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ANNEX II

Political Groups Among the Ukrainians

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1. The Bandera Group

This group, under the leadership of Stefan Bandera, was organized in 1924; at the present time, it is composed mostly of young anti-Communist Ukrainian emigrants located in DP camps or in Western Germany.

During the war, the group fought against both Germans and Soviets. In 1945 and 1946, it was very active in the southern part of Poland and in Ruthenia. An article, dated 17 May 1946, in the publication "Scotsman" names three groups as being at that time in control of considerable parts of the country in the Warsaw-Cracow triangle, and southwards to the Tatra mountains; these groups were, the Bandera group, in Eastern Galicia, the Armysa Krayova, and the NSZ (National Army Force). Together, the three groups probably have from fifty to sixty thousand well-trained and well-armed men at their disposal, in addition to artillery and possible a few tanks and other vehicles.)

The Bandera group concentrates on preventing the Polish government from ejecting the Ukrainians of Eastern Galicia from their homes. The majority of these Ukrainians call themselves Ruthenians. The Polish government has been evicting them to make room for Poles moved out of districts ceded to the Soviet Union.

The Bandera group in Germany is supposedly led by Sidor Vasiliev.

2. The Hetman Movement

This group formerly was led by Pavel Skoropatsky (see ANNEX IV); it is now allegedly led by Denile Skoropatsky (see ANNEX IV), son of the original leader.

The Hetman movement has extreme nationalist Ukrainian tendencies; it cooperated closely with the Nazi Party and the Nazi fifth column in Europe.

The movement is believed to have a large membership in Canada among Ukrainian emigrants. One of its leaders, Dmitri Doroshenko, has reportedly gone to the US.

3. The Group Around Gen Shandruk

These men had been serving in the Polish Army under the provision that they would have to fight only in case of a Polish-Soviet war. There were from twenty to thirty men in this circle.

4. The Melnik Group

Not much is known about this group; as far as Schriever knows, it engages in the same type of activity as does the Bandera group.

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