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Subject: Soviet visitors in Canada in Nov 1966
Report on their sojourn in Montreal, Que.

Source: R. Robinson?

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1. On 15 Nov 1966 the group headed by Ivan HAYDAYENKO arrived in Montreal, Que. They visited Ukrainian Desk of CBC, and also had a few private meetings with various people of Ukrainian descent. Omelan BACHYNSKY was one of those who spent a lot of time with them. He was presented with a tie and a bottle of horilka by HAYDAYENKO who complimented him with the statement "we were told about you in Kiev, and they recommended you as the one worthy of friendliness..."

Source met the group "officially" and did not talk with HAYDAYENKO about his eventual trip to Ukraine.

2. HAYDAYENKO, who spoke a very fine Ukrainian, agreed with Source that it was bad the Ukrainian Desk of CBC had no direct contact with Radio Kiev. In Haydayenko's opinion the responsibility for that owed to be placed on top-echelons in Kiev and on SHPEDKO in Ottawa. The latter could do a lot for Canada-Ukrainian matters but instead he was just chewing his bread...

BUZNYTSKY was very flattered by Source's remark that it was pleasant to finally meet not only writers and poets but "economists" as well, and solemnly promised to present the matter of direct Kiev-Montreal radio contact to TRONKO personally. BUZNYTSKY claimed to know very well TRONKO whom he praised as businesslike and nice man.

Other topics were more or less of same nature and of no particular interest.

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