

MEMORANDUM TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ON THE OCCASION OF THE 1972 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION, SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA, INC., BY JOHN W. ROBERTS, ESQ., 193 CHIEF OF COUNSEL.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Inc., is an American organization embracing over twelve hundred Ukrainian American clubs, fraternal lodges, veterans, men's, women's, youth's and students groups; scientific, religious, social, charitable, educational and political organizations, thus representing over two million American citizens of Ukrainian descent.

Apart its objectives the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America includes:

"To coordinate and intensify the participation of Ukrainian Americans in the constructive efforts of the government of the United States of America directed towards just and peaceful relations in the world."

"To make known and secure every possible means of support for the plight of the Ukrainian people in their struggle to establish a free and independent state of Ukraine."

Thus following the return of President Nixon from his visits to Red China, Russia, Ukraine and Poland in his interests of opening, maintaining and continuing lines of communication with the communist nations with the hopeful objective of attaining world peace for generations to come, the aims of which The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America supported unreservedly, we urge the party of the President to adopt as part of its platform a series of resolutions which would demonstrate an awareness of the nature of the totalitarian governments with which the lines of communication will continue.

Since the beginning of this year, the Soviet government has arrested hundreds of Ukrainian intellectuals, professors, literary critics, poets, artists, students, authors and others. Their crimes - "dissemination of anti-Soviet propaganda and agitation." These arrests are directed at decaying the essence of the Ukrainian national identity and at eradicating the Ukrainian national consciousness as a powerful force in the struggle for Ukrainian statehood. There have been many such waves of arrests in Ukraine. In fact, persecution and oppression of the Ukrainian people have always been part and parcel of the Russian communist role in Ukraine. Since 1963, however the KGB (Committee for State Security) have stepped up arrests and trials of Ukrainian intellectuals. Many of those arrested have been repeatedly arrested, tried and sentenced to prison terms. These trials have not been public but in cameras.

Probably one of the better known victims of such oppression is Vyacheslav S. Chernovil, a publicist and literary critic and a graduate of Kiev State University. He worked as a reporter and TV commentator. In August of 1967 he was arrested and sentenced

to three years at hard labor for compiling material on the arrests and trials of twenty West-German intellectuals in 1955-1966. The documents look like Gornov's papers were published by Izvestia in January in 1968. He was released from prison in 1969 but re-arrested in January 1972.

Others are such famous Ukrainian intellectuals as Ivan Dzubynny, Ivan Dzyubko, Dmytro Sverstiuk, scholar Professor I. Dabich, poetess Irina Shchyv, artist Stepania Sabatara, (recently sentenced to five years of imprisonment.) Danylo Shynuk (who had spent 27 years in Polish and Soviet prisons and who was recently sentenced to 12 years), Volentyn Kozak a 26 year old Ukrainian first time was sentenced to nine years at hard labor for writing an brochure of resistance in Ukraine which described the destruction of Ukrainian churches by the Soviet Government, Svyatoslav Karavansky was sentenced to 25 years at hard labor for sending petitions in defense of non-Judean nations, and the Jewish singer Y. Y. in the USSR. There are many, many others and the trials and the sentencing continue.

In the New York Times, July 31, 1972 an article written by Theodore Sbard stated: "After 50 years of trying to knit its more than 100 ethnic groups into a single society, the Soviet Union appears to have made great gains in the educational and cultural development of its nationalities. But it remains well short of its ultimate goal of total harmony." What this wording means in a word is ASSIMILATION.

NESSITIC/NOT is and has been accomplished by political subjugation, religious persecution, cultural repression, genocide, imperialism, deportation and colonization of the USSR minority captive nations by the Russians.

The Soviet government destroyed the independent Ukrainian Autocephalic Catholic Church by murdering over 50 archbishops and bishops. In 1945-46 it ruthlessly destroyed the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Western Ukraine and forced over five million Ukrainian Catholics into the fold of the Communist controlled Russian Orthodox Church; it harasses and persecutes the Baptists, Evangelists, Seventh Day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses; and it oppresses the Jews by closing down synagogues.

In its program of cultural and ideological repression the USSR has been guilty of violating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948 of which the USSR was a signatory and of course, the USSR made much propaganda hay as a consequence thereof. Furthermore, such repression is contrary to the Soviet constitution which at least on paper provides for freedom of speech, of press, of assembly and of association as fundamental rights of citizens. USSR as well as civil rights, invasion of constitutional "warrentless" rather obviously does not exist in USSR and certainly not in Ukrainian SSR.

The Soviet occupation of Ukraine in 1939 with the result-ant invasion of a Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic under a puppet Ukrainian Communist government, the total invasion of Belarus, Latvia and Lithuania, the subjugation of Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, the wide and deliberate oppression of the Crimean Tatars - which and outside of the Iron Curtain, are too well known to present details here.

Genocide and the Jewish Question (Article 16-90 -
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It is shown that the Soviet-occupied territories of Communist China have led through direct and indirect intervention to the subjugation of the national independence of Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Czechoslovakia, India, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, South Germany, Bulgaria, Albania, China, America, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Arabi Korea, Vietnam, Iceland, Tibet, Cassochia, Timoristan, North Vietnam and others. " "

The power of the bourgeoisie would be restored as well as well as well. Within the Soviet Union the Russian Empire is even greater. For example in Kiev the situation has been the subject of the working language more than twice the number of hours as in the Ukrainian language, just college and university courses are delivered in Russian.

In view of all the foregoing, we therefore urge that the Republican Committee of the Republican Party for the 1972 Republic of the Republic of the Republic adopt the following:

1. That the next administration of the Government of the United States should take the representation to the United Nations and other international organizations to the United Nations Committee to Investigate the Violations of the U.N. Human Rights Declaration of Human Rights in Ukraine, especially to investigate the religious persecution and oppression and imprisonment of Ukrainian intellectuals; to invest etc the religious persecution of freedom of conscience, faithfulness, Protestantism, Judaism and Judaism; to investigate the national discrimination of the long-used nations within the orbit of Moscow control as well as the destruction of the ethnic minorities in USSR.

2. That the resolve of the Republican Committee of the Republican Party that the next Republican administration should spread of the United States and all American political prisoners.

b. To present upon the Soviet government to return all prisoners to their native countries, such as Ukraine, Moldavia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Latvia, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia and to return to the Soviet Union the two colonized and subjugated territories to become the dominant element in the non-Russian republics of the USSR.

c. To present upon the Soviet government to institute a prohibition of all the churches and religious denominations in Ukraine pursuant to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as the written principles of the USSR constitution.

d. Continue to support the people of the captive nations to their independence and individual freedom and their right to self-determination.

5. The Republican Party supports a resolution in the House of Representatives calling for the establishment of a permanent committee in the Senate to monitor the progress of the Republic, and to act as the guardian of the peace.