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BBC Repeats Nazi Lies about Soviet Famine of 1932-33

A recent article in the BBC online reads:

A row of emaciated Ukrainian children stare out of a photograph. Their gaunt faces are full of despair and their bodies are little more than skeletons.

It is one of many images being shown on Ukrainian television ... to mark the Soviet-era famine... [that] killed up to 10 million people.... It was part of a brutal campaign by the Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin to force Ukrainian peasants to join collective farms.

Ukraine is now trying to get this mass starvation recognised by the United Nations as an act of genocide.

- "Legacy of Famine Divides the Ukraine", <http://tinyurl.com/ymsxz3>

These are old anticommunist lies.

- NO photos of the 1932-33 famine exist. The photos referred to are of the Volga famine of 1921.
- The famine was not confined to the Ukraine.
- It was not "deliberate" but the last in a series of natural famines that regularly struck this area over centuries.

Even old liar Robert Conquest, whose book *Harvest of Sorrow* is the most famous work on the subject, no longer says it was "man-made."

In 2003, Dr Conquest wrote to us explaining that he does not hold the view that "Stalin purposely inflicted the 1933 famine. No. What I argue is that with resulting famine imminent, he could have prevented it, but put "Soviet interest" other than feeding the starving first—thus consciously abetting it"

- Davies & Wheatcroft in *Europe-Asia Studies* June 2006, p. 629.

- The Soviet government – "Stalin" -- sent help. But they could not drop everything and stop industrializing. They knew the imperialists would invade soon, as they did.
- The number of deaths was possibly 3 or 4 million, not all Ukrainian (Anderson & Silver).

The ruling class of Ukraine is desperately trying to create a "national history". Since Ukraine was founded by right-wing nationalists who fought on Hitler's side and killed millions of Jews, Ukrainians, Poles, and other Soviet citizens, the only way they can "justify" this nationalism is through extreme anticommunism.

The Ukrainian Nationalists are from the Western Ukraine, ruled by the fascist Polish government until September 1939. They fought FOR the

Nazis, while the Eastern Ukrainians fought AGAINST the Nazis. The two biggest partisan groups during the War (World War II) were both Eastern Ukrainian: one headed by Sidor Kovpak, the other by Aleksei Fyodorov.¹

So the Ukrainian Nationalists are working hard to:

- “rehabilitate” the veterans of the 14th SS Galizien Division, the main Ukrainian Nationalist group that fought for Hitler. Now, they are being “rewritten” as “freedom fighters” against communism! (See Sol Littman, *Pure Soldiers or Sinister Legion: The Ukrainian 14th Waffen-SS Division*. Black Rose Books, 2003).
- ignore Ukrainian Nationalist atrocities like the “Volhynian Massacres” of 60-80,000 Poles in 1942-43. (Most of the research on these racist massacres is in Polish and Russian. It is summarized in a very anticommunist article that minimizes the massacres while not

denying them: Timothy Snyder, “To Resolve the Ukrainian Problem Once and for All’: The Ethnic Cleansing of Ukrainians in Poland, 1943-1947.” *Journal of Cold War Studies*, 1 (1999), 86-120).

- fabricate the phony “Holodomor”, or “man-made famine.”

They claim that more Ukrainians died than Jews in the Holocaust.² This is important because so many Ukrainian death-camp guards have been tried in recent decades for Nazi atrocities in the USSR. Hard to make these killer thugs “heroes”. But they are trying!

Conason’s and Coplon’s articles (see in Sources) make the MOST important point. Capitalists turn to fascism when their rule is threatened, because fascism is another form of capitalist rule. The “freedom-loving West”, especially US bosses, supported these Ukrainian Nazis to the hilt, importing thousands into the US despite – or because of -- their murderous Nazi past.

Notes

1. See the review of Fyodorov’s book *The Underground Committee Carries On* in *PL Magazine* vol. 11, No. 1, Feb-Mar. 1978, pp. 35-37, 40).
2. In fact, a Ukrainian Nationalist-Nazi collaborator group of veterans published a book: Yurii Chumatskiy, *Why Is One Holocaust [of the Jews- Eds] Worth More Than Others?* Veterans of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army, Australia, 1986. This book is so antisemitic that it is a bit of embarrassment for the Ukrainian Nationalists, who want to hide their Nazi past as much as possible. Now they are all for “democracy!”

Sources

For those who want a more detailed account of the Ukrainian Nationalist campaign of lies, see the following:

- “The Hoax of the ‘Man-Made’ 1932-33 Ukrainian Famine”, a six-part series in *Challenge-Desafio* beginning at <http://tinyurl.com/anvxt>
- The work of Mark Tauger of West Virginia University is the best on this. See, for example, his short article at <http://tinyurl.com/y4jp3k> ; his reply to the *Black Book of Communism*, at <http://tinyurl.com/uokq4> ; and his major research works, all available online at <http://tinyurl.com/yyk9ct>
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