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From Uncle Louey:

A Slovak translation of DZYUBA's Internationalism or Russification was being prepared for publication in Presov. This seems to be out of the question now. Books will still get through to the CSSR via the mails if they concern scholarly and neutral subjects. None of the Ukrainian community in Presov was arrested. They plan to continue their normal political activity. A censor (a senior lieutenant) has been assigned to monitor all material written for the Ukrainian-language press in Czechoslovakia. His superior is one Col. Tarakanov (phonetic) in the city of Presov. Three issues of Nashe Zhyttya were published in Presov following the arrival of Soviet troops and prior to the censor's assignment. Uncle has one of the issues, which he said is very anti-Soviet.

The days of DUBCEK are numbered. He will be replaced by HUSAK. BILYAK will be returned to favor. Ukrainians supported his ouster because he did not support their desires for autonomy.

Many young people in Czechoslovakia are now signing up for membership in the Party in order to show their support for DUBCEK and other members of the present government. It is generally believed by Ukrainians in Kiev and Presov that SHELEST took his strong stand against liberalization in the CSSR because he fears for his position.

At a meeting of the Union of Writers of the Ukraine on 30 August, Lina KOSTENKO criticized the Union for failure to extend brotherly support to the Czechoslovakian people. On the same day, the subject of the publication of DZYUBA's book in London was discussed. As a result, the Union presidium decided to dismiss DZYUBA from membership in the Union.

Ivan DRACH was relieved of his position as secretary of the Union of Writers because he refused to renounce his signature to the document in which Ukrainian intellectuals appealed on behalf of Vyacheslav CHORNOVIL to Shelest and other Ukrainian government officials. He is threatened with the loss of his membership in the Union also and he is no longer considered a candidate for the Lenin Prize.

The HORYN's brothers were released from prison. Individuals released from prison are forbidden for the three years following their release to live in the cities of Lvov, Kiev and Odessa.

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