

Subject: Reception at Klachko's place

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Present were: Drach, Pavlychko, Cherniavsky
Shevelov (only for about 90 minutes), the Kostiuks,
the George Tarnavskys, the Chomiaks, Stakhiv,
the Holubnychys, Rubchak, Yaremko
the hostesses: Klachko and Piddubchyshyn
and towards the end -- Yevhen Pereyma, librarian.

Act I

Everyone stood around and/or mingled, cocktail party-style. Shevelov had a chance to speak for a good half hour with Drach. They have established, among other things, that Oles Honchar was once a student of Shevelov's, and Shevelov remembers him.

Act II

Action moved to the living room, where everyone sat down. Mrs. Klachko opened the meeting, mentioning that this is one of many such meetings which have already taken place in her apartment. She mentioned that Luka Polamarchuk and Prof. Nedbaylo had been among the guests. The hostess then asked Holubnychy to be the chairman for a give and take discussion between the two poets and the others.

The question of arrests and the closing down of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine started things off.

Shevelov did not want to say anything and soon left. Kostyuk was asked to speak about the literary affairs, which almost led to agreement in principle for the merging of the emigrant writers literary fund with the Soviet litfond. Pavlychko said it would be a great idea, because although their litfond is well established "very often we need dollars, so your four thousand would come in handy." All this was said in a joc lar vein.

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A small crisis arose when Stakhiv told the Ukrainians that they ought to smarten up the Russians, otherwise, when the Chinese start to skin the Russians, as they have recently promised in Peking, Ukrainians may help them. But if the Russians decide to treat Ukrainians as equals they'll have good allies against the Chinese scalpers. This talk rather disturbed Pavlychko, but any suggestion of a rift was soon healed and the discussion was back on the tracks. Pavlychko only said that we should direct our demands to the proper persons. By that he meant that we should come to Kiev or to Moscow and hit the table there with our fist. He said we could do it and get results.

Act III

As the party was drawing to a close, Mrs Klachko made it clear that she would like the guests to leave, because they still have some things to discuss in private with the poets and Cherniavsky.

The last to leave were the Chomiaks and ^{Rubchuk}~~Drach~~, mainly because Pavlychko and Drach insisted that they stay, and kept things up by pouring drinks, and singing.

Around 2 a.m., the three left, and the next day Drach said that they (the Soviets) stayed and discussed church problems until 4 a.m. at Klachko's, and later they argued among themselves at the Mission until 6 a.m. ^{problems} "As the result of the Uniate Church we didn't get much sleep."