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TEXT:

(ARTICLE BY TRUD CORRESPONDENT S. PROKOPCHUK: +STRICT REGIME VILLAGES+)

(TEXT) AT THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE, A RED-AND WHITE +ZEBRA+ OF THE GATES OBSTRUCTED OUR PATH. BEYOND IT LAY +THE ZONE.+ IT IS NOT SAFE THERE, THE RADIATION LEVEL IS ELEVATED. THE MILITIA MASTER SERGEANT, WHO IS PAID A DOUBLE SALARY AND GIVEN ADDITIONAL LEAVE FOR WORK ON ROTATING SHIFTS UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS ACTED STRICTLY IN KEEPING WITH HIS INSTRUCTIONS: +I CANNOT LET YOU THROUGH. THIS IS NOT AUTHORIZED.+

THE GATES SEPARATED TWO VILLAGES, A FORMER VILLAGE AND AN EXISTING ONE, NOVOYE SHARNO AND NOZDRISHCHE. THE FORMER WAS EVACUATED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACCIDENT AT THE CHERNOBYL AES (NUCLEAR POWER STATION) AS A +DIRTY+ ONE. THE LATTER, IN WHICH, AS IT WAS ARGUED, THEY CAN LIVE WITHOUT HARMING THEIR HEALTH, WILL SOON BE RELOCATED TO THE +CLEAN+ AREAS OF ZHITOMIR OBLAST.

NOZDRISHCHE IS SITUATED 60 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM THE CHERNOBYL AES. THIS IS ONE OF THE 69 VILLAGES OF NARODICHSKIY RAYON WITHIN THE ZONE OF +STRICT CONTROL+, AND ONE OF 41 VILLAGES IN WHICH THE LEVEL OF CONTAMINATION EXCEEDS 15 CURIES PER SQUARE KILOMETERS AND WHICH HAVE BEEN FULLY SWITCHED TO THE +CLEAN FOODSTUFFS+ SUPPLY. THAT IS, EVERYTHING IS BROUGHT IN, BEGINNING WITH MILK AND MEAT AND THROUGH VEGETABLES AND FRUIT. IT IS NOT ADVISABLE TO EAT WHAT GROWS IN LOCAL GARDENS BECAUSE THE LEVEL OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION HAS BEEN EXCEEDED.

OVER 3,000 PERSONS LIVE IN 12 LOCAL VILLAGES LOCATED MAINLY ALONG THE RIVER UZH. A MOVE IS IN STORE FOR THEM, DESPITE THE FACT THAT ABOUT 8 MILLION RUBLES HAS BEEN INVESTED IN THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES IN THESE LOCALITIES OVER THE YEARS FOLLOWING THE ACCIDENT AT THE AES. THE FUTURE EVACUEES WONDER: WHY HAS THE MONEY BEEN SPENT? WHY HAS THE MOVE BEEN POSTPONED FOR SO LONG? WERE THE GOSKOMGIDROMET (STATE COMMITTEE FOR HYDROMETEOROLOGY) AND THE USSR MINZDRAV (MINISTRY OF HEALTH) UNAWARE OF THE DEGREE OF CONTAMINATION OF A NUMBER OF VILLAGES OF NARODICHSKIY RAYON BY CESIUM-137? IT STANDS AT 40 CURIES PER SQUARE KILOMETER.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE OBLAST ISPOLKOM (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) G. GOTOVCHITS, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OBLAST EMERGENCY COMMISSION, EXPLAINED TO ME:

+THE TOPIC OF PERMANENT EVACUATION OF AT FIRST THREE, AND THEN OF

THE REMAINING NINE VILLAGES CAME UP ONLY LATE LAST YEAR. AT THE TIME, THE USSR MINZDRAY ADOPTED LONG-RANGE CRITERIA OF PERMISSIBLE ACCUMULATED DOSES OF RADIATION EXPOSURE BY THE POPULACE--35 REM IN 70 YEARS. NATURALLY, WE APPROACHED THE GOVERNMENT...

LET US RECALL: IN THE INITIAL DAYS AFTER THE ACCIDENT, ONLY SEVEN VILLAGES OF ZHITOMIR OBLAST WERE EVACUATED, AND THIS WAS FORCED BY THE POTENT CONCENTRATION OF IODINE-131. AT THE TIME, THEY DID NOT PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO CESIUM AND STRONTIUM. AT PRESENT, THE LOCALS DOUBT IT: DID THEY NOT DELIBERATELY KEEP SILENT ABOUT IT IN ORDER NOT TO AGGRAVATE THE ALREADY HOT SITUATION? THE LEARNED PEOPLE COULD NOT BUT KNOW THAT BOTH THE CESIUM AND THE STRONTIUM WOULD MAKE THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN.

IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT IN THESE MOST DIFFICULT DAYS OF APRIL AND MAY 1986 ALL ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON PRIPYAT AND CHERNOBYL. HOWEVER, AS SOON AS THE NEXT SPRING THE EMERGENCY COMMISSION OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE KIEV AND ZHITOMIR OBLAST ISPOLKOMS HAD A DETAILED MAP OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION OF THE NORTHERN AREAS OF UKRAINIAN POLESYE. THE MAP NOTED THE VILLAGES AND FIELDS IN WHICH THE CONCENTRATION OF CESIUM-137, A HEALTH HAZARD, EXCEEDED 40 TO 100 CURIES. EVEN THEN IT WAS CLEAR: IN THESE PLACES, LIFE AND PERMANENT WORK BY HUMANS ARE INADMISSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN THE VILLAGES OF YASEN AND SHEVCHENKOVO OF POLESSKIY RAYON IN KIEV OBLAST AND IN MALYE MINKI, SHISHELOVKA, VELIKIYE KLESHCHI, AND POLESSKOYE OF NARODICHSKIY RAYON IN ZHITOMIR OBLAST. MEANWHILE, PEOPLE LIVE THERE TO THIS DAY.

UNFORTUNATELY, AT THE TIME THE DESIRE TO BELITTLE THE SCOPE OF THE TRAGEDY GOT THE UPPER HAND IN BOTH KIEV AND MOSCOW, BECAUSE LEGITIMATE DEMANDS TO BE RESETTLED COULD HAVE SNOWBALLED, PRIMARILY FROM THE ALMOST 200 BELORUSSIAN VILLAGES IN MOGILEV AND GOMEL OBLASTS. DOZENS OF EMERGING PROBLEMS WERE FRIGHTENING: WHERE ARE THEY TO BE RESETTLED? WHAT FUNDS SHOULD BE USED FOR FINANCING AND PAYING COMPENSATION? ONE MORE THING: IN THE FIELD, THEY WERE AFRAID THAT, GIVEN A MASSIVE OUTFLOW OF LABOR, A NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TERRITORIAL UNITS, THAT IS, RAYONS, MAY HAVE TO BE LIQUIDATED WITH THEIR CONSIDERABLE MANAGEMENT APPARATUS...

APPARENTLY, THIS WAS NOT THE LAST THOUGHT ON THEIR MIND AT THE ZHITOMIR OBLAST ISPOLKOM WHEN THEY, TOGETHER WITH THE PARTY RAYKOM (RAYON COMMITTEE), INSISTED ON EVACUATING FOUR NARODICHSKIY RAYON VILLAGES RIGHT AFTER THE ACCIDENT, BUT +ONLY WITHIN THE CONFINES+ OF THE AREA CLEARLY AFFECTED BY RADIATION. THE PHYSICIANS OBJECTED TO SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE PATRIOTISM, BUT THEIR OPINION WAS IGNORED. SO WHAT? AT PRESENT, THE VILLAGE OF MALYE KLESHCHI IS AGAIN LOOKING AT RESETTLEMENT, AND INTO THE BARGAIN AWAY FROM THE RECENTLY SETTLED NEW HOMES, INTO WHICH THE STATE HAS INVESTED OVER HALF A MILLION OF RUBLES. WHO IS GOING TO MAKE UP THE MONEY?

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CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR STATE COMMITTEE FOR HYDROMETEOROLOGY YU. IZRAEL ASSERTS THAT +THE FIRST COMPLETE (EMPHASIS MINE--S. PROKOPCHUK) MAP OF THE IMMEDIATE TRACE (UP TO 100 KILOMETERS FROM THE LOCATION OF THE ACCIDENT) WAS GIVEN TO THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION BY THE USSR GOSKOMGIDROMET AS SOON AS 2 MAY 1986. CERTAINLY, THEY KNEW ABOUT IT IN THE AFFECTED OBLASTS. HOWEVER, THE MAP WAS NOT RELEASED IN KEEPING WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION AND THE USSR MINZDRAV LETTER +TO CLASSIFY THE DATA ON THE LEVEL OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION IN INDIVIDUAL LOCALITIES EXCEEDING ADMISSIBLE LEVELS,+ +TO CLASSIFY THE DATA ON THE INCIDENCE OF DISEASE,+ +TO CLASSIFY THE DATA ON THE RESULTS OF TREATMENT.+ AS IT WERE, THE OBLAST HEADQUARTERS OF CIVIL DEFENSE AND THE OBLAST LEADERSHIP KNEW WITHOUT THE MAP AS WELL THAT ON 27 THROUGH 29 APRIL 1986 THE LEVEL OF GAMMA-RADIATION IN THE YARD OF THE LOCAL RAYON ISPOLKOM EXCEEDED... 1 ROENTGEN PER HOUR. LET ME EXPLAIN: THIS IS 20 TIMES ABOVE THE LEVEL AT WHICH IMMEDIATE EVACUATION IS IN ORDER

+IT IS PRIMARILY THE FIRST DAYS AFTER THE ACCIDENTS THAT CONCERN OUR MOTHERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE CHILDREN WERE BORN IN 1986,+ OBSERVES V. BUDKO, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE NARODICHSKIY RAYKOM OF THE PARTY. WE BELIEVE THAT FAMILIES IN WHICH THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SICK OFTEN AND HAVE REPEATEDLY UNDERGONE TREATMENT, INCLUDING AT THE KIEV RADIOLOGY CENTER, SHOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SELECT A PLACE OF RESIDENCE OUTSIDE THE RAYON.+

IN AN APPEAL ADOPTED AT A RECENT MEETING IN NARODICHI, THE TOILERS OF THE RAYON MAKE A NUMBER OF OTHER DEMANDS AS WELL: TO BRING IN CLEAN FOODSTUFFS TO ALL VILLAGES AND TO INTRODUCE SUBSIDIES FOR ALL RESIDENTS FOR PURCHASING THEM= TO EXTEND LEAVES WITH A VIEW TO A MORE EFFICIENT CURATIVE TREATMENT= TO INCREASE BENEFITS TO RETIREES NOT EMPLOYED AND TO THE HANDICAPPED= TO ALLOCATE EXTRA FUNDS FOR FREE MEALS AT PRE-SCHOOL FACILITIES. AFTER ALL, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ENSURE MEALS WITH A HIGH CALORIE AND VITAMIN CONTENT WITH THE 87 KOPECKS ALLOCATED FOR THREE MEALS A DAY IN DAY CARE CENTERS. IN THE OPINION OF V. PONOMARENKO, HEAD OF THE ZHITOMIR OBLAST DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND YU. SIPENKO, DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR (SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC), THE REASONS FOR MORE FREQUENT CASES OF ANEMIA AND CATARACTS AMONG THE LOCAL CHILDREN, THEIR EXCESSIVE TIREDNESS, SLEEPINESS, AND DIZZINESS ARE FOUND IN BOTH THIS INFERIOR NUTRITION AND HEIGHTENED IONIZING RADIATION...

THEREFORE, WE AGAIN ENCOUNTER WHAT MANY BELIEVE TO BE ONE OF THE MAIN +JUSTIFICATIONS+ FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION--MONEY, OR MORE PRECISELY, THE LACK THEREOF.

THE SHORTAGE OF FUNDS IS EXACTLY THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE TACTICS OF HALF-TRUTHS ABOUT THE DEGREE OF DANGER POSED BY THE RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION OF UKRAINIAN AND BELORUSSIAN POLESYE, THE +TEASPOON,+ WHICH THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC ADHERED TO UNTIL RECENTLY WITH REGARD TO THE RESIDENTS OF ZHITOMIR OBLAST.

THE GOVERNMENT RESOLVED ON A MONTHLY BASIS THE ISSUE OF ESTABLISHING A BONUS ON TOP OF THE RATES OF REMUNERATION (SALARIES) INCREASED BY UP TO 25 PERCENT FOR WORK IN THE AREAS WHERE THE LEVEL OF CESIUM CONTAMINATION EXCEEDED 15 CURIES. THE SEPTEMBER (1986) INSTRUCTION OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS LISTED 45 LOCALITIES OF ZHITOMIR OBLAST, WHEREAS THE ONE FOR THIS YEAR LISTED AS MANY AS... 103.

HOWEVER, IS THERE A GUARANTEE THAT TOMORROW STILL MORE SUCH VILLAGES WILL NOT BE OFFICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED IN ZHITOMIR OBLAST? FOR HOW LONG WILL THE DESIRE OR OPPORTUNITY TO +COAX+ THE FUNDS FOR THE VICTIMS IN THIS OBLAST RESTRICT THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN ITS NORTHERN RAYONS?

+YOU CANNOT SAVE ON THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE,+ SAID CHIEF RADIOLOGIST OF THE USSR MINZDRAY R. TURAYEV.

THE POET BORIS OLEYNIK PUT FORTH THE SAME IDEA AT THE CONGRESS OF PEOPLES DEPUTIES= HE DEMANDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT FIND THE FUNDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE URGENT PERMANENT EVACUATION OF POPULATION FROM THE ZONES WITH A HARSH RADIOACTIVE SITUATION.

LISTENING TO THE SPEECH OF BORIS ILYICH, I THOUGHT: WHY ARE THESE ISSUES BEING RAISED BY A WRITER? IS THIS NOT BECAUSE THE MAIN DEFENDER OF THE TOILERS, THE TRADE UNIONS, IS SILENT? I MEAN PRIMARILY THE UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS, AND THE ZHITOMIR AND KIEV OBLSOVPROFS (OBLAST TRADE UNION COUNCILS). AFTER ALL, THEY DID NOT GO BEYOND WHAT IS CALLED SUPERFICIAL MEASURES--RESTORATION OF HEALTH OF THE POPULACE, MAINLY CHILDREN, RESIDING IN THE ZONE OF STRICT CONTROL. APPARENTLY, THIS REQUIRES NEITHER COURAGE NOR STRUGGLE.

+EVERY OBLAST ORGAN HAS ITS OWN FUNCTION. WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO HANDLE THE ISSUES OF CURATIVE TREATMENT, SO WE HANDLE THEM...+ RESPONDED TO THE REBUKE V. PARENYUK, CHAIRMAN OF THE ZHITOMIR OBLSOVPROF.

IS THIS UNPRINCIPLED POSITION OF THE TRADE UNIONS PART OF THE EXPLANATION FOR THE PLAN TO PERMANENTLY EVACUATE A PART OF VILLAGES WITH +A HARSH RADIATION REGIME+ IN THE UKRAINE, BELORUSSIA, AND THE RSFSR (RUSSIAN SOVIET FEDERATED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC) AS LATE AS 1989 THROUGH 1993?

PLEASE NOTE: THE PROCESS IS SPREAD OUT OVER 5 YEARS... MAYBE, THE FUNDS AND MATERIALS NEEDED SHOULD BE SECURED RIGHT NOW IN ORDER TO +COMPRESS+ THE PERIOD OF MOVING TO, SAY, 2 YEARS? AFTER ALL, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED QUITE A DOSE OF RADIATION.

V. MARIN, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BUREAU FOR THE FUEL AND ENERGY COMPLEX, TOLD ME WITHOUT A SHADOW OF CONCERN +THIS IS NOT NECESSARY. WE STILL HAVE TIME.+  
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THERE IS TIME? FOR WHOM? COULD IT BE THAT VLADIMIR VASILYEVICH IS NOT AWARE OF THE BIOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE EFFECT OF SMALL IONIZING DOSES ON THE ORGANISM? IN THAT EVENT, HE SHOULD, PERHAPS, TAKE THE EIGHTH VOLUME OF THE BSE (GREAT SOVIET ENCYCLOPEDIA). IN IT, THERE ARE LINES ON PAGE 392 WHICH WERE, OF COURSE, WRITTEN LONG BEFORE THE TROUBLE AT CHERNOBYL: +GIVEN THE PROTRACTED DAILY IMPACT OF DOSES BETWEEN 0.02 AND 0.05 REM, INITIAL CHANGES IN BLOOD ARE REGISTERED, AND THAT OF DOSES OF 0.11 REM--THE FORMATION OF TUMORS.+ AROUND NARODICHI, THERE ALREADY ARE VILLAGES WHICH HAVE COME VERY CLOSE TO THE ADMISSIBLE LIMIT? MOREOVER, TOWARD THE END OF NEXT YEAR, THE INHABITANTS OF MANY VILLAGES, INCLUDING IN KIEV AND ZHITOMIR OBLASTS, WILL HAVE ACCUMULATED BETWEEN 13 AND 24 REM, AND THE DOSE OF THEIR RADIATION EXPOSURE WILL ALREADY AMOUNT TO BETWEEN 30 AND 80 PERCENT OF THE NORM ALLOWED FOR 70 YEARS OF LIFE...

THIS SUMMER, SCHOOLCHILDREN FROM NARODICHSKIY, OVRUCHSKIY, LUGINSKIY, AND OTHER RAYONS OF ZHITOMIR OBLAST, AND OF POLESSKIY AND IVANKOVSKIY RAYONS OF KIEV OBLAST HAVE GONE FOR THE THIRD TIME TO RECEIVE CURATIVE TREATMENT AT THE PIONEER CAMPS, PREVENTIVE TREATMENT FACILITIES, AND RECREATION CENTERS OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AREAS OF THE REPUBLIC--MORE THAN 20,000 OF THEM, PLUS MOTHERS WITH LITTLE CHILDREN, THAT IS, SEVERAL THOUSAND MORE. THIS MEANS THAT AN EQUAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF MACHINE BUILDERS AND MINERS, WEAVERS AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES WILL NOT GET TO THEIR RESORTS YET AGAIN. +THIS CANNOT LAST FOREVER, CAN IT?+ OBSERVED SECRETARY OF THE ZHITOMIR OBLSOVPROF V. KROSHKO.

IN ZHITOMIR, THEY ARE READY TO BUILD SEVERAL PIONEER CAMPS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE OBLAST FOR CHILDREN FROM THE AREAS OF STRICT CONTROL. IN THE FALL AND WINTER SEASON, THE CAMPS COULD DOUBLE AS TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR ADULTS. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT RESTORING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND THE GENERAL POPULACE WILL TAKE MORE THAN A YEAR OR COUPLE YEARS. HOWEVER, THUS FAR THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED BUSINESSLIKE, VIGOROUS SUPPORT FROM EITHER THEIR OBLAST ISPOLKOM OR THE UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS FOR WHICH IT IS SIMPLER TO PASS DOWN TO THE FIELD AN ALLOCATION SCHEDULE: WHERE AND FROM WHOM TO +BORROW+ YET AGAIN THE SLOTS FOR THE +CHERNOBYL PEOPLE+ AND YET AGAIN DEMAND +TACTFULNESS+ FROM THE MANAGERS OF ENTERPRISES AND THEIR TRADE UNION COMMITTEES.

OF COURSE, ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND QUOTAS FOR CONTRACT AND CONSTRUCTION AND ASSEMBLY WORK ARE NEEDED FOR SPECIAL-PURPOSE CONSTRUCTION. MAYBE, THE UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS WILL, AFTER ALL, HANDLE THIS FOLLOWING THE RECENT AUCCTU (ALL-UNION CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS) RESOLUTION +ON ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR IMPROVING THE ORGANIZATION OF CURATIVE TREATMENT OF TOILERS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES FROM AREAS ADJACENT TO THE ZONE OF THE CHERNOBYL AES?+

AFTER A TIGHT TURN, OUR PLANE TURNED TO THE NORTHEAST. CHERNOBYL IS UNDERNEATH. I CLING TO THE WINDOW. I CAN SEE WELL THE DESERTED VILLAGES, GREEN RECTANGLES AND SQUARES OF ABANDONED FIELDS AND GARDENS, AND MIGHTY TRACTS OF FORESTS DOTTED BY NUMEROUS BURIAL SITES LOOKING LIKE YELLOW POCK-MARKS. BY NOW, THERE ARE ABOUT 600 OF THEM IN THE BASICALLY NO-MANS ZONE. OVER 3.5 MILLION TONS OF VARIOUS RADIOACTIVE WASTES WERE HASTILY BURIED, INCLUDING 100,000 TONS OF METAL--MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT... THEIR PROXIMITY TO THIS ALSO CONCERNS VERY MUCH THE RESIDENTS OF UKRAINIAN AND BELORUSSIAN POLESYE AND BRYANSK OBAST.

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THESE BURIAL SITES? AFTER ALL, IT IS STILL UNKNOWN WHETHER THE +ZONE+ WILL BE GIVEN TO THE MINATOMENERGO (MINISTRY OF NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION AND INDUSTRY) AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS FOR RESEARCH WORK ON THE NEW METHODS OF DECONTAMINATION AND AGRICULTURAL WORK IN A RADIOACTIVE ENVIRONMENT, OR WHETHER THEY WILL SUCCEED IN +DUMPING+ IT ON THE REPUBLIC AS A +RESERVATION.+ COULD IT BE THAT A PLANT IS INDEED REQUIRED WHICH WOULD HELP IN PUTTING THESE BURIAL SITES IN ORDER AND PROCESS THEIR DANGEROUS CONTENT?

AT PRESENT, TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR IT ARE IN PREPARATION. WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THIS ENTERPRISE LATER, ONCE IT HAS USED UP ALL THE BURIED +DIRT+ IN THE 30-KILOMETER ZONE? WHERE IS THE STUFF TO BE PUT WHICH REMAINS AFTER PROCESSING THE BURIAL SITES? ARE THE DEFENDERS OF THE TOILERS, THE TRADE UNIONS, CONCERNED WITH THIS? ARE THEY GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSING THE DESIGN OF THE NEW PLANT TOGETHER WITH THE POPULATION OF THE UKRAINE AND OTHER INTERESTED REGIONS?

I CONCLUDED FROM MY CONVERSATIONS AT THE UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS THAT OVER THERE THEY HAVE NOT YET ASKED THEMSELVES THIS QUESTION AND ARE IN NO HURRY TO ASSUME THE FUNCTIONS WHICH ARE +NOT THEIR.+ THIS IS A PITY, BECAUSE THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE MINISTRIES WILL NOT RESTRICT THEMSELVES TO HALF-MEASURES IN THIS CASE AS WELL WITH THE TACIT CONSENT OF THE TRADE UNIONS.

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