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Vonsiatsky's Work in Alaska

According to the indictment, Kunze was delegated by the Vonsiatsky spy ring to act as emissary in taking military information out of the country. Arrangements for such activity on Kunze's part were completed at a clandestine meeting in July, 1941, at the Bismark Hotel in Chicago. At that meeting, Vonsiatsky turned over to Kunze \$2800 for traveling expenses.

The Hour learns that shortly after this meeting Vonsiatsky sent one of his personal emissaries to Washington, D. C., to confer with the Japanese Military Attaché there. Vonsiatsky gave this emissary the calling card of a famous Japanese general which was to be used by the emissary as a means of identifying himself as an accredited representative of the Russian fascist leader.

Vonsiatsky's emissary delivered certain information to the Japanese Military Attaché in Washington, who then asked that a message be taken back to Vonsiatsky. The message included this request; that Vonsiatsky secure in the immediate future all possible military information from his contacts in Alaska. Although the request was made some time previous to Pearl Harbor, the Japanese Military Attaché implied at the time that Alaska would soon figure prominently in the war news.

The Hour on Vonsiatsky

The Hour carried its first exposé on the activities of Anastase Vonsiatsky on July 30, 1939. At that time, in an article entitled "Fritz Kuhn's Week-End Host Participated in Murders," we exposed Vonsiatsky's fifth column work in the United States and, in addition, we brought to light a confession he had written many years before, describing a series of torture-murders in which he had participated. We urged in this article and in subsequent reports on the fascist Russian leader that the U.S. authorities take action against Vonsiatsky.

When the Federal Grand Jury investigation of Vonsiatsky started early in May of this year, one of the first witnesses to be summoned was The Hour reporter who assisted in preparing our articles on Vonsiatsky.

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WHAT ABOUT BORIS BRASOL?

Now that a Federal Grand Jury has indicted Anastase Vonsiatsky on charges of conspiracy to violate the Espionage Act, it is time for the federal authorities to take action against another leader of fascist Russian intrigue in the United States. His name is Boris Brasol.

On January 17 The Hour carried a detailed exposé of Brasol's fifth column activities. We revealed that Brasol, like Vonsiatsky, was cooperating with Russian fascists who are operating as Japanese agents in Harbin, Manchukuo, and that Brasol had helped these Tokyo agents to get their pro-Axis propaganda material into the United States. In our article on Brasol, who has achieved world-wide notoriety for his disruptive anti-Semitic propaganda work, we quoted this passage from one of his letters: "Within the last year I have written three books which have done more harm to the Jews than ten pogroms would have done them."

Boris Brasol can currently be found at 230 Riverside Drive, N.Y.C.

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FIFTH COLUMNIST BAXTER STILL OPERATING IN CALIFORNIA

On April 18 The Hour reported that a Californian by the name of David Baxter was being hailed by pro-Axis fifth columnists throughout the country as their new hero. We revealed that Baxter had organized a secret subversive group called Social Republic Society of America, and that a memorandum issued by Baxter to his "district memberships" contained this highly significant passage:

"Do not neglect your arsenals. Buy arms and keep them in a place where they are readily accessible. No immediate emergency foreseen, but there is no time to prepare like now. Also keep a plentiful supply of ammunition and do not let it become over a year old or it will deteriorate."

David Baxter is currently editing a pro-Axis mimeographed bulletin entitled Comment which prominently displays on its front page an obviously fascist emblem. Comment, which sports the slogan "For American Nationalism," attacks the war program of the Administration, defends notorious fifth columnists and propagandizes for "a quick, honorable end to the war."

The address from which Baxter is issuing his seditious publication is 552 H. Street, San Bernardino, California.

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NIKIFOR GRIGORIEFF EXPOSED AS SECRET CONTRIBUTOR TO CHICAGO NAZI-SPONSORED NEWSPAPER

The largest progressive Ukrainian-American organization is the Ukrainian Workingmen's Association of Scranton, Pennsylvania. The Association publishes a newspaper called Norodna Volya. A recent issue of this paper front-pages documentary proof that "Professor" Nikifor Grigorieff, leading figure in the so-called Committee for the Promotion of Democracy (see The Hour for December 13 and 30, 1941) has been secretly writing under an assumed name for a Nazi-sponsored newspaper in Chicago, Ill. The name of the fascist Chicago paper is Nash Styah (Our Banner).

Until recently, when it was forced to close down, Nash Styah was the official publication of the Nazi-Ukrainian Hetman Organization, which has its headquarters in Berlin. The Hetman operates under Alfred Rosenberg's Aussenpolitisches Amt.

Hetman Background

On March 15, 1941, The Hour carried a story reporting on the contents of a remarkable document which shortly before had been smuggled out of Nazi Germany. This document, entitled "Convention of the Hetman Organizations in Germany," was a detailed, confidential report, prepared in booklet form and containing photographs of a convention of the Hetman which took place in Berlin toward the end of 1940. The document quoted Paul Skoropadsky, head of the Hetman, as proclaiming in his address to the convention: "We indulge in our activities owing to the express permission of the German authorities. Therefore I call upon you loudly to cry 'HEIL HITLER!'" (Italics ours.) A photograph of Skoropadsky talking is included in the booklet; on the wall behind him hangs a swastika emblem, beneath which is a large portrait of Hitler.

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In an article Nikifor Grigorieff wrote for the Hetman's Nash Styah, which appeared on June 28, 1941, and which is quoted in the publication of the Ukrainian Workingmen's Association, the Nazi-Ukrainian "Professor" gives warm praise to the historical background of the Hetman. He tells how in 1918 there was formed in the Ukraine "the Hetman State which, in the midst of general anarchy, conservative elements tried to build up with great efforts." The heroic efforts of these "conservative elements" failed, Grigorieff declares, because of the "Bolsheviks" who "ruined the Hetman State."

The Hetman Government to which Grigorieff refers so fondly was a puppet regime established by Kaiser Wilhelm after the German occupation of the Ukraine. It had objectives identical to those of the Quisling governments which Adolf Hitler has set up in World War II throughout Nazi-dominated Europe. General Paul Skoropadsky, who headed the Hetman government in 1918, today lives in Berlin and helps Alfred Rosenberg supervise fascist Ukrainian fifth column activity in various parts of the world.

Grigorieff's Record

Nash Styah was not the first Nazi-controlled newspaper that the fascist-Ukrainian alien Nikifor Grigorieff wrote for after he arrived in the United States in 1938. As The Hour first reported on December 13, 1941, Grigorieff also contributed articles to the Fatherland, a Ukrainian-language paper which was set up by Nazi agents in Detroit, was subsequently banned from Canada and has since disappeared from the American scene.

In the several exposés we carried on Grigorieff (see The Hour for December 13 and 30, 1941, and February 21, 1942) we revealed among other facts that this leading figure in the "Committee for the Promotion of Democracy" edited and distributed in Europe violently anti-Semitic articles accusing the Jews of ruling and exploiting the Ukraine, and asserting that "Jews always join the dominating race and, together with it, exploit the race that is oppressed" (typical Nazi propaganda); that he published material attacking Great Britain and the United States as the "plutocratic Anglo-American monopoly which rules the world" (the usual Hitlerite definition), and asserting that "American capital" was to blame for Fascist Italy's aggression in Ethiopia and that the United States was plotting "to seize China and Australia"; that the press in Havana, Cuba, accused Grigorieff of being "an active agent of the Gestapo" and of bringing instructions in 1940 to Nazi-Ukrainians in Havana; and that after his arrival in the United States, Grigorieff spent a major portion of his time promoting schemes which had the proclaimed aim of securing the "independence" of the Ukraine but which had the obvious effect of disrupting the Ukrainian-American community and of stirring up antagonism toward the Soviet Union.

Nikifor Grigorieff still remains at large in the United States. He has even managed to secure for himself certain "influential" friends. Among the latter is a minor Washington official, whose sympathetic interest in Grigorieff is doubtless influenced by the fact that he himself made the unfortunate mistake of assisting this Nazi-Ukrainian in getting into the United States.

With this country at war, the disruptive intrigues of Nikifor Grigorieff assume an increasingly dangerous aspect. The Hour therefore urges that the federal authorities take proper action against him.