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Bridges and Streets

- The only war damage in Uzhgorod (N48-38, E22-16), Ukrainian SSR, was the destruction of two bridges over the Uzh River. The bridge which leads to the Narodnaya Rada (oblast headquarters building) was rebuilt in 1949 and now has a concrete surface. The inhabitants of Uzhgorod now refer to the bridge as the "new bridge" (novyy most). The small footbridge north of Stalin Square has also been rebuilt, with reinforced concrete used in the reconstruction. The bridge is not referred to by name. No vehicular traffic is allowed on this bridge. [redacted] before the vehicular bridge was rebuilt, persons traveling to Czechoslovakia had to go via Lvov, since the closest border-crossing point to the north was reached via that city. 50X1-HUM
- Street names in Uzhgorod appear in both Russian and Ukrainian languages, one language above the other but with no rule as to which is on top. Masaryk Square is now called Stalin Square.

Government and Commercial Buildings

- Following are descriptions and locations of some official buildings and offices in Uzhgorod:
  - The Narodnaya Rada building is a five- or six-story structure which is located just off Naberezhnaya Stalingrada. The building is constructed of a light yellow stone and has a flat roof.
  - The oblast Executive Committee (oblispolkom) is located in the Narodnaya Rada building.
  - The oblast Party Committee (obkom partii) is also located in the Narodnaya Rada building.

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- d. The oblast headquarters of the pasportny stol are located on Kalinin Street, right next to the Narodnaya Rada.
- e. There are two okrug offices of the voyenkomat in Uzhgorod. One is on Stalin Square and the other is near Uzhgorod University. Many Jews work in the voyenkomat offices in Uzhgorod. Positions with the voyenkomat are not very important, and persons who are not considered eligible for promotion are put there.
- f. The office of the First Militia Subsection (loye Otdeleniye Militsii) is located on Drugetova Square. The Second Subsection office is located on Kapushanskaya Street, directly across from the hospital and beside the Uzhgorod Auto Trust. [redacted] the two militia subsections in Uzhgorod 50X1-HUM are delimited by the Uzh River, the part of the city on one side of the river being in the First Subsection and the opposite side being in the Second Subsection. The militia men in Uzhgorod wear blue uniforms. 50X1-HUM
4. The university in Uzhgorod is located on Drugetova Square. The university buildings are constructed of stone which is dark, almost black, in color. The main building of the university is three stories high and is in three sections. Formerly, this building housed the Royal State Gymnasium (Derzhavnaya Realnaya Gimnaziya). One of the university dormitories is located in the former Greek-Catholic Theological Seminary (Bogoslovskaya Grekokat Seminariya). Another dormitory is located in the former Greek-Catholic Men's Teachers' Seminary. [redacted] part of this building is also used as the university library. There are about 1,500 students at the Uzhgorod University. Among the faculties in which one can study are those of philosophy, chemistry, philology, physics and mathematics, and history. 50X1-HUM
5. [redacted] three movie houses in Uzhgorod. One is on Oktyabrskaya Street. A second is at No. 1 Drugetova Square, in the House of the Officers (Dom Ofitserov). [redacted] one is the Moskva and that the other was formerly called the Urania but is now called the Novitny Czerna (sic). A third movie house is located in the Trade Unions Club (Klub Profsoyuzov) on Russkaya Street, formerly called Mukachevskaya Street. A seat at the movies costs 50 kopeks. 50X1-HUM
6. There is a new market place in Uzhgorod referred to as the bazar, which is located near the cemetery on Katosa Street (sic: probably Kapushanskaya Street).

Residential Areas

7. Most ordinary Uzhgorod workers live in the Radvanka district of the city. Part of this district was formerly called Bolotina, but now the whole area is known as Radvanka. It is in the Second Militia Subsection of Uzhgorod. The main street in the district is Radvanskaya Street, and there are several small streets which run off the main street. Another residential area for common laborers and low-level clerks in Uzhgorod is Kapushanskaya Street.

Transportation

8. There is bus service between Uzhgorod and Mukachevo (M48-26, E22-43). Two new buses travel this route, one leaving each city every hour on the hour. The first bus from Uzhgorod to Mukachevo leaves at 7:00 a.m.; the first from Mukachevo to Uzhgorod leaves at 8:00 a.m. Bus service continues until 7:00 p.m. The old buses formerly used on this route have been replaced by new, well-constructed, red buses. Similar buses are used in Lvov, Kiev, Moscow, and for intracity transportation in Uzhgorod. 1
9. The Uzhgorod Auto Trust has 16 Pobeda automobiles, most of which are used as taxis throughout Uzhgorod. Inhabitants of Uzhgorod use taxis frequently, paying a rate of 1.80 rubles per kilometer. The taxis are painted gray with white stripes. The auto trust also has four or five buses and several trucks. One of the buses is used for intracity transportation. The assistant director of the Uzhgorod Auto Trust now has a new Pobeda automobile at his disposal in place of an old Opel Super.
10. The Uzhgorod airport is so close to the border that incoming planes must make a wide circle over Czechoslovak territory when losing altitude for a landing. The street which leads from Uzhgorod to the airport is Sobranetskaya Street.

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Practically everyone who flies does so on official travel orders (komandirovki). Air travelers are usually directors, leaders of enterprises, and other important persons on business trips.

Utilities

11. [redacted] the electric current available in Uzhgorod is 220-volt AC. The current is weak, because of a lack of power; sometimes lights become dim or blink on and off slowly. A person must have a permit (propusk) to walk near the transmission lines which run from the Uzhgorod power plant to the city. Public utilities in Uzhgorod do not include natural gas or manufactured gas for illumination or fuel. 50X1-HUM

Newspapers and Radio

12. There are three newspapers in Uzhgorod, Sovetskoye Zakarpatye, Pravda, and Igaz Szo (Hungarian meaning True Word).
13. Many people own radios, which are quite cheap in Uzhgorod. VOA and RFE broadcasts are nearly always jammed, but they can occasionally be heard.

Religion

14. There are no longer any Roman Catholic priests in Uzhgorod. There are some Greek Catholic priests and they are allowed to teach the children. Bishop Groomka of the Greek Catholic Church in Uzhgorod was killed sometime between 1950 and 1952. He was run down by an automobile in the streets. The bishop was anti-Communist.

Personalities

15. The Stakhanovite leader in Uzhgorod is Kurts (fnu), who is described [redacted] 50X1-HUM
16. The leader of the local soviet in Uzhgorod is Oloshka (fnu). The soviet has about 2,000 members. [redacted]

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