

Subject: CHERNIAVSKY Viktor

Source : as usual

Date : 14 Mar 1967

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

Following is the gist of the conversation between Dr Kl and Subject, of 3 Mar 1967 during lunch at a restaurant in 76(?) Street near Broadway in N.Y.C. Subject arrived shortly before noon to Dr Kl's house and from there they went to John Pitt at 206 W 96th Street to discuss with the latter the "gold deal" (See report dtd 2 Mar 1967). Pitt asked them to give him an hour to finish the job he was at, and they agreed to meet in a restaurant one hour later. Dr Kl and Subject went to the restaurant and while waiting for Pitt, discussed various topics.

1. Dr Kl started the conversation by pointing out that she was quite dissatisfied with the results of her contacts with Subject and Kiev in general, and was going to withdraw from "this business". She complained about lack of any progress in Kiev's actions that would meet at least half-way emigration's wishes and demands, and her personal situation she was put in by the contacts which made her look pro-Soviet in the eyes of some people abroad, incl. even some of her former friends.

Subject's reaction was very nervous and apprehensive. In his opinion this would be the greatest mistake she could make, ~~xxx~~ particularly at the present moment. Now more than ever it was mandatory to revitalize the contacts. It was very bad KOROTYCH had received cold shoulder treatment by Dr Kl's friends and this was actually the matter ^(Subject) he was going to discuss with her.

It was obvious for Subject and his friends that the Round Table Club simply had boycotted KOROTYCH. This was a great mistake on their part and Subject implored Dr Kl to induce them not to repeat anything of the sort again.

1- [unclear]
2- [unclear]
3- [unclear]

It was not true things were not moving ahead in Kiev. No one can underestimate the importance of the Congress of the writers of Ukraine of last November. Incidentally, this was not all. Tronko, Maksymo vych, Nedbailo, some people of Kolossova's group, and lately Pavlychko and Drach fully supported the contacts with Dr Kl's friends abroad and there were better chances than ever before that this new line of policy will bring tremendous results.

Subject stressed that although Drach and Pavlychko were not politicians their voice on the matter of contacts heavily counted, and even more so did the voice of Korotych. The latter is absolutely for contacts and his word means more than anybody's else although he also is only a poet and journalist. Therefore he has to be given a proper treatment at least equal to that received by Drach and Pavlychko. Otherwise he will be offended and might change his attitude to ~~contacts~~ ^{word} contacts. And such a change to the negative would be a real blow to all those concerned with further development of cultural exchange with Ukraine.

Subject asked Dr Kl to persuade the people from the Round Table Club and "the others" to stop their boycott and help KOROTYCH to get public performances for emigres and at American Universities.

2. Subject thought that STAKHIN Eugen and HOLUBNYCHY Vsevolod of the Round Table Club were boycotting KOROTYCH because of BILOKOLOS' refusal to grant them an interview. Subject was sorry the interview did not materialize. He personally, SHEVCHENKO and even SHEVEL were all for it but BILOKOLOS was against. BILOKOLOS was afraid that his interview might be published or misused in some other way and he did not want ~~it~~ ^{it} happen at the very beginning of his career.

3. Subject did not approve of everything HOLUBNYCHY and STAKHIV were doing, and this was not only in the case of Korotych. Subject thought HOLUBNYCHY was too conceited and too vain to realize how much he could harm the contacts. He ascribes too much credit to himself and thinks of himself much too highly. He also is not sincere; he is a calculator and combinator of low grade, and what is even worse he calculates with illusionary "units" which fit only into his ego. He is a typical profesorchik .

As to STAKHIV, he is more sincere and one knows what he is talking about . Despite his arrogant and rude language he is a rather amicable fellow. But his intellectual level is rather low. To Subject's knowledge STAKHIV has not even finished gymnasium.

In view of all that Dr Kl should realize how important was her participation in the cultural exchange.

4. In Subject's opinion Dr Kl should talk with TRONKO when he comes to Canada in Apr 1967.

5. According to Subject the matter of Ukrainization of Russian Orthodox Church in the Ukraine is being given serious thought among top people in Kiev. The only snag is finances, i.e. where from to get money for new sobors, residences, offices etc for Ukrainized Church. Moscow Patriarch will definitely refuse to finance the Ukrainization of his church in Ukraine. He won't be happy about establishment of Ukrainian Orthodox ^B Patriarchate in Kiev either.

Asked exactly who is in favor of the Ukrainization of the Orthodox Church and what were the real chances for it, Subject replied that mainly same people who are interested in contacts with emigration and that chances were good but ,of course, all that ~~was~~ ^{was} all unofficial and at the stage of discussing and projecting.

6. According to Subject KOROTYCH felt very badly in Wisconsin. There were no Ukrainians and his sojourn ^{was} very dull. He already complained about it. He hoped to stay in New York but evidently DOBRIANSKY Lee and Co took proper measures to get him out from New York and thus to isolate ~~him~~ from Ukrainians.

7. Subject told Dr Kl that he was told by PAVLYCHKO that Ross was just a FBI-chik (a small ~~boy~~ ^{it} of the FBI). He said ^{it} when commenting on the fact that Dr Kl had invited to her house to meet with Korotych only STAKHIV and Ross.

8. When talking about the Round Table Club, subject said something to the effect that he was very dissatisfied with his visit to NOVYTESKY Valentin, in company of Drach and Pavlychko , because "something rather unpleasant came out of it". Dr Kl did not ask him what exactly it was.

9. When Pitt arrived he was told that the Soviet government could give him 25% of the hidden gold. Subject had a Pravda or Izvestia issue with an article referring to a similar case. Pitt replied that he had still to think about it, consult with his uncle , and he doubted "the small amount of gold they had was worth all the trouble ". Subject tried to convince Pitt that it definitely was worth it but the latter was ~~XXXXXX~~ withdrawing his offer. This made Subject really angry and he could hardly control his fury.