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Re: Contacts with the Ukrainian delegates to the UN

Date: 4 Feb. 1966

1. On Wednesday, 2 Feb. 1966, at 4:30 PM, B. met SHEVCHENKO after the meeting of the Security Council at the UN. SHEVCHENKO mentioned to B. that the Ukrainian Mission issued a press-release concerning the completion of the publication of the Ukrainian Soviet Encyclopedia. The 17th, and the last volume just came out, and a large portion of it is devoted to the history of the Ukraine. SHEVCHENKO stated that the history has a new and more modern interpretation, and recommended that B. will get himself acquainted with that volume.

SHEVCHENKO seemed to be very anxious to find NEPYVODA and KOCHUBEY, therefore they went towards the lobby. On the way B. gave him the journal "SUCHASNIST" NO. 10, 11, and 12, two copies of each. He was very glad to get ~~in~~ two copies of each number because, as he stated, it will enable more people in the Mission to read it.

In the lobby they found KOCHUBEY. SHEVCHENKO asked him to take the ~~junk~~ journals with him, find NEPYVODA, and go home without him because he had to meet someone. He also added, not to send a car after him.

Since SHEVCHENKO was busy, he arranged with B. to meet on Friday, after the opening meeting of the Special Committee on Peace-Keeping Operations. The conversation lasted approximately 10 minutes.

2. On Friday, 4 Feb. 1966, about 1 PM, B. met SHEVCHENKO after the meeting of the Special Committee on Peace-Keeping Operations. SHEVCHENKO handed to B. the press-release concerning the completion of the publication of the Ukrainian Soviet Encyclopedia issued by the Ukrainian Mission.

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SHEVCHENKO very strongly expressed his disapproval of the article in the journal "SUCHASNIST" NO. 11 concerning the head of the Ukrainian delegation to the UN, TRONKO, and his speech delivered at the session of General Assembly on 7 Oct. 1965. He stated that the article was not objective and was not based on the facts. Furthermore, the author of that article took very ridiculous points for his argumentation, turned the whole situation upside down and to his own advantage, and in general, made fun of TRONKO. B. replied that all of it is a matter of opinion. When B. mentioned that towards the end of 1965 there was a whole series of articles in the Ukrainian Soviet newspapers directed against different Ukrainian emigre leaders SHEVCHENKO made no comment to that effect.

B. stated that he did not like at all the interpretation of the Ukrainian history in the 17th volume of the Ukrainian Soviet Encyclopedia. SHEVCHENKO replied that he did not expect B. to like it and only asked him to look through it and get himself familiar with it.

In the lobby they met KOCHUBEY. Apparently the article in "SUCHASNIST" annoyed them quite a bit because SHEVCHENKO turned again to that topic. KOCHUBEY also expressed his disapproval of the article. They stated that the journal like "SUCHASNIST" should not publish such a nonsense but have an understanding towards each other instead of contributing to our further drifting apart. SHEVCHENKO said, that unfortunately TRONKO was of much better opinion about the Ukrainian emigres than ~~they~~ their opinion of him. KOCHUBEY added that it is not unusual for Mr. STAKHIV, the author of the article in "SUCHASNIST", to write articles in that manner. He also mentioned that a few years ago there was Mr. Lubomyr ORTYNSKYY, now deceased, whom he met a ~~few~~ few times at the UN, and who used to write ~~several~~ frequently articles similar in tone to those of Mr. STAKHIV.

SHEVCHENKO was sorry not to be able to spend more time with B. but he had to leave with KOCHUBEY. He suggested that they meet the next time the Special Committee will meet. He would not have to be present

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at the meeting all the time but would be able to leave it and spend more time with B.

Just before they parted, as KOCHUBEY was already at the door, SHEV-CHENKO said to B. that if there are any interesting books-pamphlets published by the Ukrainian emigres, he would be very glad to receive the ones that B. would consider of interest.

The conversation lasted about 20 minutes.

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