this group (the entire delegation not only the group with which I was) were negative. A number of the Canadians stated in conversations with me that several of the members of the (Soviet) delegation were more interested in hydroelectric installations from the military standpoint than from the standpoint of specialists.

In another group (the one with which HUSYN was in contact) there was a Ukrainian, FYLYMONCHUK, an older man. I am attaching a photograph of all the participants. My contributions were: MIRONOV, MASLOVSKIY, BAKSHEYEV.

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*The photos of Soviets sent  
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