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We had a visitor-thursday night, dec. 29- DR. Ivan Docheff from Toronto. It was not a surprise, he was expected. Instead of a Christmas card I sat down and wrote Docheff a long letter summing up all the mistakes he made in his "political career" in the last two three years. In conclusion I asked him whether he is going to lead the Bulgarian immigration or he will get off and stop destroying it. Docheff answered and asked if he can come and see us. He was going to Chicago for New Year and wanted to talk to us before he has meeting with "his people". So he came despite the sligery roads. He had this in things in mind-

1. Publications- Docheff not only struck up a bargain with me but he also threatened not to make me the editor of the League if I do not go along with his bargain.

His idea about the publication is as follow- Docheff will order his followers to vote for me at the next convention of the League either to be the editor or the president, if I so wish, provided that from now until the convention I find funds for- The League's publication which I can edit and for a news-paper which the National Front will issue and Docheff will edit.

Toward the end of our talks (four o'clock in the morning) Docheff was willing to compromise for one publication only. This publication will be the organ of the Government in Exile which will have its most active branch in the USA. Boris and I are to find money for that publication and show to the immigration that we are not only using the immigration for our secret aims but are willing to work and help openly, as I understand it, the National Front.

This publication will have to be very good, better than the League's present publication, and will have to be aimed to reach the old immigration as well as the new. I believe Docheff is willing to let me start as its editor provided that he can replace me shortly after the publication is well recognized by all. We parted with a declaration on our part that this is a very complicated question which will require exploration and long study. Docheff suggested that as American citizens we go to the Ford Foundation and ask them for funds.

2. Docheff stated that in several months a Bulgarian Government in Exile will be formed with the King assuming its constitutional rights. When that happens, committees will be formed in all Free countries, with the committee in USA which will be the center of the government in exile. Therefore the committee in USA has to be headed by an American citizen in order to be effective. I was officially asked by Docheff if I want to head the USA committee. The aims of those committees will be:

a. To collect money for an official publication which Vulecheff will publish in Europe. (The publication in USA will be financed by the money Boris and I find).

b. To collect funds for (hold your breath now) the support of a guerrilla squadron- subordinated to the King, which will carry on the guerrilla movement independently from our Free nations programs. I suppose it will be under the jurisdiction of the Minister of War in His Majesty's government in Exile.

I am under the impression that Docheff was asked by the N.F. people in Europe to discuss with us the possibility about funds for a publication and to invite me to head the USA committee. The guerrilla movement, however,

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I believe is Docheff's own idea, suggested to him by Kalin Koicheff and suggested to Kalin by some of the new-comers. Baikusheff came to Pgh with the idea that something is cooking. Disappointed he went to N.Y. Perhaps he had discussed his ideas with Kalin and Spas. I only know that Baikusheff did talk to me about a "unity" supported privately if the "americans" do not want to support it. I also believe that the N.F. leaders in Europe know nothing about it and that Baharoff is not aware of it. Baharoff would know better. We shall find out where the idea originated.

5. Docheff wanted us to "inform our officials about the Macedonians and to urge them to dignify the Macedonians employed in our agencies". The only new thoughts he had to offer was:

In 1961 a macedonian by the name of Mile Simacovich was sent to Docheff with the following message-

- a. The N.F. must leave the macedonian question to the MFO.
- b. The N.F. must not accept macedonians as members.
- c. The N.F. must declare itself against the King and the Monarchy

if it wants to live in peace with the MFO.

Docheff stated that Stephen Popov, recently appointed to the V.O. in Munich rejected openly the King despite the fact that Popov was a trusted man around the King. Popov was one of the first around the King who revolted against the Bishop, when the Bishop recognized the Patriarch, and influenced the Royal family to reject the Bishop.

4. From our conversation one thing became clear- Docheff is very much in a hurry to "saverbava" the new-comers before their leaders arrive in this country. I believe he feels he is an old american new and to his leadership should go. He stated that they are in perfect accord with Baharoff and see eye to eye on ALL questions. I gathered a different story from the Baharoffs' side, and I feel that Baharoff will not agree with Docheff, and everything. These men had lived closer to the reality and should see the "horba" from different angle.

My comments.

I believe Docheff is concerned about the publication of a magazine or paper not of selfish desire only. He somehow was led to believe that the "diplomats" will secure funds for the League publication. Confident that the N.F. has the majority in the League, he was hoping that he can eventually run for the editorship and run a free Europe supported magazine. Now, however, he is beginning to realize that something went wrong. With the formation of a government in exile Docheff will have to produce the funds for a good publication in the USA. He believes that I can go set up editing the League publication, I will do anything I have it again. The fundamental principals have not registered with him.

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Why/a good bulgarian publication is needed:

1. There are several bulgarian publications printed in USA to-day all of which are published either by the leftists or the macedonians. The League publication was the only one which was supposed to be an organ of the middle-of-the-road bulgarian immigrant. It lost its direction.
2. The bulgarian immigration needs a publication which will provide reading material -for bulgarians only- just as all other nationality groups have their own papers. They liked Narodna Glas, poor as it was.
3. Publication is needed to provide a ground for agitation, where

bulgarians who know how to write will contribut their works free,with the assurance that at least their publication will be read by many people.

4. Such a publication can give direction to the bulgarian immigration, (which is badly needed to-day) an USA's present aims and future policies.

5. It can serve two main purposes- to inform and to guide the immigration toward bigger and broader ideas in the future policies.For instance- T.Feneff would very much like to find an way to popularise the Balkan Federation idea. However,he alone can not do it,neither can the diplomats nor Docheff.But all of them in co-operation can express their views if their was a paper which will provide a neutral ground where they all can write.

6. A bulgarian publication,which will command the respect of all the bulgarians is badly needed to counterbalance the Macedonian manipulations in the bulgarian affairs.It can vary diplomatically draw the line between the macedonian interests and the duties of the bulgarian immigration toward the bulgarian people.

7. A good bulgarian publication can help in the reorganization of the bulgarian section in Free Europe by diverting the attention of the bulg. i immigration. If Free Europe comes out simply and openly and support such a publication it will pull the rug from under ALL the bulgarian manipulators, in the Committee and in the League. Then,they can gradually change some of the staff and employ better people.

8,if a government in exile is forced such a publication can serve as the guiding light to it and block out the future spitting up of the immigration

9. A good publication can become the unofficial official expresor of the things the state department wants the bulgarians to know. We must not wait until war comes.We must repair some things now.

Who should edit such a publication.

The man who is appointed for the job should not reside in N.Y. and should not be a K.P.M. Bulgarian. Free Europe will have to support it, not any other private agency or foundation, but it has to be with the hope that the bulgarian immigration will eventually support it with subscriptions. Therefore, the old immigration should be had in mind when the editor is appointed. From my personal observations, such man should have the following qualifications:

- He must command the respect of all the immigration
- He must understand the immigrants and know how to handle them.
- He must understand the USA foreign policy and be in a position to follow its day to day divinations.
- He must not be leftist, socialist or pro-macedonian, neither must he be complete sympathizer of the extreme monarchists.
- He must know bulgarian history very well and know how to weight the facts and the events.
- He must be an honest man who loves this country and will look after the interests of the USA first and than of bulgarian.

The editor will have to be employed either on a part time base or full time. He should publish the paper or magazine in the city he resides with the help of a few volunteers only. This way a very small amount of money will be needed. I know that it can be done because we did the League on practically no budget at all. To put out such a publication, the editor does not have to be a professional man, because he will have to have all other qualifications. He must know something about publiship, but above all must command the respect of the immigration.

Something has to be done about the bulgarians. We must not wait, but whatever we do this time we must do the right thing, the wise thing.

I know of only one man who can do the job and do it well, but we need you for better things. The second best I can't recommend because he is a very close relative of mine, but he can do the job, because the refugee program showed that respect him because they supported the man who...

Dear Mr. Beroff, I just happened to receive your letter
in Christmas, Bulgaria today. I am so glad to say that I have the
time to write you. I am sure you wish to see and your lovely family.
At last my sister saw the photograph of her younger boy. She
did not like him in the army as I thought. Her letter was the usual
one. She will like her at all. She tells that they want to build a house to
a plot of small talk about their lives and then the usual "life is in
the study, in the university" and surely would like to find a way to
study. I am sure you will be glad to see the looks like Thiristo Trzeff. I answered
her letter and my sister. I invited both of them to come to USA. Also asked
Andie if she knows of any way they could secure a visa to go to study in
some foreign country. I will support him to come here.

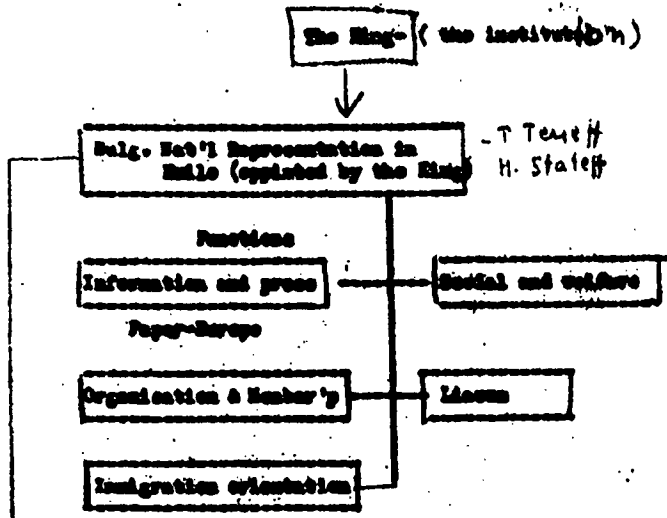
We are having trouble with our boy. In the morning I suddenly
decided to get Mr. Beroff on his own and out of our house. For Filizov
Beroff was a member of the group and was with the group in the morning
that day that it is too cold out and I can not risk my health and work
outside in winter. He is the one who claims that he knows personally the
group that operates radio Corchia and knows their whereabouts. Beroff had
helped him financially in Turkey and thought he was a nationalist. But he
did not follow advised the Com. boys were waiting, and inquiring about him. They
promptly invited him to visit one of them and on Thanksgiving day he informed
me he will not work for me. In that case, I thought, he should take the old
man with him and repay him the money he owes him. Beroff had a brother and
and to all Bulgarians it would seem that I did a most cruel thing, but
sometimes it takes cruelty to shock a man out of his fright and dependency.
I did not realize that all this would throw another dependent and frightened
boy into a spin. By the time we came back from town today raised a temperature
of 104 and became violently sick for no reason at all. Liquids was the thing
to cure him with and I forcefully flooded him with good. I had the feeling
that he took something that raised that temp. or as Boris would say it was
a dramatic condition. The effect of it was - red eyes. The school
nurse sent him home for pain-eyes and we went to the doctor. The doctor did
nothing but straight irritation and gave him penicillin ointment. For
days to rub the eye and went to see and returned to school. After a week I
took him to another doctor and he sent me to a specialist. The boy had devel-
oped ulcer in the eye - the doctor say he rubbed his eye through. For
weeks we have been going to the doctor having an eye that somehow does not
want to heal because continues to rub it. He stayed home listening to the
Hungarian situation and getting more and more silent and non-co-operative.
Instead of relating to us the boy has related to Beroff and had expressed
his hostility toward us to him. Now he had to live with us and he became
hostile. He has not developed interest in anything in particular yet, goes
to school and studies regularly but his interest in Bulgarian politics is
as been as ever. If Bulgarian politics is being discussed in this house he
goes into a spin, can not sleep or eat and becomes very hostile. The boy is
losing part of the sight in the left eye and will have to wear special
glasses. He hates us mainly because of our anti-communism. So, I am giving
him chance until the end of the school year. If he does not show signs
of sincerity and improvements we will have to find him a place where he

Political events are reaching the point where the...
...and... the evening...
...in here. I have... to discuss...
...was...
...us out for future co-operation. ...
...refused so he consented...
...I would consent to co-operate on a publication...
...Tcheroff...
...Lubche told the other...
...the...
...by... each of them a little...
...interested...
...enough to want to talk to each other...
...while they settled in the...
...well supplied with... liquor and...
...we hurried up to grab a little...
...sleep. When...
...place still drinking and talking...
...with a feeling of real...
...These silly Bulgarians of course...
...I never see another one...
...but I know that if they come...
...I will continue to...
...to myself for... it.

Toucho Tcheff was here Sat. and Sunday. We went to see Jim Clarke...
...a very long and well...
...reality that you...
...they in Washington for doing all the...
...to the Bulgarians. But...
...to the defense of the "Americans" in Washington and we had both views...
...presented. Toucho told Jim his plan and Jim was very interested and...
...enthusiastic. The question he was most interested in was "What about the...
...dominants". He sees a representation only as a group of American friends...
...grow out of all groups - Americans who know Bulgaria, nationality leaders...
...Bolsheviks and prominent Bulgarians. Toucho could not see how a republican...
...he...
...idea could go hand in hand with an idea based on the old...
...constitution and the King, as the base for a representation. Jim agreed that the...
...King should be used as the nucleus of organization. It is as Toucho believes...
...if the Bulgarians want the King to return it is their decision. The important...
...thing now is to create a body which could be of help if emergency should...
...arise. Jim thinks the American side of this representation should be...
...people invited to participate with their sympathy to Bulgaria. It should...
...not be an organization or association, but a group of people who should be...
...of help when called upon. A secretary should be appointed who would serve as a...
...liaison and office for perhaps a...
...designated to serve...
...as an informative bulletin.

I believe the proposed idea could be realized provided that Toucho...
...and Statoff play it well and this time with open cards. For Toucho I can...
...say that he is the only politician who can talk sense and listen to others...
...He is not a very quick and very bright man, but this could be to his advantage...
...Most Bulgarians are not very bright. The quick ones are those who will out...
...the fastest. He is dedicated and... quality others often do not...
...I have never met Statoff and can say nothing about him. But Toucho will...
...be...
...in the... so I am willing to give him the chance of a...
...If we sell one of the houses I am also willing to back a...
...reformed...
...publication in USA. Rich John Statoff would agree to co-operate on such...
...a publication. Perhaps his mother...
...will be interested in it too. My...
...course will be the initial sum to get the thing started. Money will be...
...needed from somewhere else. And if such money is found I would...
...again to hold the treasury. Toucho or Statoff must never be given that...
...responsibility. The King and those two must be left free of the...
...any...
...for...
...They can not hurt me, but they will have to work for it...
...That is all for now. I will let the man tell you the details.

IN SUPPORT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE UNDER THE RUSSIAN ENSLAVEMENT.



Supporting Groups in All Free Countries



Suggested names

- James Clark
- Walter Fernald
- George Sullivan
- Mark Stenberg
- Irina Sandora
- Shanley
- Mrs Myrtle Hugo
- George Gutoff
- Ivan Stanchoff
- George Papirhoff
- Alexander Fedoroff
- Others

Dear Majesty you have not yet received
my letter. I will send the letter again.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

Docheff is not doing any things and I believe he is
shut out from my work too. I will not send it unless I hear
from you. I do not wish to on any other way

Her Majesty IOANNA
Queen of Bulgaria
Madrid, Spain.

for I will not write Docheff yet. R.

Your Majesty:

On December 29, 1955 Dr. Ivan Docheff came to visit us in Pittsburgh. In our conversation Dr. Docheff brought out some rather important questions which, I believe, I should bring to Your attention. Dr. Docheff proposed to us following:

A. At the next convention of the American Bulgarian League, Dr. Docheff would gladly back me to be elected for editor of the League's publication provided that by then Mr. Clarke and I do as follows:
Find funds for the publication of the League's paper.
Find funds for a news-paper - published by the National Front and edited by Dr. Docheff.

B. Dr. Docheff stated that a Bulgarian Government in Exile will soon be proclaimed and Committees of the Government will be established in some of the Free countries. He then, invited me to participate in the USA Committee. As I understand it, the function of those Committees will be:

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To collect funds for publishing a news-paper - the official organ of the Government in Exile.

To collect funds for the support of Bulgarian Fighting Units subordinated to the King and operated INDEPENDENTLY from the Free Nations set up in Europe.

Since these are rather serious questions I took my time to study them before I answer Dr. Docheff. I would answer his questions as follows:

A. The funds question.

The American Bulgarian League lost its direction, in the last several years, and turned into a football-field where the Bulgarian politicians to weigh their partisan strength. The League is about to pass into the hands of one political group only and gradually die of its natural death. It could hardly be reorganized to serve as a uniting organization. Its membership is open to all Bulgarians and active provocators can not be excluded from membership.

Funds for a news-paper - Dr. Docheff was furnished with funds to publish the "Bulgarian National Voice". The fact that the paper is not published any more shows, that there is no room for partisan news-papers among the Bulgarian immigration in USA. Money is not the most important factor for publishing a good news-paper.

B. The USA Committee of the Government in Exile.

This, indeed, is a very serious question. As it deals with the future of the Bulgarian institutions, the Bulgarian enslaved people and

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the Bulgarian immigration, I feel, it should not belong to one political group or individuals. It should be entrusted in the hands of the most wise men the Bulgarian immigration has in this country. For on the outcome of this question can very easily depend the future of the King, the future of the Free Bulgarian Church and the usefulness of the Bulgarian immigration.

Andre Bide once said: "One a group of theories one can found a school, but on a group of values one can found a culture, a civilization, a new way of living among men." Engrossed in theories, the Bulgarian politicians have failed to grasp the scope of the Cold War and the psychological aspects of modern diplomacy. As the United States can not produce for them a magic formula and solve the world troubles with mathematical precision, like children they get mad and go against their own interests. As it is to-day, the Bulgarian politicians can hardly be of great help to the Bulgarian institutions. On the contrary, they can very easily contribute to their destruction. Therefore, if a new Committee is formed, it should be organized by Bulgarians who would work for lasting values, then for political gains.

Here are my visions for such a Committee

To keep peace in the family, if a Government in exile is realized it should strive to utilize the efforts of all the Bulgarian immigration. It could be done through the following simple method:

1. Utilize the political groups

I was told that according to the Protocol a number of prominent Bulgarians will have to be invited to participate in the government in Exile. There are many Bulgarians who insist that they are interested in Bulgaria only, will work for it and will return when it is liberated. I am sure they will refuse to become citizens of their new countries. Those people then, would automatically belong to the Government in exile and should be invited to participate. As some of them are leaders of political organizations they should not be antagonized but invited to work for Bulgaria.

2. Friendship Committees

In the New World, where the Bulgarians have resettled permanently, the only Committees that can be organized and be effective are - Committees composed of Citizens of those countries, established on broader and higher ideals. Political supporters are of considerable help to-day, but only those countries who have permanent and lasting friends in USA and the Free Nations, would they hope for progress after their liberation.

The Friendship Committee in USA

There is definitely a need of such a Committee in the United States at this time, but it should be carefully organized by people who know how to do such things. From experience we know, that to be effective, such a committee should have chosen membership, perhaps, 50 or 100 people at the most-joining the committee by invitation only.

The Members.

The members should be selected and invited to join for their knowledge and understanding of the Bulgarian and USA problems. They should be men and women of sincerity, integrity and loyalty, mostly people who command the respect of the immigration. The majority of them should be OLD immigrants, long supporters of the Free Bulgarian Church, people who respected old Bulgaria and would preserve the Tirovo Constitution until the people are free once more to decide their form of government. Their primary should be - a lasting friendship toward the enslaved Bulgarian people, and support of the Free Bulgarian Church and

Who should organize the committee?

I do not believe that the King can invite American citizens to join such a committee. Free Europe is a private organization and hardly could mix in the affairs of the immigration groups. A group of well known Bulgarians would be the logical people. But someone will have to approach them and convince them in the importance of such a committee, for on them will depend the success of the committee.

The AIMS of the Committee

1. To publish a good Bulgarian paper in the United States, which will be the official organ of the Bulg. Immigration.
2. To serve as a liaison between the Bulgarian immigration and the official places.
3. To serve as an adviser to the King, interpreting the USA policies to him and the Bulgarian point of view to official places.
4. To co-operate with our government on general projects such as the DP program and the Refugee program, or future programs.

The News-paper

It should aim to reach the Bulgarian immigration in USA and should be written intelligently but simply.

It should be informative but not partisan and bias.

The editor should be chosen with care and appointed for at least five years, necessary to build a good news-paper.

The Editor.

The editor will have to be an USA citizen. He should be a man with broad knowledge on Bulgaria, Bulgarian political parties, USA foreign policy and world policy. He should know how to interpret the USA policies to the Bulgarians and the Bulgarian point of view to USA.

He should command the respect of the Bulgarian immigration—old and new and be above all an honest man.

He should be well acquainted with Washington and should know when, where and how to approach the right people.

Funds.

The news-paper could start with private funds, possibly raised by the members of the committee. It should be sold at an appropriate price in order to meet its expenses.

Funds for a news-paper in Europe

The National Front alone can support such a paper. Its members are making good money in USA and can easily donate \$20-50-100 a year.

Bulgarian Fighting Units

I am really amazed at the phantasy of this suggestion. In this age of decisive wars there is hardly room for the foolishness of dreamers. Bulgarians would do better if they strive for simple things which are within the realm of their possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

Raina B. Clarke