

Vitrenko Denounces Yatsenyuk's Nazism

by Susan Welsh

Jan. 10—Natalia Vitrenko, president of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine, yesterday issued an open letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, and leaders of countries that were victims of Nazi aggression, titled “The West’s Support for Yatsenyuk’s Neo-Nazi Outburst Is a Provocation of War in Eurasia.”

“During his visit to Germany on Jan. 8,” she writes, “Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatsenyuk, in an interview to the German television station ARD, permitted himself to express, on behalf of the people of Ukraine, statements and ideologies that are monstrous in their nature and political implications.

“Having arrived at the home of Hitler’s Nazism, the ideas of which plunged the whole of mankind into a global tragedy of unprecedented proportions, Yatsenyuk spoke, not even as a Ukrainian neo-Nazi, but as a German neo-Nazi. Here are his words, which have not been properly condemned either by the UN, the Western countries of the anti-Hitler coalition, or the victims of Nazism and fascism: *‘We all still remember the Soviet invasion of Ukraine and Germany.’*

No UN resolution or decision of international courts has ever said there was an invasion of Ukraine and Germany. In fact, she points out, Ukraine, as an independent state that had signed the Treaty setting up the USSR, became in 1945 one of the founders of the UN.

Vitrenko continues: “And Germany, which unleashed the bloody Second World War and was defeated in it, and which repented for its crimes, was in no rush to condemn Yatsenyuk and expel him.

“I draw your attention to the ominous meaning and future political consequences for the global community of Yatsenyuk’s nine words. With these words, first of all, he rehabilitated Hitlerite Nazism as a national socialist ideology for constructing a world order, justified the aggression of Hitler’s Germany and its horrendous crimes, perpetrated by it, along with collaborators in the occupied territories, including Ukraine. And he

came to Germany immediately after demonstrations by many thousands of Ukrainian Banderite neo-Nazis, the heirs of Hitler’s collaborators.

“As an official of the State of Ukraine—a country that was a victim of Nazi aggression—Yatsenyuk spoke as a provocateur, demolishing the principles of international law, destroying its foundations in the form of the Charter and Judgment of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg.”

Threat of World War III

Yatsenyuk’s statement, as one of the organizers of last February’s coup in Ukraine, should be evaluated as that of an envoy of the USA, determined to draw Germany into igniting World War III, she writes.

Vitrenko points out that a year ago she toured Europe, meeting with political leaders of France, Germany, and Italy, and with Euro-Parliamentarians, explaining to them the ongoing Nazi coup in Ukraine. However, most of them did not want to listen to her arguments and admit the danger from Ukraine. Submitting to pressure from the United States, they became passive promoters of the civil war in Ukraine and the policy of genocide in the Southeast of our country.

She quotes from statements at the Nuremberg Tribunals by the prosecutors of the four victorious powers, including Robert Jackson (USA), Hartley Shawcross (UK), François de Menthon (France), and Roman Rudenko (USSR). On the last, she notes: “The Chief Prosecutor of the USSR, the country that paid the highest price, 27 million lives from the total of 50 million victims, and, of course, which played a decisive role in the victory over Nazi Germany, was Roman Rudenko, a native of [Ukraine’s] Chernihiv region, at that time the public prosecutor of the Ukrainian SSR.”

She calls on the UN, the leaders of the anti-Hitler coalition, and the countries that were victims of Nazism, to not only hush up Yatsenyuk and his confederates, but also to join in the battle against Ukrainian Nazism.

In conclusion, she quotes Article 26 of the Nuremberg Charter: “The judgment . . . shall be final and not subject to review” and then adds: “Mankind paid a high price for submission to Hitler. Therefore it is unacceptable to submit to Ukrainian Nazism and Yatsenyuk’s audacious statements. Peace on the planet is too fragile to allow provocateurs to spark a Third World War.”