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**P. Shelest Reports on Informer Activity in the  
Ukraine**

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**Summary:**

P. Shelest submit a summary of informer reports for the CC CPSU on people who have "expressed unsavory views about events in the CSSR."

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29 August 1968 Registration No. 96/s Secret TO THE CPSU CC POLITBURO MEMBER  
AND FIRST SECRETARY OF THE UKRAINIAN CP Comrade P. E. SHELEST MEMORANDUM  
on measures adopted to deal with people who have expressed unsavory views about  
events in the CSSR. The absolute majority of workers in Luhans'k Oblast  
wholeheartedly and completely support the policy and measures of the CPSU Central  
Committee and the Soviet government vis-à-vis the events in Czechoslovakia. At the  
same time, there have been certain individuals who have expressed unsavory views.  
Appropriate work is being carried out with them. The Councils of Workers' Honor in a  
number of collectives convened sessions where they discussed the improper behavior  
of certain individuals.<sup>349</sup> For example, at a session on 27 August, the Council of  
Workers' Honor at Automotive Transport Enterprise No. 12115 in Kommunars'ka  
discussed the case of a taxi driver, I. K. Khudobyn, who was born in 1923 and is not a  
party member. While driving passengers around, he expressed anti-Soviet views,  
claiming that the unemployed in America live better than workers do here. He  
extolled the multiparty systems in capitalist countries and condemned the Soviet  
political order, and he spoke disapprovingly about the sending of troops by Warsaw  
Pact countries into Czechoslovakia. Some 15 people took part in the Council session:  
a leader of a chauffeurs' brigade and champion of Communist labor, V. G. Belyaev, a  
soldier in the Great Patriotic War and leader of a taxi drivers' brigade, D. I. Frolov, a  
participant in the defense of Moscow and taxi driver, I. S. Zakotyn, a soldier in the  
Great Patriotic War and champion of Communist labor, the chauffeur A. E.  
Vdovchenko, and others. The chairman of the Council explained who everyone was by  
referring to the services that each had performed. He then provided information  
about Khudobyn's anti-Soviet outbursts. From the questions that were asked it was  
clear that Khudobyn lives well and owns his own home. In his collective, no one had  
ever interfered with him in any way. It was also clear that he had never been in any  
of the countries he extolled. The members of the Council angrily condemned  
Khudobyn's despicable behavior. A leader of a chauffeurs' brigade, V. G. Belyaev, a  
taxi driver, I. S. Zakotyn, the head of auto column No. 2, I. I. Luchko, and a worker, E.  
S. Hodzevskiy, said that Khudobyn is disparaging the Soviet regime even though it  
gave him the right to live and work freely and provided him with material sustenance,  
and that he is extolling a life he has never seen and does not know. In his speech, a  
taxi driver, Cde. Zakotyn, said: "I participated in the Finnish and Great Patriotic Wars.  
I took part in the battles to liberate Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Bulgaria. I was in  
Germany. None of these countries is better than our Motherland. You should  
remember that, Khudobyn. And there is nothing better than our Communist Party,  
nothing better than our Soviet government. It is simply disgusting for me to look at  
you after your ridiculous comments." The members of the Council who spoke  
demanded that Khudobyn atone for his transgressions by performing honest labor. In  
his own remarks at the end of the Council session, Khudobyn acknowledged his guilt  
and implored the Council of Workers' Honor to let him stay in the collective. He  
declared that he will work flawlessly, and that if it should prove necessary, he will be  
the first to go wherever the Motherland sends him. The Council adopted a decision to  
trust Khudobyn and keep him in the collective, but they warned him that if such  
misdeeds are ever repeated, the Council will request the state security organs to hold  
him accountable before the law. Councils of Workers' Honor also met at the  
"Cultivated Crystal" Mine of the "Red Coal Vein" Trust, at Mine No. 63 of the "Red  
Partisan Coal" Trust, at "Dry Quarry" Mine No. 1 of the "Red Coal Mine" Trust, at the  
"Black Sea" Mine of the "Lysichans'k Coal" Trust, and at other sites. In total, the  
Councils of Workers' Honor reviewed the cases of 10 people, including a worker at the  
"Cultivated Crystal" Mine, Yu. G. Rastokyn, a worker at Mine No. 63, L. D. El'tsev, a  
worker at "Dry Quarry" Mine No. 1, V. I. Sherep, a rock-cleaning worker at the "Black  
Sea" Mine, V. I. Lanovs'kyi, a worker at the "Central" Mine of the "Anthracite" Trust,  
A. M. Shklyar, a coal-cutter at Mine No. 68 of the "Red Partisan Coal" Trust, A. M.  
Runchak, a worker at Artem Mine No. 10 of the "Kommunars'k Coal" Trust, N. N.  
Abramenko, a tractor-driver at the technical supply facility of the "Lysichans'k Coal"  
Trust, E. Ermakov, and a house-painter at NOD-4 of the Luhans'k railroad division, K.  
M. Karyukyn. At the "Proval's'kyi" collective farm in the Sverdlovs'k district, a party  
meeting considered the case of a Communist and chauffeur at the collective farm, I.  
V. Trebnykiv, who expressed unsavory views. The party meeting expelled him from  
the ranks of the CPSU. Oblast committee secretaries and bureau members of the  
Ukrainian CP took part in the meetings of Councils of Workers' Honor. The reviews by  
the Councils of Workers' Honor of the cases of individuals who expressed unsavory

views are of great educational significance. Through these meetings, the workers themselves provide a correct political assessment of recent developments and deal a rebuff to the demagogues and slanderers.<sup>350</sup> The workers also assume control over the future behavior of the individuals whose cases are discussed by the Council. Councils of Worker' Honor also are stepping up their activity at other enterprises and organizations. Their attention is focused on the struggle against coal-cutters, violators of labor discipline, and other individuals who have engaged in immoral, anti-social acts.OBLAST COMMITTEE SECRETARY, UKRAINIAN CPV. SHEVCHENKO351