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**MATERIALS OF THE SOVIET PARTY-ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES AS A
SOURCE OF THE HISTORY OF COUNTERACTION TO CRIME
IN UKRAINE**

Scientific paper classifies and analyzes the documents of the governing bodies of the Communist Party in Ukraine regarding their use in historical and legal studies. Priority is given to law enforcement documents.

In this aspect, the "polycratic" nature of the Soviet dictatorship is emphasized. That is, administrative functions were exercised by both party, Soviet bodies, and governmental apparatus. Thus, the documents of the ruling party are not only an invaluable source for the study of political history, but also for the history of the state and the law of Ukraine. The relevant documentary is stored in both central and regional state archives. At the same time, the materials of the Central State Archive of Public Associations of Ukraine are of the greatest interest for the historian of law. Their study allows us to understand not only the law specificity, but also the mechanism of formation of rulemaking in the USSR. First and foremost, these are the documents and materials of the KP (b) U-KPU Party Leadership Fund, which stores various materials with available data on both the number of crimes committed and proposals to improve crime counteraction and evaluate the achieved results.

First of all, these are the normative documents and their draft laws, the laws of the USSR and the URSR, the Codes of the USSR, the resolutions of the federal and republican governments, decisions, orders of ministries and government departments,

etc. Extremely interesting material is also contained in the so-called "secret" and "separate folders" of the Central Committee, clearly demonstrating the conditions of decision-making in the sphere of crime control and allowing us to find out the mechanism of party leadership of law enforcement activities, its forms and methods. But most of the information is contained in the records of party, Soviet, public bodies, which provide statistical information, summaries, information or instructions of various levels.

Thus, for the systematization of the materials of party bodies of the USSR in Ukraine, the most appropriate is the nominal-nomenclature principle, according to which we can distinguish: regulatory and administrative, information and analytical, statistical, principle of reporting documents, materials of party control and rulemaking. They allow us to study comprehensively the history of state and law of Ukraine in the 1920s–early 1990s.

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