

LATVIAN MOB CHIEF WARMS UP BRED FOR POLITICAL
VIGILANCE AND USE OF EMIGRES AS SPIES

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Latvian Emigre Leaders Said to Help Recruit Spies

...In organizing espionage against the Latvian SSR, the intelligence services of the countries of the imperialist camp make wide use of Latvian emigre centers which are supported by those intelligence services. The leaders of the Latvian emigre in the West are the worst enemies of the Latvian people, having sold out their interests to the bourgeoisie during the years of the so-called "independent" Latvia and, later, to the Hitlerite butchers during the Great Patriotic War. Now, they serve the American, West German, and other monopolists body and soul.

Colonels Jamnis and Osis of the Hitlerite SS troops, former Major Marum of these same troops, Professor Lejins, Lawyers Abakaks, Eilis, and Imas, Archbishop Crisbergs, bishops Rancans and Slokas, and other ideologues of Latvian bourgeois nationalism in emigration have created various nationalistic organizations in the US, West Germany, Sweden, and a number of other countries, under the widely-publicized mask of rendering assistance to the ordinary emigres, who were taken in by them. In reality, the intelligence services of the imperialist camp, with the help of the emigre leaders, select spies who are to be smuggled into the territory of our republic from these organizations (Daugavas Vainagi, the Latvian National Council, etc.)

Representatives of Free Latvia Do Similar Work

Similar "services" are rendered to the ruling circles of the countries of the capitalist camp by the so-called "ambassadors" of the Latvian bourgeois state, which has not existed for 80 years -- Spinks in the US, Liepins in West Germany, Barins in England, and some others, all of whom represent nobody. These living coffins exist only because they are maintained by the ruling circles of the US. It was none other than President Eisenhower, who proclaimed a so-called "captive" nations week last year. It was none other than Secretary of State, Barber, who made a statement casting aspersions

on the part of the Baltic republics, including the Latvian people, in February 1948. Encouraged by all this, the Spalins, Zarins, Janans, and others like them involve nationalistic emigres in espionage and other subversive activity against our republic. Kuznetsov, Zarins and others, spies who have been arrested in Soviet Latvia, and who are known to run through materials published in the press, were victims of this deception. Caught red-handed, the spies get what they deserve. But the Zarins, Spalins, and Janans spend an effort in searching out new victims from among the emigres to carry out espionage work.

Soviet Latvians Asked to Expose Emigre Leaders in Letters

The capture and fitting punishment of spies is very important work, of course. But it is even more important relentlessly to expose the treacherous nature of the Latvian emigre leaders. Citizens of our republic, who have relatives who have emigrated, can, in their letters abroad, show the real worth of these traitors, thus making it impossible for them to involve lost, deceived people in the filth, criminal work of the intelligence services. Useful work has been done in this direction by G., a repatriate to the Motherland. During the first postwar years, he was a member of the "Daugava Vakarī" organization and worked in a number of other emigre organizations, until he became convinced of the venality of the Zarins, Braco, and others like them. Making a correct appraisal of the situation, G. unmasked the emigre clique.

Foreigners' Acceptance of Foreign Parcels Involves Danger

The emigre houses send packages and food parcels into the republic. Some of our citizens do not understand that they are groveling before the emigre leaders when they accept, in the form of these parcels, wretched goods either directly from them, or through their emigre relatives. Do we not have enough to satisfy all of a person's needs? Even foreigners who are prejudiced in regard to our achievements, on visiting the Latvian SSR, say that we have enough of everything. What is the purpose of this charity? This disgraces the honor and dignity of the Soviet citizen.

The person receiving the parcels, at times, does not take into consideration the fact that he can gradually be drawn into contact with representatives of intelligence services. The facts show that, at the right moment, they can demand reciprocal "good turns" in the form of espionage work from some recipients of the parcels. That this is actually so was confirmed by none other than

Heinrichs, one of the editors involved, when he said at a session of the entire organization, "Intylen National Council," in February 1960: "Both the parcels and letters are a form of espionage. The parcels are not only of material value, but, even more, of moral value."

It is necessary to understand this and to explain these unique "manufacture" who think they can trade our people with a sack of potato, rags, and old clothes.

Warning Against Loose Talk and Revealing Secrets

Soviet people must also strictly guard state secrets which are entrusted to each of them according to the type of work they do. Meanwhile, each reason is roughly the following way: "I," he says, "do not have access to any secrets about atomic or rocket equipment. Therefore, I have nothing to divulge; vigilance does not apply to me." This is a false, oversimplified understanding of state secrets. In the first is formed from spy trucks, so information about the greatest achievements of science, technology, and culture in our country is formed from separate details, from seeing trails.

No one must minimize or oversimplify his role, his place in the great cause of creating Communism. Each of us plays a large role in the building of Communism. Each worker, engineer, technician, scientist, builder, folkhozhnik, and employee is a direct, active participant in the grand construction of the majestic edifice of Communism. Therefore, it is completely impermissible to babble or brag about separate details of this great construction which are known to you. It must always be remembered that it is from the details and the trifles that the whole, the large, the grand are formed.

The spies of capitalist intelligence services certainly do not try to gather all the information they are interested in at once, and in full. They gather this information gradually, by installments, and by the process of common everyday conversation, trying to pump the information which they need out of those to whom they are talking.

Reminder on Recent Law on Responsibility for Espionage

The Fifth Session of the Supreme Soviet USSR adopted a law confirming the important decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR of 13 January 1960, which provides that a Soviet citizen, who

has been recruited by a capitalist intelligence service and who gives himself up, if he has done nothing to perform the tasks given to him, will be released from criminal responsibility. In this sense, it is stated: "A citizen of the USSR, who has been recruited by a foreign intelligence service to carry out hostile activity against the USSR, will not be subject to criminal responsibility, if he has not taken any action in performing the criminal tasks given to him, and if he voluntarily tells the authorities about his ties with a foreign intelligence service."

This law is evidence of the supreme humaneness of our government; let people who are emigres know about this. Citizens who have relatives and friends abroad can report about this in their letters to them.

Great political vigilance has always been an inherent quality of every Soviet person. Each and every intrigue of foreign intelligence services has been broken up by this vigilance and by the indestructible devotion of our people to the Communist Party and the Soviet Government. Thus it was in the past, and thus it will be in the future. -- Ks. Vevurs, chairman of Committee for State Security under the Council of Ministers Latvian SSR.