
**Letter from Stalin to Kaganovich and Molotov
commenting on the leadership of the Ukrainian SSR**

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To Kaganovich, Molotov.

- 1) Give the most serious attention to the Ukraine. [Vlas] Chubar's corruptness and opportunistic essence and [Stanislav] Kosior's rotten diplomacy (with regard to the CC of the VKP) and criminally frivolous attitude toward his job will eventually ruin the Ukraine. These comrades are not up to the challenge of leading the Ukraine today. If you go to the Ukrainian conference (I insist on it), take every measure in order to improve the functionaries' mood, isolate the whining and depraved diplomats (no matter who they are!) and ensure genuinely Bolshevik decisions by the conference. I have formed the impression (probably even the conviction) that we will have to remove both of them from the Ukraine—Chubar and Kosior. Maybe I am mistaken. But you have an opportunity to check this situation at the conference.

Regards, J. Stalin