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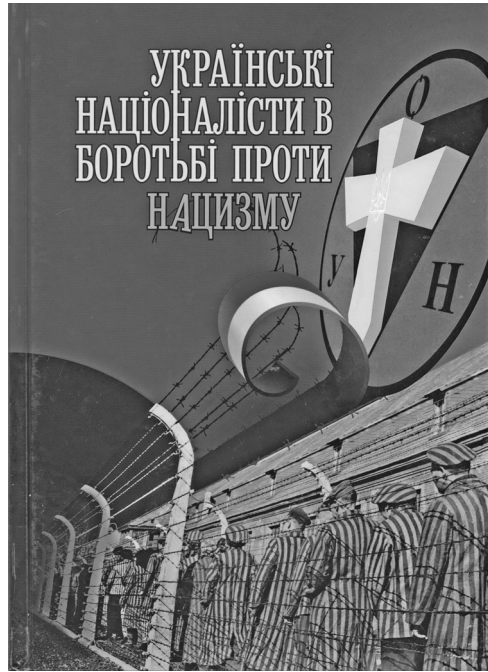
[Review]: A NEW IMPORTANT EDITION ON THE STRUGGLE OF UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTS AGAINST NAZISM [of the book]: Ukrainian nationalists in the struggle against Nazism: armed confrontation, resistance in German prisons and concentration camps, activities in exile. Documents and materials / Comp. and Ed. M. Romaniuk; the NAS of Ukraine, I. Krypiakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies. Lviv, 2020. 904 p.

Recently, an extensive collection of documents and materials «Ukrainian nationalists in the struggle against Nazism: armed confrontation, resistance in German prisons and concentration camps, activities in exile» was published in Lviv. Its compiler and editor-in-chief is a well-known Ukrainian historian, Head of the Department of Contemporary History of the I. Krypiakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine Mykhailo Romaniuk. His assets include many published collections of documents, brochures, and monographs that reveal unknown pages of Ukrainian history of the 20th century¹. The project was supported by the I. Krypiakevych Institute of

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Ukrainian Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, the World League of Ukrainian Political Prisoners, and the Center for Independent Historical Studies. Great credit for publishing this book belongs to Bohdan Kachor, who headed the World League of Ukrainian Political Prisoners from 1998 to 2021 and did a great job of bringing true facts about the Ukrainian liberation movement and its struggle against Nazism, the exile of OUN members in Nazi prisons and concentration camps to the public both in Ukraine and abroad.

The abstract states that the collection includes documents and materials reflecting the Ukrainian nationalists' participation in the struggle against Nazism. The published texts illustrate various stages in the development of the Ukrainian liberation movement: the period of armed confrontation with Nazism, during which the OUN became one of the first in Europe – immediately after World War II; resistance to the occupation regime in Ukraine and the struggle for survival in Nazi prisons and concentration camps; as well as state-building activities in exile, in the ranks of the World League of Ukrainian Political Prisoners (WLUPP). The publication is based on organizational reports, memoirs of former prisoners of Hitler's prisons and concentration camps, documents on the life and work of the WLUPP period 1985–2020, lists of nationalists killed in the fight against Nazism, and those political prisoners who survived and continued their selfless service in the ranks of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army



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(UIA) and the armed underground of the OUN, as well as in areas of compact settlement of Ukrainians abroad» (P. 2).

The book consists of «Introduction», «Documents testify», «Memoirs of political prisoners», «Documents on the activities of the WLUPP 1985–2020», «From a cohort of the unconquered (lists of participants in the anti-Nazi struggle)», «Appendices».

The «Documents» chapter is presented in 16 documents illustrating the armed confrontation of Ukrainian nationalists against the occupiers during World War II, the scale of terror and repression against members of the armed underground of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN), soldiers of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UIA), soldiers of the Ukrainian People's Self-Defense (UPSD) and their supporters. After all, historians have proved that, as the compiler notes, «during the open confrontation with the occupiers, occurred in February 1943 – October 1944, the UPA, UPSD, and the OUN armed underground carried out more than 2.5 thousand anti-Nazi actions, including 22 attacks on county and district centers, 11 – on labor camps, where 12–18 thousand Nazis, their allies and collaborators were killed. Among the most famous battles were, for instance, the defeat of the garrison in Volodymyrets (February 7, 1943), the defense of the Zahoriv Monastery (September 8–11, 1943), and the battle near the village of Kanivka of Volochysk district in Khmelnytskyi region (January 24, 1944), battle on Lopata mountain (July 6–16, 1944)» (P. 6–7).

Among the documents included in the chapter are «Description of the Gestapo raid on Ukrainian nationalists during the premiere of the play «Sharik» at the Stanislaviv Theater» (P. 13–15) and «Report on the Gestapo raid at the Ivan Franko Theater in Stanislaviv and its consequences» (P. 15–22). They quite objectively illustrate the anti-OUN Gestapo operation in Stanislaviv (now Ivano-Frankivsk) on November 14–17, 1943, during which a large part of the underground fell into the hands of the enemy, including 35 executed at the same time, and even more sent into Hitler's prisons.

No less interesting is the «Underground edition «Book of facts of terror of the German and Bolshevik occupiers and struggle against them of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army, as well as other related events. (Incomplete data collected from some reports of underground Ukrainian publications)» (P. 95–164), compiled in 1947 based on insurgent reports and other documents by Volodymyr Porendovskiy («K. Virlyniv»). Here, chronologically, dozens of facts of the anti-Nazi struggle of Ukrainian nationalists that took place during the German occupation of Ukrainian lands are described.

The largest is the chapter «Memoirs of Political Prisoners» which covers the struggle of Ukrainian nationalists in Nazi prisons and concentration camps of the Third Reich. Memoirs (34 items in the book) of Dmytro Andrievskiy, Bohdan Kachor, Stepan Kornetsky, Petro Mirchuk, Leonid Mostovych, Ivan Ratushnyi, Hryhorii Tsebrii, Dmytro Tchaikovskiy, and others reveal the horrible conditions in prisons, the psychological state of prisoners, mutual assistance and unity of Ukrainians, which helped to survive in death camps such as Auschwitz, Buchenwald, Bergen-Belsen, Gross-Rosen, Dachau, Maidanek, Sachsenhausen, Mauthausen, Ebensee and others.

It should be emphasized that the compiler of the collection collected the maximum possible selection of political prisoners' memoirs, choosing the fragments that best illustrate the thorny path of nationalists: the circumstances of the arrest, transfer, conditions in prison, inhuman torture during the investigation executions and deaths from the exhaustion of brothers, etc. There are recollections of well-known figures of the Ukrainian liberation movement (for example, OUN leader Mykola Klymyshyn, one of the leaders of the Ukrainian resistance

in eastern Ukraine Zenovii Matla, nationalist publicist Volodymyr Martynets or well-known historian Petro Mirchuk) and less-known OUN workers Ivan Ratush (worked in the OUN in Kirovohrad region), a member of marching group Leonid Mostovych, nationalists from Lviv region (Stepan Petelytskyi, Teodor Pelekh, Bohdan Kachor, Vasyl Roman), Frankivsk region (Yurii Fedoriv («Yurii Mozil»), Omelian Koval), etc.

In the next chapter «Documents on the activities of WLUPP 1985–2020» (100 positions) protocols, resolutions, appeals, announcements, notices, letters, texts of speeches, reports, statements, and other documents and materials covering the activities of the World League of Ukrainian Political Prisoners, the main purpose of which was to build the Ukrainian state and defend national interests of independent Ukraine. The presented documents vividly illustrate the untiring work of political prisoners of Nazi concentration camps.

The fourth chapter, «From the Cohort of the Unconquered (Lists of Participants in the Anti-Nazi Struggle)» contains two components: «Died in Nazi Prisons and Camps» (approximately 730 people) and «Survived to Continue the Struggle» (approximately 1,420 people). The lists include the names of Ukrainian nationalists who died in German prisons and concentration camps, fought and died in the UIA and the OUN armed underground, found themselves in Stalin's concentration camps, went into exile, where they plunged into the socio-political life of the Ukrainian diaspora. M. Romaniuk rightly points out that these lists will serve as the beginning of compiling the martyrology of political prisoners of Nazism.

The «Appendices» contains a dictionary of rare and foreign words and expressions, a list of abbreviations, nomenclature, geographical and subject indexes, which greatly facilitate work with documents and materials presented in the collection.

The edition is illustrated by many photographs published for the first time.

The book will be of interest to historians, researchers of the contemporary history of Ukraine, a wide readership. This is another brick that presents many new facts about Ukrainian nationalists of the second half of the 20th – early 21st century, refutes many myths existing in modern society, and identifies trends in modern Ukrainian historiography.

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