

Subject: Group of app. 100 Soviet Ukrainian tourists in Rome and Naples

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1. The Group of 700 Soviet tourists arrived in Naples, Italy on May 22, 1966. They made stops in Rome and were scheduled to see Denmark, France, Greece, and Turkey. They left Naples on May 25, 1966. In Rome they stayed on May 23, 1966.
2. The source found out about the group from the director of "Intourist" in Italy, a Russian, called Diyeu. He in turn directed the source to "Ital'tourist" whose director is the Italian Dr. Capodicea. Upon learning that the source had authorization from Mr. Diyeu to learn more about the tourist from "Ital'tourist", the director's assistant disclosed that part of the group was staying at the Hotel "Lloyd" on Alessandria St. 110 (tel. 862977).
3. The source made his first attempt at a contact at 8:30 P.M. on May 23, 1966 in the hotel lobby, but was informed that the leader of the group would meet him in 20 minutes. At 8:50 the source was met by the leader of the group, a female, who spoke fluent Ukrainian and let source know that the entire group in this hotel was composed of Ukrainians from all the oblasts of the Ukraine, altogether some 100 people. She was very happy to have someone visit them. The source posed to her as a Ukrainian living in Italy for some time, and expressed a desire to meet some of the people from the group. She agreed to send some down to meet him.
4. While waiting the source began to read the Ukrainian newspaper ("The Way to Victory") that he happened to have within at the time. Within minutes the source was approached by a woman app. 35 years old, 1.65 m. tall, dirty blonde, wearing eyeglasses, and speaking fluent Ukrainian. A pleasant conversation ensued during which the source placed the newspaper on the table nearby. To this Subject the source posed as a Ukrainian from the Lvivska oblast, living in Italy since before the war, having studied here in Italy, and now working at an Italian radio station, and teaching at a Ukrainian gymnasium in Rome. The Subject disclosed that she was from Lviv and also a lecturer. She was very surprised to hear that the Ukrainian emigrants were so well organized in their own organizations.
5. During the conversation with the female Subject, a male Subject about 45 years old, tall and slightly fat, looking as a boxer, brown haired, with a low wrinkled forehead and the left eye slightly crossed sat down quietly next to the source and began looking over the newspaper. He appeared to be a very cold individual and the source judged him to be the guard.
6. Shortly after, more Subjects began arriving around the source. Most of them were females, all over 35 years of age and even already greying. All of them spoke fluent Ukrainian with a few exceptions and only once did the source hear Russian spoken. They questioned the source very amiably and were very surprised at his fluent Ukrainian.

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7. Some of the female Subjects, became interested in the newspaper that the "boxer" laid down. He immediately grabbed it away from the interested Subject and accused the source of being from Munchen and desirous to set up hostile propaganda and at the same time obtain information about Ukraine. Then he told the source that he should read the Soviet Ukrainian press. In reply the source produced a few newspapers among which was the "Literaturna Ukraina" printed in the UkSSR, and praised it as quite good. Most of the females in the group upheld the appraisal, claiming it to be about the only good paper in the UkSSR. The "boxer" invited the source to tour the UkSSR and see how different it is at the present. At this point one of the females asked the source if he had any relatives in the UkSSR. He replied that he left behind his father and brother, the later, however, died in a catastrophe in 1962 near Lviv. The Subjects immediately tried to link up the catastrophe with one known to them. The source commented that occasionally he sent said to his father at which the "boxer" objected, claiming that pensions existed in the Soviet Union. The source commented that from the latest reports of the 23rd Congress of the CPSU it was evident that not everything has been done about the pensions. One female added that pensions have been lately promised to women. Most of them, though, agreed that a son has the obligation to aid his parents. In the meantime the newspaper disappeared from the table, and when the "boxer" discovered it in the hands of one of the Subjects he was not able to do anything about it.
8. Shortly the bus that was to take them to the city arrived and the subjects departed to board the bus. The source stood nearby and waved the group off while they in turn waved good-bye very amiably.
9. On May 26, 1966 the source phoned Diyev of "Intourist" but was unable to get any further information. His attempts to obtain the names of the Subjects were not successful.

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