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Pryma-Bohachevsky Dance Academy holds grand opening at Soyuzivka



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Five Miss Soyuzivkas, Ania Bohachevsky-Lonkevych, Ksenia Hentisz, Alana Lenec (2008), Dianna Shmerykowsky and Lydia Kulbida at the grand opening celebration of the Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky Dance Academy.

KERHONKSON, N.Y. — Over 150 people gathered here at Soyuzivka on Saturday, May 24, as the Ukrainian National Foundation Inc. and the Soyuzivka Heritage Center honored the memory of Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky, a world-renowned prima ballerina, choreographer and teacher of Ukrainian dance, with the grand opening of the Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky Dance Academy.

The opening ceremonies were officiated by Stefan Kaczaraj, president of the Ukrainian National Association (UNA), who welcomed guests to the opening of the dance academy. Mr. Kaczaraj then

yielded his duties to the Revs. George Bazylevsky of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Volodymyr Piso of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, who offered prayers of thanksgiving and blessed the new dance academy.

Ania Bohachevsky-Lonkevych, daughter of Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky and director of the dance academy, and Roma Lonkevych, granddaughter of Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky, officially opened the academy with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

A plaque that marks the opening of the dance academy reads: "The Ukrainian

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Fragile coalition in Ukraine threatened by resignations of two national deputies

by Zenon Zawada

Special to *The Ukrainian Weekly*

KYIV — Ukraine's fragile pro-Western coalition government suffered its biggest threat of collapse on June 6 when two lawmakers representing its two factions declared they were abandoning it.

Yurii But of the Our Ukraine — People's Self-Defense bloc and Ihor Rybakov of the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc submitted their resignation statements to Verkhovna Rada Chair Arseniy Yatsenyuk, leading him to declare, "a certain betrayal has occurred within the coalition."

Attempts to sabotage the coalition were inevitable in the fierce conflict between President Viktor Yushchenko and Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, which started once the prime minister took power in late December 2007 and has grown progressively worse.

Rather than ruining the coalition, however, the resignations have only resulted in the latest mess in the Ukrainian government, in which the rules and regulations are not yet clearly defined in relations within and between governing structures.

While the loss of two critical votes means the coalition can't pass the legislation it wants with the minimum majority of 226 votes in Parliament, the coalition's leaders argued it still exists because deputies must resign from the factions that compose a coalition, not from the coalition itself.

"What took place has no legal consequences for the government," said Ivan Kyrylenko, a deputy of the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc. "Until, God forbid, pre-term elections are called and a new coalition is formed, our government will work."

The Democratic Forces Coalition is held together by 227-vote majority and should it collapse, President Viktor Yushchenko could dismiss Parliament and call pre-term elections (as he did last year) if a new majority coalition isn't formed. The Cabinet of Ministers led by Ms. Tymoshenko would dissolve itself if its parliamentary coalition collapses.

The resignations were seen by political observers as carefully engineered by the Presidential Secretariat, led by Viktor Baloha, as an attempt to either weaken Prime Minister Tymoshenko's political strength or undermine her coalition government.

The Our Ukraine — People's Self-Defense bloc and its faction in Parliament, has been slowly disintegrating in the last few months, split between the pro-presidential Single Center (Yedynyi Tsent) and those who support the Tymoshenko Bloc, including the People's Self-Defense party.

As a result of the ongoing war between Ms. Tymoshenko and Mr. Yushchenko, the president's enemies have repeatedly accused him and his Single Center allies of undermining the coalition.

Therefore, to portray the resignations as not orchestrated by the Presidential Secretariat, observers said the two deputies who submitted their resignations don't belong to Single Center, since it is important for Messrs. Yushchenko and Baloha to not get blamed for undermining the coalition.

"If Baloha and Yushchenko have the goal of destroying the coalition, they want to do it using other people's hands, without assuming responsibility," said political

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Single Center party poised to replace Yushchenko's Our Ukraine

by Zenon Zawada

Special to *The Ukrainian Weekly*

KYIV — After the dismal performance of the Our Ukraine — People's Self-Defense bloc in the Kyiv City Council election, President Viktor Yushchenko and his allies have accelerated their efforts to abandon Our Ukraine and replace it with a new pro-presidential political force.

The Single Center (Yedynyi Tsent) party will hold a convention on July 12. Among those seen as its potential leaders are Presidential Secretariat Chair Viktor Baloha, Verkhovna Rada Chair Arseniy Yatsenyuk and National Security and Defense Council Secretary Raisa Bohatyriova.

The creators of Single Center are hoping it will replace the Our Ukraine People's Union (OUPU) party and the Our Ukraine — People's Self-Defense (OU-PSD) bloc as a political vehicle that will give Mr. Yushchenko renewed prospects for re-election in the 2010 presidential race. The president's re-election chances are currently

bleak, according to recent polls.

"Our goal is the 2010 election, which we should approach in a strong and mobilized way," current OUPU leader Ihor Kril said at a party conference in Kiovohrad on June 7.

Although Single Center is expected to advocate a different program than Our Ukraine's attempts to implement national-democratic social policies and free market economic policies, its political agenda remains unformed and unclear, said Yurii Sytoriuk, a Kyiv political insider.

"A reformatting of the political spectrum by the president is taking place," he said. "The president won't win the elections at this point, so he is re-arranging his support. He no longer associates with Our Ukraine, which doesn't make sense anymore."

Single Center isn't the first attempt by Mr. Yushchenko and his allies to redefine themselves and repackage their political agenda.

For the September 2007 parliamentary election, the Our Ukraine bloc retooled its image when uniting with a newly created People's Self-Defense party led by

Minister of Internal Affairs Yurii Lutsenko.

The bloc's new name (Our Ukraine — People's Self-Defense) and imagery (a clenched fist against a red backdrop) didn't boost support for the president's politics, but at the same time prevented an expected decline in votes.

Our Ukraine earned 14 percent of votes in the 2007 parliamentary election, the same as in March 2006.

Since the formation of the coalition government in late December 2007, the OU-PSD bloc, which consists of nine political parties, has gradually disintegrated into warring interests divided between those who support the president and Single Center, and those who support the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc, among them the People's Self-Defense party.

In fact, Messrs. Yushchenko and Baloha have warred with the leadership of People's Self-Defense, namely Mr. Lutsenko and mega-millionaire businessman Davyd Zhvania.

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ANALYSIS

Will Prime Minister Tymoshenko obey the National Security and Defense Council?

by Pavel Korduban
Eurasia Daily Monitor

The government of Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko will have to revise its decision to banish the U.S. company Vanco from the oil and gas fields in the Ukrainian part of the Black Sea. The Ukrainian Procurator General's Office (PGO) has ordered the government to restore Vanco's license to develop the fields, and the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) called on the Cabinet to repeal its order annulling the production-sharing agreement with Vanco.

Ms. Tymoshenko insists, however, that the deal with Vanco was not transparent.

On April 25 the Environment Ministry revoked the license to develop the Black Sea oil and gas fields that was issued in December 2007 to Vanco Prykerchenska, a subsidiary of the U.S. company Vanco Energy.

Prime Minister Tymoshenko accused President Viktor Yushchenko of lobbying for Vanco, but Mr. Yushchenko denied the accusation and called on Ms. Tymoshenko to review her decision on Vanco. She disobeyed, however, saying that the conditions of a production-sharing deal concluded in October 2007 did not suit the government. She also expressed strong doubts about the ownership structure of Vanco Prykerchenska, a subsidiary of Vanco, which received the license to work in the Black Sea. Vanco threatened to sue Ukraine in international

courts.

The PGO appealed on May 17 against the Environment Ministry's revocation of Vanco Prykerchenska's license. This means that the ministry has to repeal its decision. This, however, has not yet happened. On the contrary, on May 21 the Tymoshenko government unilaterally terminated the production-sharing deal with Vanco.

Ms. Tymoshenko said that her government would defeat "any kamikaze who sues" in international courts. First Deputy Prime Minister Oleksander Turchynov denounced the "attempts to protect Vanco using the PGO." He also said, "I hope that the United States will investigate the corrupt scheme which was used to force a U.S. company to appear in the role of mediator, covering shadowy economic interests."

Mr. Turchynov's strong words failed to impress U.S. Ambassador William Taylor, who on the same day expressed his disappointment over the government's decision. Mr. Taylor noted that the Ukrainian government should respect contracts and suggested that it launch a dialogue with Vanco.

Ms. Tymoshenko, speaking on a talk show on Ukraina TV on May 29, insisted that the deal with Vanco was not transparent. She said that two Ukrainian business tycoons and certain officials, rather than Vanco Energy, were behind Vanco Prykerchenska. "One of the companies behind the Black Sea deal, I think,

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Ukrainian prosecutors target People's Self-Defense leaders

by Pavel Korduban
Eurasia Daily Monitor

The Ukrainian Procurator General's Office (PGO) has opened criminal cases against Minister of the Internal Affairs Yuri Lutsenko and businessman Davyd Zhvania. Both were among the leaders of the 2004 Orange Revolution, which brought President Viktor Yushchenko and Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko to power.

Since 2007, Mr. Lutsenko has headed the populist People's Self-Defense bloc (PSD), while Mr. Zhvania has been its main financier. Mr. Yushchenko apparently suspects the PSD, a junior partner in Mr. Yushchenko's Our Ukraine - People's Self-Defense bloc (OU-PSD), of excessive sympathy toward Ms. Tymoshenko, who is no longer Mr. Yushchenko's ally, but a bitter rival. Messrs. Lutsenko and Zhvania have accused Mr. Yushchenko of political persecution.

It is suspected that Mr. Zhvania, who was born in Georgia, committed fraud when he applied for Ukrainian citizenship in 1999. Mr. Lutsenko, prosecutors suspect, flew his family to summer resorts at taxpayers' expense. He also faces criminal charges for punching Kyiv Mayor Leonid Chernovetskyi in the face.

In the short term, this means that Mr. Zhvania will hardly get the post of chairman of the Anti-Monopoly Committee, for which he has been nominated by the Ms. Tymoshenko government, and that Mr. Lutsenko will probably lose his ministerial post.

In the long term, this may result in an early parliamentary election, as there is a high chance of Mr. Lutsenko's PSD quitting Mr. Yushchenko's OU-PSD thereby breaking up the ruling coalition. This would supply President Yushchenko with legitimate grounds to dissolve the Verkhovna Rada, which failed to form a clear majority and has been blocking many of his initiatives.

On May 15 Mr. Yushchenko's legal advisor Ihor Pukshyn instructed the PGO to check how Zhvania obtained Ukrainian citizenship. On May 17 Procurator General Oleksander Medvedko launched a criminal case against Mr. Zhvania. Mr. Medvedko said that it is suspected that Mr. Zhvania has been residing in Ukraine not since 1991, as he reported when he applied for Ukrainian citizenship in 1999, but only since 1996. Mr. Zhvania denied this.

Mr. Lutsenko got into trouble immediately after Mr. Zhvania. On May 24 Zerkalo Nedeli quoted PSD representatives as saying that the Presidential Secretariat was going to dismiss Mr. Lutsenko from the government with the PGO's help.

On May 26 Mr. Lutsenko was summoned to the PGO for questioning. He learned that the PGO viewed the January incident when Mr. Lutsenko punched Mayor Chernovetskyi in the face after a meeting with President Yushchenko, not as an "infliction of light bodily injury," as had been announced earlier, but as

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NEWSBRIEFS

Edmonton Consulate to open in June

KYIV - Ukraine's Consulate General in Edmonton will open in June, Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko said during his state visit to Canada. Currently, Ukraine has an Embassy in Ottawa and a Consulate General in Toronto. (Ukrinform)

Coal miners found alive

KYIV - According to a governmental commission working at the Karl Marx mine in Yenakieve, Donetsk Oblast, 21 coal miners were found alive June 9 at the depth of 875 meters after an explosion occurred at a depth of 1,000 meters at 5 a.m. on June 8. The Donetsk Oblast Territorial Department of the State Committee for Industrial Safety, Labor Protection and Mining Supervision said that communications have been established with the miners. Thirty-seven people were in the mine at the time of the explosion. As of June 10, 24 workers were saved, and one perished at the Karl Marx coal mine. The search continued for 12 miners. The Procurator General's Office of Ukraine is investigating the accident, taking into account both possible violations of safety rules, and human error. (Ukrinform)

Opposition blocks Rada rostrum

KYIV - The opposition Party of the Regions and the Communists blocked the Verkhovna Rada rostrum during the evening session on June 5, demanding consideration of "staff issues" only after voting on privatization laws. "Staff issues" were put on the agenda upon request of the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc; this refers to the dismissal of State Property Fund Head Valentyna Semeniuk. Following a series of consultations and extraordinary breaks, Rada Chairman Arseniy Yatsenyuk said that Ms. Semeniuk is undergoing medical examination, therefore she cannot come to the Verkhovna Rada to report, which is obligatory before such a dismissal. (Ukrinform)

Yanukovych: coalition doesn't exist

KYIV - Party of the Regions leader

Viktor Yanukovych said at a June 5 meeting of the opposition government that the democratic coalition no longer exists. "It exists on paper only. And it puts on a brave face and raises second-hand issues in the Parliament. Meanwhile, the plenary session week is coming to an end, while the government did not report on a comprehensive anti-inflation program. They aim to put it off until the recess, go on leave and let the people continue to endure an aggravating situation," Mr. Yanukovych stressed. (Ukrinform)

Two deputies withdraw from coalition

KYIV - The Verkhovna Rada secretariat on June 6 received written statements from two national deputies, Ihor Rybakov of the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB) and Yuri But of Our Ukraine - People's Self-Defense (OU-PSD) bloc, about their withdrawal from the majority coalition, Verkhovna Rada Chairman Arseniy Yatsenyuk told a Parliamentary session. The chairman, however, called on Messrs. But and Rybakov "to come to their senses." Before the apparent withdrawals, the coalition included 227 deputies - one more than is necessary to form a parliamentary majority. Mr. Rybakov said his "decision to leave the coalition of democratic forces became a logical consequence of numerous corruption actions revealed by me, the tracks of which lead to the government's top leaders." (Ukrinform)

Reaction to deputies' actions

KYIV - The chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Oleh Bilorus (YTB), said National Deputy Ihor Rybakov's (Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc) withdrawal from the coalition "will not have any negative impact on the coalition. And this man will simply cease to be a national deputy. Mr. Bilorus noted that "today it is not possible to run from one faction to another" and if someone does not like a faction's position, he may resign as deputy. The Our Ukraine - People's Self-Defense Bloc's faction, meanwhile, said it would demand that Yuri But (OU-

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NEWS ANALYSIS: Who is really to blame for record-high inflation?

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Inflation in Ukraine was 3.1 percent in April and 13.1 percent from January through April. This was the highest inflation rate of any former Soviet state, twice as high as in Russia. The government of Yulia Tymoshenko drafted the state budget for 2008 based on the expectation that annual inflation would reach 9.6 percent. In early April, however, the International Monetary Fund forecast that Ukraine's inflation would reach 20 to 22 percent by December.

Ukraine used to have four-digit inflation after the break-up of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s, but fiscal discipline and economic reform lowered inflation to an annual average of 5 percent from 2001 to 2003. Inflation was again high in 2007, at 17 percent, and Ms. Tymoshenko blamed that on the erroneous economic course of her predecessor, former Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich. She promised to lower inflation in 2008, but it is clear by now that she will not deliver on her promise.

President Viktor Yushchenko's team says that Prime Minister Tymoshenko is stoking inflation by pursuing populist social expenditures. Mr. Yushchenko, who views Ms. Tymoshenko as his main rival in the 2010 presidential election, suspects her of buying popular support. Ms. Tymoshenko's critics forecast that she will resign closer to the election, blaming the bad shape of the economy on her opponents who, she will say, torpedoed her reform efforts.

The Tymoshenko Cabinet argues that fiscal discipline is tight and that social spending is not so high as to affect inflation seriously. Ms. Tymoshenko says that Mr. Yushchenko spoils everything by preventing her from directly steering the country's economy, thwarting her privatization plans and telling the oblast governors to ignore her instructions.

With regard to inflation, Ms. Tymoshenko says that the situation is not bad at all. When the inflation statistics for April were released, she spoke about a slowdown in inflation, as the April figure of 3.1 percent was lower than March's 3.8 percent. "When we came to power," she said on May 7, "we promised society to curb the inflation that Ukraine inherited from the previous Cabinet within five to six months. April statistics show that that slowdown has begun."

Ms. Tymoshenko said that the prices of more than 20 basic foodstuffs had dropped in April. In particular, she said that from April 2007 to April 2008 the prices of sugar, vegetable oil and dairy products had "stabilized." The State Statistics Committee, however, reported that prices had increased for sunflower oil by 114 percent, for sugar by 26.8 percent and for dairy products by some 40 percent. On the average, food prices in Ukraine grew by 47.4 percent during this period.

Mr. Yushchenko's economic adviser Oleksander Shlapak said that 3.1 percent was an "extremely high" inflation level, higher than at the beginning of 2008. President Yushchenko called the price

trends "appalling," adding, "No one can be reconciled with the fact that they have become 13 percent less well off in the first four months of 2008," he said. Mr. Yushchenko called on the government to come up with a national plan to fight inflation.

The chief of the Presidential Secretariat, Viktor Baloha, issued a statement saying that Prime Minister Tymoshenko is unable to deal with the negative trends. He recalled that April was usually quiet in terms of inflation, as the rate was zero in April 2007 and -0.4 percent in April 2006. He accused Ms. Tymoshenko of depleting state coffers by allowing meat and sugar to be imported without customs duties in order to contain inflation, and by ordering that salaries and social benefits be raised in September rather than in November, as planned. Mr. Baloha suggested that Ms. Tymoshenko was "preparing to resign with the prospect of an election" ahead. The government, he said, "will certainly count the increased wages to its credit as the greatest blessing for the people."

First Vice Prime Minister Oleksander Turchynov is less optimistic about inflation than Ms. Tymoshenko. Speaking at a press conference on May 7, he accused five unnamed oblast governors of "sabotaging" the government's anti-inflation measures by refusing to sell cheap foodstuffs from the state reserves. He said that the five had been summoned to Kyiv for "a serious conversation." Mr. Yushchenko, however, instructed them to ignore the government's invitation. Earlier this year, he decreed that all oblast

governors should coordinate their trips with the presidential office.

The prime minister complained that her Cabinet was effectively cut off from the governors' offices, as the president did not allow the governors to attend a single sitting of the government in the last four months. Speaking in Kyiv on May 12, Ms. Tymoshenko rejected the rumors about her imminent resignation.

On May 13 the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc prevented President Yushchenko from delivering his annual address on the state of the nation by blocking the Parliament rostrum in protest against its failure to pass anti-inflation laws.

Anders Aslund of the Washington-based Peterson Institute for International Economics claimed in an article for Project Syndicate that President Yushchenko, rather than Prime Minister Tymoshenko, is to blame for high inflation. He said that the National Bank of Ukraine, which is subordinated to the president had insisted on pegging the national currency, the hryvnia, to the weakening U.S. dollar, effectively stoking inflation. Dr. Aslund said that Mr. Yushchenko "seems more interested in harming Ms. Tymoshenko politically than in capping inflation."

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"Invest in Ukraine" message delivered by President Yushchenko in Toronto

by Oksana Zakydalsky

Special to The Ukrainian Weekly

TORONTO – President Yushchenko had several public events in Toronto, which he visited on May 28: a luncheon organized by the Economic Club of Toronto, where he was the keynote speaker, a breakfast meeting with Toronto's Ukrainians during which he presented state awards, and a visit to the Royal Ontario Museum which, together with the National Museum of History of Ukraine (Kyiv), will launch a major exhibit on Trypillian culture this November.

The Business Forum on Ukraine, organized by the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, was held in the morning of May 28 and was opened by Volodymyr Ohryzko, foreign affairs minister of Ukraine, and David Emerson, Canadian minister of international trade. The 18-member delegation included several ministers and others, and was headed by Valerij Bilyi, vice-president of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The audience at the forum was made up of about 200 persons and included Canadian businessmen looking to learn about opportunities in Ukraine.

The forum featured three plenary sessions including an information session on Ukraine, Ukraine in the WTO, Euro-integration and Ukraine's macroeconomic perspective. The second session was devoted to the exploration of investment and business opportunities in Ukraine, under the broad topics: science and technology, energy and aerospace. The business opportunities associated with the holding of the European soccer championships in 2012 were presented by Yevhen Chervonenko, head of the Euro-2012 Agency.

In the first session, Natalia Boitsun, vice minister of the economy, pointed out that Ukraine has a trade deficit and that

the major part of its export trade is still confined to the traditional sectors of agriculture, metallurgy and minerals, while its imports comprise mostly high technology and machinery. She emphasized that Ukraine has science-technology potential, although there is a lack of knowledge about Ukraine's potential and opportunities.

Oleksander Chalyi, vice-chair of the Presidential Secretariat, said that, although European integration is the No. 1 strategic goal in Ukraine's foreign policy, it is internal reforms – the adoption of European standards in Ukrainian economic life – that form the government's domestic policy.

Although membership in the EU is a long-term goal, Ukraine is pursuing several other integration initiatives: an agreement on EU association, negotiations on a free trade zone with Europe, sectoral integration and a common transit policy among Ukraine, Poland and the Baltics, who control all transit of gas to the EU from former Soviet Republics.

During the second and third sessions of the forum, the presentations outlined existing investment opportunities. Ihor Zaglada representing Invest Ukraine, pointed out that foreign investment is growing at 20 percent per year, and noted that Canada is not among the top 10 investors.

Landis Henry, deputy executive director of the Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (founded in 1993 and supported by the U.S., the EU and Canada) spoke about science and technology cooperation and pointed out that Ukraine has a history of innovation, for example, in aerospace and nanotechnology. Canadian companies, he said, could tap into the expertise in Ukraine for subcontracting and for research and development.

Ukraine's Ministry of Fuels and Energy has signed a memorandum of understand-



President Viktor Yushchenko and Zenon Potichnyi, president of the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce.

Quotable notes

"The main strength of Ukraine now is Ukraine itself, its territorial integrity, independence, the irreversibility of the democratic processes. Ukrainian history has a lot of tragic pages. We were moving toward independence for centuries. The generations of Ukrainians were fighting for democracy. And today we can finally say we got what we wanted – the sovereignty.

"The main strength of Ukraine is in its people. It is a big and invincible nation that has been fighting for its independence, chose the democratic path and defended it. I am sure Ukrainian people will not turn off the road of freedom, democracy and a European choice.

"We are a young nation on the European map, but we are deeply rooted genetically, historically and spiritually into Europe. There is no doubt Ukraine will finalize all the procedures and will become part of the new modern Europe economically and formally. Politically and mentally we are ready for that already."

– President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine, replying in an interview conducted by Diane Francis of the National Post to the question "What is the strength of Ukraine now?"

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THE INTERNATIONAL HOLODOMOR REMEMBRANCE FLAME

Hartford, Conn.

by Alexander Kuzma

HARTFORD, Conn. – On Saturday, May 17, scores of black-robed clergy, throngs of schoolchildren in white embroidered blouses, veterans carrying flags and banners, and dignitaries from various ethnic communities joined in a solemn procession through the streets of Hartford to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Holodomor, the man-made Terror Famine that devastated the Ukrainian countryside during the 1930s.

The marchers converged on the Connecticut State Capitol, where they witnessed the passing of the International Holodomor memorial torch honoring the lives of more than 7 million Ukrainians who perished during the brutal collectivization campaign of Joseph Stalin. The crowd of 700 activists listened to choral works and speeches reflecting on one of the greatest yet least known acts of genocide of the 20th Century.

Among the speakers at the State Capitol were U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-3rd District); former Congressman Larry DeNardis, president emeritus of the University of New Haven; Ukraine's Ambassador to the U.S. Oleh Shamshur

and Michael Sawkiw, president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America. The invocation was offered by Archbishop Antony of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. and the benediction by Bishop Paul Chomnycky of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford.

During the opening of the program, Famine survivors John Swrydenko of Shelton and Anna Borovyk of West Haven passed the torch of remembrance to the younger generation of Ukrainian Americans represented by Katya Zyla of West Haven and Markian Bojko of Glastonbury. Mr. Bojko recited a poem in which he and his classmates pledged never to forget the suffering of those who died during the Famine.

The statewide commemoration was initiated by a statewide steering committee chaired by Lidia Choma of East Haven.

Preparations began in January with representatives from Ukrainian communities and parishes from Hartford, New Haven, New Britain, Bridgeport, Stamford, Colchester, Terryville and Willimantic.

"This was really a group effort, said Ms. Choma," a former public school principal who rallied communities from



Vira Mamchur Schwartz

Schoolchildren from the Ukrainian Studies Schools in Hartford and New Haven join the procession to the State Capitol in Hartford.

across the state. "We felt it was essential that the people of Connecticut add their voices to the worldwide movement to recognize the Famine for what it was – an act of genocide."

For years, busloads of Ukrainian Americans have traveled from Connecticut to New York City for the annual commemorations of the Holodomor at St. Patrick's Cathedral, but this was the first statewide commemoration of the Famine in Connecticut.

The May 17 event generated significant press coverage both prior to and after the observances. Thanks to an intensive effort by press coordinators Myron Melnyk of New Haven and Natalia Sazonova of Wethersfield, the planning committee secured a front-page feature article in the Connecticut Post and front page photos in the Hartford News, lengthy op-ed pieces by Dr. DeNardis in the New Haven Register and Alexander Kuzma in the Hartford Courant, and tele-

vision news coverage on Connecticut's ABC and Fox affiliates (WTNH and WTIC).

There were also major news stories in other newspapers, such as the Bridgeport News, the Norwich Bulletin, the Stamford Advocate, the Greenwich Times and the New Britain Herald. In deference to the relatively large Ukrainian community in Hartford's southern suburb of Wethersfield, Doug Maine wrote a four-page feature article ("Ukrainians speak out on Holodomor") in the April edition of Wethersfield Life that included photographs and interviews with Famine survivor Alexandra Rudzinski and community leader Alexander Pryshlak.

To help build momentum and visibility for the May commemoration, the organization Krayany, which was formed by the Fourth Wave of post-Soviet Ukrainian émigrés organized an art exhibit at the

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Ottawa

by Halyna Mokrushyna

OTTAWA – The International Holodomor Remembrance Flame, which arrived in Canada on April 18, visited Ottawa, its last destination on Canadian soil on May 26. The memorial torch's arrival in the Canadian capital coincided with the state visit of the president of Ukraine, Viktor Yushchenko.

The ceremony on Parliament Hill was organized by the Ottawa branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in cooperation with the Embassy of Ukraine.

Mr. Yushchenko in his speech said that, by passing the commemorative flame from country to country, we are making sure that the historic truth prevails and that the world will never forget this terrible crime. If the world doesn't condemn the perpetrators of the genocide of the Ukrainian nation, then this crime is bound to be repeated over and over again in other parts of the world.

Jason Kenney, secretary of state for multiculturalism and Canadian identity, spoke on behalf of the prime minister and the government of Canada. He said that

those who perished in the Great Famine in Ukraine "demand that we recognize the Great Famine for what it was – a brutal and deliberate act of mass killing conceived as part of an ideology which sought to replace God with an all powerful state and to turn human beings born with an inalienable dignity into mere instruments of that state."

Mr. Kenney remarked that this terrible human catastrophe remains largely unknown to most non-Ukrainians, in part because of the willful collaboration of those in the West who covered up the crimes of communism and who denied the reality of the Famine.

Next, Holodomor survivor Stefan Horlatsch presented the commemorative torch to Luda Monczak, who pledged, on behalf of the Ukrainian youth of Canada, to never forget the Holodomor and to keep the remembrance flame alive. The president of Ukraine lit a candle from commemorative torch and placed it at a symbolic monument to the victims of the Holodomor. Canadian and Ukrainian dignitaries and many who attended the ceremony also lit their candles in the commemoration of the millions who perished in the Holodomor.

Boston

by Vsevolod Petriv

BOSTON – On May 18, an especially beautiful sunny Sunday, Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States Oleh Shamshur together with the Holodomor memorial torch escorted by General Consul Mykola M. Kyrychenko and Consul Andrii Olefirov visited Boston. They participated in a Boston community tradition, a joint moleben and "Sviachene" (community pascal dinner) that each year serves to unify the community, commemorate the past and set the tone for the coming year.

Paul Rabchenuk, chairperson of the Boston Committee to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Holodomor, Zenovy Prots, chairman of Boston branch of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America; and Vsevolod Petriv, external communications officer, were largely responsible for coordinating the visit to Boston by the ambassador and his party.

The events were hosted by St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Parish, with help from Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Parish. The day began with a moleben that combined the themes of celebrating the Resurrection and commemorating the Holodomor. Officiating were the Rev. Roman Tarnavsky of St. Andrew's and the Rev. Yaroslav Nalysnyk of Christ the King.

After the service the congregation moved outside to the front of the church for a ceremonial lighting of the relay torch and a moment of silence in memory

of the victims of the Holodomor.

Mr. Rabchenuk voiced the greater Boston Ukrainian community's commitment to helping the torch on its way around the world by engaging in activities to educate the general public about the Holodomor. He was followed by Zenovy Prots, who spoke in Ukrainian, and whose words placed the local activities into a broader context.

The assembly then proceeded to the parish hall, where the ambassador and his party were greeted with bread and salt by children dressed in traditional Ukrainian dress.

After a blessing of the food, dinner was served by community volunteers under the direction of Nadia Annesse, chairperson for this year's dinner and head of the local chapter of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America.

Local children, who for the past few months had been attending a Ukrainian folk dancing workshop lead by Vera Geba, performed two intricate and challenging dance numbers, "Pryvit" and "Hopak." The dancing was followed by a poetry recitation by Tonia Harat, 8.

Iryna Warvariv-Priester, who presided over the entire afternoon's agenda, focused the crowd's attention toward the podium and the more solemn portion of the program. A citation from the Massachusetts State Senate, recognizing and supporting the success of the International Holodomor Torch Relay was read to the assembly. The citation

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Official Website of Ukraine's President

The first lady and president of Ukraine light candles from the Holodomor torch.

THE INTERNATIONAL HOLODOMOR REMEMBRANCE FLAME

Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA – The leaders of the Ukrainian community in Philadelphia and Ukrainian diplomats gathered on May 28 in the ornate reception room of the mayor of Philadelphia, Michael Nutter, to welcome the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame. Philadelphia's City Hall, located in the center of the city, is the pearl of Philadelphia and the largest city hall in North America.

Ulana Mazurkevich, head of the Philadelphia Community Committee to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Famine-Genocide in Ukraine and the mistress of ceremonies, welcomed the Mayor Nutter on behalf of the Ukrainian community. She thanked the mayor for welcoming the Holodomor torch of to City Hall and congratulated him for his extraordinary job since taking office this past January.

Ms. Mazurkevich informed Mayor Nutter that this was a wonderful opportunity for the Ukrainian Philadelphia leadership to meet their new mayor and for the mayor to meet his constituents.

Ms. Mazurkevich then proceeded to introduce the dignitaries who present at the ceremony. Ukrainian Catholic Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Bishop John Bura, Consul-General Mykola Kyrychenko, Consul Andrii Olefirov,

Minister-Counselor from the Embassy of Ukraine Olexander Aleksandrovych and Prof. Stanislav Kulchytsky.

Metropolitan-Archbishop Soroka thanked Mayor Nutter for hosting the ceremony and informed the mayor how important it is to keep the memory of the Famine-Genocide alive.

The author of "Ukrainians of Greater Philadelphia," Alexander Lushnycky, then presented the mayor with this pictorial history of Ukrainians in Philadelphia. The author then explained to the mayor why Ukrainians settled in Philadelphia and their contributions to the "City of Brotherly Love."

Consul-General Kyrychenko then symbolically presented the Torch of Remembrance to Mayor Nutter, explaining the reason for the worldwide torch relay. The torch was then presented to Ms. Mazurkevich as head of the Philadelphia Holodomor Committee, who proceeded to pass the torch to Borys Pawluk, president of the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center. Mr. Pawluk then took the opportunity to present the mayor with Dr. Robert Conquest's book on the Famine-Genocide, "The Harvest of Sorrow."

Prof. Kulchytsky, accompanied by Minister-Counselor Alexandrovych, presented the mayor with a book on the Holodomor by Dr. James Mace.

The mayor then proceeded to proclaim May 28 "Torch of Remembrance Day."



Following the ceremony in Philadelphia's City Hall, (from left) are: Consul-General Mykola Kyrychenko; Consul Andrii Olefirov, Minister-Counselor Olexander Aleksandrovych and Prof. Stanislav Kulchytsky accompanied by Ulana Mazurkevich, Chrystia Senyk, Osyp Roshko, Borys Pawluk and Nila Pawluk, as they pay a visit to the Liberty Bell.

He stated: "Today, our city commemorates the 75th anniversary of Ukraine's artificial Famine by welcoming the Torch of Remembrance, which originated in Ukraine and is traveling through 33 countries, including 23 cities of the United States. ... our city painfully

remembers the Ukrainians' artificial Famine of 1932-1933 and vows to stand against future tragedies."

After the official ceremony, the mayor had a chance, in an informal atmosphere, to meet the leaders of the Ukrainian community.

Kerhonkson, N.Y.

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – The International Holodomor Remembrance Flame made its way to the Ukrainian National Association's Ukrainian heritage center, Soyuzivka, on Sunday, May 25, during Memorial Day weekend.

The torch relay arrived at Soyuzivka at about 1 p.m. from the nearby campgrounds of the Ukrainian American Youth Association in Ellenville, N.Y., where Holodomor memorial ceremonies were held earlier in the day. The children of St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Parish carried the torch at Soyuzivka.

The torch relay was welcomed at the foot of Soyuzivka's monument to Taras Shevchenko by UNA President Stefan Kaczaraj, who welcomed guests and spoke briefly about the Holodomor and its significance for the Ukrainian nation.

The Rev. George Bazylevsky also

spoke, sharing with participants his father's recollections of the Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933 in Ukraine. He then served a panakhyda, or memorial service; the St. Volodymyr Parish Choir directed by Volodymyr Bakum sang the responses. (The pastor of the local Ukrainian Catholic Church was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.)

Rostyslav Wasylenko, who was 12 at the time of the Holodomor, recalled life in Pereyaslav, where his family was banished from Kyiv by Soviet authorities. Mr. Wasylenko was left to fend for himself when his mother took ill due to the Famine and was taken away by family members to another town.

Mr. Wasylenko, an actor who is a Merited Artist of Ukraine, also did readings of poetry about the Holodomor by Yurii Lytvyn, Mykola Scherbak and Antonina Lystopad.

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Famine-Genocide survivor Rostyslav Wasylenko (at the podium) speaks at ceremonies welcoming the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame to Soyuzivka. Also in the photo (from left) are: the Rev. George Bazylevsky, children of St. Volodymyr Parish, Ukrainian National Association President Stefan Kaczaraj and Minister-Counselor Olexandr Aleksandrovych of the Embassy of Ukraine.



Youth at the Ukrainian Orthodox center in South Bound Brook receive the Holodomor memorial torch.

South Bound Brook, N.J.

SOUTH BOUND BROOK, N.J. – The International Holodomor Remembrance Flame, first lit by Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko in Kyiv, is currently on a journey through 33 countries around the world, including 23 cities in the United States.

On Memorial Day, May 26, Ukrainian Orthodox faithful, Ukrainian diplomats, local officials and other guests gathered on the grounds of St. Andrew Memorial Church before the monument to Princess Olha, equal to the apostles and baptizer of Ukraine, to begin a program commemorating the 10 million lost during the Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933.

Bishop Daniel opened the program with a presentation of a literary statement and poem about the Holodomor by Svitlana Kuzmenko titled "Let Us

Remember," a powerful work that describes the conditions in Ukraine at the time of the Holodomor.

Archbishop Antony spoke next about an elderly woman named Tatiana, who agonized to him on the eve of her heart surgery that she had not done enough to educate her children and grandchildren about the Famine and what she witnessed and lived through as a 12-year-old child 75 years ago. She had spared them the most horrible details because she did not want to frighten them or make them think she was exaggerating. But at the time she spoke to her priest, she was overcome with an enormous sense of guilt that she had failed her parents, grandparents and all her siblings who perished in the Holodomor. Following her surgery, she spent several years correcting what she perceived as her failure and was certain that she accomplished her goal, Archbishop Antony said.

The archbishop reminded all present

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Synergy at Soyuzivka

The recent Memorial Day weekend at Soyuzivka, the Ukrainian heritage center owned by the Ukrainian National Association, was surely more eventful than in years past, and the bustle certainly bodes well for the 2008 summer season and beyond.

Over the three-day holiday weekend, and the Friday preceding it, Soyuzivka played host to the Kino-Q Ukrainian Film Festival (more on that in next week's issue), which has been spun off into an independent event from last year's very auspicious Ukrainian Film and Cultural Festival; welcomed the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame with an appropriate program in memory of the millions who perished in the Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933; and held the grand opening of the Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky Dance Academy.

The grand opening of the dance academy, which will now call Soyuzivka its home, was a huge step in the partnership announced on March 12 between the Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky Dance Foundation, which runs Ukrainian folk dance groups, camps and workshops, and the Ukrainian National Association, through its charitable arm, the Ukrainian National Foundation. As part of the partnership, the Syzkryli Ukrainian Dance Ensemble of New York, which exists under the aegis of the dance foundation, will make Soyuzivka its permanent summer home.

The May 24 opening ceremonies, complete with a blessing and ribbon-cutting, honored the memory of dancer-choreographer-teacher Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky with a plaque on the Veselka Hall, where dance academy students have their lessons. The plaque, installed at the outside entrance, notes that Ms. Pryma-Bohachevsky "inspired countless young dancers to love the beauty and spirit of Ukrainian dance." Inside, dancers and guests alike marveled at the new state-of-the-art dance floor.

The Syzkryli, of course, came to the grand opening and presented a grand show of dances from their extensive repertoire. Their enthusiasm about the new dance academy and their optimism for the future of this treasured Ukrainian art form cultivated and nurtured for decades by Ms. Pryma-Bohachevsky (a.k.a. "Pani Roma") was palpable. It could be seen in the dancers' faces, heard in their words and experienced via their performance.

The young dancers understood that this grand opening at Soyuzivka was the culmination of merely the first phase of what has been dubbed the "Just Imagine the Future Capital Campaign." Phases II and III will result in extensive renovations and improvements to Soyuzivka's accommodations for dancers: sleeping quarters, rehearsal space, costume rooms and activity centers.

Thus, the future is indeed bright at Soyuzivka, as a new synergy is transforming this mecca for Ukrainians into a Ukrainian heritage center of which our entire community can be proud.

(Incidentally, the next opportunity for the public to see the concrete results of this synergy will be during the second annual Ukrainian Cultural Festival to be held at Soyuzivka on July 10-13. The Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky Dance Workshop, which will be in session at Soyuzivka from June 29 through July 13, will be one of the top featured performing groups. You won't want to miss the show.)

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Turning the pages back...

Ten years ago, on June 18, 1998, President Leonid Kuchma told the Ukrainian people that he would combat the stagnation of economic reforms and the Parliament's failure to elect a leader by instituting reforms via presidential decree.

The decision came after consultations with Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council and recommendations from his Cabinet of Ministers. President Kuchma opted for this as a temporary solution while the country waited for the Verkhovna Rada to organize its leadership in order to prevent Ukraine from sinking into a deeper crisis.

"The people and the state shall no longer remain hostage to the uncertainty emerging from the Verkhovna Rada," said Mr. Kuchma. "Therefore, I assume the responsibility and, proceeding from the recommendations of the National Security and Defense Council, have made the decision to issue necessary decrees."

All of President Kuchma's decrees would be submitted to the Parliament as draft laws for adoption once a leadership was in place. But he was doubtful of the new Verkhovna Rada passing any of the legislation he believed was necessary to initiate economic reform since there were 42 outstanding economic reform bills yet to be addressed by the previous convocation.

Some of the decrees included establishing a simplified agricultural commodities tax for farmers, the halving of government contributions to the Chernobyl Fund, a one-time tax for small- and medium-sized businesses, an increase in the minimum monthly wage from 15 hrv to 55 hrv, and a higher tax on gasoline and diesel fuels.

It was also proposed that government-owed wages, pensions and student stipends be paid from a \$1.25 billion fund based on proceeds of government privatization.

Opinions differed on the president's announcement, which largely depended on the political affiliation of the commentator. Oleksander Bandurko of the National Democratic faction, which was aligned with the president, said, "If the Parliament is paralyzed and unable to move laws through, then the president should do something – as long as he is not changing the laws that we have passed."

Vyacheslav Chornovil, head of the Rukh faction, said, given Ukraine's current situation, the president's hand had been forced. "I am categorically against the interference of the executive authorities in the legislative field," he said, "but what else can be done when it is impossible to attend to the budget, what with the situation we find ourselves in today?"

Source: "Kuchma takes the initiative, opting to govern via decree," by Roman Woronowycz, *The Ukrainian Weekly*, June 28, 1998.

IN THE PRESS

Yushchenko in Canada, the Famine-Genocide

"Yushchenko a true hero to Ukrainians in Manitoba," commentary by Dan Lett, Winnipeg Free Press, May 28:

"It was a perfect collision of images. Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko, the dashing hero of the Orange Revolution, stood Tuesday on the west lawn of the Manitoba Legislative Building, basking in brilliant May sunshine.

"More than 1,000 Ukrainian Canadians had gathered to hear Yushchenko speak, some hoping to be lucky enough to shake his hand.

"Yet what completed the moment was the towering presence of Taras Shevchenko, a poet and artist who is widely thought of as an enduring symbol of the struggles of the Ukrainian people to preserve their language and culture. Yushchenko stood in the shadow of an enormous statue of the great poet that was erected many years ago on the Legislative Building grounds. The meeting of two iconic figures in Ukrainian history – one contemporary, the other the stuff of legend – before a throng of Ukrainian-Canadians completed a circle: those who fought to express their culture, those who kept the culture alive in far-away lands, and those who seek to restore that culture to its former glory.

"As yesterday's event proved, there is no better place in the world for the trustees of Ukrainian culture to meet.

"The 1.2 million Ukrainians in Canada – with more than 150,000 of those here in Manitoba – give this country the largest population of Ukrainians outside Ukraine. Although there is some debate about which community is the center of Ukrainian culture in this country, there is no dispute Canada has accomplished a miracle when it comes to preserving Ukrainian culture. ..."

"Remembering modern history's greatest crime," by Eric Margolis, www.ericmargolis.com, June 2:

"Canada will soon make an important contribution to the cause of historical accuracy, human rights, and justice. To coincide with last week's visit to Ottawa

of Ukraine's president, Viktor Yushchenko, the Canadian government announced it planned to recognize the mostly forgotten 1932-1933 genocide in Ukraine.

"Ottawa's decision was motivated as much by ethnic politics as historic justice: there are 1.1 million Canadians of Ukrainian descent. But Ottawa still deserves kudos for doing the right thing.

"For eight decades, the greatest mass murder in modern history has been shamefully covered up or ignored. I have been repeatedly shocked to receive letters from young Americans and Canadians of Ukrainian descent saying they had known nothing about the 1930s genocide, or 'Holodomor,' until reading about it in my columns. Hopefully, more will now know.

"From 1932-1933, Stalin and henchmen, Lazar Kaganovich and Viacheslav Molotov, conducted a merciless campaign to crush resistance by Ukrainian farmers to communism and collectivization. They isolated Ukraine, then cut off all food supplies and seeds. Six to nine million Ukrainians died from the ensuing man-made famine and mass shootings of 'anti-state elements' by secret police execution squads. Cannibalism became common.

"While the Western world rightly commemorates genocide inflicted on Armenians, Europe's Jews, Cambodians, Rwandans and Bosnians, it shamefully shut its eyes to the Ukrainian Holodomor because it was conducted by a key wartime ally whom President Franklin Roosevelt hailed as 'Uncle Joe.'

"...is it not time for our governments to finally recognize and atone their alliance with the biggest mass murderer in history, Josef Stalin, a man whose crimes exceeded those of Adolf Hitler by a factor of at least three or four times? ..."

"Canada's recognition of this historic crime is important for two reasons. First, Canada is one of the world's most respected nations. Its acknowledgement of the Holodomor will be heard around the globe. Second, nostalgia for Stalin is on the rise in today's Russia. His memory and politics are being rehabilitated. Russians must be reminded of his crimes and reign of terror. ..."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ukraine is Europe's largest country

Dear Editor:

In the story headlined "Ukraine becomes WTO's 152nd member" (May 25), part way through the article the World Trade Organization news release is quoted as saying that Ukraine is "Europe's second largest country by area." That is not true.

Ukraine is the largest by area. According to *The New York Times Almanac*, Ukraine has an area of 233,089 square miles, while France has 176,460 square miles.

Someone should correct this misinformation disseminated by the World Trade Organization.

Maria Popyk
Cincinnati, Ohio

Thanks to "Jimmy from Brooklyn"

Dear Editor:

At times I listen to Bob Grant, a talk show host in the evenings and Bill Cunningham on Sunday evening on WABC.

There is a regular caller to these programs who calls himself "Jimmy from Brooklyn." Jimmy has extensive knowledge about Russian Communist activity in the world and in the U.S.A. Jimmy quite often states that Russia murdered 10 million Ukrainians.

Millions of people listen to these talk shows, and Jimmy informs them of Russia's past and current brutal activity. God bless "Jimmy from Brooklyn."

Martin Solonyinka
Matawan, N.J.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Placating Russia at our own expense

by Oksana Bashuk Hepburn

The recent visit to Canada by Ukraine's President Viktor Yushchenko dealt with issues of importance not only to both countries but to the community of like-minded democracies. The Canadian Parliament approved the long-sought recognition of the Holodomor of 1932-1933 as a genocide, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper agreed to support Ukraine's bid for NATO.

With Canada commended, Ukraine needs to secure similar endorsements from other democracies that have not acted to date – an omission that puts into question their own values and commitments. It promises to be a tough slog.

The Famine-Genocide perpetrated in Ukraine by the Soviet government was meant to break landowners' opposition to collectivization and to the creation of a homogeneous, Russia-controlled USSR. Some 10 million Ukrainians were starved to death in 1932-1933 to ensure this happened. Yet, despite the scale of the genocide, the Communist regime managed a cover-up. It terrorized the population into silence with fear of further reprisals.

The cover-up was aided by Western left-wingers, or "useful idiots," as Joseph Stalin called his toadying apologists abroad. In fact, the cover-up was so successful it convinced Hitler that he too could get away with mass murder. Evil engenders evil.

Canada's recognition of the Famine's genocidal nature speaks loudly because other states that support democratic values have yet to acknowledge the greatest mass murder of the 20th century. The KGB archives and eyewitness reports are persuasively shocking, yet Russia officially denies the Holodomor. Is Russia concerned that further exposure will damage attempts to show itself as a newly "civilized" country? Or, does it hope to continue manipulating world opinion with misinformation as it did in the good ol' days, keeping the Famine away from world view while ensuring the exploitation of atrocities of Nazi Germany?

And astounding as it is, Israel, whose people know well the horror of genocide and level hate-mongering accusations and court cases at Holocaust deniers, took the opposite view to Canada. During a recent state visit by President Yushchenko, Israel sided with Russia and refused to recognize

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the Famine in Ukraine as a genocide.

Russia's and Israel's positions on the Holodomor are disgraceful; so is NATO's failure to endorse Ukraine's membership. Germany and France, the most prominent objectors, chose to support Russia's meddling in their own affairs instead. Moreover, President Vladimir Putin's threats of targeting Ukraine with nuclear warheads, the very warheads that some 10 years earlier the West forced Ukraine and Kazakhstan to centralize in Russia's hands, were not met with anything close to the vigor of democracies defending one of their own. The policy of appeasing Russia is alive once again, and it's downright dangerous.

Consider this. Despite Ukraine's independence, NATO and others, continue to view Ukraine's needs through a what-does-Russia-want lens. Oh, they cite standards – fighting corruption, free market economics, an independent judiciary – but fail to apply these to Russia when inviting it to join the G-7, for instance. When NATO support in Ukraine was pushing 70 percent in the mid 1990s, the West's sudden concern for Russia's loss of "influence over the near abroad" and being "humiliated" by Ukraine's membership, led to keeping Ukraine out of the alliance.

Now recovered from its near-fatal post-USSR collapse, unrepentant Russia is more like its old self – arrogant, menacing and dangerous. It has a new weapon, energy, and aims to have Europe under its thumb. If it can get Ukraine back, it will also control one of the world's richest agricultural territories, and the Black Sea, where the Russian naval fleet is waiting, and access to the Danube and all of Europe.

Some NATO members are helping Russia reassert itself.

Russia plays by different rules than the West, and no one knows this better than Ukraine. Prime Minister Harper understood those concerns. Canada's support for Ukraine in NATO is the act of a good friend, but it is also one of self-interest. Ukraine's return to Russia's camp would signal the end of years of policies that eliminated its threat and the return of an evil empire full of danger, fear and even new holocausts.

Serving our own interests by helping new democracies like Ukraine and Georgia get established, despite what Russia, wants is smart. Other NATO members need to follow Canada's lead and endorse Ukraine's membership before Russia and its useful idiots cause irrevocable damage. It's been done before – remember the Holodomor.

Faces and Places

by Myron B. Kuropas

*Mentor and guardian for 75 years*

The Ukrainian Weekly will soon be 75 years old. Think of it. Three generations of Ukrainian Americans have been educated, enthralled and entertained by a publication that is now a community institution.

It all began at the 1933 regular convention of the Ukrainian National Association. A pioneering resolution was passed to establish an English-language supplement to Svoboda. The first issue of The Weekly came out on October 6, 1933, and now, 75 glorious years later, The Weekly is the oldest, continuously published English-language Ukrainian publication in the world.

According to a 1953 article by one-time editor Stephen Shumeyko, The Weekly was founded on the following ideals: "1) to propagate among its readers the inspiring principles of Americanism; 2) to give them a rudimentary knowledge of their cultural heritage and of the centuries-old Ukrainian struggle for national freedom; 3) to inspire and support their organizational efforts; 4) to impress upon them the necessity of their becoming members of the Ukrainian National Association... 5) to serve as a forum for their thoughts and views on the various important problems and issues confronting them; 6) to keep them abreast of the latest developments in Ukrainian American organized life; 7) to keep them informed on the current events in the land from which their parents emigrated; and 8) to generally provide them with a type of inspiration, information and reading material which they could not obtain elsewhere."

Under the leadership of outstanding staff, The Weekly has maintained these ideals brilliantly, publishing articles on Ukrainian history, literature, art, music, culture, as well as news items about Ukrainian American activities, issues of concern to youth, editorial commentaries and letters from readers. The Weekly also serialized translations of such Ukrainian classics as "Chorna Rada" (Black Council) by Panteleimon Kulish and "Tini Zabutykh Predkiv" (Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors).

Cartoons by John Rosolowicz were featured in The Weekly as was a controversial regular column by one Burma Capelin, a nom de plume. A gadfly, politically incorrect, Burma took on the Ukrainian American establishment. In 1936 he wrote that "immigrant organizations cannot reconcile themselves to the fact that the organizations that have served the immigrant tolerably well, including the church, are as ill-adjusted ("out of date") to the second generation as the horse and buggy is in our motorized urban life." Readers disagreed vociferously, albeit civilly. (I will donate \$100 to the Weekly in the name of the first reader who e-mails me Burma's true identity; UNA executives and Weekly staff need not apply).

For many Ukrainians, the most important role of The Ukrainian Weekly has been its courageous defense of the Ukrainian name against our detractors. Three examples come to mind. When America's Communists accused Ukrainian nationalists of being pro-Nazi during World War II, The Weekly exposed the lie in an October 3, 1942, editorial titled "What's Behind the Smear Campaign," noting, among other things, that: "...Communists have always had it in for us, not only because we are supporters of the idea of a free and democratic Ukraine, not only because of our churches, fraternal associations and the various resources at our command for which they lust, but also because we have always

preferred to look to leadership not to Moscow but to Washington." In a 1942 editorial titled "The Effrontery of It," The Ukrainian Weekly reminded its readers that Ukrainian Communists were now posing as "1,000 Americans" when during the duration of the Nazi-Soviet pact they vehemently "opposed various steps taken by our president and Congress in preparing and strengthening our country for the conflict." Dozens of similar editorials followed.

When the war ended and the Soviets claimed that Ukrainian displaced persons were Nazi war criminals fleeing justice, The Weekly fought back, reminding readers in 1946 that, "despite what the Ukrainians suffered before the war under Soviet rule, they produced no quisling ... the leaders of the Ukrainian nationalist movement, whom the Communists always brand as pro-Fascists or pro-Nazis, were either murdered by the Gestapo or held and mistreated in Nazi concentration camps ... Among the latter were Col. Andrew Melnyk and Stephen Bandera."

Another bold defense of the Ukrainian name emerged when the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) of the U.S. Department of Justice resurrected the Soviet calumny against displaced persons and jumped into bed with Moscow to hunt alleged war criminals. "We Ukrainians, who felt the brunt of Hitler's anti-Slav obsessions, naturally applaud any legal actions taken to bring legitimate Nazi thugs to justice," wrote The Weekly on February 15, 1981. "But here's the rub... In their zeal to blow the whistle on suspected Nazi collaborators... the federal task force made the unpardonable and dimwitted blunder of striking a deal with the Soviets, whereby Moscow would supply evidence to assist the unit in its investigations. Needless to say, the Soviets were more than willing to 'lend a hand.'"

The OSI director insisted that Soviet evidence was "unimpeachable" and dismissed Ukrainian concerns as "a political matter that is not my concern." The Weekly response was unequivocal. "Well it certainly is our concern. The political dimension must be considered in determining Soviet motives for supplying Soviet evidence against Ukrainians, and in questioning the veracity and admissibility of that evidence. Ignoring this dimension would be akin to disregarding 'political' considerations in testimony given by a Ku Klux Klansman at a trial of a Black Panther."

Enjoying a multi-million dollar federal budget supported by our tax dollars, OSI continued to romance the Soviets. Undaunted, The Weekly maintained its resolute stand by publishing articles such as "Naturalized Citizens Are Second-Class Citizens" by Ihor Olshaniwsky and "OSI Campaign and Methods Should Concern All Ukrainians" by Volodymyr Korduba, both of which appeared in the October 18, 1985, issue.

I congratulate The Ukrainian Weekly for 75 years of devotion to its founding ideals. A joyous "Mnohaya Lita" to Roma Hadzewycz and her staff. It's time to recognize excellence and to wish The Weekly another 75 years as our mentor and guardian.

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YOUR E-MAIL MESSAGES TO THE WEEKLY

Due to the quantity of messages The Ukrainian Weekly receives at its address (staff@ukrweekly.com), we kindly ask senders to have consideration for those on the receiving end.

1. If you send us a message by e-mail, please expect that we will respond likewise. Therefore, please do not block our responses or ask us to fill out request forms in order to become "approved senders." (We simply haven't got the time to fill out such requests.)
2. If you send us information in attachment form, please do not label the attachment "The Ukrainian Weekly," "Ukrainian Weekly," "The Weekly," or any variation thereof. Please use an appropriate label for your attachment that will distinguish it from others. (Do you know how many attachments we receive that are called "Ukrainian Weekly"?)
3. Please do not ask us to visit sites online to download photos that go with your stories. Please send good quality jpg files to us directly. (Please do not send us digital photos that are low resolution and therefore not suited for reproduction – most photos taken at low resolution are suitably for the web only.)

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!

"Bereza Kartuzka" premieres in Kyiv

by Vasyl Pawlowsky

KYIV – The documentary film "Bereza Kartuzka" premiered in Kyiv in May on the initiative of Larysa Briukhovetska of the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy (NUKMA). It was sponsored by the Union of Film Directors of Ukraine and held at Kino Klub. Also invited were members of the Union of Writers of Ukraine, Memorial Society in Kyiv and other guests.

Ms. Briukhovetska, editor-in-chief of the bimonthly journal Kino-Teatr, opened the evening and presented filmmaker Yuriy Luhovy of Montreal, the film's producer, director and editor.

Mr. Luhovy explained how the Canadian-made documentary was based on the testimonies of some of the last survivors of Bereza Kartuzka, who were imprisoned at various stages from 1934 to 1939, and on historic documents, as well as his travels to the site of the former Polish concentration camp where Ukrainian nationalists were incarcerated.

Many of the over 100 people in attendance were visibly moved at the end of the showing. Many commented that they knew nothing or very little about the historic experience of western Ukraine in the 1930s and how grateful they were that this film was made. They were impressed with the archival film footage and how the film portrayed developments in context of European events at the time.

They were also surprised that a Ukrainian-language version of the documentary was made in Canada by a



Montreal filmmaker Yuriy Luhovy in Kyiv with Laryssa Briukhovetska, editor-in-chief of the journal Kino-Teatr.

Canadian filmmaker and compared this to the poor state of Ukrainian-language films presently in Ukraine.

Answering many questions, Mr. Luhovy added that if there is a will and a belief that such documentaries should be made to recapture Ukraine's painful history before it disappears, for future generations, there is nothing to stop filmmakers in Ukraine today from making similar films on a range of neglected topics.

One viewer stated, "'Bereza Kartuzka' is not a documentary, it is a work of art," referring to the overall impression of the film and the interplay of narration, music and moving eyewitness accounts.

The documentary film "Bereza

Kartuzka" will be included in a special film series project titled "XXth Century Ukraine in Documentary Films" organized by the Center of Cinematographic Studies at NUKMA, to be shown throughout 2008. The purpose of the series, explained Ms. Briukhovetska, is "to portray a panorama of events dealing with Ukraine's tragic and dramatic history, and further discuss various aspects and information that were once forbidden under the former totalitarian regime."

"Bereza Kartuzka" is to be shown in Kharkiv in June.

For further information about the film readers may contact Mr. Luhovy at mmlinc@hotmail.com.

National committee continues to advocate Holodomor memorial

NEW YORK – Since October 13, 2006, when President George W. Bush signed HR 562 into law, the National Committee to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933, in cooperation with the Embassy of Ukraine in Washington have been diligently advocating the placement of a memorial to the victims of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide.

The work of the national committee and the Embassy of Ukraine entails constant negotiations with the National Park Service (NPS) of the U.S. Department of Interior and its many other agencies. Several hearings have been held in the past 18 months before the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (NCMAC), which comprises such agencies as the Historical Preservation Society, Commission on Fine Arts, the Architect of the Capitol and the D.C. Planning Commission. Each hearing examined recommendations submitted by the national committee and the Embassy of Ukraine for the best location to erect the Holodomor memorial.

The objectives for the national committee and the Embassy of Ukraine are to find sites within the greater Washington downtown area that are highly visible to tourists and everyday Washingtonians alike. Potential locations for the Ukrainian Genocide Memorial in Washington, have included prominent sites in the NW quadrant of the capital, among them: across the street from the World Bank on 18th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue (two blocks from the White House); along E Street, a strip of parkland between the White House on one end and the State Department on another; along New York Avenue, NW – a main thoroughfare for traffic that leads to the White House; and, First Street and Louisiana Avenue, directly across from the U.S. Capitol complex.

Unfortunately, these and other sites did not receive the proper backing from the commission members to warrant transfer of a plot of land for the building of the Holodomor memorial. However, in consultations with the National Park Service, prospects remain high to find an appropriate site for the Ukrainian Genocide Memorial in the Capitol Hill area.

At hearings on October 23, 2007, and February 26 of this year, the National Committee and the Embassy of Ukraine recommended and defended its choices for site selection of the Holodomor memorial. An environmental engineering firm was contracted at a cost of \$40,000 to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), which is mandatory to accompany recommendations to the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (NCAMC). While the government of Ukraine has agreed to fund the eventual building of the Holodomor memorial, the national committee has borne the costs associated with the EA.

The national committee and the Embassy of Ukraine are preparing for the next round of hearings this month. Additional costs will be incurred, as the environmental engineering firm needs to finalize the environment assessment and provide a final copy to the NCAMC. To that end, an additional \$25,000-\$35,000 will be needed to conclude the findings and produce a final document for various government agencies.

Commenting on the lengthy process to erect the Ukrainian Genocide Memorial in Washington, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States, Oleh Shamshur, said: "We

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"What's past is prologue."

– William Shakespeare
(carved on the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.)

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Lions Club supports restoration of Lviv's famous lions

by Brett Rush

LVIV – Replete with cracks and the grime of centuries of neglect, the beautifully crafted stone lion statues adorning the parks and offices of the medieval city of Lviv, are showing their 751-year age.

The statues are historic landmarks of the city of 725,000, and their deteriorating condition is cause for concern among residents, but a coalition of Lions from Poland and Ukraine have teamed up to return the statues to their original luster.

The project came to light shortly after the Lviv club received its charter in 2004 with help from Mariusz Szeib, past governor of District 121 in Poland, and Lion William Misnick of Corning, N.Y. The club purchased electrical components for sounding devices and worked with the city's administration to place them on traffic lights for the benefit of visually impaired pedestrians as its first project, and began discussing ideas for another community initiative when the idea for restoring the city's lion statues surfaced. Mr. Szeib and the Poznan Rotunda Lions Club of Poland volunteered to help.

"Lviv is a great city, with great people and great culture," Mr. Szeib said. "The club in Lviv is new by Lions standards, and they were excited to do a project that everyone in the city would be able to see the results of."

The first step for Lviv lions was to assess the scale of the project. "First they

had to catalogue all of the Lions – the statues – in the city, and then find out who the artist was. It was going to take some time," said Mr. Misnick.

The process wasn't easy. Organizers of the effort wanted the restoration of the statues to be as professional and accurate as possible, Mr. Misnick said. Historical research was conducted to determine the materials and artistic methodology used in creating them, and the level of distress for each statue was assessed.

The next obstacle? Paying the bills. Polish Lions raised \$2,000 to cover the cost of restoring the first statue – a statue of two lions' bodies sharing one head symbolizing the unity of the Polish and Ukrainian people, Mr. Szeib said. "The symbolism of the lion in Old Town [a Lviv neighborhood] being chosen as the first for restoration was important to show that we can go outside our own communities to accomplish something culturally significant."

From there, Lviv craft organizations took on the project of physically restoring the statue, Mr. Misnick said. Reviews on the project were positive. A group of American, Finnish and Polish Lions visiting to see the progress of the renovation were so impressed that Mr. Szeib is implementing a statue adoption program so districts can choose to restore a statue.

"This effort is one where the progress comes right before your eyes. It's impor-



Bill Misnick

One of Lviv's famous lions undergoing restoration. The Lions Club banner hangs from scaffolding erected near the statue.

tant these pieces of culture in the city don't get lost forever," Mr. Szeib said.

The article above was forwarded to *The Ukrainian Weekly* by Bill Misnick, a

member of the Lions Club of Corning, N.Y. It is reprinted here with permission from *The Lion*, the club's official magazine, which published the article in its May issue.

Editor George Grabowicz speaks on 10 years of Krytyka

by Oksana Zakydalsky

TORONTO – At the invitation of the Shevchenko Scientific Society in Canada, the editor of the Kyiv-based journal *Krytyka*, Prof. George Grabowicz of Harvard University, on April 20 presented an overview of the aims and achievements of the publication in its 10 years of existence.

The first issue of *Krytyka* – a journal of critical reviews, essays and discussions – was published in August 1997 – and follows a format, both in content and layout, of *The New York Review of Books*. Like its model, *Krytyka* examines a broad range of topics – politics, culture and the arts, economics and current affairs, often centering the discussion around a current event or the publication of a new book.

Krytyka publishes 10 issues a year and includes articles by some of the top writers in Ukraine, such as Yuri Andrukhovych, Yaroslav Hrycak, Taras Prokhasko, Natalia Yakovenko and Mykola Riabchuk, as well as writers based outside of Ukraine working in fields dealing with Ukrainian affairs – Alexander Motyl, Andrew Wilson, Mark

von Hagen and many others.

Krytyka is meant for readers of Ukrainian around the world and features good writing aimed at a non-academic public or, as the term is used in Europe, the "intelligentsia." Writer Maxim Stikha expressed this opinion about the journal: "Krytyka has successfully avoided educational (prosvitianske) popularization or straightforward summarization of the contents of books as well as the intellectual snobbism of some publications. To sum it up, *Krytyka* is interesting to read."

But, as explained by Prof. Grabowicz, the publishers of *Krytyka* have wider aims than just being "interesting to read." They have set out to make the journal a vehicle of the most important and leading social, cultural and political questions and bring them to the attention of the people who should be thinking about them.

To ensure a world wide network, *Krytyka* created its website – www.krytyka.kiev.ua – very soon after beginning publication. Today the website features both the current issue and the complete *Krytyka* archive.

The publishing house *Krytyka* prints both popular books – such as the recently issued "Ukrainska Mova bez Tabu" (The Ukrainian Language without Taboos) – and books that are products of extensive research, such as the complete works of the 19th century key figure of modern Ukrainianism, Panteleimon Kulish. (The first volume has just been published).

Research is done under the auspices of the *Krytyka* Institute, which also organizes meetings and conferences. For example, a four-day conference was organized in 2005 in Kyiv by the *Krytyka* Institute and the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute to examine "Soviet Totalitarianism in Ukraine – History and Heritage," in which about 60 scholars, half from outside Ukraine, took part. According to Prof. Grabowicz, the

conference was meant to take the discussions and the ideas to the people (hromadskist), and not only to academics and scholars. "We wish to be the field for public dialogue," Prof. Grabowicz explained.

Through its connections with Western scholars and writers, both Ukrainian and those interested or working on Ukrainian topics, *Krytyka* maintains a wide-ranging input of ideas and discussions. But it also relies on support and sponsorship from the West.

One of the aims of Prof. Grabowicz's trip to Toronto was to acknowledge publicly the financial support for *Krytyka* by Roman and Marika Wynnyckyj. As a token thank you, Prof. Grabowicz presented Mr. Wynnyckyj with a copy of *Krytyka*'s "Ukrainska Mova bez Tabu."



Prof. George Grabowicz (left) with *Krytyka* sponsors Marika and Roman Wynnyckyj.

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Pryma-Bohachevsky...

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National Foundation Inc. and the Soyuzivka Heritage Center honor Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky – world-renowned prima-ballerina, choreographer, teacher who inspired countless young dancers to love the beauty and spirit of Ukrainian dance. Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky Dance Academy, est. Saturday, May 24, 2008.”

Guests had an opportunity to view the renovations made to the Veselka Hall by Soyuzivka especially for the dance academy, including a new dance floor, an updated Ukrainian-themed wall featuring works by the renowned artist Edward Kozak (“Eko”), and an upgraded heating/air-conditioning system, as well as renovated bathrooms.

Lydia Kulbida, co-anchor of WNYT-TV news in Albany, N.Y., and a former student of Ms. Pryma-Bohachevsky, served as master of ceremonies in the Veselka Hall, where a PowerPoint presentation by Roma Lisovich, treasurer of the UNA, informed guests of Ms. Pryma-Bohachevsky’s legacy as a dancer and an instructor. Ms. Lisovich underscored that the legendary “Pani Roma” passed on her love

of Ukrainian dance to the thousands of young people who attended her dance camps at Verkhovyna and Soyuzivka.

Following the presentation, the Syzokryli Ukrainian Dance Ensemble performed the welcome dance, “Pryvit,” and the traditional “Hopak” for the audience.

A cocktail reception was held poolside, with the pool decorated with floating Ukrainian-style wreaths, and afforded guests a panoramic vista of the Shawangunk Mountains. Soyuzivka bartender Andriy Oprysko created a special beverage called the “Prima-Pryma” just for the event.

Mr. Kaczaraj, in setting an admirable example, donated \$1,000, through the Ukrainian National Foundation (a 501 (c) (3) corporation) to the academy as part of the “Just Imagine the Future Capital Campaign.” Following suit, Yuriy and Mykola Pylyp made the largest donation of the day, \$2,000 to the academy, with their donation being matched by corporate funds.

“This is just the beginning of the fund-raising efforts, the success of which will be determined by the Ukrainian community coming together and supporting our endeavors,” said Ms. Lisovich. “This is what

Soyuzivka is meant to be – to provide a place for all Ukrainian activities.”

The first phase of renovations and improvements at Soyuzivka, to be completed this summer, includes: a tent-covered activity center located at the skating rink; a professional stage rental for outdoor performances, as well as sound and lighting equipment; mobile dressing rooms and storage facilities; new beds, mattresses and bedding; and more.

The second phase will concentrate on renovations to the Lviv building and to Veselka’s second floor, with new practice rooms, costume and craft rooms, and restroom upgrades. Two additional log bunkhouses are also proposed.

The third phase of the improvements will include a second multi-purpose activity center for campers.

For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation to the Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky Dance Academy and its facilities at Soyuzivka, contact the Ukrainian National Foundation – Just Imagine the Future Capital Campaign (please make checks payable to UNF-JITFCC-Dance), 2200 Route 10, Parsippany, NJ 07054, or visit www.soyuzivka.com.



Cover of a brochure describing new developments at Soyuzivka.

Bound Brook...

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that the Memorial Church before which they were standing was the first monument built in the entire world to the victims of the Holodomor and other acts of Soviet repression and aggression. Under the guidance of then Archbishop Mstyslav, the construction of this monument began in 1955 and it was consecrated in 1965.

The entire gathering moved to the circular portion of “Patriarch Mstyslav Way,”

the driveway that leads to the Memorial Church. As they stood facing the Church, four torch relay participants – seminarians Vasyl Pasakas, Mychaylo Hravetsky, Andriy Matlak and Vasyl Dovhan of St. Sophia Seminary – ran toward the ambassador of Ukraine to the U.S., Dr. Oleh Shamshur, and Ukraine’s consul general in New York City, Mykola Kyrchenko. The two diplomats received the flame and turned to the survivors asking: “Will you remember?” The survivors, in receiving the flame, responded: “We have remembered, and we will never forget.”

The survivors then proceeded forward on the path to the church, where their children awaited them. The survivors asked their descendants: “Will you remember?” Their children, receiving the flame, responded:

“We the children and descendants of survivors of the Holodomor – the man-made Famine of 1932 through 1933 – have not and will never forget those of our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters who perished in this Famine – the most horrific example of genocide known in the history of the world. Our countrymen did not perish in vain. Their sacrifice was burned into the hearts and souls of our nation’s people and served as the foundation for the freedom Ukraine knows today. We will remember our lost ones from generation to generation.”

The children of the survivors then moved to the steps of the Memorial Church, where their descendants – the grandchildren of the survivors – awaited them. They asked their children: “Will you remember?” Their children, receiving the flame, responded: “We have heard from our grandparents and our parents the story of our ancestors, who were killed in 1932 and 1933 during the man-made Famine in Ukraine. We promise that we will keep their memory alive by sharing their story with our children and grandchildren – so that the world will never again have to see such a horrible act of man’s cruelty against fellow man.”

The grandchildren of the survivors then ran with the torch around the Memorial Church and up the steps to the church entrance, where Archbishop Antony and Bishop Daniel awaited them. In receiving the flame from the children, the bishops prayed that God will always guide them and enable them to keep their promise to their parents and grandparents.

The bishops carried the flame into the Memorial Church and from the flame lit two large candles and, in turn, lit candles held by all the people present. At this point a memorial service (panakhyda) was served by the hierarchs and 14 of the clergy present, with the Ukrainian diplomats standing at their side. Responses were led by Michael Andrec and Natalia Honcharenko-Andrec and other members of the Memorial Church choir who were present.

It was a particularly moving memorial service considering the participation of three generations of one of the survivor families sharing in the day’s program – the family of Mykola and Nadia Mirchuk, from Holy Trinity Parish, Irvington, N.J.

Following the service Ambassador Shamshur spoke eloquently in memory of the victims of the Famine, denouncing the actions of the regime that created it.

At the conclusion of ceremonies, the seminarians hosted a reception at St. Sophia Seminary.



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Minister-Counselor Olexandr Aleksandrovych of Ukraine’s Embassy to the United States spoke about the importance of world recognition of the Holodomor as genocide of the Ukrainian people. He said that today’s young people in Ukraine are becoming aware of this national tragedy that was hidden for decades by the Soviet regime.

Other Ukrainian diplomats present for the Holodomor commemoration at Soyuzivka were Consul Andrii Olefirov of the Consulate General in New York and Vice-Consul Bohdan Movchan.

After the ceremonies were completed, Soyuzivka guests were invited to view excerpts from the film-in-progress “Holodomor: Ukraine’s Genocide of 1932-1933,” the work of Marta Tomkiw and Bobby Leigh. Opening remarks were

given by UNA Treasurer Roma Lisovich, who spoke of the forthcoming film’s significance and the Ukrainian National Association’s support for the documentary. Lida Kryzaniwsky spoke about the film itself and about its producer, Ms. Tomkiw, a Ukrainian American filmmaker, and its director, Mr. Leigh, who was moved by attending a Holodomor memorial service in 2006 in Los Angeles to tell the story of this little-known genocide.

Mr. Leigh notes on the film’s website, www.holodomorthemovie.com: “I felt that the time had come for all the souls who needlessly died to be given a collective voice to tell their story. I believed it was my duty to lift the veil of silence that had been shrouding the Ukrainian nation for too long.”

The screening of the nine-minute excerpt from the documentary was part of the Kino-Q Ukrainian Film Festival taking place over Memorial Day weekend at Soyuzivka.

Grand opening of the Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky Dance Academy



Dianna Shmerykowsky

Syzokryli dancers relax pool-side: (clockwise from top) Marusia Drobenko, Ksenia Hentisz, Alana Lenec and Juliana Pedersen.



Oksana Trytjak

Stefan Kaczaraj, president of the UNA, and the Revs. Volodymyr Piso and George Bazylevsky begin the official opening ceremonies.



Oksana Trytjak

Mykola and Yuriy Pylyp (left and right, respectively), who donated to the dance academy, pose with Roma Lisovich, treasurer of the UNA, at the cocktail reception.



Dianna Shmerykowsky

Orlando Pagan, artistic director of the Syzokryli Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, and Yarko Dobriansky dance the first Kolomyjka on the new floor in the Veselka Hall.



Oksana Trytjak

UNA Executive officers (center) Stefan Kaczaraj, Christine Kozak, and Roma Lisovich with UNA advisors Gloria Horbaty (far left) and Nicholas Fil (far right) during the pool-side reception.



Oksana Trytjak

Stefan Kaczaraj stands with two former Miss Soyuzivka winners Lydia Kulbida and Ania Bohachevsky-Lonkevych.



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PSD) revoke his statement on walking out of the coalition. Otherwise, the faction will demand that Mr. But abandon his deputy's mandate, said Viacheslav Kyrylenko. He expressed confidence that the coalition legally exists, as it will exist until one of its factions decides to walk out of the coalition. (Ukrinform)

Justice Ministry official comments

KYIV - According to the Constitution of Ukraine, national deputies cannot individually walk out of the ruling coalition without signing a statement on leaving their faction. Ukrainian First Vice Minister of Justice Yevhen Korniychuk told journalists on June 6. "The Constitution foresees that only factions can form a governing coalition at the expense of the majority of Verkhovna Rada deputies. The participation of deputies in the coalition or leaving it is not foreseen," he said. (Ukrinform)

Early elections possible?

KYIV - If the existing coalition in the Verkhovna Rada is not restored or a new coalition is not formed within a month, President Viktor Yushchenko can dissolve the Verkhovna Rada and hold early parliamentary elections, the director of the Penta Center for Applied Political Studies, Volodymyr Fesenko, said on June 6. He noted that the coalition could exist for a while in the current format, short of a majority of votes, and that the president is not obliged to dissolve the Parliament at least until the coalition itself makes an official decision on dissolution. (Ukrinform)

Yushchenko comments on coalition

St. PETERSBURG, Russia - Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko said on June 6, while on a visit to Russia, that he is confident the withdrawal of two national deputies from the coalition is not a basis for its break-up. Speaking during a press conference in St. Petersburg, Mr. Yushchenko was confident that the parliamentary majority is able to function and continue its work. He called for deputies to consolidate within the framework of their coalition and the government's work. (Ukrinform)

Yatsenyuk sees no split in coalition

KYIV - Today there are no grounds to speak about a split of the coalition, Verkhovna Rada Chairman Arseniy Yatsenyuk told journalists in an interview in Athens on June 9. "There is only one person who, in compliance with the Ukrainian legislation, has a right to announce the termination of a coalition's activities - the Verkhovna Rada chairman. The Rada chairman did not make such an announcement," he said. He explained that the secession of two deputies from the coalition may influence only the voting results and underscored that until at least one of the coalition factions makes a decision about secession from the coalition, "the coalition is considered to be absolutely normally functioning." At the same time, Mr. Yatsenyuk said, this process now taking place inside the coalition "is a very bad signal." (Ukrinform)

PRU issues ultimatum

KYIV - A new coalition must be formed in the Verkhovna Rada within 30 days, or new elections must be announced, read a statement issued on June 9 by the Party of the Regions. "In accordance with the Ukrainian Constitution, the Verkhovna Rada chair-

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man is obliged to officially announce of the coalition brake-up at a regular plenary session of the Parliament. And we will insist that the speaker comply with the law," the statement said. National Deputy Yurii Kostenko of the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc expressed his opinion that the PRU faction will be blocking the Rada's work until the summer recess. Mr. Kostenko also said that he considers the withdrawal of two national deputies from the majority coalition a situation that may evolve into another crisis over power in Ukraine. (Ukrinform).

U.S. concerned about Vanco

KYIV – The U.S. government is anxious about a conflict between the Ukrainian government and Vanco International, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez told journalists at Boryspil Airport on June 4. Mr. Gutierrez said that if the government has certain questions about contracts, it should express it in a "relevant and transparent way." In early April, Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko drew the attention of the Verkhovna Rada to the need to renegotiate an agreement on product distribution with the Vanco International Co., the terms of which, she said, border on "global crime." The agreement was analyzed by the State Committee on Financial Monitoring and

its opinion was extremely negative. Later, the Environmental Protection Ministry cancelled a special permit given to Vanco for geological prospecting, including research-industrial development of deposits for production of oil and gas in the Kerch section of the Black Sea continental shelf in the exclusive maritime economic zone of Ukraine. On May 30 the National Security and Defense Council decided that the government's resolution on cancelling the agreement with Vanco International be abolished. The NSDC recommended that that Environmental Protection Ministry reissue a license to Vanco. (Ukrinform)

Kyiv, Vanco start dialogue

KYIV – The chairman of Vanco Prykerchenska Ltd. board of directors, Gene Van Dyke, said on June 6 that the company has started a dialogue with the Ukrainian government on fulfilling obligations of a production-sharing agreement to exploit oil and gas deposits at the Prykerchensky section of the Black Sea shelf. He said that the company's representatives have to inform Ukrainian officials about the technical conditions of the agreement. He said that the company's leadership had already met with Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and National Security and Defense Council Secretary Raisa Bohatyriova, who is also heading an interdepartmental working group studying the legality of the agreement. Mr. Van Dyke expressed hope for a peaceful settlement of the conflict. (Ukrinform)

Ukraine-U.S. sign trade memorandum

KYIV – Ukraine's Economy Ministry and the U.S. Department of Commerce on June 5 signed a memorandum of mutual understanding aimed at developing cooperation based on free and fair trade. Ukrainian Economy Minister Bohdan Danylyshyn and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez signed the document. Mr. Danylyshyn said the document foresees the participation of U.S. companies in implementing infrastructure projects and projects linked to Euro-2012

preparations. He added that the first visit of the U.S. secretary of commerce had opened a new page in the history of trade and economic cooperation between the countries. Meeting on June 5 with representatives of the government, business and diplomatic missions in Ukraine, the U.S. secretary of commerce said Ukraine is interesting to investors in such branches as agriculture and power engineering, adding that Ukraine may make a contribution to overcoming the world food crisis. (Ukrinform)



Estelle Woloshyn

Estelle Woloshyn, 87, died Friday, May 2, 2008, at the Hospice Care Center in Akron, Ohio, of complications of a fractured hip.

Mrs. Woloshyn was born May 22, 1920 in Cleveland, the daughter of Bronislava and Dmytro Szmagala, who had immigrated from Ukraine. She graduated from Collinwood High School and attended Fenn College. She served as a dental assistant for the War Department during WWII and later worked for the federal government in what eventually became the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

She was married on July 22, 1950 to Eugene Woloshyn, a metallurgist at U.S. Steel for 40 years. They spent the next 52 years raising their family and living in Poland, Ohio.

Estelle was a devoted wife and mother, and after her children were raised, she was a teacher's aide for the Youngstown Public Schools at Cleveland, Sheridan and Choffin Schools. Mrs. Woloshyn met her husband through the Ukrainian Youth League of North America, and together they served in leadership capacities in many Ukrainian-American organizations. She was the long-time president of Branch 348 of the Ukrainian National Association and was named its Fraternalist of the Year. She also served as the President of the Youngstown District of the UNA. She and her husband were instrumental in the founding of the Ukrainian Heritage Foundation of North America, which was devoted to preserving Ukrainian culture. She was a member of Holy Trinity and St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Churches in Youngstown.

Mrs. Woloshyn was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved daughter-in-law, Karen Woloshyn. She is survived by her husband, Eugene; daughters Elaine Woloshyn and husband Richard Stahl of Stow, and Evonne Woloshyn of Rockford, Ill.; her son, Gene Woloshyn, and her two grandsons, Andrew and Alex Woloshyn, all of Lake Forest, Ill. Also surviving are her sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Nicholas Bobeczko of Middleburg Heights and her brother and sister-in-law, Taras and Midge Szmagala of Brecksville; and her nephew, Taras Szmagala and wife Helen Jarem of Bentleyville. Surviving too are her sister-in-law, Julie Mullally, and her family of Youngstown.

Donations are being made in memory of Estelle to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives, 1202 Kenilworth Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113.



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ETERNAL MEMORY

Pianist Natalya Shkoda concludes TWG Cultural Fund's 2007-2008 series

by Yaro Bihun

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The Washington Group Cultural Fund's 2007-2008 Music Series concluded on May 18 with pianist Natalya Shkoda in a unique program focusing on a single aspect of one Ukrainian composer's work.

Without an intermission, the audience heard "Eleven Études in the Form of Old Dances, Op. 19" by Viktor Kosenko (1896-1936), ranging from the short opening Gavotte in D-flat Major to the more than 20-minute-long Passacaglia in G Minor, with which Ms. Shkoda concluded the concert at The Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria, Va.

Born in Kharkiv, Ukraine, where she

began her musical career, Ms. Shkoda now teaches piano at the Californian State University while continuing her career as a performer, as well as judge at piano competitions.

Her performance here was the fourth and last concert of the annual Sunday series produced by the TWG Cultural Fund under the patronage of the Embassy of Ukraine. It began in the September 2007 with the "Bandura Dialogues," featuring bandurists Taras Lazurkevych and Oleh Sozansky, and continued in October with the bi-annual presentation of the winners of the Horowitz International Piano Competition for young pianists.

The third artist featured in the series was



Yaro Bihun

Violinist Solomia Soroka, her accompanist and husband, pianist Arthur Greene, and their page-turner son Theodore (partially obscured by the flowers) at the conclusion of the TWG Cultural Fund concert at the Lyceum in Alexandria, Va.



Pianist Natalya Shkoda (right) receives a bouquet of roses from Marta Zielyk, director of the The Washington Group Cultural Fund, at the conclusion of her May 18 concert.

violinist Solomia Soroka, another Ukrainian-born musician (Lviv) who now lives in the United States. Ms. Soroka teaches violin at Goshen College and performs across the country. Her program on April 13, in addition to works by Johannes Brahms, William Bolcom and Arthur Hartmann, featured the works of two Ukrainian composers: the Allegretto and Dance from "Hutsulian Triptych" by Myroslav Skoryk, a leading contemporary composer in Ukraine, and "Dumka-Shumka" by the venerable Mykola Lysenko of a century earlier.

This was a return performance with the TWG Cultural Fund for Ms. Soroka. Her first appearance eight years ago received high praise from The Washington Post's senior music critic, Joseph McLellan, for introducing the American audience to the works of Skoryk and other Ukrainian composers.

In her last concert, Ms. Soroka was

accompanied by pianist Arthur Greene, her husband, whose pages were turned by their son Theodore.

In addition to Sunday concert series, during the past season the Cultural Fund also sponsored a memorial benefit concert in honor of pianist Daria Telizyn, featuring pianist Mykola Suk and violist Hartmut Rohde. On the schedule for June 5 at the Ukrainian Embassy is a "Meet the Author" evening with the political scientist/novelist Alexander Motyl.

The Cultural Fund of The Washington Group, an association of Ukrainian American professionals, was organized in 1994 with the stated objective of bringing the Ukrainian arts and artists into the Washington cultural mainstream. Since then it has sponsored close to 100 events – musical concerts, art exhibits, book presentations, etc. – at various venues in and around the nation's capital.

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Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus elects Adrian Bryttan as new conductor

DETROIT – At a special membership meeting held on May 31 in Cleveland, the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus membership elected Adrian Bryttan as its seventh conductor in North America since 1949. Maestro Bryttan will begin his term on July 1.

In November 2007 Oleh Mahlay announced to the UBC membership that he will be stepping down as the conductor and artistic director in order to spend more time with his family. At that time, a Conductor Search Committee was formed composed of the following UBC members: Ihor Kuznir (committee chairman and current UBC assistant conductor), Anatoli W. Murha (committee secretary and current UBC president), George Metulynsky, Michael Serdiuk, Orest Sklierenko, John Zinchuk and Roman Beley.

Over a period of six months, the search committee implemented a communication plan, and the search was conducted based on recommendations and best practices as suggested by the American Symphony Orchestra League, Chorus America and other similar cultural organizations.

The initial search for a conductor looked at potential candidates throughout the United States, Canada and Ukraine. Several candidates were contacted, given a detailed job description and invited to submit resumes. Upon committee review of the resumes, interviews were held with potential candidates in various cities. All candidates were rated based on a detailed list of criteria.

Following the interviews, a select number of candidates were invited to participate in a working session with the UBC. After each session, UBC members were asked to fill out an evaluation form for each conductor; these results were compiled and considered by the committee in the decision-making process.

Mr. Kuznir commented: "The search process revealed several highly qualified candidates. The committee had a challenging task at hand and felt Maestro Bryttan was the best fit for this incredible responsibility. Our committee recommended Bryttan but the ultimate decision was left to the UBC membership." In accordance with the UBC by-laws, the active membership must elect a conductor with a two-thirds majority vote.

When first asked about the prospect of working with



Adrian Bryttan, the newly named conductor of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus.

the UBC, Mr. Bryttan emphasized, "The impact of the UBC resonates far beyond just musical concerts. We have a golden opportunity to reach wider audiences and make new influential and helpful friends. Together we need to be image-builders for the Ukrainian spiritual and cultural heritage."

"My priority will be to reach the American public and mainstream media audiences by widening the repertoire to include international and contemporary composers. A major part of my efforts will consequently be devoted to the visual and production aspects of our concerts," Mr. Bryttan explained.

"The UBC is a unique musical ensemble and I intend to continue cultivating our rich heritage of

'kobzari' and 'bandurysty' music. The central core of our repertoire will be devoted, as always, to the best in the traditional and contemporary Ukrainian dumas, ballads, folk songs and instrumental compositions. This is what we are about," Mr. Bryttan said. "At the same time, it can be effective to steer the concerts towards more variety. Possibilities will include more showcasing of the bandura as an improvised solo performance along with specialized smaller ensembles."

Mr. Bryttan, a resident of New York, enjoys an international career as a violin soloist and conductor. He performed the Alban Berg violin concerto as winner of the Concerto Competition at the Manhattan School of Music and was also the first recipient of the Pablo Casals Award "for musical accomplishment and human endeavor."

At the podium, Mr. Bryttan's extensive symphonic repertoire encompasses world premiere performances of symphonic compositions and operas. He has been engaged to lead new productions at the Chicago Opera Theater, New Haven and New Rochelle operas, and the John Brownlee Opera Theater. He has appeared with Sinfonia Varsovia in Warsaw, Theater Bielefeld in Germany, the Seoul Philharmonic in Korea and in numerous televised performances with the Lviv Philharmonic, Lviv Opera and Kharkiv Opera in Ukraine.

His latest CD recording is Handel's "Acis and Galatea" with the Warsaw Chamber Symphony. Recently, Classical New Jersey praised Mr. Bryttan's conducting of Wagner's "Die Walküre" as "brilliant and masterful," adding that he "could have emerged from any orchestra pit in the world with honor."

In 2005 and 2006 Mr. Bryttan was appointed a Fulbright International Scholar and assigned to Ukraine, where he introduced such contemporary symphonic compositions as Ginastera's ballet suite from "Estancia," the Britten "Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes," William Grant Still's "Panamanian Dances," compositions by Gunther Schuller, contemporary Chinese composers and "Big Band Sounds" and other jazz works for orchestra. During his tenure in Ukraine,

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Boston

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was secured through the efforts of Mary Wasylyk, who works for State Sen. Marc R. Pacheco. The main speaker of the afternoon, Dr. Shamshur, delivered a concise, thoughtful address in both Ukrainian and English that remembered Ukraine's past with a special emphasis on the Holodomor. He highlighted current efforts to make the world aware of the fullness of this tragedy with the aim of preventing such future crimes against humanity.

During an open discussion that followed the ambassador's address, Dr. Lubomyr Hajda, associate director of the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, reminded the audience of the important role the institute had played in generating, funding and supporting scholarly

study of the Holodomor.

Moved by the ambassadors' words and the discussion, the oldest parishioner of St. Andrew's, American-born Joe Charyna, 94, came forward to greet and thank Ambassador Shamshur. He voiced a single regret in his life, which was that his father and many like him had not lived long enough to see an independent Ukraine and never had the opportunity to meet one of its government officials.

Ambassador Shamshur returned to the podium to thank Mr. Charyna for his kind words. He then publicly recognized Anna Raniuk, a survivor of the Holodomor, who was present in the hall.

To conclude the program, Eugene Moroz led the choir in a rendition of "Dzvony" followed by a closing prayer. Before leading the closing prayer, Father Nalysnyk issued a call for strength and unity among Ukrainians.



John Hanula

Fathers Roman Tarnavsky and Yaroslav Nalysnyk light candles from the Holodomor memorial torch held by Paul Rabchenuk in order to save the flame at their churches for use at other commemorations of the Famine-Genocide.

"Invest in Ukraine"...

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ing with Atomic Energy of Canada (AEC) to study CANDU nuclear technology as Ukraine looks to diminish its reliance on Russian energy reserves. Dr. Ken Petruni, of AEC spoke of the advantages of CANDU technology for Ukraine.

Zenon Potichnyi, president of the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, also heads Shelton Canada Corp, a junior company whose main focus is exploration for oil and gas in Ukraine. He pointed out that there are several reasons that energy companies should look at Ukraine: the gas and oil fields are underdeveloped, there is a strong demand for oil and gas, Ukraine has a good infrastructure (pipelines, refining), and there is ready access to the market.

Finally, Mr. Chervonenko outlined the preparations for the Euro-2012 and described the opportunities this affords investors. Euro-2012, which Ukraine will host in partnership with Poland, will take place in five Ukrainian cities: Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kyiv, Lviv, and Odesa. Mr. Chervonenko said he was happy that it would be Ukrainian capital that will make up the major part of investments. He was very critical of the bureaucracy, which is not moving fast enough to get the projects started, but promised that the Euro-2012 Agency will keep the ball rolling.

The Economic Club is a nonpartisan organization that hosts policy announcements and important speeches by key policy-makers and business leaders. The club invited President Yushchenko to deliver a keynote address to an audience of about 600 persons, drawn from both the Ukrainian community and the business, industry and finance spheres.

The main message of the president's

address was "Invest in Ukraine." Mr. Yushchenko outlined the Ukrainian government's efforts to slash bureaucracy and open Ukraine's economy. He pointed to Ukraine's emerging agricultural sector, steady economic growth, accession to the WTO and economic stability as positive indicators for investment.

President Yushchenko's tight schedule in Toronto pushed his meeting with the Ukrainian community to a morning hour. Although breakfast meetings are not a Ukrainian tradition, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, which sponsored the event had no trouble selling out its 600 tickets.

The president, who arrived with his wife, Kateryna Yushchenko, was met by Toronto's youth with the traditional welcome of bread and salt. He gave a short speech reiterating his gratitude to Ukrainian Canadians for their establishment of a community that retained its links to the homeland and for its support, through the Canadian government, of Ukraine's efforts to look to the West.

Although the list of Ukrainian Canadians awarded presidential honors contains many names, only those who were present for the awards presentation were named and presented with certificates. The Order of Merit (third degree) was presented to Andriy Hladyshevsky (Winnipeg), Bohdan Medwidsky (Edmonton), Radomir Bilash (Edmonton), Ihor Bohdan (Calgary), Bohdan Onyschuk (Toronto), Petro Potichnyi (Toronto), Yaroslav Sokolyk (Toronto).

The Order of Princess Olha was awarded to Ruslana Wrzesnewsky and Marsha Skrypuch, while the Medal for Work and Success was presented to Ivan Mazurenko, Marianne Lenchak-Gross, Emilia Stelmakh, Julia Krekhovetska and Petro Kuliy.

Hartford

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Ukrainian National Home in Hartford on April 5 that attracted additional news coverage. In addition Ms. Sazonova designed a website (www.holodomorct.org) to build awareness of the anniversary. This led to a live radio interview with Ms. Sazonova and Mr. Sawkiw conducted by Hartford's popular radio host Brad Davis on WDRC.

The May 17 commemoration began with an ecumenical memorial service at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in the historic Colt's Park neighborhood of Hartford. Among the presiding clergy were Archbishop Antony and Bishop Chomnycky, and Orthodox and Catholic clergy from across Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

Ukrainian American veterans under the leadership of Col. Wiroslaw Snihurowych and Commander Carl Harvey coordinated the procession from St. Michael's down Main Street to the State Capitol. At the head of the procession were marchers carrying funeral wreaths bearing the names of the Ukrainian oblasts that had endured the brunt of the Famine.

Children and youngsters from several Ukrainian studies schools and youth organizations carried signs and distributed flyers to inform passers-by of the Famine's impact on Ukraine and ethnic Ukrainians in the Don and Kuban regions of Russia.

At the State Capitol, the Hartford-based Yevshan Ukrainian Vocal Ensemble began the program with a rendition of an evocative peasant lament from the Zhytomyr Region "Oi Polya, Vy Polya" ("Oh, you fields, you barren fields, there is no harvest to be gathered here. All that remains is a gnarled willow tree!")

The program also included a soulful musical interlude by renowned Irish recording artist, P.V. O'Donnell. A native of Donegal, Mr. O'Donnell drew parallels between the brutal policies that led to the Irish Famine of 1848 and the

Ukrainian Holodomor.

Dr. DeNardis reminded his listeners and the gathered press that the massive famine that struck Ukraine was not the result of poor harvests or harsh weather. It was the result of a deliberate policy whereby Communist death squads rounded up innocent men, women and children, deported millions to Siberia, confiscated all grain and foodstuffs, and sealed off Ukraine's borders to prevent relief shipments from reaching the starving masses.

Other special guests included Dr. Reza Mansoor, the president of the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut, and a young human rights activist, Leyla Mustabasic, who shared the experiences of Bosnian Muslims during the ethnic cleansing campaign of the 1990s.

One of the final speakers was Deacon Arthur Miller, a member of the National Council of Black Catholic Bishops and a leader in the Save Darfur Coalition of Connecticut. Deacon Miller reminded the assembly that the horrors visited on the Ukrainian people in the 1930s are being repeated today in the Sudan, where hundreds of thousands of people are being starved, massacred and forcibly displaced from their homes. He described the plight of a 2-year-old girl whose parents had been murdered and who would not survive another night in the desert without their protection.

"Even 6,000 miles away, a child is still a child," said Deacon Miller. "A death is still a death. The truth is still the truth. ...6,000 miles away, a child is dying under the same sky that shelters us." He exhorted all those who care about human rights and who mourn the deaths of the millions of Ukrainians killed in the Holodomor to condemn ongoing acts of genocide and to rise in defense of those whose lives are threatened today.

The program ended with a singing of Lysenko's prayer for Ukraine "Bozhe Velykyj, Yedynyj": "O Great and Only God, protect our Ukraine and shed Thy Light upon her."

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Ukrainian Bandurist...

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he worked with professional symphonies, opera theaters and music conservatories, and lectured at universities, museums and film societies.

Mr. Bryttan has served as conductor and violinist on the music faculties at Memphis State, Kansas State and Notre Dame universities and, most recently, Vassar College. He has been invited to conduct operatic and symphonic performances at Rutgers University and the

Manhattan School of Music.

UBC President Murha said of Mr. Bryttan's appointment: "The UBC is fortunate to find such a highly qualified conductor to lead us towards our 100th anniversary. The UBC not only represents itself and its work, but represents Ukraine, Ukrainian culture and music, and Ukrainians around the world. I feel very strongly that Maestro Bryttan understands our mission and I look forward to working with him."

For more information on the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, readers may visit www.bandura.org.

Single Center...

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They have attempted to remove Mr. Lutsenko as internal affairs minister and deprive Mr. Zhvania, a native of Georgia, of his Ukrainian citizenship.

Among the final nails in Our Ukraine's coffin was the May 25 Kyiv municipal elections, in which the bloc didn't bother fielding a mayoral candidate and failed to earn the 3 percent necessary to qualify for the Kyiv City Council, which it did in the 2006 mayoral election.

For the first time in a major election, the nationalist party Svoboda outperformed Our Ukraine, earning 2.1 percent.

Remaking his image and forming a new political base are critical if Mr. Yushchenko has any hope of re-election, recent polls demonstrated.

If the presidential election were held today, Mr. Yushchenko would receive only 7 percent of votes, compared to 23 percent for Viktor Yanukovich and 21 percent for Yulia Tymoshenko, according to a poll of 2,000 respondents conducted by FOM-Ukrayina between May 22 and June 3.

Orange Revolution loser Mr. Yanukovich would gain revenge and resoundingly defeat Mr. Yushchenko if a run-off were held – 33.5 percent to 23 percent, according to the poll.

Meanwhile, another poll revealed that more Ukrainians believe Mr. Yushchenko's predecessor, Leonid Kuchma, (24.5 percent), did a better job as president than the current president (21 percent). The poll was conducted by the Razumkov Center for Economic and Political Research between May 30 and June 7.

Therefore, reviving President Yushchenko's hopes for re-election will require something short of a miracle, which political observers, including Dr. Taras Kuzio of The George Washington University, doubt Single Center will be able to accomplish.

Since Single Center will be a party and not a bloc, and it's unclear whether the nine parties of the Our Ukraine bloc and their leaders will fold into Single Center, or remain independent but lose political relevance as a consequence.

Parties such as the People's Rukh of Ukraine led by Borys Tarasyuk and the Ukrainian People's Party led by Yurii Kostenko have little chance of qualifying for Parliament without the Our Ukraine bloc.

So far, only National Democratic

Party Chair Liudmyla Suprun indicated she will join Single Center. Ms. Suprun and her party have no affiliation with Our Ukraine, and Ms. Suprun has maintained a centrist political stance throughout her political career.

Recently, Mr. Yatsenyuk denied reports in the Ukrainian news media that he was in negotiations with Single Center's leadership to become its leader.

The 34-year-old Rada chair is the most popular among Ukraine's young generation of politicians, which comprises Ukrainians who never served in the Communist Party and who speak English fluently. Mr. Yatsenyuk would earn 2.3 percent of the vote if he ran for president today, according to the FOM-Ukrayina poll released on June 9.

"At the current moment, I am not planning to lead any political project," Mr. Yatsenyuk said. "And if I plan to, it will be a political project created on my own initiative."

Besides picking a leader, Single Center's biggest problem is forming a political platform and agenda. So far, its leaders have made contradictory claims as to what policies and political approaches the party will pursue.

On June 7 party member and National Deputy Mykhailo Polianych said Single Center will be a "center-right ideological party" that supports a presidential republic (as opposed to a parliamentary one).

Single Center will also advocate Ukraine's membership in the European Union (EU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Mr. Polianych said.

However, just two days later, Mr. Kril offered a starkly different description of Single Center, describing it as a party with a "single-centrist" ideology based on patriotism, the truth and pragmatism.

"An ideology doesn't exist today that is capable of leading Ukraine out of crisis and giving it a powerful developmental impulse," Mr. Kril said at a press conference in Vinnytsia after a party conference there. "That's why we're planning to propose to society a new ideology that doesn't exist in any academic textbook – 'single-centrism.'"

Incidentally, Single Center will approve its leader before its political platform, which won't occur until a party congress in the fall, Mr. Kril said.

"A convention will take place in the fall, where a strategy for Ukraine's development will be passed," he said. "Then, concrete steps will be proposed to lead the country out of crisis."

Fragile coalition...

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insider Yurii Syrotiuk, director of the Open Society Foundation in Kyiv, which is financed by Western private and government grants. "They continue to make statements that they're doing everything to make sure the coalition doesn't collapse."

Following the resignations, it remained unclear whether the coalition would last and how long.

Another political insider, Andrii Yermolayev, director of the Sofiya Center for Social Research in Kyiv, predicted the coalition would collapse by mid-July. Volodymyr Fesenko, board chairman of the Penta Center for Applied Political Research in Kyiv, said the coalition is no longer valid and Yushchenko already has the right to dissolve Parliament and call new elections.

"According to the parliamentary regulations, the coalition is supposed to either renew the number of members, therefore no less than 226 deputies, or cease its activity," he said. With the resignations, the coalition has only 225 members.

Meanwhile, Party of the Regions leader Viktor Yanukovich said he would initiate talks to form a new coalition. His party allies maintained that the parliamentary coalition ceased to exist and a new coalition needed to emerge in 30 days to prevent the Parliament's dissolution.

In the current Parliament, it's highly unlikely a new coalition will emerge if the union between the Tymoshenko and the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense

blocs collapses, which only becomes official once Mr. Yatsenyuk, as Rada chair, declares it at a parliamentary session.

Leaders from both the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense and Tymoshenko blocs said they have no interest in forming a coalition with the Party of the Regions of Ukraine – the only other faction large enough to offer the chance of forming a new government.

"I don't see the possibility of a (coalition) reformat," said Mr. Yatsenyuk. "That's phantasmagoric."

To punish Mr. But, Our Ukraine National Deputy Roman Zvarych led an attack campaign in the media, revealing that the lawmaker is reserve officer in the Russian military, as he used to hold Russian citizenship.

In order to remain a reserve officer, Mr. Zvarych alleged Mr. But must be a citizen of Russia, violating Ukrainian law prohibiting double citizenship. Mr. Zvarych demanded that Mr. But surrender his deputy mandate.

Meanwhile, some Tymoshenko Bloc deputies at first assured the public Mr. Rybakov would surrender his deputy's mandate, while others suggested he could remain a member of Parliament.

Mr. Rybakov is an Odesa businessman who earned his millions in the scrap metal trade.

Ukrayinska Pravda reported that he was disappointed with Ms. Tymoshenko when he was denied the Customs Service chair position in favor of billionaire Valerii Khoroshkovskiyi. Mr. Rybakov has served in the Presidential Secretariat in various capacities since then.



Official Website of Ukraine's President

President Viktor Yushchenko chairs a recent meeting of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council (NSDC). Seen with him (from left) are three of the potential leaders of the new Yedynyi Tsentr political party (from left) Raisa Bohatyriova, secretary of the NSDC, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, and Viktor Baloha, chair of the Presidential Secretariat.

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The chess tournament itself will take place, on Saturday, July 5, from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m., at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, 700 Cedar Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046.

The event is open to all chess players who are Ukrainian, are married to a Ukrainian, belong to a Ukrainian Club or have a significant link to the Ukrainian community.

Five rounds will be played using the Swiss System, with each player allowed 30 minutes per game. The top three prizes are \$250, \$100 and \$50; in addition there are prizes of \$50 for the best player rated Under-2000 and \$50 for the best junior player under 18. The entry fee is \$25; advance payment is required.

Registration is at 10:45-11:45 a.m.; the rounds will be played at: noon, 1:20, 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m. Only one 1/2-pt bye is available and must be requested at entry. Late arrivals have to take a 1/2-pt bye in the first round.

For information contact the Rev. Marijan Procyk, 716-830-3920 (cell) or 716-852-7566; or procykmarijan@yahoo.com. Applications and additional info are available at <http://uscak.blogspot.com/> and www.tryzub.org.

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BOOK NOTES: Poetry pays tribute to hockey great

“Night Work: The Sawchuk Poems,” by Randall Maggs. London, Ontario: Brick Books, 2008. ISBN: 978-1-894078-62-4, 192 pp. \$20.

Even people who aren't sports fans know of the legendary hockey goaltender of Ukrainian descent, Terry Sawchuk. In tribute to this great warrior on ice, Randall Maggs has completed a book of poetry, that, according to the publisher, ranges “from meditations on ancient/modern heroism to dramatic capsules of actual games, in which the mystery character meets the mystery of transcendent physical performance.”

Sawchuk played in the “Golden Age” of hockey, when neither helmets nor facemasks were required, and Sawchuk's stitch-scarred face testified to the brutality of being a goaltender in those days. One poem, aptly titled “New York Hospital: ICU,” brings the reader into the emergency room with Sawchuk as he regained consciousness after a game.

Taking the amount of physical punishment during a career that spanned

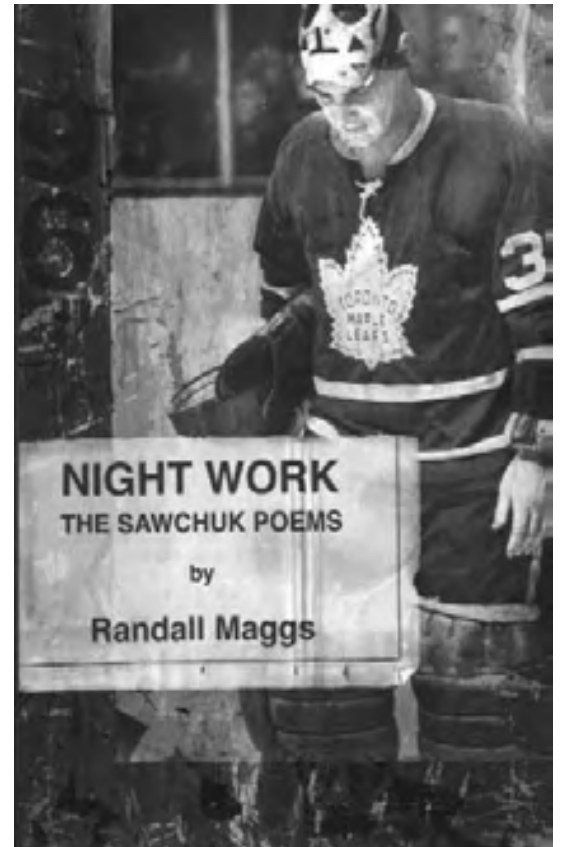
the years 1949-1970, clearly Sawchuk had a dark side. Mr. Maggs's poetry engages the reader to look beyond the hockey uniform and see Sawchuk with all his demons and his game glory.

Dave Bidini of The Globe and Mail listed Mr. Maggs' book as one of the best reads of 2007 and said it was “poised to become a Canadian classic.”

Mr. Maggs teaches literature at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial University in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. He has also authored “Timely Departures” (1994) and is co-editor of two anthologies pairing Newfoundland's and Canada's poems with those of Ireland.

A short video clip inspired by “Night Work: The Sawchuk Poems” can be seen by visiting http://www.bookshorts.com/watch_nightwork

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Will Prime Minister...

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belongs to Rinat Akhmetov," said Ms. Tymoshenko. "Another company belongs to Dmytro Firtash, the individual who brought RosUkrEnergo to Ukraine. Another company, 25 percent [of it belongs to] unidentified Ukrainian officials at the very top. It is generally impossible to detect who is the founder here."

Earlier, Vanco Energy had said that it had three partners in Vanco Prykerchenska, including DTEK Shadowlight Investments linked to Russian businessman Yevgeny Novitsky, and the Austrian-registered Integrum Technologies. DTEK is controlled by Mr. Akhmetov, Ukraine's richest businessman and one of the leaders of the Party of the Regions (PRU), which is in opposition to Ms. Tymoshenko. Ms. Tymoshenko apparently believes that Firtash is behind Integrum Technologies. Firtash is the co-owner, jointly with Gazprom, of RosUkrEnergo, a company from which Ukraine has been buying Russian and Central Asian gas since 2006. Ms. Tymoshenko unsuccessfully tried to banish RosUkrEnergo from the market early this year.

Mr. Firtash and his Group DF issued a statement on June 2 saying that Mr. Firtash had no links whatsoever to either Vanco Prykerchenska or Integrum Technologies or any other company affiliated with Vanco. Group DF Chief Executive Robert Shetler-Jones said that Ms. Tymoshenko should stop making "groundless" statements about Mr. Firtash's connections to Vanco.

The prime minister also complained on May 29 that the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) threatened

that she and Environment Minister Heorhii Filipchuk would be held criminally liable for abolishing the deal with Vanco. On May 30 the NSDC advised President Yushchenko to order the government to rescind the decision on Vanco.

NSDC Secretary Raisa Bohatyriova said that an expert group that was set up by a presidential decree of May 20 to check the Vanco deal established that Vanco had won the tender in 2006 legally and that it was prepared to fulfill its contractual obligations. Vanco Energy hailed the NSDC's decision and said that it was ready for talks with Ms. Tymoshenko.

The NSDC is chaired by President Yushchenko, and its decisions are binding according to the Constitution of Ukraine. Ms. Tymoshenko is a member of the NSDC, but her team on this body is outnumbered by Mr. Yushchenko's people.

Ms. Bohatyriova is a member of the PRU. It is believed that she belongs to the "business wing" of the party, whose informal leader is none other than Mr. Akhmetov. This wing is more prone to compromise with Mr. Yushchenko than PRU leader and former Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich.

Ms. Tymoshenko suspects that Mr. Yushchenko plans a new ruling coalition with the PRU, in which there will be no place for her party.

Sources: UNIAN, May 20-21, June 2-3; Interfax-Ukraine, Ukrainska Pravda, May 21; Ukraina, May 29; Channel 5, May 30; Reuters, June 2.

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Ukrainian prosecutors...

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"official malfeasance." In the former case, Mr. Lutsenko faced a fine, but now he may face a prison term. This means that he will most probably have to step down as internal affairs minister for the period of the investigation.

The PGO also suspects that Mr. Lutsenko flew with his family to holiday resorts in 2005 at taxpayers' expense. Earlier, former Transport Minister Mykola Rudkovskyi faced a similar charge. The newspaper Segodnya quoted a source in Parliament as saying that an ad-hoc investigation commission found that Mr. Lutsenko had flown his family on vacation "on about 20 occasions in 2005." The commission will report its findings to Parliament in early June, the source said.

Mr. Lutsenko is used to having problems with the law. This is not the first time that he has been accused of using government aircraft for private purposes. Moreover, in 2006 and 2007 he was accused of lobbying to secure a contract for his wife's employers to sell communication services to the police, of illegally giving pistols as gifts to his political allies and of holding an Israeli passport, thus violating the ban on dual citizenship. Mr. Lutsenko denied all those accusations and won the respective court cases.

Mr. Zhvania launched an offensive against President Yushchenko. Speaking in an interview with Ukrainska Pravda, he said that Mr. Yushchenko wanted to replace the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc with the Party of the Regions of former Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich in the ruling coalition. According to Mr. Zhvania, Mr. Yushchenko wanted to make the chief of the Presidential Secretariat, Viktor Baloha, prime minister instead of Ms.

Tymoshenko. The PSD refused to back this plan, so Mr. Yushchenko decided to "punish" PSD leaders, according to Mr. Zhvania. Mr. Yushchenko apparently suspects Mr. Zhvania of involvement in his mysterious poisoning in September 2004.

In his another interview with Ukrainska Pravda, Mr. Zhvania claimed that President Yushchenko's wife, Kateryna, who was granted Ukrainian citizenship in 2005, had kept her U.S. citizenship, and that Mr. Yushchenko's children also held U.S. travel documents. Dual citizenship is a crime in Ukraine. The first lady's press service promptly denied Mr. Zhvania's accusations.

Mr. Zhvania told Inter TV that the PGO had launched the cases against him and Mr. Lutsenko because OU-PSD had disobeyed Mr. Yushchenko's orders to back Mr. Chernovetskyi's party in the May 25 mayoral and City Council elections in Kyiv. Messrs. Zhvania and Lutsenko managed OU-PSD's campaign in the election. Exit polls have shown that OU-PSD will not make it into the City Council, while Mr. Chernovetsky won the mayoral election, and his party will have the largest caucus in the city council.

Mr. Zhvania accused Messrs. Yushchenko and Baloha of undermining OU-PSD's campaign. Mr. Zhvania forecast that President Yushchenko would abandon OU-PSD and rely on Mr. Baloha's new party, United Center, instead.

Sources: ICTV, May 20; Ukrainska Pravda, May 20, 23; Zerkalo Nedeli, May 24; Channel 5, Inter TV, May 26; Segodnya, May 27.

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ADMISSION: \$10.00 / day/person
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Children (13 and under) - FREE



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Daily – 2 pm

FEATURING:
Voloshky Dance Ensemble
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Luba & Mykola
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Saturday, July 5 – 7:30 pm
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Bands: **Svitanok & Luna**
ADMISSION: \$15.00 /person
ATHLETES: \$10.00/person

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Soyuzivka's Datebook

- June 15** – Father's Day luncheon and cultural program
- June 21** – Wedding
- June 22 - 29** – Tabir Ptashat session 1
- June 23 - 27** – Exploration Day Camp session 1
- June 22 - July 3** – Tennis Camp
- June 28 - 29** – USCAK tennis tournament
- June 29 - July 12** – Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Workshop
- June 29 - July 6** – Tabir Ptashat session 2
- June 30 - July 4** – Exploration Day Camp session 2
- July 10 - 13** – Soyuzivka Cultural Festival Weekend
- July 13 - 18** – Heritage Camp session 1
- July 13 - 19** – Discovery / Cultural Camp
- July 20 - 25** – Heritage Camp session 2
- July 20 - 26** – Sitch Sports Camp session 1
- July 20 - August 2** – Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Camp session 1; recital Saturday, August 2
- July 27 – August 2** – Sitch Sports Camp session 2
- July 27 - 31** – Adoptive Ukrainian Children and Parents Heritage Camp session co-sponsored by Ukrainian Embassy
- August 3 – 16** – Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Camp session 2
- August 9** – Miss Soyuzivka Weekend
- August 9** – Club Suzy-Q Week – 25th Anniversary
- August 16** – Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Camp session 2 recital
- August 17 - 23** – Joseph's School of Dance (Ballroom Dance Camp)
- August 25 – September 1** – Labor Day Week



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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Friday, June 20

WHIPPANY, N.J.: The Arts, Culture and Education Committee of the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey (ACE/UACCNJ) invites the public to a presentation by speaker Orysia Tracz of Winnipeg, Manitoba, specialist in Ukrainian traditions and folk arts. The presentation, "Baba Was Right All Along: Ukrainian Folk Medicine," is at 8 p.m. at the UACCNJ, 60 N. Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Admission: \$20 donation to benefit ACE/UACCNJ. To reserve seats e-mail ACE@uaccnj.org.

Saturday-Sunday, June 21-22

EMLENTON, Pa.: All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church Camp will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a weekend of special events. On Saturday, there will be seminars on such topics as iconography and sacred music, as well as a moleben at the camp's Pochayiv icon. Sunday's events are highlighted by the blessing of a traditional wooden chapel – built in the Hutsul and Boyko style of the Ukrainian Carpathian Mountains – followed by a hierarchical divine liturgy. Afterwards there will be a dinner and concert by the Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and the Kobzari of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus. For further information e-mail imahlay@yahoo.com.

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