On June 30, 1941, one week after their Operation-Barbarossa invasion of the USSR, the Nazi forces occupied Lviv, Ukraine. Marching with them was the Ukrainian Nachtigall Battalion. It was allied to Stepan Bandera’s fascist Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN-B) which immediately proclaimed an “independent” Ukraine and gave its total support to Nazi Germany. Bandera’s deputy, Yaroslav Stetsko, was declared prime minister, while Nachtigall commander and OUN(B) leader, Roman Shukhevych, became the deputy defence minister.

Ukraine’s fascist state, 1941

The 1941 Act of Ukrainian Statehood glorified what it called their “bloody battle with the Moscovicite-Bolshevik enslavers” and their “energetic battle for freedom.” Vowing to “continue to fight with the Allied German Army against Moscovite occupation.” In- stead, it claims this is communist propaganda by saying: “Soviet authorities... painted them [the OUN-B] in the blackest terms as the perfidious undertakings of evil collaborators riding on the coat tails of the Nazis.”

The pro-Bandera-Stetsko League of Ukrainian Canadians also used the canard of Nazi-Soviet equivalency to whitewash the OUN-B’s pro-Nazi proclamation, by saying: when Ukraine was sandwiched between two likeminded, murderous invaders, Soviet Russia from the east and Nazi Germany from the west... Stepan Bandera and Yaroslav Stetsko, gave the nation hope for a better, free, democratic future by bravely declaring independence....

According to Stetsko

I consider Marxism to be a product of the Jewish mind, which has been applied in the Muscovite prison of peoples by the Muscovite-Asiatic people with the assistance of Jews. Moscow and Jewry are Ukraine’s greatest enemies and bearers of corruptive Bolshevik international ideas. Although I consider Moscow, which in fact held Ukraine in captivity, and not Jewry, to be the main and decisive enemy, I nonetheless fully appreciate the undeniably harmful and hostile role of the Jews, who are helping Moscow to enslave Ukraine.

I therefore support the destruction of the Jews and the expediency of bringing German methods of exterminating Jewry to Ukraine, barring their assimilation....

Whitewashing Stetsko’s Ukraine

Ukrainian ethnonationalists deny OUN(B) links to Nazism. For example, in its article on the 1941 Act of Ukrainian Statehood, the Encyclopedia of Ukraine does not mention the OUN-B declaration’s total allegiance to Hitler, the Nazis and “the Allied German Army against Moscovite occupation.” Instead, it claims this is communist propaganda by saying: “Soviet authorities... painted them [the OUN-B] in the blackest terms as the perfidious undertakings of evil collaborators riding on the coat tails of the Nazis.”

References and notes

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On May 8, 1939, Novyi shliakh [the official publication of the Ukrainian National Federation of Canada] featured an article by Yaroslav Stetsko. In it he insisted that Jews were “nomads and parasites,” a nation of “swindlers, materialists and egotists,” “devoid of heroism...” Jews, Stetsko lectured on, were only interested in “personal profit,” found “pleasure in... the basest instincts,” and were determined “to corrupt the heroic culture of warrior nations.” Ukrainians, Stetsko proclaimed, being “the first people in Europe to understand the corrupting work of Jewry,” had separated themselves from the Jews centuries ago, to maintain “the purity of their spirituality and culture.” Stetsko also put Jews at the centre of an international conspiracy by suggesting that Jewish capitalists and Jewish Communists were collaborating to promote Jewish interests.


Celebrating Stetsko’s 100th anniversary at a Ukrainian cultural centre, members of the Ukrainian Youth Assoc. march with flags of Ukraine and Bandera’s fascist army

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