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SUBJECT	REDWOOD Soviet Relations with Ukrainians in Canada		MICROFILM
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
<p>1. SMABOVE has recently provided the following information from a reliable source concerning the relations between the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians (AUUC) and the Soviet government.</p> <p>2. During a District Conference of the AUUC, which was held recently in Windsor, Ontario, Michael KOROL, National Chairman of the Association, stated that the National Office of the Association had received numerous inquiries from AUUC members requesting an explanation as to why they could not obtain a visa to visit the Soviet Ukraine, their homeland. Efforts by the National Office of the AUUC to obtain clarification of these restrictions, from both the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa and the Soviet government itself, had met with failure and he was of the opinion that Ukrainians residing in Canada were discriminated against by Russian officials in this regard.</p> <p>3. KOROL went on to state that during the past summer, while visiting the Ukraine with an AUUC delegation, he had an Intourist guide in Kiev who refused to speak Ukrainian to the delegation. He stated that the government officials in the Ukraine mostly spoke Russian and as a result no Ukrainian is used in official correspondence and many people are forgetting their native tongue.</p> <p>4. One explanation offered by KOROL as to why Ukrainians were being discriminated against by the Soviet Union was that possibly some government offices were being operated by followers of Trotsky (sic). He further stated that since Ukrainians in Canada were being treated in such a manner they should forget the Soviet Union, regard the Ukraine as their fatherland, but think of Canada as their home and work at all times to improve conditions in this country.</p> <p>Distribution: ✓ Orig & 1 - C/SR 3 - C/WE</p>			
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5. While the facts stated by KOROL may be somewhat exaggerated and his reasoning not always sound, we thought that Headquarters would be interested to know that the Soviet government, either through policy or neglect, has apparently succeeded in alienating a segment of the sizable Ukrainian ethnic group in Canada. We would be interested in knowing for the guidance of SMABOVE whether you have observed anything similar in other areas in refugee communities consisting of former Soviet minorities.

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