

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN THE UKRAINE 1965-1967 (based on the reports of the Soviet Ukrainian Press)

1965

January

"In his new book Shevchenko and Modern Times, the well-known Ukrainian literary expert L.M.Novychenko "exposes the attempts of the American imperialists and their lackeys, the Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists to falsify the works of Shevchenko". (Literaturna Ukraina, Jan. I, 1965).

In the review of Yuriy Musketyk's new novel A Drop of Blood, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Ivan Dziuba praises the author for his raising "the value of human life as the greatest worldly worth". (Radvas'ke Literaturoznavstvo, No I, Jan.1965).

"Young singers should not only have pleasant voices, but also know how to dance Ukrainian folk and modern dances, and clearly enunciate poems in Ukrainian" (Molod' Ukrainy, Jan.24, 1965).

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February

At the meeting of critics of the Association of Writers of the Ukraine, held on February 5, in Kiev, several speakers attacked Ivan Dziuba for his review of Yu.Musketyk's A Drop of Blood. Dziuba was assailed for his defense of "some kind of independence of the individual from society". At the same meeting Yevhen Sverstiuk "delivered a speech full of general, absolutely subjectivist phrases" (Literaturna Ukraina, Feb.9, 1965).

The editors of Literaturna Ukraina (Feb.2) came out in support of a correspondent who demanded that the editions of ~~xxx~~ Ukrainian books be raised. The editors wrote: "Why is it sometimes so difficult to get a certain book, for example by a modern Ukrainian writer a classic of Ukrainian literature?"

(Feb.24) Robitnycha Gazeta voices demand for the development of Ukrainian technological terminology. It also calls (Feb.19) for publication of "the long-awaited Republic journal, The World of Books on the pattern of the analogous journal published in the RSPSR."

March 1965

Ivan Dziuba's views on the relationship between individual and society censured by Prokip Mysnyk (Literaturna Ukraina March 2).

Distribution of Ukrainian books called "sad, discouraging, alarming" (Robotnycha Hazeta, March 19).

Radyans'ka Kultura ~~xxxxxxx~~ (March 21) upbraids Russian singer who permanently live in the Ukraine for singing their roles in Russian.

April

Publication of Vasyl Symonenko's Diary by Suchasnist called "the Everest of meanness" by Radyans'ka Ukraina (Apr.15).

Kultura i Zhyttia (Apr.1) deplores dubbing of Ukrainian dialogues on Ukrainian films.

Returning to ~~the~~ Suchasnist's scoop on Symonenko, Vasyl Kozachenko and Petro Panch write in Literaturna Ukraina of Apr.27, : "Our class enemies are capable of anything; they can engage in the dirtiest kind of provocation in order to besmirch our sacred cause...No, the gentl men of the West German publishing and radio companies will not succeed in discrediting the honest name of Vasyl Symonenko."

Early printed books show "high level" of 17th century Ukraine (Ukrainska Mova i Literatura v Shkolâ No.4, April 1965).

May

Readers complain about small editions of Ukrainian books (Literaturna Ukraina, May 25)

June

The meeting of the Presidium of the Association of Writers of the Ukraine, held on June 11, 1965 censured Lviv magazine Zhovten'. It "categorically pointed out some errors in the ~~xxx~~ works of the editorial board, and particularly of Chief editor R.Bratun'. Zhovten' published a number of petty, ideologically undefined and artistically incomplete poems and prose works." (Literaturna Ukraina June 15). Bratun' was relieved of his duties in Nov.1966, has remained on the editorial board. P.Burak, Secretary of the Leninsky Rayon Committee in Lvov: "The rayon committee received alarming news about neglected internal work in some Komsomol organizations" (Vilna Ukraina, June 13).

June 1965

Lt.-Gen.V.Nikitchenko, chairman of the KGB in the Ukraine:
"We have firmly suppressed a number of attempts by foreign intelligence services, which have recently tried to conduct subversive activities in the Ukraine under the guise of tourists."(Radyanska Ukraina, June 19).

September

On Sept. 3 Presidium of the Association of Writers of the Ukraine held its meeting. A point under discussion was the work with young writers. They were charged with "superficial opinions in critical articles and faulty public appearances"(Literaturna Ukraina, Sept. 7,).

October

"Confused statements" and "vulgarism" laid to young Ukrainian writers ^{at} ~~during~~ the meeting of the Kiev party cell of writers. The meeting was addressed by the Secretary of the Kiev City Committee, V.) Boychenko. Reporting on the meeting Literaturna Ukraina (Oct. 15) commented: "Under complicated conditions, when imperialism is activating an ideological struggle against us using all available means, when the Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists are working as plotters in the service of their masters, the activities of our men of letters and their great ideological ~~work~~ and educational work are assuming an increasing importance. Let us at all times keep our weapons sharp..."

Lags in distribution of Ukrainian press reported (Radyanska Ukraina, Oct. 17).

Brezhnev in Kiev extolls WW II efforts of the Ukrainian people, raps "manifestations of nationalism and chauvinism"(Radyanska Ukraina, Oct. 24).

The meeting of Lviv writers, held in October 1965 denounces young writers who "have fallen into the trap of mistaken searchings, artifices and apolitical lack of subject". The meeting was surprised at the address of the young writer Hryhoriy Kollisnyk, who is disturbed by the authoritarians in our literature. Neither was the meeting happy about the address of the poet Roma Kudlyk, who expressed a number of immature and muddled opinions (Literaturna Ukraina, Oct. 22).

November 1965

Civil disobedience practised by sects in the Ukraine (Molod' Ukrainy, Nov.12).

Vitriolic attack against UHVR, Suchasnist, Prolog. Lebed, Hrynioch, Koshelivets, Prokop, Olynyk called "despicable types slinking around the backyards of the West." Stetsko and others also named. (Literaturna Ukraina, Nov.12, 1965).

"Bourgeois falsifiers" and "the Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists in particular" denounced in The History of Philosophical Thought in Ukraine (Robitnych Hazeta, Nov.27). Western sovietologists accused of falsifying origins of Soviet State (Ukrainskyy Istorychnyy Zhurnal, Nov.11, 1966). Zionists said to aid Ukrainian nationalists (Robitnycha Hazeta (December 1)).

December

Yu.N.Yelchenko, First Sekretary of the Komsomol of the Ukraine warns the youth of Ukraine, that "enemy propagand wishes to sow doubt and prejudice against the older generation, cosmopolitan sentiments, immorality and ~~xxx/xxxx~~ enthusiasm for the bourgeois way of life" (Molod' Ukrainy, Dec.17).

~~Вуха~~ I.Boychak, IvanDrach's defender assailed (Molod' Ukrainy Dec.29)

"If anyone in the audience attempts to distract the audience from a serious discussion by questions or answers of a demagogic nature (such instances, although rarely, do occur in our practice), the propagandist must convincingly and firmly express the Party viewpoint on the given problem..." (Komunist Ukrainy, No.12, Dec.1965). Ibid: Attack Ukr. nationalists who "are attempting to drive a wedge between the peoples of our nation".

January 1966

"The spirit of friendship among nations, Soviet patriotism, proletarian internationalism and high political vigilance" stressed at the conference of the Kiev Military District (Radyanska Ukraina, Jan.28, 1966).

February

Komunist Ukrainy No.2, febr. 1966, launches offensive on Ukrainian nationalists. Prolog, Suchasnist, UPA, UHVR, Lebed, Koshelivets as mentioned.

March 1966

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Yu.Zbanatsky and V.Kondratenko resume attack against "bourgeois nationalists (who) forged the writer's diaries and inserted nonsense into them, which V.Symonenko had never written" (Literaturna Ukraina, March 4, 1966).

Addressing 23rd Congress of the CPSU, P.Yu.Shelest, First Secretary CPU called for "public censure" of those who "refuse to understand us and continue spreading provocative rumors, gossips and inventions from the hostile press and radio". He also warned of "the attempts of imperialist propaganda to sow discord among the socialist nations by reviving nationalist and chauvinist prejudices". As to Ukrainian Russian relations, he said, ~~XXXX~~ the Ukrainian people have always experienced "mighty arm of support of the true brother and friend - the Russian people." (Radyanske Ukraina, March 16).

O.Korneichuk at the 23rd Congress of the CPU in March 1966: "The sworn enemies have cast many rusted nationalist hooks with rotten worms into the airwaves: perhaps a fool will come and swallow it. Unfortunately they find such fools..." (Literaturna Ukraina March 18, 1966).

"Scientific conference on problems of closer ties among nations" held in Lugansk. One of the papers submitted to the conference: "The reactionary nature of Modern Theories of Ukrainian Nationalism" (Radyanske Literaturознаvstvo, No.3, March 1966).

April

P.Yu. Shelest addressing 20th Congress of the Komsomol of the Ukraine: "We must openly admit that wherever ideological political and educational work is lagging among the youth, it is often the result of the lack of interest in politics, of demagoguery, scepticism, and of bowing to the rotten Western culture" (Molod Ukrainy, April 26).

Ukrainian books in Odessa "hard to find" (Literaturna Ukraina Apr. 19).

April 1966

A press conference called in Kiev by the Society for Cultural Relations with Ukrainians Abroad. Soviet and foreign correspondents ~~XXXXX~~ invited. S.I. Dzhugalo, member of the ZCh OUN, introduced ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ at the conference to describe reasons for his defection. Yu. Smolych addresses the conference attacking ZCH OUN (Bandera, Stetsko, Lenkavsky), UHVR, Prolog (Lebed) - ("on instructions of American intelligence the leaders of ZP UHVR compiled for its employees a special list of questions of an espionage character which were to be answered during their stay in the USSR"). (Radyanska Ukraina, Apr. 24, Literaturna Ukraina, Apr. 26, 1966).

May

P. Yu. Shelest writing in Komunist Ukrainy (No 5, May 1966): "For the purpose of undermining the fraternal unity of the peoples of the USSR, the imperialists seek out nonexistent contradictions among them and do everything possible to discredit the Leninist nationality policy of the Party and the cause of communism. The bourgeois propaganda primarily relies on youth..."

June

Secretary of the Kiev City Committee, CPU, V. Boychenko, inveighs proponents of "freedom of creativity". Dziuba, Lina Kostenko, Stus' singled out in charge. (Komunist Ukrainy, No 6, June 1966). In the same issue V. Panibudlaska asserts that "the Soviet people steadfastly answer the ideological diversions of the enemy, including the Ukrainian nationalists."

July

Writing in Radyanska Ukraina (July 1) on the 40th anniversary of Komunist Ukrainy, its editor in chief, Ya. Pashko states: "The journal has exposed gross and malicious distortions of the CP Ukraine by American 'scholars' and their fellow travellers from the camp of the Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists' scum!"

Ivan Drach assails emigre interpretation of his works by Bohdan Krawciw (Literaturna Ukraina, July 22, 1966).

"There are still individuals who have not rid themselves of burden of nationalist prejudices, who are captives of "independent" illusions and hope for their realization with the outside help, help of the imperialists and their hirelings - Ukr. bourgeois nationalists" (Vilna Ukraina July 29).

August 1966

Western sovietologists denounced for "falsification" of the nationality policy of the CPSU in Ukraine. (Ukrainskyy Istorychnyy Zhurnal, No 8, August 1966.)

"Slandorous inventions" laid to the Ukrainian historians abroad (Komunist Ukrainy No 8, August 1966).

September

"Apolitical" writers hit by Lviv magazine. A poem of R. Kudlyk (b.1941) singled out ("preaching of doom and helplessness") (Zhovten! No 8, Sept.1966).

Perets ridicules I.Dziuba ("the martyred toad") (Perets No 17, Sept.1966).

Western sovietologists accused of "slandering" Soviet nationality policy in the Ukraine (Komunist Ukrainy No 9, Sept.66)

M.Hrushevsky, dean of Ukrainian historians remembered on his anniversary (Literaturna Ukraina Sept.30)

November

"There are still people among us who tend to stress either consciously or unconsciously national differences and peculiarities and thus to hamper the progressive process of the drawing closer of nations and their cultures" (PRAVDA Ukraine, Nov.1, 1966).

The development and future of the Ukrainian language was the main topic of the Fifth Congress of the Writers of the Ukraine in Nov.1966. Addressing the Congress p.Yu.Shelest called on the writers to "treat our beautiful Ukrainian language with care" (Literaturna Ukraina, Nov.17). O.Honchar revealed that "due to certain conditions, our native language often fares worse in school than foreign language" (Ibid.) . L. Novychenko ridiculed recent Soviet theories on disappearance of the non-Russian languages of the USSR (Ibid. Nov.25). Yu.Smolych spoke out in defence of the languages of the minorities of the Ukraine - Polish, Hungarian, Jewish etc. (Ibid. Nov.20).

December

Status of Ukrainian ministries lowered. Centralization process sped up (Radyanska Ukraina, Dec. 25, 1966).

December 1966

Two Ukrainian lawyers ~~ppppp~~ urge re-establishment of the Ukrainian Justice Ministry (Radyanske Pravo, No.12,1966)

January 1967

Ukrainian Oil industry official protests Moscow's Ministry ~~xxxxxxx~~ administrative takeover. (Robitnycha Hazeta, Jan. 19, 1967)

Protest Russification of place names in the Ukraine (Literaturna Ukraina, Jan.31)

Lags in the distribution of Ukrainian papers reported (Radyanska Ukraina Jan.17)

"Imperialist ideologists talk about the "denationalization" which is allegedly taking place in the USSR. Yet it is well known that drawing together of socialist nations is progressing under the conditions of their all-round development and complete equality." (Radyanska Ukraina, Jan.18).

Ukrainska Mova i Literatura v Shkoli (No I, Jan.1967) denounces those Ukrainians who "insult their own language, renounce it and teach their children to do the same ~~xxx~~ without ever stopping to think how degrading and unethical is such behavior."

February

A special meeting of the Ukrainian Komsomol buro censures the management and editors of the magazine Dnipro for the publication in its January issue "Doroha", a poem by B.Olynyk, "^rSpaha", a novel by Yu.Ivanchuk and some of the poems of Yu.Serdyuk ("permeated by a sense of sadness and hopelessness", presenting "isolated negative facts as typical and representative") (Molod' Ukrainy, Feb.25)

Magazine Vitchyzna recants for ^{the} publishing in its December (1966) issue Ya, Stupak's short story "Hordynya" "in which the author ignores historical truth". Stupak wrote about the unnamed "invaders" ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the ~~Ukrainian~~ Carpathian Mountains and about a peasant opposition to their rule. (Literaturna Ukraina Feb.17).

March

A lengthy editorial published in Radyanska Ukraina and Literaturna Hazeta calls on Ukrainian writers to get back on socialist realism track, reminds them of mistakes committed by Dnipro and Vitchyzna, hits "imperialist reaction and their lackeys - Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists abroad." (Radyanska Ukraina, March 24, 1967)

March 1967

Soviet citizens warned of foreign tourists who "smuggle contraband into the country, distribute anti-Soviet publications among our people and attempt to gather slanted and tendentious information." (Radyanska Ukraina March 18).

April

Ukrainian Catholics active in Western Ukraine. "Secret masses are used for bourgeois nationalist propaganda". In the Kolomya rayon during a mass "absurdities were shouted, prayers said, nationalist anthem sung, and confessions made." (Lyudyna i Svit, No.4, April 1967).

March 1967

O.I.Luhova, writing in Ukrainskyi Istorychnyy Zhurnal (No.3, March 1967) on "Ukraine's status in the Period of Capitalism" proves that ^{Czarist} Russia made Ukraine a colony. (F.Shevchenko, editor in chief, relieved of his duties in August 1967. No reason given).

May

L.Vysheslavsky, a Russian writer living in the Ukraine calls on his Russian colleagues in the Ukraine to study Ukrainian. (Literaturna Ukraina, May 19).

Lt.Gen H.Zabolotnyy, chief of the Border Guards' political administration warns of foreign tourists who "bring anti-Soviet religious, pornographic literature" to "poison" Soviet citizens. (Radyanska Ukraina, May 28, 1967).

June

O.Honchar, chairman of the Union of Writers of the Ukraine addresses ^{ing} the All-Union Congress of Writers in June 1967, ridiculed Soviet censorship ("the phantom with colored pencil should understand that restricting the thought of a Soviet artist, and confining the scope of his literary activity can interest only primitive minds...") (Literaturna Ukraina, June 6).

~~I.K.~~ Bilodid eases his stand on the ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{Russian} language as "the second native language" of the Ukrainian people. Submits that Ukrainians and other non-Russians should know their own and Russian language. (Ukrainska Mova i Literatura v Shkoli No 6, June 1967).

Toronto gallery owner, M.Kolankivsky lionized in the Ukraine (Literaturna Ukraina June 23).

July 1967

Call for strengthening of Uk SSR control over paint industry
(Robitnycha Hazeta July 15, 1967).

Ihor Antonych, prominent Ukrainian poey of the Thirties
emergese from "Unjust anonymity" (Molod' Ukrainy, July 12)

Semichastny heads job placement program for young people
in the Ukraine (Radyanska Ukraina, July 5, 1967).

Paper urges that college entrance examination forms be prin-
ted in Ukrainian and Russian (Radyanska Osvita July 19).

August 1967

Zionists accused of collaboration with Petlura (Pravda Ukrai
ny, August 5, 1967).
