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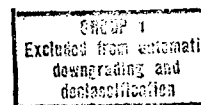
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1. The impact of recent events in Czechoslovakia have created a tense atmosphere in Kiev and Lvov. There are fears that there might be negative repercussions for Soviet Ukrainian intellectuals. Many of ^{them} were away from the cities on vacation during June and July, and so far have been left alone. Zina FRANKO (grand daughter of the famous Ukrainian writer, Ivan FRANKO) was accused of involvement in smuggling unpublished documents to Czechoslovakia and of signing a protest document. She was notified that her son will not be admitted to the University of Kiev. Ivan SHVETS', Rector of the University of Kiev, was dismissed from his post for alleged support of the 126 individuals who signed a protest document. Nadiya SVITLYCHNA, Ivan SVITLYCHNYI's sister, is still unable to find employment. After vacationing in Bulgaria during the month of June, Vitaliy KOROTYCH returned in early July and then travelled to Hamburg, Germany for a short visit. Ivan DRACH's latest film, "Kamyanny Khrest", has been enjoying success in spite of severe criticism by Yuri SMOLYCH and his colleagues.

2. In spite of the efforts on the part of SHEVEL (Grigoriy G. SHEVEL, Chief of the Ukrainian Central Committee, Section for Agitation and Propaganda), and SKABA (Andriy Danylovych SKABA, former Secretary of the CC CPU responsible for ideology,

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and now Director of the Institute of History of the Ukrainian AS) to ruin Oles' HONCHAR, the latter has emerged victorious following the controversy over his Sobor. HONCHAR was strongly supported by SHELEST (Petro Y. SHELEST, 1st Secretary CPU). His popularity in intellectual circles has grown as a result of his conduct during the attacks on him. It is believed the real reason for the attacks against him was the fact that he was among the 126 signers of a protest document. There are some indications that the controversy over Sobor is being reviewed, and that the novel will eventually be published in Russian.

3. In the early spring of this year, Soviet Ukrainian writers initiated a series of literary evenings at the Teachers' House in Kiev, where the youth gathered to discuss various literary and cultural problems. This new forum took the place of the former Suchasnyk, a club for young Soviet Ukrainian intellectuals which was disbanded in 1964. Recently, this activity has aroused the curiosity of the authorities who are beginning to interfere.

4. There was a demonstration at Yanivsky Cemetery in Lvov during the Whitsun celebrations early this year. Several thousand people gathered at the grave of General Tarnavsky (General Myron Tarnavsky, Commander of Ukrainian Galician Army during WWI), where they sang nationalist songs. The militia watched the proceedings without interfering, but as the crowd began to disperse, several individuals were taken to militia headquarters and interrogated in an effort to determine who was responsible for organizing the demonstration. During a students' nationalist demonstration in Lvov on the evening of 31 December 1967, many of the students who participated were beaten so badly by the militia that there was blood seen on the pavement the following morning.

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