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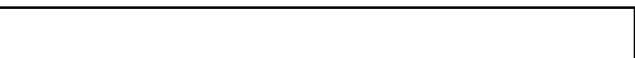
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1. The Soviet Citizens' Association (SCA) of Harbin came into existence in the 1920's through the organization of Soviet citizens in the area and continued, although not very actively, during the Japanese occupation of Manchuria. About six months before the Soviet declaration of war on Japan, it went underground, but when the declaration was made, the Japanese arrested a group of known members and detained them under guard in a former Soviet school. Arrestees included the chairman and deputy chairman of SCA, Sargunov and Knyazkov, respectively; Krychenko, later a political instructor; and Panov, Dr. Mononzon,* Shirokolebov, Govoruk, Kostenko, Krokhtmal, and others.
2. Upon the surrender of Japan, this group, under the direction of the Soviet consul,**became the nucleus for a so-called Self Defense Organization (Samooberona). Panov acted as commandant of Harbin until the Soviet troops arrived, presumably on appointment from the consulate through the SCA. The nucleus recruited Soviet and emigre youth, armed them with every available weapon, and stationed them as guards over Japanese equipment warehouses, abandoned Japanese barracks, and local government offices. When Soviet troops entered the city, all this property was turned over to them intact.
3. The Self-Defense Organization continued to exist and again became active when Soviet troops withdrew, although it did not actually take over the city because of the swift entry of the Chinese Communists. It is unofficially still in existence, under the leadership of Panov, with about thirty members. Foreign residents of Harbin are required to pay a SCA assessment for its maintenance, on the grounds that some tension is present between Chinese and foreigners which warrants the force.***
4. Sargunov was killed accidentally at a meeting of the Self-Defense Organization, and Knyazkov automatically succeeded him as chairman of SCA. After the Soviet occupation, the SCA moved from its former quarters in the small building of the Harbin Polyclinic to a Japanese building, the former Kyobanji, on Bolshoi Prospekt. New elections held in May 1948 brought in Dr. Nikolai Grigorevich Lvov as chairman and Shirokolebov and Stoyanov as deputy chairmen. The membership of the society was expanded and made compulsory for all new citizens of the USSR, with dues set at two percent of the member's

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salary. None of the Soviets arriving from the USSR, however, became members of the SCA or took any part in its activities.

5. The SCA organization includes several sections, as follows:

a. Police Liaison Section (Otdel Dlya Svyazi s Vlastyami), which handles all police matters affecting local Soviet citizens, through two Chinese police liaison officers. The section is headed by Panov.

b. Cultural Section (Kultprosvet), in charge of political and cultural activities. Personnel are:

Vovenov, fnu, chief

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Krokhmal, assistant, head of the political sub-section;

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Kilosanidze, fnu, assistant

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c. Charity Section, which assists the poor and needy; at one time it collected money for a home for the aged, but this was never built. Chief is Volobrinskaya, fnu.

d. Legal Section, which arbitrates legal disputes between local Soviet citizens and provides legal advice to Soviet citizens involved in Chinese courts. Its chairman is Yefimov, fnu, attorney, with members, also attorneys, D. V. Yerdyakov and Kruglyakov, fnu.

e. Supply Section, which manages SCA property and arranges for distribution of bread, flour, and some vegetables at reduced prices but usually of inferior quality; since food is easily available in Harbin, this is regarded as a service rather than a control measure. The chief is Kungin, fnu, one of the few new Soviet citizens participating in official SCA activities.

f. Accounting Section. SCA secretary Lopashin takes an active part, actual capacity unknown, here.

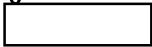
g. Finance Section.

6. The SCA directs the operation of the one Russian-language newspaper in Harbin, Russkoye Slovo (Russian Word), which is published daily except Monday. Its offices are at the corner of Diagonalnaya and Uchastkovaya Streets. The SCA also publishes two Russian-language magazines, Rodnaya Rech (Native Speech) and Sovetskaya Molodezh (Soviet Youth). All three publications are almost entirely reprints from Soviet periodicals and are closely supervised by the cultural section of the Soviet consulate general.

7. A Soviet youth organization was formed by SCA in 1946, with Starikov, fnu, as chairman; he was later replaced [redacted] A development of the organization, modeled on the basis of the 1935 rules of the Soviet Komsomol, occurred on 20 February 1949, with the new title of Soviet Youth Association (Komitet Soyuza Sovetskoi Molodezhi) (SYA). The organization

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meets in district groups twice a week and accepts new members, each of whom must submit a formal application endorsed by two active members and pass an examination on the membership rules, Soviet political theory, Communist Party history, and related subjects. Applicants are admitted by majority vote. Those who fail in their examination may be given candidate status for three months and then must take the examination again. Membership is limited to Soviet youth between fifteen and thirty; the number of members in Harbin is estimated at a thousand, with an additional five hundred in adjacent areas.

8. Personnel and their functions in the organization include the following:

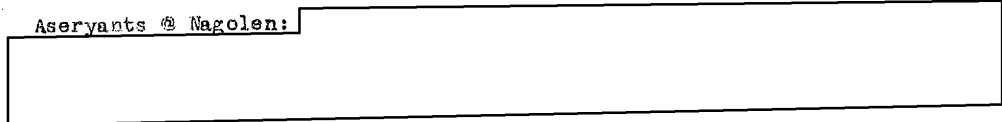
Chairman of the SYA Committee: A. I. Govoruk
Secretary: Savchenko

Culture Section: Venyamin Muravev
Political Section: Seva Mironov
Children's Group: Sobolevskaya
Press Group (publishers of Soviet Youth): L. B. Efroimski
Art and Theatre Workers Group: Yuri Lvovich Khorosh
Sport Group: Kilosanidze
Property Group: Kostenko
District (Rayon) leaders:
Harbin Polytechnic Institute: Myslin; secretary, Kozakov
Railroad: Arkhipov; secretary, Vdovichenko
Pristan: Samsonov; secretary, Gibadulin
Nevy Gorod: Kosyakov.

9. An alphabetic list of some members of SCA follows:

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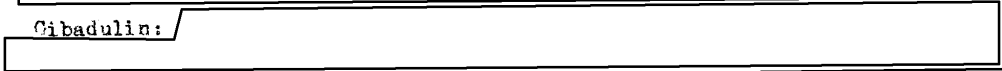
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Gibadulin:

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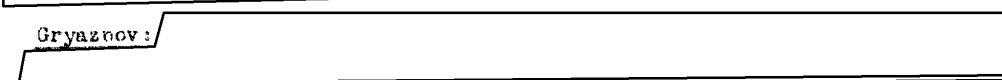
Govoruk, Aleksandr Ivanovich:

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Gryaznov:

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Izerski:

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Kazakov, Giorgi:

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Kilosanidze:

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Knyazkov:

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Kondratovich:

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Khorosh, Yuri Lvovich:

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Kostenko, Konstantin Dmitriyevich:

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Krokhmal, Yaropol Petrovich:

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Kruglyakov:

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Krychenko, Yuri:

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Kungin:

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Lopashin:

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Lvov, Nikolai Grigorevich:

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Lyubavin:

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Mironov, Seva (Sevastyan?):

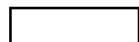
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Myslin, Georgi:

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Panov, Vasili Dmitrivovich:

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Samarin:

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Samsenov:

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Shirokolebov:

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Savchenko:

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Sobolevskaya:

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Starikov:

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Tikhonov:

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Volobrinskaya:

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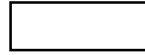
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Veyennov: [redacted]

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Yefimov: [redacted]

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Yerdyakov, D. V.: [redacted]

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Yutkin: [redacted]

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* [redacted]

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** [redacted] Comment. At this time the Soviet consul general in Harbin was Pavlyshev or Pavlichev; [redacted]

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*** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] not [redacted] clear whether this was the same group as the Akimov Group, organized for the same purpose under the leadership of Captain Akimov; [redacted]

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**** [redacted] Comment. Personalities previously identified include the following:

Aseriyants, also known as Gurgen Kristoforovich Nagalyan, has been active since the war in Russian and Soviet organizations in Harbin, where he was employed in 1947 by the Soviet consulate general and, as legal counsel, by the Soviet railroad administration. [redacted] he appears as Gurgen G. Asgerianz, also known as Nagolian. He has also been reported as Artzeriantz.

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Govoruk was reported as chairman of the Committee of SYA in June 1949.

Kilosaniize, R. D., was reported in his present position in June 1949 by Russkoe Slovo.

Arokhmal was reported in 1946 as manager of the Orient Cinema and as possibly working for the Soviet consulate general in Harbin.

Lvov was reported as director of the Chinese Changchun Railroad Central Hospital in Harbin in 1947.

Savchenko, Anna Frantzevna, was a member of the White Russian Emigrant Committee in June 1946.

Shirkolobov was mentioned in his present position in the Harbin press in June 1949.

Starikov, V. V., was reported director of SYA in January 1947.

Knyazkov was reported as chairman of SCA, Harbin, in 1946; [redacted]

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