

About Measures to Counteract
the anti-Soviet Campaign in the USA
on the Issues of Human Rights

According to our information, at the present time in the United States there is a noticeable sharp increase in the activity of the anti-Soviet campaign on the issues of human rights, which is being fueled primarily by the U.S. reactionary political and Zionist circles with participation of some renegades who emigrated from the USSR and were stripped of their Soviet citizenship.

In order to counteract the hostile propaganda actions it would be expedient to prepare and carry out a number of measures to undermine those.

In particular, to inform certain political, business and societal entities in the United States, who are interested in expanding ties with the USSR that the new anti-Soviet campaign, which is to a large extent inspired by the opportunistic considerations of the Reagan administration on the eve of the forthcoming midterm elections, will considerably complicate the overall political climate in U.S.-Soviet relations and will result in substantial political and certain economic harm to the United States.

To carry out propaganda measures to expose illegal actions on the part of several U.S. Embassy officials and foreign journalists accredited in our country, and also those emissaries of foreign subversive centers and organizations infiltrated to the Soviet Union, who use their stay in our country for gathering and spreading anti-Soviet materials, inciting some Soviet citizens to commit state crimes and other anti-social actions.

To create conditions where foreign correspondents accredited to the USSR Foreign Ministry would receive documentary materials exposing the lies of the bourgeois propaganda about the "facts of violations of human rights" allegedly taking place in the USSR, and factual information compromising the renegades whose names are actively used by the Western mass media in their anti-Soviet campaign.

Agreed with USSR Foreign Ministry (cde. Yu. M. Vorontsov), Press Agency Novosti (cde. S.S. Invan'ko), TASS (cde. S.A. Losev), Gosteleradio (cde. L.P. Kravchenko).

Draft CC CPSU Resolution is attached.

We ask for consideration.

Chairman of the Committee

V. Chebrikov

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RESOLUTION OF THE CC CPSU

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On the Issues of Human Rights in the USA

1. To agree with the proposals presented in the USSR Committee for State Security memorandum from July 31, 1986.
2. For USSR KGB to carry out special measures to bring to the attention of certain political, business and societal circles in the United States, who are interested in expanding ties with the USSR, specifically targeted information that the new anti-Soviet campaign, which is to a large extent inspired by the opportunistic considerations of the Reagan administration on the eve of the forthcoming midterm elections, will considerably complicate the overall political climate in U.S.-Soviet relations and will result in substantial political and certain economic harm to the United States.
3. To instruct USSR Foreign Ministry and USSR KGB to undertake additional measures to organize appropriate demarches in connection with the actions carried out by the U.S. Embassy aimed at fomenting emigration moods among some Soviet citizens and inciting them to commit illegal acts.
4. [To instruct] TASS, APN, USSR Gosteleradio and USSR KGB to prepare and send abroad materials compromising the renegades whose names are actively used by the bourgeois propaganda for anti-Soviet purposes, and also [materials] exposing the role of the U.S. Embassy, foreign journalists accredited in the USSR, Zionist and other emissaries in carrying out subversive activities against our country.
5. [To instruct] USSR Foreign Ministry, APN, and USSR KGB to prepare and implement a number of measures to bring to the attention of foreign correspondents accredited to the USSR Foreign Ministry the documentary materials exposing the lies of the bourgeois propaganda about the "facts of violations of human rights" allegedly taking place in the USSR. Specifically, to hold a press conference for Western journalists to explain to them the essence of our policy regarding Jewish emigration from the USSR; jointly with the Council on Religious Affairs at the USSR Council of Ministers to organize interviews with Metropolitans Yuvenaly and Alexy, chairman of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Baptist Christians Logvinenko, general secretary of the Council Bychkov, religious leaders Khark and Kulakov, Mufti Babakhanov for journalists Walker (Great Britain), Dederiks (FRG), Iton (USA), An-

Nuaman (Kuwait) or for other foreign journalists who write most objectively about the Soviet realities. And to demonstrate, in the process of those interviews, the groundlessness of the allegations of the Western mass media about “violations of the rights of believers in the USSR.”

6. [To instruct] the USSR Foreign Ministry, USSR Gosteleradio, and the USSR KGB to provide assistance to those television journalists, who cover the policies of the Soviet Union most objectively, in preparing television shows for countries of Western Europe, taking into consideration [the show's] anti-American position and with participation of leading Soviet political anchors, about the practical contributions of the Soviet Union and other states in the revival of the process of détente in Europe.

SECRETARY OF THE CC CPSU

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