

Re \_\_\_\_\_ : Latest Developments in the Ukraine

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1. BRAYCHEVSKY, Mylhailo; KOTSIUBYNSKA, Mylhailyna; and NEKRASOV, Viktor were fired from their jobs. SEVRUK Halyna is expected to be fired. FRANKO Zina withdrew her signature from the Protest of <sup>139</sup>239 under the pressure from her students who begged her to do so to have her at the Institute. She retained her lecturship at the University. Her son was admitted to the University. All these expulsions are connected with the Protest and the letter against POLTORATSKY'S article in Litaraturna Ukraina against Chornovil and his defenders.

2. The Protest of <sup>139</sup>230 was initiated by physycists and mathematicians. None of them withdrew their signatures. Also HONCHAR <sup>not one of original</sup> Oles, Lina KOSTENKO, NEKRASOV, KOTSIUBYNSKA, LUKASH, SEVRUK, DRAC HORSKA and other "dissidents" refused to do so.

KOZACHENKO and POLTORATSKY are in charge of present campaign against the "dissidents". NIKITCHENKO, the KGB chief, seems to be not very happy about it and would rather prefer to have things "calmed down". KOZACHENKO was reported to have said that <sup>if</sup> it would be necessary "the others should be dealt with as those in Moldavia".

3. Around 12-13 Sept 1968 MOROZ Valentin was to be re-tried. Recently he was held all the time at Kiev Prison.

4. Beside Lina KOSTENKO and Ivan DZIUBA, also NEKRASSOV and Mykhailyna KOTSIUBYNSKA are expected to be expelled from the Union of Writers of Ukraine. By now already three times the Presidium of the Union of Writers was trying to arrange for a session at which the case of Lina KOSTENKO was to be decided and no one wanted to preside over her expulsion. KOZACHENKO (in other report NIKITCHENKO) sent KOCHUR Mykhailo to Lina K<sup>u</sup>stenko asking her not to go to the session at which her case would be decided in order to avoid further exacerbation of the situation.

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KOCHUR was also asked to "negotiate" with DEIUBA and other "dissidents".

5. Five "Mordovians" incl. Bohdan Horyn have been released from the concentration camps, and prisons. Mostly those with terms up to 3 years like HEL and HEVRYCH. Also VIRUN was released and LUKIANENKO brought back to Mordovia after he refused to disclose how Zakhalavny materials are being smuggled out of the camp.

6. People in Kiev and Lvov expect something to happen in the fall 1968 that will change their situation. This allegedly is not based just on their wishful thinking but some "under surface indicators" learned from the top echelons of the party.

7. Soviet invasion in the CSSR was a strong setback for people in Kiev and Lvov. It dashed their hopes that similar developments as the CSSR-liberalization will get better chances to materialize. The attitude of SHELEST is explained as that of a man who was afraid he might lose his post. Instrumental in Soviet move against CSSR was above all Red China. The Soviet Union would be then under pressure from both sides: communist West and communist East (China).

8. SWITPLYCHNY and others were worried that because of latest events in CSSR the line of communication through CSSR will ~~break~~ <sup>break</sup> down.

9. Instead of money people are now more interested in parcels. All kind of "orders" had been placed.

10. Ivan DRACH has been removed from his post as Secretary of the Union of Writers because of his refusal to withdraw his signature from the Protest. He <sup>was</sup> also threatened with expulsion from the party. (By the way, he is growing a beard.)

11. Irena STESHENKO warned again against Les' HERASYMCHUK. His true name is Oleksandr Abramovich MASUSHKIN. STESHENKO introduced him into Ukrainian milieu and he stole from here a bunch of materials from the archives of STESHENKO-KOSACH-CHARYTSKY.

STESHENKO indicated to one of the "tourists" that some material (Zakhalavni) in the future might go through her good friend-DEIUBA'S wife - now in Paris, France.

12. A new revised edition of Honchar's "Sobor" is going to be published soon. Honchar Oles is in favors again. SHELEST is behind him.