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## BODIES OF THE MGB OF THE UKRSSR AT THE FINAL STAGE OF THE STALINIST TOTALITARIAN REGIME (1946-1953): HISTORICAL AND LEGAL RESEARCH

The article deals with the historical and legal research on the development of the legal status and activities of the organs of the Moscow City Medical Service in the postwar period. It was established that under the influence of a number of external and internal political factors, changes in the legal status, organizational structure and enforcement activities of the Soviet bodies of state security in Ukraine took place. In the conditions of the beginning of the Cold War, the party-Soviet leadership of the USSR greatly expanded the powers of the established MGB of the USSR in virtually all spheres of the operation of the special service, which strengthened their punitive direction.

Based on the analysis of legal acts, it was determined that the priority directions of the activity of the Soviet secret services in Ukraine at the final stage of the totalitarian regime were: counteraction to the special services of the United States, Britain and their NATO allies, the struggle with the Ukrainian nationalist movement, clandestine religious organizations, the provision of state security, political search, protection of public order in transport, search for agents of former Nazi punitive bodies, protection of state secrets, detention of places of imprisonment, pre-casting correspondence, external observation and operative installation, implementation of

radio-intelligence measures, protection of state borders and provision of public safety and special government communications, etc.

The organs of the MGB of the UkrSSR were endowed with many functions that were not peculiar to them, which complicated their activities. At the same time, the extension of the powers of the organs of the Bolshevik Military Bureau of the UkrSSR led to total control over all spheres of the state and public life of the republic, the formation of the regime of "iron curtain", contributed to the development of large-scale repressions against the general population and a massive violation of fundamental human and civil rights.

**Key words:** MDB, soviet state security bodies, stalinist totalitarian regime.

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