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The Danger of Playing Host to Khrushchev

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NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV first appears in history as a Communist official in the Ukraine in the early 1930's helping to direct the program of planned starvation which resulted in the death of five million Ukrainians.

In 1938 Khrushchev was appointed Communist chief in the Ukraine. He was appointed to that position as a reward for his previous ruthlessness. His task was to direct the great Ukrainian purge of that year. Authorities on Ukrainian history estimate that 100,000 men, women and children were murdered under Khrushchev's over-all direction in that single year.

Perhaps a fully documented account of the purge in one of the districts of the Ukraine will give a graphic picture.

Three months after Khrushchev rose to power in the Ukraine, twelve thousand people were murdered in the small city of Vinnitsa; each of the victims was shot in the back of the neck—in some cases two or three times. They were thrown into mass graves. Their fate was unknown to their families and townspeople until the graves were accidentally discovered several years later.

The documentation on Vinnitsa is complete with hundreds of photographs, reliable details of eyewitness accounts and authoritative medical records. This is what Khrushchev did in one city. The atrocities of Vinnitsa were repeated throughout the Ukraine.

He continued to rise in Communist ranks through his participation in other purges in the Ukraine right up to the German conquest of that area in 1941.

Following the war, he was sent back by Stalin to direct the crushing of the resistance of the Ukrainian people to the reimposition of Communist rule.

We have lived in an era of totalitarian regimes, regimes which have perpetrated crimes on so gigantic a scale that people cannot comprehend them, crimes so often repeated that our sensibilities become fatigued and our reaction dulled. Many who would be shocked by an individual murder in their home are not shocked to accept the organized annihilation of millions as a fact of twentieth century life. These crimes are obscured by the passage of 20 years; many cease to respond altogether.

Those who feel that the mass murder

of thousands of human beings loses its relevance after the passage of 20 years, I would point out Khrushchev's role in the massacre of the Hungarian patriots in 1956.

It was Khrushchev who in 1956 ordered the Red Army to invade Hungary, depose the legal Government of Imre Nagy and ruthlessly massacre Hungarian civilians in all areas where there was any opposition. It was Khrushchev who invited the Hungarian commanding officer, General Pal Maleter, to negotiations under flag of truce—and then had him arrested by the Chief of the Soviet Secret Police—General Serov. It was Khrushchev who lured Premier Imre Nagy and his colleagues out of their sanctuary in the Yugoslav embassy by perfidiously offering them an assurance of safe conduct—and then kidnapped them as they emerged from the embassy.

It was Khrushchev who one year ago horrified the conscience of the free world by ordering the murder of General Maleter and Prime Minister Nagy after secret trials on fraudulent charges.

Nikita Khrushchev rose to Communist prominence as the Hangman of the Ukraine.

He has maintained himself in power as the Butcher of Budapest.

He has on his hands the blood of countless thousands of innocent people who were murdered under his personal direction.

He is responsible for the continued suffering of millions in slave labor camps.

He is the principal world spokesman for the ruthless attack on religion under which Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop Beran and countless other churchmen of various faiths have been persecuted.

He is the sponsor of the dreadful persecution of Jews within the Communist empire which, according to the American Jewish Committee, threatens "the extinction of the Jewish religion and culture in a vast region of the earth."

He maintains the iron grip of tyranny over a dozen captive peoples.

In addition to his personal crimes he is the principal representative of the system of concentration camps, mass murder, brainwashing, military rule,