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SUBJECT: Account of Ukrainian Resistance Activities

Mr. Yaroslav STETZKO, president of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN), called recently at the Embassy. His principal purpose was to urge his organization's argument that the United States and Western powers should support the "National Liberation" movements within the Soviet orbit. It is believed that this argument is quite familiar to the Department.

Mr. STETZKO also stated that the present tactic of the Ukrainian resistance, with which he is chiefly concerned, is to discontinue the insurgent efforts, at least on the scale which they have been attempting, and to undertake "mass underground preparations for liberation". He stated that it has become necessary to reorganize the larger insurgent bodies into smaller fighting groups, usually from ten to twenty persons each, because the Soviets have now placed such strong military forces effectively against them. Several divisions of special MVD troops have been stationed in the insurgent areas and have conducted most thorough-going searches of all places and persons. The consequence has been that the past year has been the most difficult of their existence, and approximately fifty per cent of the insurgent forces have been lost. Therefore, they have broken up into smaller groups and are now engaged only in quickly moving raids, chiefly for purposes of propaganda and for such unsettling effect on the Soviet security forces as they can accomplish. That they are still effective in this way, he said, is evidenced by the recent Soviet pamphlets and newspaper articles attempting to belittle the Ukrainian insurgent forces. But besides this, the Ukrainian Supreme Liberation Council is directing political, social, economic and cultural resistance throughout the Ukraine, and in this way preparing the people for the expected liberation in the future. He maintained that the Soviets will not be able to eliminate this type of resistance.

Embassy comment: This account appears to be of interest as confirmation of other reports that the Russian authorities have, in fact, succeeded in putting down, or at least greatly reducing, the Ukrainian insurgent activity.

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