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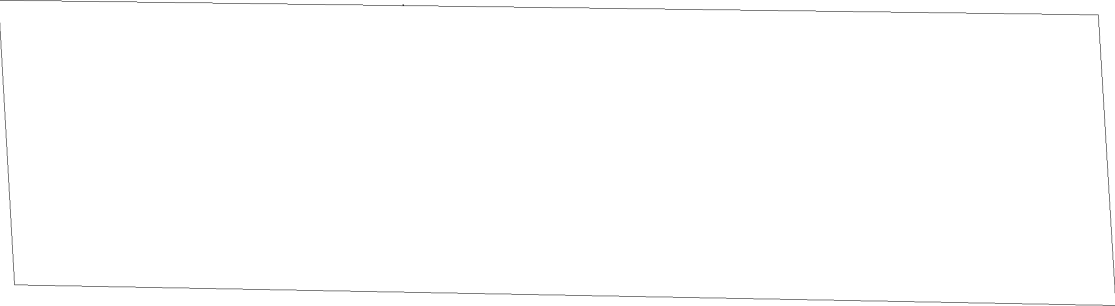
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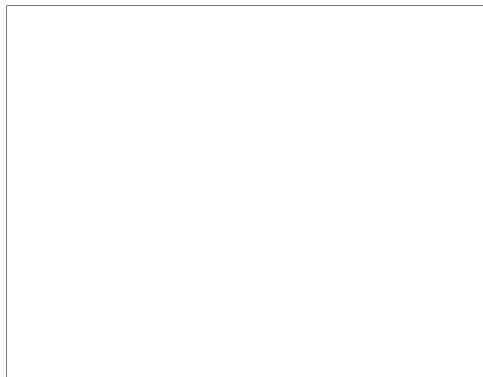


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- 1. On page 1, paragraph 2, read Kamenets-Podolskiy for Kamenets-Podolska and Drogobych for Drohobycz.
- 2. On page 1, paragraph 3, read Raykom for Rajkom.
- 3. On page 2, paragraph 3, read Chernovtsy for Czernowice.



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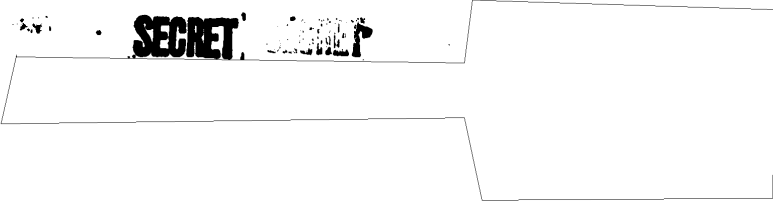
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Resistance in the Ukraine



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2. There was considerable partisan and bandit activity in both Western and Eastern Ukraine immediately after the Soviet re-occupation of the Ukraine. The main areas in which partisans were active were the LVOV oblast, ~~WOLYN~~ ~~PODOLSKA~~ , DROHOBYCZ ~~and~~ ~~WOLYN~~ areas. DROHOBYCZ area was always considered the ~~west~~ area.

Extensive repressive measures and reprisals were carried out by MVD troops.

[redacted] In this action, an area of villages near ~~BRDY~~ was surrounded at night and the inhabitants collected and sent off to ~~SIBERIA~~.

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[redacted] by the end of 1949, the situation was brought more or less under control and partisan activity was less widespread. Until 1949, a division of MVD troops was stationed LVOV and a regiment in ~~BRDY~~. In 1949, these troops were reorganised and reduced.

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Various incidents after 1949 indicated the continued partisan activity, and in 1954, [redacted], general opinion was that there were still partisans about but that they had been driven further and further into hiding. The DROHOBYCZ area was still considered the main area of resistance.

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3. [redacted] incidents of partisan activity.

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Early 1947: At the same time as the MVD were putting up notices offering pardons to partisans who surrendered, the partisans had a leaflet campaign in the city of LVOV.

1947: Five Professors and twenty teachers from the University in LVOV and various schools were tried for propagating nationalist ideas among students.

1949: Summer: a ~~Region~~ Secretary ~~XXXXX~~, [redacted] was killed in the ~~BRDY~~ area when his car was blown up by partisans.

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1949: Summer: a train carrying Russian officers was wrecked between LVOV and ~~PLDHO~~ (part. of LVOV) by partisans. Four Generals and some forty officers who were killed were buried in LVOV.



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1952: [redacted] KILRUSCHIV had been sent to enquire into Bandera/Nationalist influences in the University of LVOV and schools. It had been reported that Nationalist ideas were being propagated among students. After this enquiry, all Ukrainians in the University and school teaching staffs were dismissed.

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1952: There were reports that organised nationalist groups had been discovered in KILNY University.

April/May

1954: It was reported that a group of three teachers in CZERNOWICE had been arrested for being in touch with the Americans. A W/T set had been discovered with them.

4. UNCODED [redacted] attitude of people towards the partisans, there were three categories of Ukrainians,

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- a) The "old" inhabitants who believe in the aims of the movement and who give help to the partisans,
- b) The "new" inhabitants - from the East Ukraine - who sympathise but who are chary of giving help,
- a) The "intelligentsia" who sympathise with the aims of the movement but who disapprove of the terrorist methods adopted by the partisans and who see little hope that the movement as it exists today can withstand the measures taken by the Soviets against it. This "intelligentsia" also believes that whatever the outcome of the present efforts of the Ukrainian nationalists, the establishment of an independent Ukrainian State must depend on the intervention of Foreign Powers - and from past experience, Ukrainians have little faith in Foreign Powers.

5. [redacted] it is believed that the partisans receive help from the Americans and from the Vatican - this is also a charge made in the Soviet Press.

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6. The general impression [redacted] about partisans was that although immediately after the war, the partisans were a problem in the Ukraine, the situation has now been brought under control, and though they are known to exist in isolated areas, they appear to have little effect on the everyday life and thought of the people.

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