

No : Kolossova's Group in Washington, D.C.
Sources : S, P and wife, Ch, Ya, Sm ^{two of them} ^{A/S} ^{of whom}
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1. S and P met the group for the first time on 2 Dec 1964 at approx. 22.00 hrs in the lobby of Commodore Hotel and had a short conversation with KOLOS OVA, MAYBORODA, VILDE, KRYZHANIVSKYI, YAROSHCHUK, BASH, ZARUDNYI and one or two others. At the end of the conversation S and P invited the group to a dinner-party at P's house and KOLOS OVA accepted the invitation. On 3 Dec 1964 from 20.00 to 22.00 hrs the group had a reception at the American University and ^{some of} our Sources were there present too. After the meeting at the American University KOLOS OVA, MAYBORODA, BASH, ZARUDNYI, KOZAK, KRYZHANIVSKYI and VILDE went to a dinner party at P's house. KOLOS OVA decided who had to go to the party and VILDE was added only after S asked KOLOS OVA whether VILDE will go too.

On 4 Dec 1964 the Soviet group visited the Library of Congress and Ya accompanied KRYZHANIVSKYI, DUDYKEVICH and YAROSHCHUK. After the visit to the Library YA took them to his house for dinner. On the way they saw Shevchenko's monument.

2. Talks of our Sources with Soviet Ukrainians were mainly political. Contrary to their practice in New York members of the group did not eschew political topics though in general were poorly prepared with their argumentation. They were simply helpless on such themes as agglomeration of nations, Russification, diplomatic relations of U.S.S.R. "partnership" with Russians. Their usual answer was that there was no official Russification, there were, of course, still many shortcomings but matters were getting better, all were for diplomatic relations between Kiev and the West and even asserted that PALAMARCHUK was also in favor of their establishment.

They were deeply impressed by the knowledge of emigres about Soviet reality and their intellectual capacity. They did not conceal the fact

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that they had had a completely distorted picture of Ukrainian emigration and now were changing it in the latter's favor.

Some tried to prove that a partnership between Russians and Ukrainians existed, pointed to the "Ukrainian clique" in the Kremlin, and mentioned that Russians were ^{even} complaining that there were too many Ukrainians now in the top Soviet leadership. Also some Russian literary circles were said to envy some Ukrainian publications like, for instance, "Vsesvit".

According to KOLOS OVA and others their mission was to get familiar with Ukrainian emigration, learn its problems, get acquainted with people and lay ground for further development of cultural contacts with Ukrainians abroad. She and others promised also that after their return home ~~that~~ they will try to ~~xxxx~~ improve many things ^{in the Ukraine} and will give a serious consideration to the critique they met abroad. Of course, they meant primarily cultural matters. In turn, they hoped to get some aid in their efforts to inform the West about Ukraine from the emigration. They promised also to stop "further dirty polemics" against emigration.

KOLOSSOVA admitted that there were also many shortcomings in their own foreign information and said that in the near future they will publish in addition to English-language "Visti z Ukrainy - supplement" a magazine about Ukraine in four languages - English, French, Spanish, and German.

Kolosova's group will be followed by other "cultural groups" and pretty soon they also hoped to send a group of young Ukrainian writers and artists and other intellectuals to America and Canada.

KOLOSSOVA, ZARUDNYI, and BASH recommended to make contact with the head of Ukrainian Mission - SHEVCHENKO - and discuss with him "all the pertinent problems".

3. During the dinner-party at P's house all books were handed over to the Soviet Ukrainians.

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