

committee was, particularly the role of the chairman?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Well, they handle the church affairs in the Soviet Union, in other words. As I explained before—

Mr. MORRIS. Is he in charge of church affairs?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes; in the church, the so-called liaison, you know, the office between church and government, but practically they keep the church under complete control, and he is the chairman of this religious committee, simultaneously, because, practically speaking, the MVD conducts all activities, you know, against church.

Mr. MORRIS. And in that position, is he able to exert an opinion on the Russian Church?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Pardon me?

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THE IDENTIFICATION OF METROPOLITAN NICOLAI AS AN AGENT OF THE SOVIET SECRET POLICE

was released March 18, 1959. Peter S. Deriabin, the highest ranking officer of the Soviet conspiracy ever to defect, revealed that he had worked with Nicolai. Life magazine, March 23, 1959, featured in a front-page cover story this identification.

THE KREMLIN'S ESPIONAGE AND TERROR ORGANIZATIONS

Testimony of Petr S. Deriabin, Former Officer of the U.S.S.R.'s Committee of State Security (KGB)

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met in executive session, pursuant to call, in room 226, House Office Building, Hon. Francis E. Walter (chairman) presiding.

Committee member present: Representative Francis E. Walter, of Pennsylvania.

Staff member present: Richard Arens, staff director.

The CHAIRMAN. May we come to order.

Will you raise your right hand, please? Do you swear the testimony you are about to give in the matter now pending will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. DERIABIN. Yes, I do.

TESTIMONY OF PETR S. DERIABIN, A FORMER OFFICER OF THE SOVIET COMMITTEE OF STATE SECURITY

The CHAIRMAN. May the record today reflect that the witness who is about to testify has been the subject of careful, thorough checking by the Committee on Un-American Activities with appropriate security agencies of the Government of the United States, and found to be thoroughly reliable, trustworthy, and in all respects bona fide with respect to his background and the experiences which he shall now relate for the first time for public revelation.

Before proceeding, I might say that, moreover, it is the information of this committee from unimpeachable intelligence sources in this Government that, over the course of the last 5 years, the witness who is about to testify has rendered to the Government of the United States, via intelligence and other appropriate agencies of the Government, invaluable services.

Now, Mr. Arens, you may proceed.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly state your full name.

Mr. DERIABIN. My name is Petr Sergeyevich Deriabin.

Mr. ARENS. Where and when were you born?

Mr. DERIABIN. I was born in the U.S.S.R. in Siberia, a small village named Lokot, in 1921—February 21, 1921.

Mr. ARENS. Now, would you kindly give us just a brief word about your early life prior to the time that you reached adulthood?

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? (continued from page 17)

operation in the United States of the American Council of Christian Churches.

The line drawn between belief and unbelief is clearly seen today. In the United States the line is seen on the national level and on down to the local level. It can now be seen on the world level in the differences between the World Council of Churches and the International Council of Christian Churches. There is no excuse for compromise.

In the light of the apostasy, the socialism, and the drive for communism, Christian people must make their choice. Bible believers are supporting by their prayers, their gifts and their presence the International Council of Christian Churches, and are endeavoring to inform Christian people, who do not realize the issues, what is at stake in both the salvation of souls and the preservation of the freedom of the individual. The call to all Bible believers is to separation from apostasy and to fellowship in true Christian denominations.

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RUSSIAN CHURCH IN WORLD COUNCIL

Assembly in India Approves Orthodox Entry, 142 to 3

By GEORGE DUGAN

Special to The New York Times.

NEW DELHI, India, Nov. 20

—The Russian Orthodox Church in the Soviet Union, the largest of all Eastern Orthodox bodies, was admitted today to full membership in the World Council of Churches.

Of 149 valid votes cast the Russians received 142 affirmative and three negative. Four member churches abstained.

The council, which represents 175 Protestant and Orthodox church bodies in fifty countries with an estimated total membership of 250,000,000 people, is holding its third assembly in the capital of India.

The vote that brought in the Russian Church also carried with it by similar margins twenty-two additional members, including three churches in Communist countries—the Bulgarian, Rumanian and Polish Orthodox Churches. There are 150 member churches here represented by 625 delegates.

With the admittance of the Russian and other Communist country churches, the council now embraces most of the major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox bodies over the world.

50 Million Believers

According to figures submitted by the Russian Church in its application, there are