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Re            : CHEREDNICHENKO Leonid Stepanovich, Vice-Minister of Higher and Specialized Secondary Education, Ukr SSR;  
KOLOSOV Aleksey Mikhailovich, Rector of All Union Agricultural Institute of Education by Correspondence;  
STANIS Wladimir Frantsevich (Frankevich), Dean of Correspondence Section of Economic Faculty, Moscow State Uni;  
CHERNIAVSKYI Viktor of Permanent Mission of Ukr SSR in New York,  
and their visit to Dr Kl's house on 14 May 1965

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1. On 14 May 1965 at 11.20 hrs, as prearranged by CHERNIAVSKY on telephone, he arrived at Dr Kl's house together with CHEREDNICHENKO, STANIS and KOLOSOV in the Soviet Mission's car and stayed until 12.05 hrs when they left for Columbia accompanied by Dr Kl. At Columbia they were met by Messrs ROBERTS, HARKINS, FISHER, BERNSTEIN, SHEVCHENKO, MC MENAMINEN (?) and others. As interpreter acted SLUZAR Sonia from Prof BRZEZINSKI'S office. The meeting at ~~the~~ Columbia was arranged by Dr Kl, she herself did not accompany Soviet guests on their visit there. (A report on their visit to Columbia will be sent separately.) The Sovs stayed at Columbia until 15.00 hrs and were treated with a lunch.

2. On 8, 11, and 12 May 1965 CHERNIAVSKYI phoned Dr Kl and asked her to arrange a meeting for his Professors not only with their colleagues at Columbia but also with members of Round Table Club. On 12 May 1965 he was definitely told that final arrangements had been made for their visit to Columbia but there were no chances to meet people at the Round Table Club. The reason for that was the same as before, namely, that "under the existing political situation in the Ukraine, particularly in view of the lack of any efforts on the part of Kolossova and Palamarchuk and all the others to change matters for the better, there was no point to hear their old promises repeated again and again by Cherniavsky and his alike." CHERNIAVSKYI expressed the hope that he and his Professors could count at least on meeting some people at her house but Dr Kl remained non-committal. He was quite surprised when on 14 May, at Dr Kl's house, it turned out that neither she had arranged a meeting at the Club nor even at her home and refused to accompany them at Columbia.

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3. A real shock for CHERNIAVSKY was however the reception at Dr Kl's house itself. There was no one else beside Dr Kl and Eve Piddubchysyn. Soviet guests were asked how did they like the USA. STANIS started with a critique of American TV programs, dirty streets aso. CHEREDNICHENKO interrupted him with pointing out how much he was impressed by American technology, efficiency aso and finished with a wish to see some of American achievements in his own country. Dr Kl used ~~xxx~~ the occasion to comment that she also did not agree with everything she finds in the States but she actually had some other important things to tell them. She started with mentioning Kolossova and other visitors from Kiev to whom she would like to convey a message. CHEREDNICHENKO replied that he knows personally KOLOSSOVA, they <sup>are</sup> ~~was~~ friends, and he also knew about PALAMARCHUK'S visit at Dr Klachko's house.

Dr Kl continued that her message to PALAMARCHUK and KOLOSSOVA and other competent people in Kiev will be at the same time also an explanation of why it was impossible for her to arrange meeting with Round Table Club.

She pointed out that, after having sounded the ground ~~by xxxxx~~ talking to various people, she discovered that it was impossible to receive at the Round Table Club the Vice-Minister of the Ministry which was being considered ~~xxxxxxx~~ one of the main instruments of Russification in the Ukraine. At that moment CHERNIAVSKYI blushed, was very upset and asked for a glass of water. He simply could not control himself while Dr Kl was continuing with enumeration of her and her friends reproaches. In particular she mentioned that CHEREDNICHENKO'S Ministry was doing nothing to de-Russify Ukrainian higher schools and Universities but on the contrary was actively promoting their Russification. As a rule all subjects are being taught in Russian, all scientific publications appeared mainly in Russian in the Ukraine, Ukrainian scientific magazines were changed into Russian, there was a deliberate attempt to deny Ukrainians their own technological terminology which obviously will put them years back in view of the fact how important technology was in our age, Prof Kaldysh's reform was a clear effort to degrade Ukrainian Universities and to ~~xxx~~ provincialize them, there was a much lesser percent of people with academic degrees in the Ukraine than in Russia, aso asf and finally she added that she was still waiting for opening of at least St George Cathedral and a few other churches in the West Ukraine.

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In the meantime CHEREDNICHENKO asked whether he could make notes and wrote everything nicely down. CHERNIAVSKYI wanted to have notes Dr Kl made before for herself but he was told that he ~~xxxx~~ should know all that by now by heart.

Dr Kl mentioned that PALAMARCHUK and KOLOSSOVA promised to do something to improve the situation in the Ukraine but so far "did not move even their finger". Dr Kl and her friends gave the warmest welcome they could to Kolossova's group and showed a lot of goodwill but unfortunately there was no equal response on the part of Kiev.

CHEREDNICHENKO wanted to reply to Dr Kl's accusation of Russification but she interrupted him by saying that there was no time to discuss those matters moreover that she knows by now by heart their standard replies and could tell them to CHEREDNICHENKO just as well.

CHEREDNICHENKO promised to convey all points to PALAMARCHUK and KOLOSSOVA as soon as they arrive in Kiev and said that he was quite familiar with previous discussions and in his opinion there were good chances for finding a basis of co-operation between emigration and the Soviet Ukraine in cultural fields. Some of ~~the~~ demands of emigration are identical with theirs in Kiev and with a little bit more patience and good will great things could be achieved.

Dr Kl replied that she wished it were so, she actually was believing in that, but now after there was no portents of goodwill forthcoming from Kiev she and her friends will patiently but not too patiently wait "for deeds" on the part of people in Kiev. She is not going to listen anymore to verbal promises.

CHEREDNICHENKO was very modest and felt almost like a guilty man, STANIS was obviously moved and positively impressed with what he heard, KOLOSOV did not participate in the talk and only added from time to time that he also understood Ukrainian. At one moment he asked whether it was really true that there were no Ukrainian catholic churches in the Soviet Union. CHEREDNICHENKO replied that indeed there were none and there was no ~~xxxx~~ point in discussing "whys".

When parting at Columbia, STANIS shook for longer than necessary Dr Kl's hand and thanked for having been to her house. He added that it was quite an event for him to meet such an energetic and patriotic lady. In Dr Kl's opinion he was really moved by her "lecture" to CHEREDNICHENKO and some Ukrainian ~~xxxxxxxx~~ sentiment must have awakened in him at

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that moment .

To discharge the atmosphere Dr Kl wanted to give them some books as gifts ( given to her by C.) .They thanked and asked her to convey them to CHERNIAVSKY or to send by mail because they were already overloaded with books and articles they bought for their families and friends.

4. CHEREDNICHENKO seemed to be a modest, almost shy; 6'1 , handsome young man , intelligent, speaks fine Ukrainian, he also helped with Ukrainian words STANIS who was always short of them. Claimed to have grown up and studied in Kiev.

STANIS claimed to be a Ukrainian too "but living in Moscow". He is very sympathetic, quite talkative, intelligent, likes to gesticulate when talking. In general discussion he mentioned that if necessary the Soviet governemnt will have to give further concession to agricultural workers in order to improve agricultumal production. The same was confirmed by KOLOSOV who stressed that "we are still experimenting and new reforms will come if the present ones will turq insufficient".

KOLOSOV was the last active participant in the talk. Old gentle- man, very polite, reserved, tactful, "old school", speaks Russian and only understands Ukrainian. He claimed to stem from the Baltics but being of "pure Russian stock". He seemed to be somewhat puzzled by what he had heard from Dr Kl talking to CHEREDNICHENKO. He took it however very quitely and almost with satisfaction.

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