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On the research by Prof. Liudas Truska

**Preconditions of Holocaust. The Upsurge of Anti – Semitism in Lithuania during the Years of Soviet Occupation (1940 – 1941)**

I completely support the statements of the Prof. Liudas Truska. The clear analysis based on the historical facts is persuasive in various points of view. The example he has presented shows the weakness of the Anti- Semitic ideas of that time, they will force to fall silent those, who still support the position about the Jewish – soviet occupation.

Few remarks about this research. As the reviewer MacQueen, I would be also interested in finding out more about the moods of the village of that time. I find very important the statement about the moral crisis of the society. I am sure that here L.Truska is right. But how this crisis is related with the events of June 22nd? How much this crisis has caused the Holocaust? I think that the MacQueen's encouragement to review that crisis and elucidate the social statistic of that time is very interesting. However it would be one open question in this case. How the depression and deformation of the society has been expressed by these attacks, and what functions it has taken?

There is one comment at the end. I think we need to emphasize more the role of the deportations of 1941. I think the shock, which has rose for the Lithuanian society before the Germany's attack is the main reason of the murders, which had started on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. By the way, I would like advice to put into the table the number of Jewish origin persons who were in the structures of occupation authorities and the Lithuanian Communist Party.