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I was a student at the Kyiv Construction Institute and I was mobilized for the harvest campaign, to assist in the collection of the harvest, because so many [villagers] had died. I was ordered to call [villagers] to work. I had to go from house to house. There was a tragic incident. In one house, I saw a swollen girl. When I said that she had to go to work, she said she couldn't, because she was swollen. I remembered this house, and the next day I brought her my bread ration. I did it again, and what do you think happened? Somebody informed on me to the [Communist] Party man who was in charge that I was feeding [this girl]. He called me in and said, "Listen Revutsky, what are you doing? You're feeding Enemies of the People!"

Interviewer – *Were you punished?*

VR – I was punished. I had to work at the mill collecting hay. It was incredibly hard work. I managed for two days, but at the beginning of the third day, I fainted.

I saw this myself. In Ruda village, there was an elevator where grain was stored. There was a sign "Do not come within 100 meters of the Elevator." The guards shot anyone who came up to the elevator. There was enough grain. This was a planned genocide against the Ukrainian people. God forbid. This was genocide. And the consequences of this Famine have affected the mentality of our people. The cruelty and brutality with which the officials treated the population impacted the people. People became harder, more callous. These are the psychological effects of this terrible Famine. God forbid.