

RE : Current Situation in the Ukraine

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The gist from Myroslava:

1. Moroz, Valentyn was arrested on 1 June 1970 and probably is still kept in Ivano-Frankovsk Prison. His arrest is considered as a bad omen for the rest of dissidents. Myroslava and some other people do not exclude the possibility that after summer i.e. after the tourists season the KGB might "arrange" for wider arrests.

2. Zalyvakha, Opanas should be released in June 1970. Preparations have been made to take care of him after his release. All the time he was under pressure of the Camp KGB and Kiev KGB and in 1969 was even threatened with a new term of 3 years or more. He did not give in. In June "expires" his original term and there are all indication there he will be finally released .

3. F.D. Ovcharenko was the one ^{who} very strongly defended I. Dziuba. Some dissidents are not happy about Dziuba's declaration of 26 Dec 1969 but on the whole the final ^{result} ~~outcome~~ of his affair is being considered as a victory for Ukrainian dissidents.

4. The attitude of Ukrainian dissidents to the "Program of Democrats of Russia, Ukraine, and the Baltic " is rather differentiated. Some people are of the opinion that the matter of separation of non-Russian Republics from the Union should be more emphasized and more unequivocally stated. Some are of the opinion that this is only a first step, quite actual under the present conditions, and it should be followed by further respective elaborations.

There are also voices which regard the Program with a high degree of suspicion as an eventual "plan" of the KGB.

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