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## Ukrainians Move <sup>PM</sup> To Fight Nazism <sup>11/15/40</sup>

Formation of a "Ukrainian-American Committee to Aid the Allies" was announced in the *Trident*, English language organ of the Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine (ODWU).

A statement by the committee calls upon all Ukrainians in the U. S. A. to support the Allied cause, giving among other reasons the fact that "Nazi and Fascist press, radio and even official circles gave expression to pro-Ukrainian views, falsely championing the democratic cause of Ukrainian independence based on self-determination, faithlessly holding out baseless promises to those Ukrainians who were desperately in need of aid, seeking to use the Ukrainian problem as a weapon in diplomatic negotiations with Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and above all, Russia. As a result the world saw only the unscrupulous hand of Nazism and Fascism behind the Ukrainian movement and refused to believe in that movement's own merits and intrinsic strength."

PM, in an article published last Sept. 1, called attention to the fact that some federal authorities were concerned with misuse of Ukrainians in this country by Hitler's agents, under false promises of assistance in a nationalist movement, although the same authorities paid tribute to the high standing of the Ukrainian-American group generally as good citizens and efficient workers.

The following names of committee members were signed to the appeal: Dr. Alexander A. Granovsky of St. Paul, chairman, and head of the ODWU; Theodore Swystun, of Philadelphia; Basil Onyshkow, an attorney of Pittsburgh; Albert Dachuck, an attorney of New York, and Roman Lapica, editor of the *Trident*.

The ODWU is an activist organization working for Ukrainian nationalism, and is numerically small among Ukrainian-American organizations, having a membership of about 2000. It has frequently been in dispute with other Ukrainian-American organizations relative to methods adopted.

Mr. Lapica is also the head of an affiliated youth movement, seeking to arouse the sympathies of native-born American youth for the Ukrainian independence movement.