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ANTI-SOVIET LEAFLETS OF OUN AND UPA AS A FORM OF STRUGGLE

Throughout the millennial history the Ukrainian people fought for the right to have an independent state. In different periods of the Ukrainian history the leaders of the struggle were different persons and organizations such as Ukrainian Military Organization, the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army. The methods of their struggle against the German and then the Stalinist regimes were mostly of armed character but propaganda methods were widely used.

"One of the form of this ideological struggle was the appeals to the Soviet partisans to move to the side of the Ukrainian insurgents and they were often distributed in the form of leaflets. Another thematic direction of the UPA's printed material was in revealing the true essence of Soviet partisans, trying to prove that they were only pawns in the dirty game of Bolshevik leaders "[1].

The printed materials were produced not only in Ukrainian but also in Russian, Belarusian, Georgian and other languages of the USSR. Propaganda leaflets were issued in the local printeries. "During the German occupation, OUN's printeries worked in Olesyn in Berezhany district, in the village of Novoselka in Podgaetskiy district, in the village of in Mokrotyn in Zhovkivskyi district. The largest UPA's printery was in Mikolayiv on the Dniester. It was headed by Mykola Palidovych" [2].

Basically, in the leaflets OUN and UPA tried to expose the brutal inhuman nature of the Soviet regime to show its ruthlessness towards their citizens. Senior Ukrainian Insurgent Army Command addressed a request to the soldiers and commanders of the Red Army, so they helped to overthrow the Bolshevik regime in Ukraine. Here's how it comes about that in one of the leaflets: "Brothers! Have we come to life under the Bolshevik-Stalinist regime? Is happiness coming to us, which is so loudly preached by the Bolsheviks? It could not be a lot of evidence to prove that the Bolshevik's dictatorship is no better than Hitler's. The whole world knows that the Bolsheviks have destroyed millions of the Ukrainian people"[3]. So retreating under the pressure of the Germans from Lviv, the Soviet NKVD murdered three thousand Ukrainians, in Uman "red thugs" tortured 863 people and in Lutsk 2,000 Ukrainian "colour" were shot. Thousands of honest Ukrainians were also given into the hands of the German Gestapo in Kryvyi Rih, Odessa, Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Rivne "[2].

Another leaflet refers to the tactics of overthrowing the Soviet regime and the liberation of peoples which were oppressed by the Bolsheviks. So "blow to the imperialists must occur on all fronts at the same time. However, these attacks cannot be chaotic. They must be planned and organized. The fight should begin from Ukraine "[3].

Subsequently OUN re-imagined the essence of the German imperialism and understood that it was not different from Moscow, "a war between Germany and Moscow is primarily a war for the rich Ukraine, for our bread, coal and iron. The objective of the fight of the Ukrainians is the Ukrainian Independent State, and the path to it is the National Revolution of all segments of the Ukrainian people against the occupants "[4].

Thus, the UPA and OUN pinned all their strength to the fight against the Soviet regime. With political and propaganda techniques, they tried to show what actually the Bolshevik dictatorship and its policy were and what means were used to destroy the Ukrainian nation.

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