

Orest Franchuk and Ivan Kendzor from Ukraine worked on this contribution. Orest presents a History school book for 11th grade.

Orest Franchuk:

History of Ukraine, 11th form

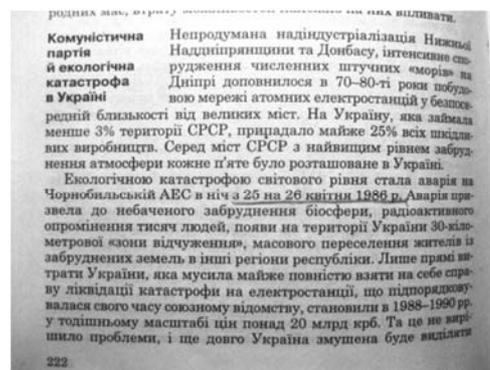
Subject: The collapse of the Soviet Union and the rebirth of independent Ukraine.

- Communist Party and the environmental disaster in Ukraine.

“World level environmental disaster was Chernobyl accident the night of 25 to 26 April 1986. The accident led to unprecedented pollution of the biosphere, radiation exposure of thousands of people, appearance of the 30-kilometer "exclusion zone" on the territory of Ukraine, the mass migration of people from contaminated areas to other regions of the country. Only direct costs of Ukraine, which had to take on the eradication of the disaster at the power plant completely by itself, which was subordinated to the Union Office, in 1988-1990 were over 20 billion rubles. But this does not solve the problem and for a long time, Ukraine will allocate billions to eliminate the consequences of Chernobyl, the protection of those who suffered from it.

Party leadership carefully hidden dimensions of terrible and horrible, yet not fully understood and known effects of the disaster. And, if Gorbachev on anniversary commemorative meeting in November 1987 in his report had paid attention to the Chernobyl tragedy, V. Shcherbinsky a month later in a report on the 70 anniversary of establishment of Soviet power in Ukraine did not even mentioned. The truth about the causes and tragic consequences came from the mouths of the opposition, which immediately "put up the appropriate account" of the Communist Party of Ukraine and its government.” (pg. 222-223, *History of Ukraine for 11th form*, 2001)

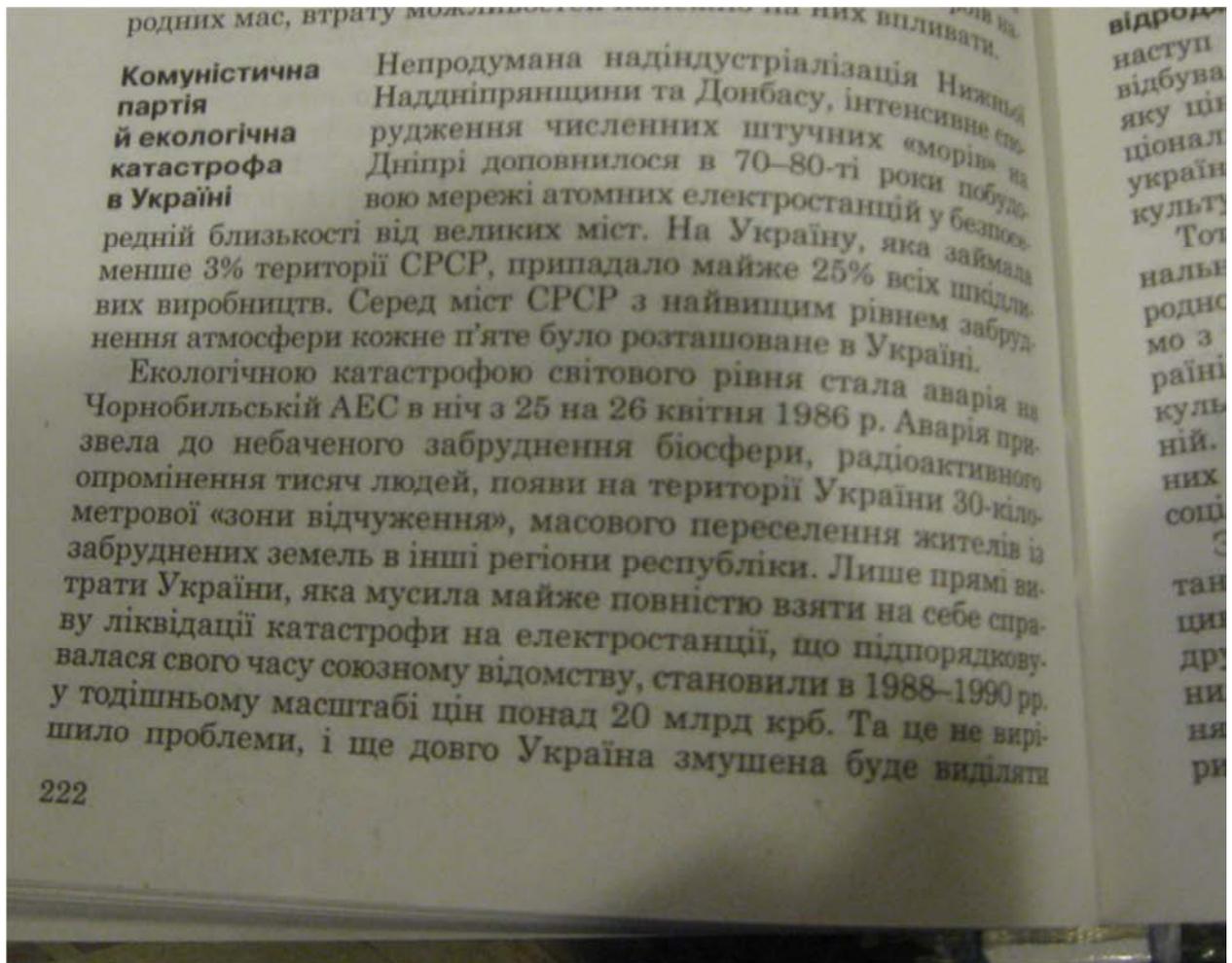
The subject of Chernobyl is mentioned mainly in history of Ukraine book in the context of the collapse of the Soviet regime. The issue is also treated in Geography, Physics and Health subjects but the History book has the most thorough information compared to others. We always have movie lessons following by the discussion on the issue of Chernobyl which takes up to two hours and covers the topic completely. The Law subject treats Chernobyl in the way of social protection of victims of the Chernobyl. There other textbooks you can get and many people use them in school for additional information. The scan I made is from a textbook recommended by the Ministry of Education and used in school.



Ivan Kendzor:

The title: **Communist Party and environmental disaster in Ukraine**

The accident in Chernobyl in the night from 25 to 26 April 1986 had created world ecological disaster. As the result, thousands of people were affected, biosphere was highly contaminated, a lot of people were forced to leave their homes. The direct costs of Ukraine, which had almost completely take over the liquidation of the accident at the power station in 1988 - 1990 was 20 billion rubles. But its didn't solve a problem and longtime Ukraine was obligated to spent money the elimination of consequences of Chernobyl, to protect those who suffered, because of it. Communist Party tried to hide all the awful truth about the accident. However Gorbachov had once mentioned about Chernobyl in the Communist Party, in return hadn't even mentioned about the accident. About the accident, opposition said in full voice.



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мільярди на ліквідацію наслідків Чорнобиля, захист тих, хто від нього постраждав.

За вказівками парткерівництва ретельно приховувалися страшні розміри і жахливі, ще до кінця не вивчені і не пізнані наслідки катастрофи. Причому, якщо М. Горбачов на ювілейних урочистих зборах у листопаді 1987 р. в своїй доповіді приділив увагу і Чорнобильській трагедії, В. Щербицький через міражі встановлення радянської влади в Україні, про неї навіть не згадав. Правда про причини й трагічні наслідки катастрофи на повний голос зазвучала в устах опозиції, яка негайно «виставила відповідний рахунок» Компартії України та її уряду.



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