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McCartney makes music history in Kyiv, performs free concert on the "maidan"

by Danylo Peleschuk
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV — In an unprecedented and historic musical event, Paul McCartney, a key member of The Beatles, performed live in Kyiv on Saturday, June 14, playing songs from his nearly 50-year repertoire for the first time ever in Ukraine.

The free concert, dubbed the "Paul McCartney Independence Concert" and billed as the largest concert to ever take place in Ukraine, drew somewhere between 100,000 and 350,000 people onto Maidan Nezalezhnosti, or Independence Square, in downtown Kyiv.

Mr. McCartney played for more than

two hours under a torrential downpour that lasted late into the night. Fans, however, withstood the rain and gathered en masse in the ankle-high puddles speckled all across the maidan, shouting toward the stage and singing along spiritedly despite the harsh conditions. In attendance was Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko, Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili and world-famous boxer and Kyiv City Councilman Vitali Klitschko, among others.

It was only the second time Mr. McCartney — or any of the former Beatles — has played in a former Soviet

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A view of the audience at McCartney's concert, billed as the largest concert ever staged in Ukraine. It was the first time Paul McCartney or any former Beatle has played in Ukraine.

Victor Pinchuk Foundation

NATO delegation visits Ukraine to assess country's progress

by Zenon Zawada
Special to The Ukrainian Weekly

KYIV — Amidst rising Russian pressure to prevent Ukraine from integrating further into NATO, the alliance's secretary general, Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, said he would do everything to enable Ukraine to join the Membership Action Plan (MAP) in December and vowed that Russia would not affect the decision.

During a June 16-17 visit to Ukraine, Mr. Scheffer and a North Atlantic Council delegation that encompassed representatives of NATO's 26 member-states met with Ukrainian leaders to assess what progress has been made since the Bucharest summit in April and what measures Ukraine can still take to convince the NATO foreign ministers' meeting in December to approve its MAP membership.

"I will try to do everything possible to achieve a consensus, but my possibilities are limited," Secretary General Scheffer told a June 17 press conference at the Kyiv office of Ukrinform, where hundreds of riot police stood guard to prevent Russian radicals from ambushing the event as they did in March 2007 during a press conference with the U.S. ambassador.

Following the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's April 3 decision in Bucharest to deny Ukraine a MAP, NATO membership re-emerged as among the biggest issues in Ukrainian politics, causing the nation's anti-NATO forces to intensify their protests and the Russian government to step up its threats.

The vast majority of Ukrainians are against NATO, largely because they still believe Soviet-era propaganda and belong to organizations that promote Russian cul-



Zenon Zawada
NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer at a press conference in Kyiv on June 17.

ture and allegiance, such as the Ukrainian Orthodox Church — Moscow Patriarchate.

More than 59 percent of Ukrainian residents would vote against NATO membership in a referendum, while only 22 percent would vote in favor, according to a poll of 2,000 respondents conducted by the Western-financed Democratic Initiatives Fund on March 17-31.

A May poll conducted by the Russian-oriented Sofiya Center for Social Research in Kyiv revealed similar results, with more than 61 percent of Ukrainian against

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UNWLA's 28th convention focuses on unity, traditions

by Tamara Cornelison

TROY, Mich. — After months of planning and preparation, the 28th Convention of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America (UNWLA), convened here at the Troy Marriott Hotel on Friday, May 23, with delegates and guests arriving from far and near.

The convention, which continued through Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, elected a new national board headed by Marianna Zajac of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and adopted resolutions that will guide the work of this major Ukrainian American community organization for the next three-year term and beyond.

The outgoing president, Iryna Kurowyckyj of New York, who had served in that post for nine years, was named an honorary president of the

UNWLA.

While guests and delegates arriving from all parts of the United States settled into their rooms, members of the national board gathered for a pre-convention meeting to present the final reports of their term. Most board members presented abbreviated reports, indicating their intent to present more detailed reports during the convention's plenary sessions.

Vice-President for Culture Sophia Hewryk took advantage of the opportunity to speak at the board meeting and reported on the winners of this year's Kovaliv Award, as well as a special undertaking she had recently completed — donating 35 copies of Ukrainian-language versions of Harry Potter books to a library in Dnipropetrovsk in order to promote the Ukrainian language in that highly Russified part of the country.

The organization's vice-president for public relations, Ms. Zajac, spoke about various special projects she had undertaken, including her active participation as a member of the National Holodomor Commemoration Committee and her correspondence with U.S. government officials regarding the Holodomor, including a letter urging President George W. Bush to visit the Holodomor monument during his recent visit to Ukraine and encouraging him to support Ukraine's aspirations to become a member of NATO.

President Kurowyckyj suggested that a new national board position, liaison for members-at-large, be created and that the position should be officially filled by Roxolana Yarymovych, who has been serving the organization in this capacity without a seat on the board. Board members agreed that this should be proposed

to the UNWLA membership during one of the convention's plenary sessions.

As the meeting drew to a close, Financial Secretary Roma Shuhan and Parliamentarian Oksana Xenos answered questions related to new IRS e-filing regulations for UNWLA branches. Vice-President Hewryk shared some insights on non-Ukrainians working in Ukraine, particularly Fulbright fellows who enthusiastically embraced the culture, history, and language of the country.

During the pre-convention reception, the featured speaker was Chrystia Freeland, U.S. managing editor of the Financial Times. Ms. Freeland, who holds a B.A. in history and literature from Harvard University and a master of studies degree from St. Anthony's

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ANALYSIS

Moscow insists on treating Sevastopol as open question in relations with Kyiv

by Pavel K. Baev

Eurasia Daily Monitor

Russian President Dmitri Medvedev has tried to make a positive impression on every foreign partner he has encountered in his first month in office, building an image of an open-minded, polite and impeccably organized statesman, though perhaps not yet that of a leader. He has made few deviations from the line drawn by his senior co-ruler, Vladimir Putin, and some of his own ideas, like the initiative on signing an all-European pact on non-use of force, are astonishingly irrelevant. Still, his charm offensive has not been without success (Kommersant-Vlast, June 9; www.gazeta.ru, June 7).

The only exception was his meeting with Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko at the Economic Forum in St. Petersburg, where Mr. Medvedev delivered an ambitious but on balance remarkably liberal address (www.rossiskaya.gazeta, www.gazeta.ru, June 9). The news about a double increase of export prices on gas for Ukraine was not that surprising, even if announced with frosty pleasure. Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller recently confirmed that the company had underestimated the dynamics of prices, so European customers already pay \$410 per 1,000 cubic meters, while the target figure was \$400 by the end of the year (Nezavisimaya Gazeta, June 11). The Central Asian producers stand to benefit from the agreement to deal on the

basis of "European prices," but Ukraine cannot avoid the pain.

These energy matters will be hotly debated in various formats in the months to come, but what really signified a punch in Mr. Medvedev's smooth performance was the accusation that Ukraine's behavior was "inadequate" (Kommersant, June 7). The cause for this sharp characterization was firm insistence, championed personally by Mr. Yushchenko, on the withdrawal of Russia's Black Sea Fleet from Sevastopol by 2017.

Mr. Medvedev, who is fond of presenting himself as a lawyer, understands perfectly well that this policy implies strict compliance with the Treaty on Friendship, Cooperation and Partnership signed with great fanfare in 1997. In this particular case, however, he is ready to disregard the pacta sunt servanda principle and argues that the issue is open to negotiation and prolongation of the base has to be considered the priority option (www.newsru.com, June 6).

There is certainly a serious problem behind Mr. Medvedev's heavy-handed diplomacy, as the withdrawal of the fleet would constitute a hugely expensive and strategically dubious task. There is a program for building a new base at Novorossiysk, but this port has a large oil terminal and, with the planned construction of the second trunk of the Caspian

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Russia wants to strengthen CIS and other post-Soviet groups

by Sergei Blagov

Eurasia Daily Monitor

Russia has pushed for stronger ties among members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), while promoting integration with its closer allies, members of the Eurasian Economic Commonwealth (EEC) and the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO). Moscow's efforts, however, have produced limited results so far.

The CIS executive secretary, Sergei Lebedev, described an informal summit of the CIS held in St. Petersburg earlier this month as a complete success. All participants advocated further integration within the CIS and pledged to draft a blueprint on CIS development through 2020, he said (Interfax, RIA Novosti, June 6).

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev told the St. Petersburg summit that the CIS countries should develop cooperation and prioritize issues of energy security. He also suggested moving toward a common energy market within the CIS (Interfax, ITAR-Tass, June 6).

Russian officials lost little time in hail-

ing the St. Petersburg summit. President Medvedev established good contacts with CIS leaders, the president's foreign policy aide Sergei Prikhodko announced on June 7. Furthermore, the continuity of Vladimir Putin's foreign policy work was secured, Prikhodko said (Interfax, RIA Novosti, June 7).

Russia's top officials also insisted that post-Soviet groups still had significant economic clout. The CIS was no longer an instrument of "civilized divorce" of former Soviet states as it has been transformed into a dynamic economic entity, said Sergei Naryshkin, head of the presidential administration, on June 7. He also claimed that a customs union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan would be created by 2010, adding that other CIS states would be able to eventually join the union (Interfax, RIA Novosti, June 7).

Russia has long been pursuing a new Moscow-dominated trade body, the so-called EEC customs union. On June 10 EEC Secretary General Tair Mansurov told Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin at a meeting in the Novo-Ogaryovo residence that the customs union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan would become operational by 2010. Trade turnover among Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan was up 3.4 times from \$30 billion in 2000 to more than \$100 billion in 2007, Mr. Mansurov said. The customs union should be patterned after the European Union and involve common customs tariffs and customs territory, he

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PRU questions coalition's legitimacy

KYIV – The opposition Party of the Regions of Ukraine (PRU) will soon file a submission to the Constitutional Court questioning the legitimacy of the current coalition, PRU representative Nestor Shufrych said on June 17. He said that the party is currently considering this question. "The Regions Party has its own opportunities for a constitutional submission. I do not also rule out talks on this issue with other factions," he added. The ruling coalition of the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc, had 227 votes out of 450 in the Verkhovna Rada. However, two national deputies left have the coalition. In accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine, however, the coalition is void only when any faction leaves it, not when individual deputies resign. (Ukrinform)

Stricken coal mine is flooded

KYIV – Water flooded the underground space at a depth of one kilometer at the Karl Marx coal mine in Yenakieve, Donetsk Oblast, where a gas explosion occurred on June 8. The Donetsk territorial department of the State Committee for Industrial Safety, Labor Protection and Mining Supervision said on June 17 that the underground flooding is a major hindrance to the search and rescue operations in the mine, where 12 miners were reported to be trapped. (Ukrinform)

Yushchenko names envoy to Russia

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko signed a decree on June 10 appointing Kostyantyn Gryshchenko as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Russian Federation. The decree was published on the presidential website. Mr. Gryshchenko was deputy foreign minister of Ukraine in 1995-1998; in 1998-2000 he was Ukraine's ambassador to Belgium and head of Ukraine's Mission to NATO. In 2000-2003 he was Ukraine's ambassador to the United States. From September 2003 to February 2005 he was the foreign affairs minister of Ukraine. He has been an adviser to Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich and since December 2007 has been the foreign minister in the

shadow government of the Party of the Regions. On April 15 he was appointed the first deputy secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine. (Ukrinform)

Council of Europe on Gongadze case

KYIV – The Council of Europe (CE) Committee of Ministers on June 10 passed an interim resolution on fulfillment of a resolution of the European Court on Human Rights regarding the Gongadze case. The committee noted that the court handed down a verdict of guilty on March 15 in the case of the former policeman charged with murder of journalist Heorhii Gongadze in September 2000. At the same time, the CE Committee of Ministers expressed regret that the investigation of the crime has been ongoing for more than seven years. They urged Ukrainian authorities to undertake immediate measures "to achieve particular and noticeable results" in investigating the Gongadze case. (Ukrinform)

Kravchuk on Russia and Ukraine

KYIV – "Russia has always had imperial tendencies. ... When Ukraine agrees with those steps that are profitable for Russia, the Russian media treats Ukraine in a kind way. But they [Russia] have never lost their imperial authorities," Ukraine's first president, Leonid Kravchuk, said in an interview with the Day (Den) newspaper on June 12. Mr. Kravchuk said, "We should act with Russia in a reasonable and considered way. Everything should be taken into account. For example, if we currently have no alternative to Russian gas, then we should not make proposals which will then turn against us. ... Ukraine is taking some initiatives, trying to prove that if we raise the price for [gas] transit, we will somehow discourage Russia. Russia knows that if we raise gas transit prices, Europe will be against us," Mr. Kravchuk said. "If we become part of Europe and follow Western values without losing our roots, peculiarities and the historical past, relations with Russia, knowledge of the Russian language and culture will then simply be useful for our development. We will be more compet-

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Correction

The story headlined " 'Bereza Kartuzka' premieres in Kyiv" (June 15), incorrectly noted that the event had taken place in May. Although the story was sent early this month, the Kyiv premiere of the documentary actually took place on November 9, 2007.

NEWS ANALYSIS: New twists in the Russian-Ukrainian dispute

by Roman Kupchinsky
Eurasia Daily Monitor

The continuing Ukrainian-Russian war of words took on a new twist on June 13, when the Russian Foreign Ministry accused Ukraine of acting jointly with unnamed foreign companies to develop oil and gas fields illegally off the Crimean coast of the Black Sea shelf, claiming that the legal status of the territory had not yet been determined.

"The Russian side," according to a commentary distributed by the Russian Foreign Ministry on June 13, "is drawing attention to the fact that the said areas are the subject of negotiations between Russia and Ukraine on the delimitation of the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea waters. In this connection, we believe that the above-mentioned activity is of an unlawful character and should be ceased."

The Russian side specified that this activity was taking place in an area named the Structure of Subbotyne and the Rising of Pallas. A source in Ukraine's Foreign Affairs Ministry told Interfax that the Russian claims were "absurd."

"The Subbotyne maritime oil field is located on the territory of the Ukrainian part of the Black Sea shelf, and the prospecting area of Pallas, which is really

located both in Russian and Ukrainian territories, is not being developed by anybody," the source told Interfax.

The off-shore drilling conflict appeared to be connected to the dispute between the U.S. energy company Vanco and the Ukrainian government, which lifted Vanco's license to drill for oil and gas in the Black Sea shelf in the vicinity of the territory being disputed by Russia.

The government of Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko claimed that Vanco had broken the production-sharing agreement (PSA) by assigning the drilling license it held to an off-shore subsidiary company registered in the British Virgin Islands called Vanco Prykerchynsky.

Ms. Tymoshenko stated that the agreements that were concluded with Vanco in 2007 were not transparent, and she accused President Viktor Yushchenko of lobbying for Vanco's interests. Mr. Yushchenko flatly denied the accusation and called on Ms. Tymoshenko to review her decision on Vanco. Meanwhile, Vanco has threatened to sue the Ukrainian government.

On June 14 the president of Russia added his voice to the Crimean debate. Dmitry Medvedev did so in a message to the residents of Sevastopol during the commemorations of the 225th anniversary of the founding of the city, which is the base of Russia's Black Sea Fleet.

Falling back on nostalgic, nationalistic images, Mr. Medvedev said, "Sevastopol, a hero city, a city of workers, has witnessed truly landmark events. It is the cradle of the Russian Black Sea Fleet, with which it has always shared both the bitterness of losses and the greatness of victories."

Mr. Medvedev was careful in not calling for Sevastopol to be returned to the Russian Federation, thereby distancing himself from the provocative statements made by Yuriy Luzhkov, the mayor of Moscow, who a few weeks earlier called for the city's return to Russia.

A harder line was taken by Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov who told a meeting in Sevastopol, "The fleet itself is hard to imagine without its main naval base. Russia is increasingly being reminded [by Ukraine] of 2017, the year the fleet is to be withdrawn from Ukraine under a Russian-Ukrainian agreement." Mr. Ivanov, playing the ethnic Russian card designed to win the allegiance of Crimean Russians, stressed that "92 percent of the population of Sevastopol are our fellow countrymen and countrywomen."

During his speech, Mr. Ivanov was interrupted by a heckler who yelled out "It's our city!" Mr. Ivanov replied, "Yes, it is our city," adding "From the moment it [Sevastopol] was formed, its fate was irrevocably linked to the Russian empire and to the Soviet Union."

Russian functionaries visiting Sevastopol appeared not to have known about President Yushchenko's meeting with President

Medvedev earlier in St. Petersburg during the economic forum where the Ukrainian president told his colleague, "The treaty on the presence of the Black Sea Fleet in Sevastopol, which implies that it [the fleet] will remain there until 2017, is a treaty that the Ukrainian side will fulfill to the last letter."

The less confrontational tack taken by Mr. Medvedev in his note to the Sevastopol gathering, which visibly contrasted with Mr. Ivanov's hard line, could indicate that there are differences in opinion between Mr. Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on the Crimean question. Mr. Ivanov is widely believed to be Mr. Putin's man and appears to share his boss's views on the Crimea. In April Mr. Putin, then still Russia's president, reportedly told U.S. President George Bush during the NATO summit in Bucharest that most of Ukraine's territory had been "given away" by Russia and threatened to encourage the secession of Crimea if Ukraine persisted in joining NATO.

It will be important to see if these differences continue and who will be in charge of Russian policy toward Ukraine, Mr. Putin or Mr. Medvedev.

Sources: *Interfax, June 13, 14; Ukrayinska Pravda, June 14; Interfax AVN, June 9; Eurasia Daily Monitor May 21; Moscow Times, April 8.*

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Environmental groups appeal for a green Euro-2012 in Ukraine

KYIV – In an open letter sent on to members of the Ukrainian government and the Euro-2012 National Agency of Ukraine, 35 Ukrainian environmental organizations appealed to government officials to incorporate environmental standards into planning for the 2012 Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) European Football Championship.

"The Euro-2012 Program adopted by the Ukrainian government does not have a single mention of environmental planning and components that should be incorporated into Euro-2012 championship preparation and conduct," said Taras Lychuk, co-director of the Ukrainian American Environmental Association (UAEA), which initiated the sign-on letter to the Ukrainian government.

"Ukrainian environmental organizations consider that an environmentally responsible and conscious approach towards Euro-2012 championship would reduce energy costs and adverse environmental impacts associated with transportation, heating and lighting of facilities, and waste disposal – before, during and after the championship," he added.

"In this letter we listed a range of specific measures and recommendations which should be implemented for 'greening' the Euro-2012 championship preparation and conduct," said Irina Stavchuk, coordinator of the Working Group of Ukrainian Environmental Organizations on Climate Change Issues, which actively joined the sign-on campaign. "These recommendations deal with energy-efficient designs for heating, cooling and lighting of the facilities which will be used in the championship. We also recommend the use of renewable energy technologies and recycled and/or non-toxic materials in the construction or rehabilitation of hotels, restaurants, stadiums and other buildings associated with the program," she explained.

Environmentalists also recommend that local authorities, especially those

cities which will host the Euro-2012 championship, implement some actions to rehabilitate, maintain and enlarge green zones such as parks, botanical gardens and green recreational areas.

Similarly, environmental organizations recommend emphasizing reliance on railway service and mass transit rather than private automobiles, developing high-speed railroad connections, making broad use of renewable fuels (e.g., biodiesel and other biofuels) and hybrid-electric vehicles in taxi services, and maximizing energy-savings in all support structures.

The letter concluded with an appeal for strong cooperation between environmental organizations and the Ukrainian government during the Euro-2012 campaign and noted that successful models of "greening" the championship can be found in recent Olympic Games and other sporting events, as well as other large-scale construction programs in Europe, the United States and elsewhere.

The Ukrainian-American Environmental Association is a private, non-governmental organization founded in 2004 and chartered in both the United States and Ukraine. It is a network of more than 900 Ukrainian and American NGOs, academic researchers, businesses and government officials to facilitate the exchange of information on a broad array of environmental issues including, but not limited to, energy policy, climate change, air and water pollution, toxic wastes, soil conservation, sustainable agriculture, and wildlife and wilderness protection.

The NGO Working Group on Climate Change is a network of 16 non-governmental and non-profit environmental organizations from across Ukraine. Its aims include advocating for transparent use of Kyoto Protocol mechanisms, advocating for the introduction of policies directed to emissions reductions, raising public awareness on climate change and mobilizing civil society into action.

Interparliamentary Assembly meets in Kyiv

Ukrinform

KYIV – At a meeting with representatives of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Ukraine, Poland and Lithuania, the first meeting of which took place on June 16 in Kyiv, President Viktor Yushchenko appraised positively the parliamentarians' initiative in setting up this format of tripartite cooperation.

"We highly appreciate the strategic character of our relations and the special and unique role played by Parliaments in the development of those relations. The initiative of holding the Interparliamentary Assembly in Ukraine is one of the steps that strengthens our relations and our strategic goals," the president said.

He expressed hope that the interparliamentary cooperation of Ukraine, Lithuania and Poland would promote more active support of Ukraine's European aspirations, in particular, on the part of the European Parliament.

Mr. Yushchenko expressed satisfaction regarding Poland's proposals in the European Union about strengthening relations with the EU's eastern neighbors. He also said he hopes that these initiatives will be supported by France, which will be presiding at the EU starting from the second half of the year.

"We are extremely satisfied with a discussion inside the European Union on Ukraine's perspectives. We highly appreciate any initiatives that bring us closer to our goal," Ukraine's president said.

In a joint declaration adopted at the first meeting of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada, the Lithuanian Seimas and the Polish Senate, Poland and Lithuania welcomed the

progress achieved by Ukraine in adopting reforms necessary for its European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

The document noted that the Interparliamentary Assembly supports Ukraine's aspirations to become a full member of the European Union and is ready to assist Ukraine in the harmonization of its legislation in compliance with EU requirements, ensuring European integration processes and solving other issues.

The Interparliamentary Assembly declaration encourages joint efforts of Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine in the sphere of strengthening energy security and diversification of energy resources, and it positively appraises the results of the European energy summits that took place in Vilnius and Kyiv.

The document supports expanding inter-regional and transboundary cooperation, stresses the importance of contacts among citizens of the three countries and notes the need for simplification of the visa regime between the European Union and Ukraine and the abolition of visas in the future.

According to the document, bilateral and tripartite trade and economic cooperation is one of the priorities of the Interparliamentary Assembly's activities. The signatories also noted that they intend to exchange experience in the sphere of local self-government and the training of specialists.

Among participants of the Interparliamentary Assembly's meeting in Kyiv were Lithuanian Seimas Chairman Ceslovas Juršenas, Polish Senate Marshal Bogdan Borusewicz, Verkhovna Rada Chairman Arseniy Yatseniuk and Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Minister Volodymyr Ohryzko.



THE INTERNATIONAL HOLODOMOR REMEMBRANCE FLAME

Montreal

by Fran Ponomarenko

MONTREAL – The International Holodomor Remembrance Flame reached Montreal on Saturday, May 24, at 5 p.m. at Place du Canada in the heart of the city. About 200 people, mainly Ukrainians, as well as members of the Armenian community, were in attendance.

The commemoration began with a hymn and an address by Prof. Yarema Kelebay, president of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in Montreal. This was followed by an informative and gripping speech by Evhen Czolij, first vice-president of the World Ukrainian Congress.

Four members of the clerical community also spoke at the gathering. The Rev. Oleh Koretsky of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary read an outstanding poem about the Famine, "Zahupaly Dveri" by Pavlo Tychyna. The Rev. Evhen Rudytch of the St. George Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Lachine, Quebec, pointed out that the Canadian Council of Churches – a committee representing all denominations of Christians – met with David Anderson of the federal government in Ottawa to urge Prime Minister Steven Harper to declare the 1933 Famine in Ukraine a genocide. The Rev. Rudytch also stressed that in the 26-year interval from 1921 until 1947, Ukraine lost some 14 million people in three state-orchestrated famines.

Especially touching was the presentation by Bishop Pakrat Galestian, primate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Canada. After a prayer for the memory of the Holodomor victims, Bishop Galestian stated that he, and Tao Alepian, president of the Congress of Canadian Armenians, as well as the representatives of the Armenian community who were present, wanted "to commemorate and celebrate the memory of the Ukrainian victims," whom he called "martyrs."

Bishop Galestian stated that Ukrainians and Armenians "share the same destiny," for both nations have suffered under the same regime. "We have come," he said "to express solidarity and to share your grief and to exhort you that

these victims have not perished – they are witnesses to freedom... life is not only in daily activities, but it goes beyond everything and it is not compressed in one time slot, but lives for eternity."

This was followed by a greeting from the Liberal Party of Canada.

Four students from the Ukrainian Youth Association and Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization put on a short play about the Famine in order to make the experience of 1933 more immediate.

At this point, Famine survivor Stepan Horlatsch, who has traveled across Canada with the Holodomor torch, stepped forward and asked: "Why should we remember what happened 75 years ago?" He then replied: "We have to know what took place 75 years ago to pay tribute to the memory of millions of innocent victims, to condemn the Soviet regime and to get recognition of the Famine as an act of genocide."

With this Mr. Horlatsch lit the candle that Mykhajlo Hayduk, a Montreal survivor of the 1933 Genocide, was holding. The intense look in Mr. Hayduk's eyes reminded the audience that Famine survivors had seen hell on earth. He spoke of the desperation of hunger he witnessed, of villagers eating whatever leafy greens were first to come up in the spring after the long hungry winter of death. These greens did not provide substantive calories to the humans who had survived and many died. He talked of the many villages where all the dwellers had passed away from this engineered starvation, and he pointed out that other people were often too afraid to venture into these villages of the dead.

Mr. Hayduk then began lighting the candles of those gathered and the community sang a hymn to the Virgin Mary and the Ukrainian national anthem.

This commemorative ceremony was coordinated and organized by Bohdanna Hawryliuk, UCC-Famine Genocide committee of Montreal; Marika Putko, first vice-president of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress; and Zorianna Hrycenko-Luhova, press coordinator; as well as Marika Farmus, Marie-Marte Markiza, Pavlo Showhaniuk and Evhen Osidacz.

Two days later, on Monday, May 26, many of those present at this Montreal



Andrei Boris

Clergy and community activists light candles from the International Holodomor Remembrance Torch.



Fran Ponomarenko

Evhen Czolij of the Ukrainian World Congress addresses the crowd gathered at Place du Canada.

ceremony made the trip to Ottawa to be present at President Viktor Yushchenko's historic address before a joint session of

the Canadian Parliament, as well as to participate in the Holodomor commemoration on Parliament Hill.

Baltimore, Md.

by Roman Traska

BALTIMORE, Md. – A solemn candlelight commemoration with the lighting of the International Holodomor Remembrance Torch was held in

Baltimore on May 29 to raise awareness and commemorate the 75th anniversary of Ukraine's genocide of 1932 - 1933. The commemoration took place in front of Baltimore's City Hall at the War Memorial Plaza and was organized by the Holodomor Committee of Baltimore.

The remembrance torch started its

journey in Kyiv, where it was lit by President Viktor Yushchenko. The torch will travel through 33 countries before reaching Ukraine in November to be part of the official state commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor.

Speakers at the event included Jerome Stephens, a representative from Sen. Ben Cardin's office; Councilman Jim Kraft; and Anna White from Mayor Sheila Dixon's office. The mayor issued a proclamation designating May 29, 2008, as Ukrainian Genocide Remembrance Day in Baltimore, and stated that the Holodomor "ranks among the worst cases of man's inhumanity towards man."

The deputy ambassador of Ukraine, Viktor Nikiczuk, spoke to the audience gathered at City Hall about the importance of broadening awareness of this genocide beyond the Ukrainian community. He emphasized the commitment of the government of Ukraine to the building of a memorial in Washington.

The keynote speaker, George Krywolap, the grandson of a Holodomor survivor, gave a moving reading of his grandfather's account of the anguish of starving peasants. Mr. Krywolap's grandfather, a railroad worker, and Mr.

Krywolap's father, then age 6, survived by sharing the one bowl of thin radish soup allotted to workers of the railroad each day.

The event also included a brief lecture by leading Holodomor historian Dr. Stanislav Kulchytsky, professor of Ukrainian history and head of The Ukrainian Historical Society in Kyiv. Andrew Chornodolsky, a member of local Ukrainian community, in his address recalled other genocides, including the Holocaust, the Armenian genocide, the Rape of Nanking, Rwanda and Darfur. He declared that the Holodomor slogan, "We will never forget," must serve to prevent such a tragedy from occurring in the future.

Over 200 people from Baltimore's Ukrainian American community attended, among them many in traditional embroidered shirts, as well as uniformed members of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization and the Ukrainian American Youth Association.

In addition to the candlelight vigil and the torch lighting, the event included a memorial prayer service conducted by priests from Baltimore's Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox parishes.



During the Holodomor remembrance ceremony (front, from left) are: Stefan Poliszuk, the Rev. Wasyl Sivinsky, the Rev. Wasyl Kryshchypol and George Krywolap (holding torch).

Holodomor poster exhibition opens at Massachusetts State House

by Peter T. Woloschuk

BOSTON – The traveling poster exhibition on the Ukrainian Holodomor sponsored by the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory and the Ukraine 3000 International Charitable Fund was opened in Doric hall of the Massachusetts State House in Boston in a solemn ceremony on Monday, June 16. The Hall is the starting point of all tours of the historic Bullfinch building and the exhibit is included in the tour.

The opening ceremony was held in the contiguous Nurses Hall, which is dedicated to the memory of all of the Massachusetts nurses who saw duty with the American armed forces throughout the country's history, and was ably conducted by Paul Thomas Rabchenuk, an attorney from Salem, Mass., who chairs the Boston Committee to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Holodomor.

The Rev. Roman Tarnavsky of St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Boston gave the invocation and then Mr. Rabchenuk outlined the historical background of the Holodomor and explained the need for the public exhibit to make the world aware of the Ukrainian tragedy. He then read remarks forwarded by Ukraine's Ambassador to the U.S. Oleh Shamshur from Washington.

Massachusetts Sen. Marc Pacheco made brief remarks and then read a Senate Resolution noting the commemoration of the Holodomor in Massachusetts. Zenovi Prots, president of the Boston branch of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, then made remarks in Ukrainian and a letter from U.S. Rep. John F. Tierney on the importance of the exhibition was read.

This was followed by the reading of an essay on the Holodomor written by Justine Zozula, a Syracuse University student, for the Ukrainian American Youth Association's recent commemoration of heroes. The Rev. James Morris of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church of Salem gave the benediction and the ceremony was brought to a close by Mr. Rabchenuk.

In his letter Ambassador Shamshur wrote, "I wish to thank all those who made the opening of the Holodomor poster exhibition at the Massachusetts State House possible, as well as those who have come to learn about the horrible story of the death and survival of Ukrainians as revealed by this exhibition which has been traveling around the nation visiting colleges and churches, government buildings and museums."

"By commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor, we are pursuing two basic goals," the Ambassador continued. "We seek political recognition of this man-made Famine as genocide of Ukrainians by the totalitarian Stalinist regime and to promote inclusion of historical information on the Holodomor into college and high school curricula."

Rep. Tierney wrote: "Please know that I join you in paying respects and solemnly honoring the victims, survivors, and families of the Ukrainian Famine Genocide on the 75th Anniversary of the Holodomor. Events such as the one today are important in ensuring that the memory of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide endures. As a strong advocate for human rights, I have long argued that we must ensure that the intolerance and tragedies of the past are not repeated."

The exhibition consists of 34 posters and a pamphlet about the Holodomor which were prepared in Kyiv, as well as three additional posters on Ukrainians in Massachusetts. Work on organizing and preparing the exhibit was done by Mr. and Mrs. Rabchenuk, Maria Saxe, secretary of the Holodomor Committee, Vsevelod Petriv, external communications coordinator for the Boston UCCA, and Oksana Iwaszczenko, treasurer of the Holodomor Committee.

Printing of the posters and booklets was done by the Somerville High School Vocational Program, whose print shop took on the job as a class project.

The exhibition was on display at the State House through June 20.



At the opening of the Holodomor poster exhibit (from left) are: Maria Saxe, the Rev. James Morris, Paul Rabchenuk, Mary Wasylyk, Zenovi Prots and Nadia Annesse.

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Ukraine and NATO

The North Atlantic Council visited Ukraine on June 16-17 on the invitation of Ukraine's leaders in order to assess Ukraine's progress on the road to integration with NATO and to conduct public outreach activities in various parts of Ukraine, including Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv and Lviv. Speaking in Kyiv, NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said he would do everything possible to enable Ukraine to receive a Membership Action Plan (MAP) this December when NATO foreign ministers meet. He also underscored that the decision on whether to seek membership is Ukraine's alone and that "decision-making in NATO is by the 26 allies, and by them only."

But things are not quiet on the Eastern front...

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has stated outright, "We will do anything not to allow Georgia and Ukraine to join NATO," and the new Russian president, Dmitry Medvedev, made it clear to German Chancellor Angela Merkel that Russia strongly objects to Ukraine and Georgia entering the alliance. Vice Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov became the latest Russian official to issue threats against Ukraine, warning of serious consequences (e.g., imposition of a visa regime, disruption of military-industrial ties, reduction of trade and economic ties) if Ukraine gets a NATO MAP. The Russian Duma – at a recent session attended by a special guest, none other than Ukrainian opposition leader Viktor Yanukovich – adopted a statement calling for Russia's leaders to withdraw from the Russian-Ukrainian Agreement on Friendship, Cooperation and Partnership, a document in which each recognizes the territorial integrity of the other, because of Ukraine's "accelerated steps" toward NATO accession. At the same time, Russian officials are making territorial claims on the Ukrainian city of Sevastopol (where the Russian Black Sea Fleet is based until 2017) and, indeed, all of Crimea. Thus, Russia is continuing the policy of former President Vladimir Putin, who threatened to break up Ukraine if it joined NATO and arrogantly and aggressively attempted to block Ukraine's movement toward the alliance during the NATO summit in Bucharest this past April. (At the time he told President George W. Bush: "You understand, George, that Ukraine is not even a state.")

In Ukraine this week there were demonstrations by anti-NATO forces, such as the Party of the Regions, the Communists and the oxymoronic Progressive Socialists led by Nataliya Vitrenko (remember her?). Notably, Soviet-era terminology was back, with demonstrators carrying banners likening NATO to the Nazis and chanting against "Bandierites" and "NATOites." These anti-NATO forces are playing up the fact that, at present, most of Ukraine's citizens are against NATO membership for their country, never mind that this is due mostly to the public's ignorance about NATO.

NATO myths persist in Ukraine, so much so that NATO Secretary General Scheffer and Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko specifically addressed that topic during their joint press conference in Kyiv, attempting to debunk misconceptions about the consequences of Ukraine's membership in the alliance. Consider for example, what NATO spokesman James Appathurai told the International Herald Tribune: "Our biggest challenge in Ukraine is explaining to the public what NATO is about. Many think that if Ukraine did join NATO, then NATO would deploy nuclear weapons on their territory."

In the months leading up to the NATO foreign ministers' meeting the rumblings and threats from Moscow will only get worse, and the anti-NATO rhetoric in Ukraine will only get louder. Ukraine's sparring leaders have a tough job ahead of them. They will have to deal with, in the words of former Foreign Affairs Minister and current Chair of the Verkhovna Rada's Foreign Relations Committee Borys Tarasyuk, this "political extremism," educate the people of Ukraine about NATO and convince alliance members that the time is ripe for Ukraine to proceed to the next step toward NATO membership: a MAP.

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Turning the pages back...

Two years ago, on June 26, 2006, the Party of the Regions issued an ultimatum that launched a blockade of the Parliament until the Orange coalition government consisting of the Our Ukraine bloc, the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and the Socialist Party of Ukraine met its demands.

The demands included a separate vote for the prime minister and a secret ballot for chairman of the Parliament, proportional distribution of committee chairs according to election results and a ban on moonlighting by national deputies.

The blockade was announced after leaders from the Our Ukraine bloc, the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and the Socialist Party of Ukraine signed an agreement on June 22, 2006, to form the Orange coalition. Among the goals of the blockade was to pressure the coalition government to its limit, with the possibility of breaking it before it even began to govern.

Already fragile, the coalition showed signs of failure when Socialist Party Chairman Oleksander Moroz declared that his party would not support Our Ukraine nominee Petro Poroshenko for the chairmanship of the Verkhovna Rada. This announcement violated the coalition agreement, which stated that no party or bloc would oppose another party's or bloc's nomination to a post that it had control of. The agreement further stated that Our Ukraine had the right to nominate the Parliament's chairman.

Mr. Moroz cited Mr. Poroshenko's business holdings as the reason for opposing his candidacy, referring to one of the Orange Revolution's principles that government should be separate from business. It was the conflict between Ms. Tymoshenko and Mr. Poroshenko that had caused President Viktor Yushchenko to dismiss the government in September 2005, Mr. Moroz pointed out.

President Yushchenko on June 29, 2006, urged the parliamentary factions to negotiate.

The Party of the Regions began the blockade on June 27, 2006, the same day that the

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NEWS AND VIEWS

Toronto School Board trustees turn a blind eye to Holodomor

by Alex Chumak

Canada did it. The U.S.A. did it. Argentina, Australia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania and Latvia did it. Poland, as well as many other countries, did it.

They all recognized the Holodomor in Ukraine in 1932-1933 as an act of genocide. The Holodomor (literally murder by hunger) was a deliberate act of genocide against the Ukrainian nation. It claimed up to 10 million victims.

Several Canadian provinces have also recognized the Holodomor as genocide, and many school boards, both in Canada and worldwide have incorporated a teaching unit on this genocide as part of their curriculum.

As more evidence and documentation is made available, scholars and historians (Robert Conquest, James Mace, Roman Serbyn, Alex Hinton, Orest Subtelny, et al) have concluded that the Holodomor is genocide as defined by the Geneva Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Canada is home to 1.3 million citizens of Ukrainian origin. Over 100,000 Ukrainians live in Toronto, with thousands of students attending Toronto schools.

Consequently, the Ukrainian community has requested that in addition to the Holocaust, and the Armenian and Rwandan genocides, the Holodomor be included in the curriculum of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB).

While recognizing that "more people died in the Ukrainian Famine than in all of the genocides in this course," the board did not see fit to include the Holodomor this year but to review its decision in three years.

The board did, however, establish an appeal process, and on June 2 the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch, presented substantial educational reasons prepared by professionals and parents to include the Holodomor in the 2008-2009 academic year.

The expectation was that the information provided at the appeal would be evaluated on its merit and that the committee would render a decision that is fair and educationally sound.

But this did not happen.

Alex Chumak is a former trustee of the Toronto District School Board.

While the presentations were made, the trustees, who were in a position to vote to include the Holodomor in the course of studies, seemed disinterested. When the presentations were over, the floor was opened to questions. Not one trustee asked a question or indicated he or she would support the appeal. They seemed oblivious to the filled-to-capacity room of supporters who were present.

Despite the overwhelming evidence that the Holodomor was in fact a genocide, as confirmed by scholars, historians and at least 15 national governments, with more to come, the trustees, like Lord Nelson, turned a blind eye to the facts before them.

In fact, it was insulting to the Ukrainian community that only three of the five committee members bothered to show up to listen to the speakers, just barely meeting the quorum (the two other trustees were available by phone).

It seems that victims of the Holodomor, at least to the trustees, are only statistics.

Historically, the Toronto District School Board has never shied away from controversial, sensitive or progressive issues. In fact, it is the first board in the Greater Toronto Area to have a course on genocide at the Grade 11 level. For this it should be applauded. However, ignoring or not including the Ukrainian genocide in the curriculum is both offensive and unacceptable, especially since 2008 is the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor. In fact, the Canadian government has proclaimed the fourth Saturday in November as Holodomor Memorial Day. How can we juxtapose the government's proclamation with a lack of suitable resources in our schools to teach young Canadians about the Holodomor and its implications. This was raised at the June 2 meeting, but it seemed to fall on deaf, and apathetic, ears.

The Ukrainian community does not want to state that the Holodomor is more important than other genocides – in other words, "my genocide is greater than your genocide." On the contrary, every genocide is a blemish on the world community, as it clearly demonstrates man's inhumanity to man. However, to not include the Holodomor as a genocide of unfathomable proportions that was ignored, concealed and hidden until very recently, is both an injustice and a manifestation of a lack of sensitivity. And, it is contrary to the Board's guidelines on genocide studies.

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AN APPRECIATION

A journey with my father

by Anna Oleksiw Procyk

In memory of my father, Stepan Oleksiw and all Ukrainian refugees who survived or did not survive the passage through Slovakia in 1944.

It was a beautiful summer in 1944. Even though I was still quite small, I was fully aware that we were in the midst of a war. In my mind, however, the fighting could never reach the peaceful, pastoral countryside of Slovakia, where the warm sun made swimming so very enjoyable and where flowers bloomed everywhere: along the tree-lined roads that we often passed, in the windows of the quaint railroad stations at which our slow-moving trains frequently stopped and in the unpretentious small parks where in balmy weather our group of refugees fleeing from the advancing Red Army occasionally managed to find quarters for the night.

It must have been the first autumn day, or it may have just appeared to be so, for in an instant everything seemed to change completely. Even my father, who had been always attentive to my moods, was so deeply immersed in his thoughts that he did not seem to notice how terribly my face was paralyzed by fear. We were standing in front of an office building of a small Slovak town together with a number of our acquaintances with whom a few weeks or months earlier we had embarked on our perilous journey. The all-pervading gloom of the crowd seemed to darken the day, making it hard for me to remember: Was the sky really overshadowed with clouds on what must have been still a mid-summer day? or was it fear that made everything look so hopeless and deadly?

As I was gathering my strength to hold on to my father's overcoat, my dark thoughts were suddenly interrupted by the appearance of a familiar face in a nearby window. Yes, I remember that face very well; it was that jolly lady in the bright red bathing suit that I had seen so often at the pond while taking my first lessons in swimming. Her carefree laughter still resonated in my ears, and who could forget her piercing, good-humored screams when a ball inadvertently hit her from behind. We seemed to be almost acquainted, I thought, for my father in the course of those long weeks that we were for some reason held in the town, occasionally joined her group of vacationing friends in a game of volleyball. As I reminisced about those happy days, to my astonishment, I suddenly saw the lady standing directly in front of us.

The look on her face no longer had the carefree expression I so well remembered. Her eyes were now filled with tears and her loud, bouncy voice sounded mellow, almost inaudible when she pleadingly asked my father: "Give me this little girl. I will raise her as my own. When this terrible war is over, I promise to give her back to you."

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Stepan Oleksiw in worn photo from the author's collection.

I don't recall the exact conversation that followed. I only remember my father's reassuring words as he was saying good-bye: "Ania, I give you my word of honor, when the fighting stops I will come back for you."

I must have cried, but I do not remember the tears. I loved my father intensely and the thought of separation was unthinkable, yet I also trusted him completely and knew that at that particular moment this must have been the best, if not the only, solution to keep us both alive.

As I was getting accustomed to my new surroundings, I did not notice how and when the dark clouds of that fateful day dissolved into the blue sky. Was it because after months of wondering I found a secure place with a loving heart? From the start I felt at home with this lady who every morning greeted the day with a song, who whistled popular tunes while preparing tasty crepes for our frequent snacks and who often responded to my incessant queries – not always understanding them fully – with amusement and delight. I felt secure with her even when within two or three weeks after that memorable day the two of us found ourselves huddled together on a crowded train under a frightening red sky illuminated by exploding bombs and fire. Could I have already foreseen that in her large family home in the direction of which the train was heading I would find a little paradise inhabited by the most remarkable people: her elderly mother, the only grandmother figure of my childhood that I vividly remember; her talented unmarried older sister, who no longer painted but who would instill in me a profound appreciation of beauty; her brother, a very successful pharmacist who, I was soon to find out, was the master of all arts and sciences; her college-bound son, who made every day, whenever he happened to be around, filled with novel ideas and excitement. Six years of joy, carefree existence, six years of attentive love and care.

My father kept his promise. Political realities of the post-war world prevented an early reunion, yet in the course of the six years of our separation he explored every possibility that could be found in the free world to get his daughter out of a Stalinist dominated country. The piles of

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Faces and Places

by Myron B. Kuropas

**An amazing man**

My sons and I spent Father's Day sharing stories about an amazing man – their grandfather, my dad.

Stephen Kuropas was born in 1900 in Seliska in what is now Poland. Lesia and I visited Seliska last summer with my cousin, Bohdan Kuropas, and his two sons, Taras and Roman. We met many a Kuropas in the area, not one a relative, but all with stories to tell.

Completing high school (gymnasium) in Peremyshl, Tato was drafted into the Austrian army just as World War I was ending. He served in the Ukrainian Galician Army during Ukraine's subsequent war of independence; his unit ended up in Czechoslovakia at war's end. "The Czechs greeted us as brothers," Tato wrote in his memoirs, "and enabled us to further our education." He completed his agricultural engineering degree in Prague and worked for a time in Liechtenstein.

Returning to Seliska, Tato was drafted into the Polish army. In 1927, he left for America. Hoping to find work in his chosen profession, he visited Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska, ending up in Illinois. In Chicago, Tato discovered St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, where Pastor Philomon Tarnawsky gave him advice Tato never forgot. "In America," the obliging priest explained, "the motto is 'help yourself'." Offering Tato some leads, Father Tarnawsky told him, "Don't worry, you'll find work sooner or later. This is America."

It was the eve of the Great Depression. Good jobs were hard to find. Tato worked in a meat-packing plant, a candy factory and as a restaurant dishwasher. Finally he met a Standard Oil Co. personnel manager who was recruiting service-station trainees. Tato was hired and, in time, he was managing his own service station at Chicago Avenue and Orleans Street where he spend the next 40 years of his life. When I reached the seventh grade, there were many a cold Saturday morning when Tato woke me up at 5 a.m. and took me to work with him. I pumped gas, wiped windshields, checked oil and tires. That was my introduction to "help yourself."

Even though Tato spent many 16-hour days working for his family, he always found time for the Ukrainian community. In 1930 he became the assistant editor of *Ukraina*, a Chicago weekly edited by the legendary Dr. Volodymyr Simenovych. Dad met mom when she walked into the office one day with dozens of *Ukraina* subscriptions she had sold. They married in 1931.

In 1932-1933, Tato served as secretary of a committee that raised money and coordinated the Ukrainian pavilion at the Chicago World's Fair – the only such structure at the fair not financed by a foreign government.

The two organizations my father loved most, however, and the two to which he devoted the most time and treasure, were the Organization for the Rebirth of Ukraine (ODVU), and the Ukrainian National Association (UNA).

Founded by Ukrainian veterans and Yevhen Konovalts in 1931, ODVU was attacked by Ukrainian American communists as a "fascist" organization. Soviet agent Albert E. Kahn, one of the authors of "Sabotage! The Secret War Against

America," claimed that ODVU was affiliated with the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN), and was a Nazi front undermining America's war effort with a variety of espionage activities. The FBI investigated, temporarily freezing Tato's bank account and warning him against leaving town. Some ODVU members resigned, but not Tato. ODVU was exonerated by the FBI in 1943, along with the UNA, which had also been scurrilously accused of Nazi ties.

Tato was elected a UNA auditor at the 1937 convention and he remained at that post until his election to the vice-presidency in 1961. Since new members were (and remain) the lifeblood of the UNA, he was often among the top 10 UNA organizers. A prolific writer, Tato authored "Chicago Chronicle," a regular *Svoboda* column for many years. Many of his articles appeared in UNA almanacs and *Svoboda* as well. He also authored the first history of Chicago's Ukrainians, which appeared in the 1934 UNA jubilee almanac. Tato published his memoirs in 1988. He lived with Lesia and me before dying in 2001 at the age of 100.

What I remember most fondly about Tato were the Ukrainian tales he told me when I was still a toddler. Stories such as "Taras Bulba and the Merry-Go-Round" and "Lys Mykyta Riding a Horse" were pure fantasy, products of his fertile imagination. He had me convinced that he heard these stories whenever he attended a UNA function, especially an annual session of the Supreme Assembly. Many years later, he introduced my sister and me to Soyuzivka, where Vera met George Gojewycz and I met Lesia.

Banquets during UNA annual sessions at Soyuzivka were always a blast because Tato was the Master of Ceremonies. New Supreme Assembly members and others were brought to "trial" for "offenses." A prosecutor described the "crimes" and a hapless "advokat" (lawyer) defended. The inevitable guilty verdict always required a cash penalty – money which was used for adult beverages for all. No one complained. During one such session, Tato wore dreadlocks. On other occasions he wore an Arab headdress or a cowboy hat. It was all good, clean fraternal fun.

Tato loved UNA functions – meetings, annual sessions, picnics. Such events always included a "charka," often more than one. On one occasion, he came home rather late from a UNA meeting; he was getting undressed in the basement, as quiet as can be, when mom came down. "Are you coming home just now?" she asked in a scolding voice. "Of course not," Dad replied, starting to put his clothes back on. "I'm getting dressed for work."

Tato is the main reason my sons and I became and remain active in Ukrainian affairs. I was a UNA national vice-president and so was Stefko. Michael served as a UNA advisor.

One more thought. Tato never forgot his agricultural training. He once owned a farm in Michigan, sold it and bought another in Wisconsin.

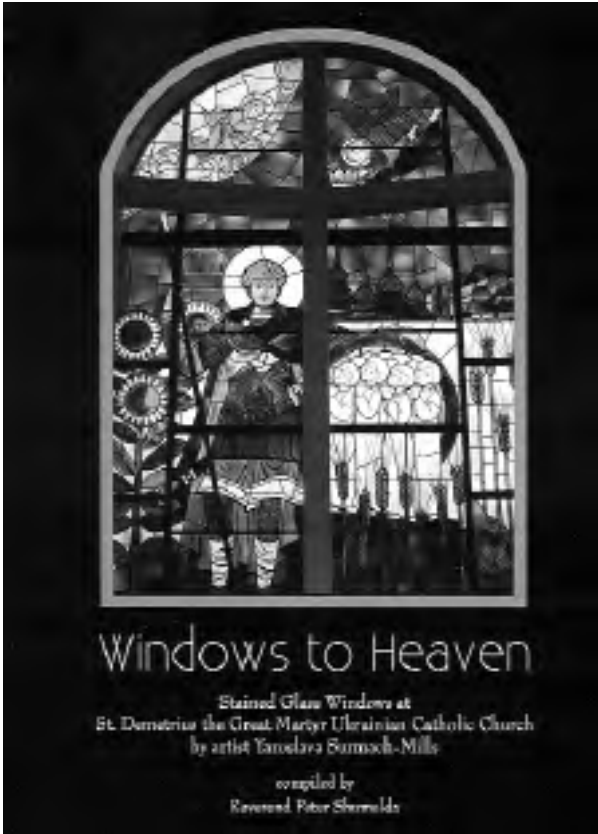
On Father's Day, my sons and I raised a "charka" to Tato's memory. He would have liked that.

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"Windows to Heaven" documents stained glass windows of Toronto church

by Oksana Zakydalsky

TORONTO – It was a 30-year project and it has just been documented in a new book, "Windows to Heaven – Stained Glass Windows at the St. Demetrius the Great Martyr Ukrainian Catholic Church by artist Yaroslava Surmach-Mills," published by the St. Demetrius the Great Martyr Ukrainian Catholic Church. The launch of the book took place on April 29, with a presentation by Dr. Christine Turkewych about the artist, Yaroslava Surmach-Mills.



The cover of book "Windows to Heaven" features the St. Demetrius window.

The Rev. John Tataryn, pastor of St. Demetrius, introduced the compiler of the book, the Rev. Peter Shumelda, and presented gift copies of the book to the people who had been involved in its publication.

Ms. Mills was born in Queens, N.Y., in 1925 and received her art degree from Cooper Union Art College. At first she worked in illustrating children's magazines but in time became famous for glasspainting. It was an exhibit of her glasspaintings in Toronto that brought Ms. Mills and the Rev. Tataryn together.

Impressed by her art work, the Rev. Tataryn asked Ms. Mills if she would be interested in designing stained glass windows for his recently built church.

St. Demetrius, built in 1970, is a modern church, built in a circular plan with three large Romanesque windows and a dome with a skylight. The Rev. Tataryn took Ms. Mills to see the church and, although fascinated by the architecture, she realized she would have to do a lot of research to create the windows. She agreed to do the work, but only if she had plenty of time in which to do it.

The three main stained glass windows – in the front, and on the eastern and western sides – as well as the skylights in the dome, were installed in 1983. St. Demetrius the Great Martyr, the patron saint of the church, adorns



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The Rev. Peter Shumelda (left), layout artist the Rev. Bohdan Swystun with sons and the Rev. John Tataryn (right).

the window at the front, while the Christmas and Epiphany Feast Days are featured in the east window, and Easter in the west window. The Pantocrator and the Seraphim are depicted in the dome skylight.

The second phase of installations, which continued until 1998, involved the side windows, which depicted New and Old Testament saints and martyrs. In the third phase, which ended in 2006, Ms. Mills and the church clergy chose the saints to be represented, which she diligently researched to ensure authenticity. A total of 500 pounds of hand-blown German full-antique glass was purchased, of which 250 pounds were actually used. The installations were com-

plex, involving pulleys, scaffolding and hydraulic lifts.

In the newly published 112-page book, each stained glass window is featured as a full-page color illustration, and its historical, liturgical and symbolic significance are noted. The donors of each window are named.

The book also contains an essay by Ms. Mills, "Painting with Light and Colors," in which she writes about the challenges she faced and describes the creative and production processes in the making of the windows.

For information on ordering the book readers may consult the website www.stdemetrius.org or contact the parish office 416-244-5333.

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NATO membership.

Hundreds of Russian radicals and anti-NATO protesters rallied in the Ukrainian capital, as well as in Dnipropetrovsk and Kharkiv, to interfere with the visiting delegation's activities.

In the most aggressive cases, they attempted to break through riot police cordons, widely viewed as a tactic to get the attention of television cameras.

Meanwhile, inside the government buildings, the leaders updated each other on what was accomplished since Bucharest to draw Ukraine closer to gaining a MAP and outlined what must be done for December, said Oleksander Chalyi, a vice-chair of the Presidential Secretariat.

NATO officials offered their evaluation of how well the NATO-Ukraine Action Plan was executed, particularly the 2008 NATO-Ukraine Annual Target Plan, he said.

"This visit has a special nature because after the Bucharest summit, where all the NATO member-states supported Ukraine's MAP application, together we are beginning a period of intense cooperation on a high political level with the goal of reviewing issues related to our MAP appeal that remain unsettled," Mr. Chalyi said.

Cooperation between President Viktor Yushchenko and Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko will play a decisive role in NATO's decision in December, Mr. Scheffer told the Austrian newspaper Die Presse. Ukraine's two pro-Western leaders have been at war with each other ever since Ms. Tymoshenko became prime minister in late December 2007.

In their statements to the press,

Secretary General Scheffer and President Yushchenko addressed the many myths Ukrainians still believe about NATO, and the reality behind them.

Ukraine won't host any NATO military bases, won't host NATO's nuclear weapons and won't require Ukraine's participation in NATO's military conflicts, Mr. Yushchenko told a June 16 press conference.

The Ukrainian president stressed that Ukraine's MAP is distinct from NATO membership. He underscored that it is not being pursued against Russia and its interests but for Ukraine's interests of securing its freedom, political independence and territorial integrity.

Mr. Yushchenko is largely vilified in eastern and southern Ukraine as a puppet for U.S. interests, and his assurances didn't convince protesters in Dnipropetrovsk, where the demonstrations were the most aggressive, despite assurances from local leaders they would be peaceful, police said.

Pro-Russian demonstrators, waving Party of the Regions and Communist flags, knocked down a metal barricade insufficiently guarded by police officers and attempted to storm the National Academy of State Management Regional Institute, where a NATO delegation was supposed to meet local officials.

They swarmed the bus arriving with NATO delegates, including NATO's Kyiv representative Michel Duray, with chants of "Nazis" and "Murderers," waving their middle fingers at them and attempting to block their movement.

In Kyiv, Progressive Socialist Party Chair Nataliya Vitrenko led several protests, comparing NATO to a fascist organization and leading protesters to chant, "Down with Banderites, NATOites!"



Zenon Zawada

NATO protesters wave Russian and Soviet flags on Khmelnytsky Street in Kyiv on June 17 outside the Ukrinform offices where NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer gave a press conference.

(NATO was formed in 1949 and had no relation to the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists led by Stepan Bandera).

Meanwhile, Russia's permanent representative to NATO, Dmitry Rogozin, said on June 18 that the Autonomous Republic of Crimea will never enter NATO and Russian naval bases will remain in Sevastopol.

"Ukraine will tear at its seams if the Orangists only try to drag the country into NATO," Mr. Rogozin told the newspaper Izvestiya. "Regarding the bases in Sevastopol, they won't go anywhere. They simply have no place to go."

Several days earlier, on June 14,

Sevastopol celebrated the 225th anniversary of its founding, unveiling statues of Hetman Petro Sahaidachnyi and Russian Empress Catherine II.

"From the moment of its founding, the fate of Sevastopol uninterruptedly was tied with the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union – all the residents who settled this enormous nation," Russian Vice Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov declared in Sevastopol, adding "92 percent of Sevastopol's residents are our compatriots."

Mr. Ivanov also threatened that Russia would impose a visa regime on Ukrainians if their country was granted a NATO Membership Action Plan.

Baley receives award from American Academy of Arts and Letters

by Adrian Bryttan

Special to *The Ukrainian Weekly*

NEW YORK – Virko Baley was one of four composers to receive a stipend award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters at its annual Ceremonial on May 21.

The personal statement in the program described Mr. Baley as "...a highly cultured, polyglot intellectual, brilliant pianist and a dynamic and accomplished conductor" and praised his music as "...dramatically expansive of gesture, elegant and refined of detail and profoundly lyrical... which 'sings' with a passionate urgency whether it embraces folkloric elements from his origins or finds expression in a more universal style of modernism... It is always a singular voice and a deeply felt and acutely heard music."

Any of the 250 academy members may anonymously propose someone from their discipline for an award. Currently there are 46 permanent members on the Music Department of the Academy and their roster reads like a Who's Who of contemporary classical music: Philip Glass, Lukas Foss, Ned Rorem, Gunther Schuller and John Corigliano, among others.

Once nominated, Mr. Baley submitted two compositions for review: his First Symphony "Sacred Monuments" and his "Emily Dickinson Songbook." Half of the \$15,000 from the American Academy of Arts and Letters award is earmarked for a recording, which Mr. Baley plans to utilize in Kyiv this December to realize his "Klytemnestra" for mezzo-soprano and orchestra (text by Oksana Zabuzhko) with the National Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Baley is no stranger to the world of grants and awards, having previously received commissions from organizations like the New Juilliard Ensemble, the Cleveland Chamber Orchestra and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Born in Radekhiv, Ukraine, in 1938, Mr. Baley began his piano and composition studies at the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music and the Arts. The wide span of his compositions includes works for choral ensembles, symphonic bands, chamber and solo works, film scores, symphonies and concertos, and an opera in progress, titled "Hunger."

Over 120 eminent writers, composers, painters, sculptors and architects beamed down on the audience from the ornate neo-Baroque stage of the academy's auditorium, designed by Cass Gilbert in 1930. Perched on five risers like an otherworldly choir, the movers and shakers of contemporary culture who would present the various awards and dispense piquant comments included composer Stephen Sondheim, cartoonist

Jules Feiffer, artist Chuck Close, architect Henry Cobb, authors Calvin Trillin and Shirley Hazzard and (sporting red socks and red sneakers in the front row) Garrison Keillor.

Writer and actor Wallace Shawn ("Princess Bride" and "Clueless") delved into the meaning and overtones of the academy in his Blashfield Address titled "The Unobtrusives." Drawing on his own background, Mr. Shawn explored the position of the Academy members who dwell in the "mansion of arts and letters" and their relationship to the "giants" of wealth and industry on the one hand and the vast servant class of the "unobtrusives" on the other hand.

He mentioned how he along with others were constantly told in their earlier days that they were superior and now find themselves hopelessly addicted. "Oh, yes, speaking of superiority, we ought to note that pretty much all of us here in this room are sort of connoisseurs of superiority, in a way. Those enrolled in the academy belong to one of the few organizations in the world whose central function is to promote the superiority of its own members. And those in the audience are people who enjoy looking at people who at one time or other have been called superior."

Mr. Shawn drew comparisons between the powerful, who start with just beating somebody up and ultimately wind up demonstrating their unmistakable superiority with brutal armies... and the "unobtrusives," who can find meaning in the satisfying activities and beauties of everyday life. Beauty is the saving grace. "In the mansion of arts and letters, we live like children, running and playing up and down the hallways all day and all night. We fill room after room with the things we make. After our deaths, we'll leave behind our poems, drawings and songs, made for our own pleasure, and we won't know if they'll be allowed to help in the making of a better world," he said.

The original name of the academy was the National Institute of Arts and Letters. Founded in 1898, its first members included Mark Twain, Henry James, August Saint-Gaudens, and two future presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. Their number was established from the beginning at 250.

The function of the academy is to foster, assist and sustain an interest in literature, music and the fine arts by singling out and encouraging individual artists and their work. Awards range from grants for beginning and mid-career artists to recognition for a lifetime's body of work. Among them are specific grants, such as the Charles Ives Opera Prize for the best new American



Composer Robert Beaser presents the award to Virko Baley (right).



Composer Ellen Taaffe Zwilich with Virko Baley.

opera and the E. M. Forster Award given to a young English writer for a stay in the United States. Mr. Baley is the first Ukrainian to be honored with an award from the academy.

The Academy of Arts and Letters is situated at 633 W. 155th St. near Broadway. Permanent and new exhibits presently

include galleries of the works of American Impressionist Childe Hassam, the sleek architecture models of Richard Meier, literary archives, sculptures, drawings and paintings by current members, as well as new award recipients. Admission is free of charge, but one must call to make an appointment: 212-368-5900.



Composer John Harbison with the honoree.

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Pinchuk exhibits McCartney's artwork

by Danylo Peleschuk
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – In a unique partnership, Ukrainian business tycoon and philanthropist Victor Pinchuk is showcasing Paul McCartney's artwork in his downtown Kyiv gallery in exchange for the free concert the former Beatle played on Kyiv's Maidan Nezalezhnosti (Independence Square) on June 14.

The exhibition, titled "Paul McCartney Paintings," includes 41 of McCartney's works, some of which are being shown for the first time. Pinchuk, ranked recently as the second wealthiest person in Ukraine, launched the exhibition free of charge in his gallery, the PinchukArtCentre, on June 17.

Having shown his art in only seven galleries throughout the past nine years, Mr. McCartney presented a rare, yet comprehensive mix of oil and acrylic paintings created between 1988 and 1999. Bearing titles such as "Horse and Rider," "Chocolate Sunset" and "Red Lady," most of the works display Mr. McCartney's affinity

for bold, bright colors and abstract images, underscored by themes of romance and tranquility.

Mr. McCartney, who has no formal art education, began painting 20 years ago, and has since painted about 500 different pieces.

According to the Victor Pinchuk Foundation, the exhibition, much like Mr. McCartney's concert, is intended to promote unity and cultural appreciation in a consistently divided post-Soviet country.

The exhibit will be on display through July 13.



Victor Pinchuk Foundation

"Horse and Rider," a painting by Paul McCartney on view at the PinchukArtCentre in Kyiv.

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bloc country; the first was his 2003 performance in Moscow's Red Square.

The concert kicked off with a short film on The Beatles history, after which the crowd sang a cheerful birthday greeting for Mr. McCartney, who celebrated his 66th birthday on June 18. As he took the stage, Mr. McCartney instantly appeased the anxious and soaked crowd, yelling "Pryvit, druzi!" (Greetings friends) and headed straight into his first song, the 1965 Beatles tune "Drive My Car."

favorite songs live in concert. Throughout the evening, Mr. McCartney played such well-known Beatles songs as "All My Loving," "Hey Jude," "Yesterday," "Let It Be" and the crowd favorite, "Back in the USSR."

During their peak, The Beatles were frowned upon by officials in the Soviet Union, and were officially condemned by then-General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev. Still, an entire generation of Eastern European fans was raised on their music and saw McCartney's performance in Kyiv as a momentous event in modern musical history.

The crowd reflected the remarkable influence The Beatles had on the former Soviet republic; fans of all ages and generations packed the maidan with equal enthusiasm for Mr. McCartney's performance.

"I think the older generations are relieved and excited to finally see [Paul McCartney] play in their home country," said Sergey Miroshnikov, an 18-year-old student who traveled from Kharkiv to see the concert. "But even the younger kids now are curious and welcome the music that once was."

The former Beatle's performance was broadcast live to a handful of major Ukrainian cities, including Lviv, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk and Donetsk, where fans across the country gathered to watch him perform on screens in their respective downtown districts. The event was sponsored by Ukrainian business tycoon Victor Pinchuk, who, in exchange for Mr. McCartney's free concert, will show the musician's artwork in his downtown Kyiv gallery, in PinchukArtCentre, for the next month.

Though free to the public, the concert was a charity event to support the children's department of Ukraine's National Cancer Institute; donations were sought from the country's business community and others. The Associated Press reported that as of June 16 some \$600,000 (U.S.) had been raised and more donations were expected.

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Sir Paul McCartney urges the rain-soaked crowd to sing along during his two-hour performance on Kyiv's Maidan Nezalezhnosti (Independence Square).

Waving a giant Ukrainian flag and uttering a few more admirably pronounced phrases in Ukrainian, Mr. McCartney elicited a roaring response from the elated crowd, some of whom were clad in ponchos, others simply in T-shirts.

Charged with his famous youthful energy, Mr. McCartney dazzled the Maidan with a mix of Beatles, Wings and his own solo songs – all of which seemed remarkably familiar to fans who had for so long been unable to hear their

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McCartney fans welcome the former Beatle to Kyiv.



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College at Oxford University, which she attended as a Rhodes Scholar, is the author of "Sale of a Century: The Inside Story of the Second Russian Revolution" (2000), which details Russia's journey from communism to capitalism.

Ms. Freeland spoke on "What It Means To Be Ukrainian in a Post-Independence Diaspora." Her presentation included autobiographical anecdotes, which served as a backdrop for a career path that took her from her childhood home in Alberta, Canada, to distant corners of the world as her journalism career evolved.

Ms. Freeland posed a question that is relevant to all diaspora Ukrainian parents – "Why are we doing this?" – which springs from the recognition that today's independent Ukraine is sometimes foreign to the diaspora. Ms. Freeland pointed out that knowledge about Ukraine helps give diaspora Ukrainians a secure identity and provides a sense of community. Moreover, changes in the global economy will make those raised with two cultures and two languages even more valuable.

She also suggested ways diaspora Ukrainians can help Ukraine establish its identity by serving as Ukraine's bridge to the world. But, she cautioned, "We have to approach the role of being that bridge with modesty."

The following day, May 24, the convention opened with the traditional ceremonial processional. Members of the UNWLA executive committee and national board, the liaison for branches-at-large, and presidents of the UNWLA's regional councils were introduced by Convention Committee Chair Anna Macielinski and assembled at the front of the hall. The latter carried embroidered rushnyky representing various regions of Ukraine and symbolizing the convention's theme of unity.

The traditional candle-lighting ceremony at the UNWLA's Tree of Life followed, with the first candle lit by President Kurowyckyj on behalf of the entire UNWLA membership, and the second candle lit by Honorary President Anna Krawczuk on behalf of all honorary members. After each regional council representative and the liaison for branches-at-large lit their candles, Mrs. Kurowyckyj invited two special guests to light the remaining candles: Maria Szkambara, president of the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations (WFUWO), and Larysa Darmochval, representing the Ukrainian Women's League (Soyuz Ukrainok) of Ukraine.

Vice-President Oxana Farion led those



The UNWLA's parliamentarian, Dr. Oxana Xenos, addresses the convention.

assembled in the UNWLA prayer; attendees then sang the Ukrainian and American national anthems, and UNWLA members sang the UNWLA hymn.

The opening ceremonies culminated with a solemn observance of the Great Famine. Lights were dimmed as Holodomor survivor Olena Liskiwskyi entered the hall with the Holodomor torch. Convention committee members lit candles from the torch, passing the flame to all of those attending as a symbol of unified remembrance as the UNWLA president briefly related a history of the Famine years and the endeavors of the UNWLA to let the world know what was happening in their ancestral homeland. Dr. Askold Lozynskyj, president of the Ukrainian World Congress, read excerpts from Vasyl Barka's "The Yellow Prince" (Zhovtyi Kniaz).

As the convention's business sessions got under way, Lidia Bilous was elected to serve as moderator of the plenary ses-

sion proceedings (with Daria Lissy and Olga Liskiwskyi as alternates).

The first speaker, UNWLA President Kurowyckyj, touched on issues affecting the UNWLA, specifically ongoing and unresolved projects and programs, including a translation of Valentyna Borysenko's book about the Holodomor, an official history of the UNWLA (which is being prepared by Natalia Gawdiak), and the Marusia Beck Fund for Chernobyl.

Mrs. Kurowyckyj also noted that the UNWLA's share of the funds raised at the Washington banquet honoring President Viktor Yushchenko would be disbursed to two Ph.D. students from Kharkiv for studies in Ukrainian disciplines. The president then thanked members of her administrative team for their work and commitment.

Detailed reports were then presented by Treasurer Renata Zajac and Auditing Committee Chair Iwanna Ratyck.

Breaking for lunch, guests and delegates enjoyed a tasty meal and some entertainment. Master of ceremonies for the event Olga Liskiwskyi introduced the performers, which included singers Nina Wasylkewych and Maria Nazarenko, a group of dancers performing a traditional spring dance (hahilka), and pianists Maria Hardynskyj-Holian and Maria Lonchyna-Lisowsky. The luncheon concluded with the presentation of citations to UNWLA members for 50 years (or more) of service.

During the afternoon plenary session Mrs. Kurowyckyj presided over a hallowed UNWLA tradition – bestowing the title honorary member on UNWLA members who had distinguished themselves in serving the organization. The six women honored were Natalia Hewko, Olha Hnateyko, Oxana Farion, Iwanna Martynets, Martha Bohachevsky-Chomiak and Maria Chymnec.

The remaining portion of the plenary

session focused on nominations and elections of national board officers and the auditors. Ulana Zynych presented the report of the Nomination Committee and introduced the nominees.

All nominees were approved by a unanimous voice vote. (See "UNWLA's new leadership" below.)

Saturday night's convention banquet began with a cocktail reception. Convention Chair Macielinski formally opened the program with a brief welcoming speech and introduced the master of ceremonies Mrs. Hewko.

Mrs. Hewko introduced Honorary President Kurowyckyj, reciting the highlights of her distinguished accomplishments as UNWLA president, as the first Ukrainian president of the National Council of Women/U.S.A., and as a strong community leader. In her farewell address, the honorary president formally thanked each member of her administration and introduced her successor, Ms. Zajac, praising her diverse accomplishments as branch president, regional council president and national vice-president.

The newly elected president spoke about her vision for the UNWLA and her enthusiasm for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. She then introduced each newly elected member of the national board and executive committee, asking that they join her at the front of the banquet hall. Collectively, the new UNWLA leaders pledged their loyalty to the organization as Honorary President Krawczuk administered the oath of office.

After an invocation by Archbishop Oleksandr of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyiv Patriarchate, dinner was served. Various dignitaries were invited to the podium and presented congratulatory messages to the UNWLA and its past and present leadership.

Dr. Oleh Shamshur, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States, noted his government's appreciation for the UNWLA's swift and generous responses during numerous crises in Ukraine and stated that he was looking forward to working with the UNWLA's new president and her administration. He presented Mrs. Kurowyckyj with a citation for her work in Ukraine and for activities related to disseminating true and accurate information about Ukraine's Great Famine.

Dr. Lozynskyj presented formal greetings and thanked UNWLA members for their long history of cooperation with the UWC.

Ms. Szkambara of the WFUWO presented greetings from her organization and expressed her pride as a Canadian Ukrainian that the newly elected UNWLA president was born in Canada. She enthusiastically praised the scope of the UNWLA's projects and programs, especially those aimed at assisting Ukraine and she noted the importance of the UNWLA's endeavors to inform the world about Ukraine's Great Famine.

Ms. Darmochval, representing the Soyuz Ukrainok of Ukraine, thanked the UNWLA for welcoming her with warmth and collegiality.

She read a congratulatory message from Lilia Hryhorovych Verkhovna Rada national deputy and president of Soyuz Ukrainok of Ukraine, and she thanked Mrs. Kurowyckyj for her role in bringing the International Council of Women to Kyiv for its General Assembly. She then congratulated newly elected UNWLA President Zajac, presenting her with a book from the first Ukrainian museum established to honor author and feminist Natalia Kobrynska.

Ihor Gawdiak, president of the Ukrainian American Coordinating Council, presented official greetings and thanked the UNWLA for its exemplary

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UNWLA's new leadership

• **Executive Committee:** President Marianna Zajac (Branch 95, Central New York), First Vice-President Ulana Zynych (Branch 108, New England), Second Vice-President (Membership) Anna Macielinski (Branch 96, Detroit, Michigan), Third Vice-President (Culture) Sophia K. Hewryk (Branch 67, Philadelphia), Fourth Vice-President (Public Relations) Chrystyna Melnyk (Branch 108, New England), Corresponding Secretary Ludmyla Hrabovsky (Branch 125, New York), Financial Secretary Roma Shuhan (Branch 83, New York), Treasurer Nadia Cwiach (Branch 30, New York), Press Secretary Lidia Slys (Branch 64, New York), Members-at-Large Vera N. Kushnir (Branch 99, Central New York) and Irene Stecki (Branch 113, New

York), Recording Secretary Maria Andriyovych (Branch 125, New York).

• **Standing Committees:** Education – Christine Shwed (Branch 88, Philadelphia), Arts and Museum – Zoriana Haftkowycz (Branch 86, New Jersey), Scholarship Program – Maria Polanskyj (Branch 98, New Jersey), Archives – Olha Trytyak (Branch 86, New Jersey), Health and Ecology – Orysia N. Tresznewsy, M.D. (Branch 54, Philadelphia), Social Welfare – Irena Rudyk (Branch 83, New York), Auditing Committee – Oxana Farion (Branch 90, Philadelphia), chair; Maria Tomorug (Branch 83, New York) and Renata Zajac (Branch 95, Central New York), members; Tatiana Rishko (Branch 92, New Jersey) and Halyna Keller (Branch 88, Philadelphia), alternates.

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work on behalf of Ukraine and the Ukrainian diaspora, and expressed his personal best wishes to the new administration in all future endeavors.

Mark Liss, councilman of Warren, Mich., presented a resolution from the City of Warren, acknowledging the UNWLA and the Detroit Regional Council for their humanitarian efforts and service to the community.

Representing The Ukrainian Museum in New York City, Olha Hnateyko thanked the UNWLA for its moral and financial support of the museum.

Speaking on behalf of the board of directors of New York Federal Credit Union, Irena Chaban presented formal greetings and extended congratulations to the new UNWLA president.

A musical interlude featuring Oksana Krovyska, a soloist with the New York City Opera, followed. After a masterful rendition of Madame Butterfly's intricate aria, Ms. Krovyska performed songs by Ukrainian composers Mykola Kolessa and Mykola Lysenko, dedicating the songs to UNWLA members.

An award ceremony honored Young Women Achievers. Presenting the awards were Dr. Iwanna Ratych and Dr. Xenos, who was recognized as a Young Woman Achiever at a previous convention.

The young women selected to receive the award were Olga Halaburda (a reporter at CBS station WFRV-TV since 1994 and founder of Ukrainian Power Videos, Inc., which produces modern Ukrainian educational videos and other teaching tools), Adrianna Melnyk-Hankewycz (author of articles in various publications, director of research and outreach of The Orange Circle), Natalie Anne Lissy (lawyer, scientific consultant, Ph.D. in molecular genetics), Adrianna Daria Slyz (Ph.D. in astrophysics, university lecturer in physics at the University of Oxford), Solomia Soroka (internationally known violinist and chamber musician), Oksana Woloszczuk Andrushkiw (engineer, general manager of operations at Noble Metal Processing) and Christina Korduba Zachar (physician, psychiatric director with Seque/Impact). All awardees have distinguished themselves professionally and have been active members of their respective Ukrainian communities.

Nadia McConnell, president of the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation and a former Young Woman Achiever honored at a previous convention, offered her best wishes to the awardees, thanked Mrs. Kurowyckyj for her support of the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, and acknowledged the "UNWLA's pivotal role in Ukraine and within the Ukrainian diaspora."

Sunday began with breakfast and divine liturgies (celebrated by Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox clergy), after which guests and delegates again gathered for a new plenary session.

Outgoing Vice-President Farion spoke about the responsibilities of UNWLA leadership, and Ms. Yaromovych, the first official UNWLA liaison for members-at-large, defined the liaison position as a unifying mechanism for UNWLA members who are not affiliated with a branch or a regional council.

Outgoing Vice-President Marta Danyluk spoke briefly about the organizational structure of the UNWLA and invited Ms. Zajac to comment on the question of membership and how she plans to address this issue as president of the UNWLA.

The newly elected president spoke about revisiting the UNWLA's vision, emphasizing, in particular that we are "at

a crossroads in our relationship with Ukraine." Our work for decades, she explained, focused on firefighting – responding to a succession of crises. Today, we need to concentrate our efforts in a different direction.

Ms. Zajac also addressed the issue of changing diaspora demographics and how they might affect UNWLA membership. She also emphasized that an e-newsletter was a convenient and useful tool to disseminate information and maintain ties to members.

Continuing on the theme of membership, Renata Zajac discussed things she had learned from conversations with her contemporaries – women who are not members of the UNWLA. There is, she said, a perception about the UNWLA that it is "my mother's organization or my grandmother's organization," and noted that it is up to UNWLA members to change this perception.

The next speaker was Dr. Xenos, an attorney and tax law specialist. She focused on IRS requirements and regulations with respect to organizations with tax-exempt status, explaining the various criteria the IRS uses before assigning this status to any organization. Noting that the UNWLA's history of compliance with IRS criteria has been exemplary, she cautioned that continued vigilance was imperative. She cited recent abuses uncovered in other nonprofit organizations (even in such venerable organizations and institutions as the Red Cross, the United Way and the Smithsonian) and noted that, in light of these abuses, the IRS has heightened its scrutiny of all charitable organizations.

The final speaker of the morning plenary session was WFUWO President Szkambara. "Our purposes," she stated, "are like yours. During the Soviet years, it was easy to work within the framework of these purposes. We could tell others about the repressions, Russification, the plight of Ukrainian women. We demonstrated, talked with the press...and had the opportunity to represent Ukrainian women who could not represent themselves." Since 1991, when Ukraine became independent, we have found ourselves in a new situation, she continued. "We could not do everything. We had to pick and choose, just as the UNWLA has done ... by focusing on the next generation."

At the end of the plenary session, presidents of the branches-at-large or their

representatives met to elect their liaison for the new three-year term. Ulana Hlynsky was re-elected and will continue to serve in this position on the new national board.

Sunday's luncheon program opened with "Journey through Ukraine," featuring songs and poetry recitations performed by the children of three preschools sponsored by UNWLA branches and students from Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic School in Warren. The program also featured songs performed by soloist Olga Yalovenko. The master of ceremonies during the luncheon was Lydia Kazewych.

The luncheon included another traditional feature of UNWLA conventions – the presentation of recognition awards to regional councils and branches for meritorious service to the organization or for outstanding support for UNWLA programs.

Following this, Vice-President Hewryk announced the winners of the Kovaliv Award for Literature. First prize was awarded to Oksana Zabuzhko for "Notre Dame"; second prize went to Vasyl Makhno for "Cornelia Street Café."

The afternoon was reserved for seminars presented by chairs or members of the UNWLA committees, vice-presidents and editors. Topics addressed during the Scholarship Seminar were presented by Maria Polanskyj, who provided an overview of the program from its inception through 2007; Orysia Jacus, who spoke about program finances; Daria Nowakiwska Lissy, who spoke about the importance of endowment, memorial, and matching funds; Handzia Sawycka Mycak, who provided a history of the work of Dr. Theodozia Sawycka, program chair in 1971-1981; Mrs. Krawczuk, who spoke about the work of the program during her years as program chair (1981-1993); and Luba Bilowchtchuk, who discussed the work accomplished during her tenure as program chair (1993-2002). The program recently celebrated its 40th anniversary.

During the Press/Our Life Seminar, Ukrainian-language editor Ms. Chaban spoke about the role of press chairs of branch and regional councils and their responsibility of sending reports about their activities to Our Life for publication. English-language editor Tamara Stadnychenko provided a brief overview of Our Life from the 1950s to the present

and discussed her work with authors contributing articles to the magazine.

Presenters at the Social Welfare Seminar were Irene Rypczuk D'Alessio and Oksana Lopatynsky, with each addressing different aspects of the theme "Caring for One Another: Developing a Volunteer Program" to assist frail, sick and homebound UNWLA members.

Ulana Kobzar, Art/Museum Committee chair, chose to develop her presentation around the theme of Women's History Month and emphasized the importance of recording the artistic and cultural contributions made by Ukrainian women in our communities.

On Sunday evening, UNWLA members and guests boarded three buses for a tour of "Ukrainian Detroit," ending with dinner at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren, where guests were treated to an excellent meal and a most entertaining program, which featured a humorous adaptation of Kotliarevsky's "Natalka Poltavka" with an interesting twist in a version created by Roma Dyhdalo and directed by Ruslana Proonko. Natalka is in the United States on a student visa, and her unwelcome suitor is a used-car salesman named Joe. Petro, Natalka's long-lost love, unexpectedly shows up in America, courtesy of a Fulbright fellowship acquired with the assistance of Martha Bohachevsky-Chomiak – a turn of events that elicited appreciative laughter from the audience.

Among the guests attending the dinner was U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, who represents the 12th Congressional District in Michigan and serves as co-chair of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus.

For his support of Ukraine and Ukrainian Americans, he was awarded the Order of Merit, third degree, by Ukraine's President Viktor Yushchenko; the award was presented during the dinner by Ambassador Shamshur.

The seminars continued on Monday morning. The presenter at the Archive Seminar was Ms. Kushner, who provided comprehensive advice on useful technology and techniques UNWLA branches could employ to preserve and store photographs, documents and memorabilia.

At the Culture Seminar, presenters Vera Andrushkiw and Ms. Farion spoke on the subject of culture and identity in a discussion that ranged from an overview of the cultural contributions of successive waves of Ukrainian immigrations to Ukrainian themes in contemporary literature to means of preserving ethnic identity in diaspora communities.

Presenting the two-part Education Seminar were Education Committee Chair Christine Shwed and Pennsylvania distinguished Educator Vera Bej. Part I, presented in English, focused on a Holodomor workbook the duo had developed for inclusion in Pennsylvania's high school social studies curriculum; Part II, presented in Ukrainian, focused on new pedagogical tools and theories that could be applied to enhance the instructional activities at UNWLA preschools.

At the Public Relations Seminar, presenters Christine Melnyk, Tetiana Rad and Ludmilla Wussek spoke on the topic of public relations and the Holodomor anniversary.

Monday's morning plenary session began with a discussion of financial issues and continued with the proposal and adoption of resolutions of the 28th UNWLA Convention.

During the closing session, outgoing President Kurowyckyj delivered her farewell address and newly elected President Zajac highlighted her hopes for the future of the organization. After an open forum, during which those attending posed questions and offered comments and suggestions, the convention was formally adjourned.



Three women's leaders (from left): the UNWLA's outgoing president, Iryna Kurowyckyj, Larysa Darmochval of the Ukrainian Women's League of Ukraine and Marianna Zajac, the UNWLA's newly elected president.

Plast members gather in Ohio for annual spring camporee

by Tatiana Kuzmowycz

MIDDLEFIELD, Ohio – Memorial Day weekend brought Plast campers from all over the United States to the Pysanyi Kamin campground in Middlefield, Ohio, for the annual spring camporee known as “Sviato Vesny.” Campers came from as far away as New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Illinois and Michigan to spend a weekend competing in various contests and enjoying the camaraderie of their peers.

Olena Borkowska, one of the chaperones for the weekend, said, “For some of the younger campers, this was their first time at a new Plast campground. Trying new things and being out of your element allows for personal growth – something that Plast advocates. I think the change of venue was welcomed by all who were new to Pysanyi Kamin.”

The camporee, organized by the Lisovi Mavky sorority of young adult Plast members, kicked off on Saturday afternoon after the campers arrived by plane, bus and car. Registration was organized by the Shostokryli sorority. The theme of this year’s celebration was ecology to encourage Plast members to be conscious of their personal impact on the global environment. Inspired by the theme of the weekend, Pysanyi Kamin, the site of the camporee, provided biodegradable plates and cups.

During the opening ceremony, Demian Hryciw of Detroit was promoted to the rank of “Hetmanskyi skob.” Already an eagle scout, he was nominated for this honorary status. Presiding over the ceremony was the president of the Conference of Ukrainian Plast Organizations, Volodymyr Bazarko, and Tatiana Kuzmowycz, of “Skobyn Kruh,” which unites Plast counselors of “yunatstvo” (youths age 11-18).

Demian’s parents also attended the ceremony, as did the president of Plast USA, Petro Stawnychy and other members of the nationalexecutive board.

Campers were then divided into the groups in which they were going to be competing throughout the weekend. A competition led by the ChornomortsI fraternity followed, challenging campers to a variety of games and activities centered on the “green” theme.

Prior to the weekend, all of the Plast units were asked to prepare five-minute videos demonstrating how they try to abate their environmental impact. The winning videos were shown during an awards ceremony on Saturday night. The group from Hartford won first place with their parody of the popular show, “The Office.” Boston took second place with a video depicting that city, and third place went to the humorous short film prepared by the girls from Newark, N.J.

At the end of the day, campers were treated to a dance DJed by Danylo Prochko, a Plast member and professional radio DJ.

On Sunday during liturgy Plast members commemorated the Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933 with a ceremony welcoming the International Holodomor Remembrance Torch.

Additionally, there was a memorial ceremony for Father Pavlo Hayda, during which his family and other church members dedicated a plaque in his honor to be displayed at Pysanyi Kamin.

The rest of the afternoon consisted of a sports competition led by the Pobratymy fraternity and organized by the Spartanky sorority, at which campers were challenged to conventional volleyball games, as well as creative challenges such as building rafts to float in the lake.

In the evening, a campfire led by the Kniahyni sorority showcased the creative and musical talent of all of the campers.



The Lisovi Mavky gather for a photo after the conclusion of “Sviato Vesny.”

The leaders of the weekend, Katria Kuzmowycz, head commander, Victoria Baranetsky, commander, and Anya Maziak, scribe, declared the weekend a success.

“We were thrilled with the weather, as well as the creativity and energy that the kids brought. We hope they take away some important ways that they can better our environment,” said Ms. Kuzmowycz.

To encourage responsible environmental practices, all attendees were given a Nalgene bottle as a souvenir.

The first-place winners of the weekend, based on the weekend’s competitions as well as the previously prepared videos the groups from Boston and Hartford, Conn. Second place was taken by the Newark girls, and the Philadelphia boys earned third place.



The “yunaky” line up for opening ceremonies.



“Yunaky” and “yunachky” play volleyball during the sports tournament.

Katria Kuzmowycz



The International Holodomor Remembrance Torch next to a rendering of Kyiv’s monument to victims of the Famine-Genocide that was erected at the Pysanyi Kamin campground.

Ukrainian American Youth Association holds annual "Zlet"



Participants of the 2008 "Zlet" in Ellenville, N.Y.

by Orest Koziucky

ELLENVILE, N.Y. – Over 280 youths participated in the 49th annual "Zlet" competition and youth rally that was organized by the Ukrainian American Youth Association (UAYA) on May 24-25 at the "Oselia-SUM" Youth Resort.

The competition offers Ukrainian American youths between the ages of 4 and 17 the opportunity to engage in individual and group academic and athletic competitions, as well as in poetry recitations, and group presentations that demonstrate their knowledge of Ukrainian history and traditions, as well as their proficiency in the Ukrainian language.

Youths also compete in a talent contest with their UAYA-affiliated dance ensembles and choral and drama groups.

Athletic events follow an Olympic format and include: running events, long jump, discus, shot put and relay races. Competitors age 6-12 participated in a soccer tournament, while those age 13-17 participated in a volleyball tournament.

Twelve UAYA branches participated this year, including: Cleveland; Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia; Hartford,

Conn.; New York, Binghamton, Yonkers and Goshen, N.Y.; and Irvington, Jersey City, Passaic and Whippany, N.J.

This year, in contrast to previous years when one UAYA branch ran all of the events, each branch of the UAYA organized a single event. These events were coordinated by the combined leadership from UAYA branches in Whippany and Jersey City. Michael Koziupa of Whippany served as "kommandant," and Toma Pyz of Irvington served as "bunchuzhnyi."

The Irvington branch won first place in overall points achieved, followed by the Jersey City and Philadelphia branches. In the 6-12 age group, Paul Dobusniak of Hartford won the first place trophy for most points earned individually. Christine Uzdejczyk of Hartford won the trophy in the 13-17 age group.

On May 25 the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame arrived at the UAYA resort as part of the 75th anniversary of the Ukrainian Genocide of 1932-1933. The Holodomor, or death by starvation, killed as many as 10 million Ukrainians, among them 3 million children. This was the result of Soviet leader



The Holodomor Remembrance Torch is passed from survivors to representatives of the Ukrainian American Youth Association; from left are: the Rev. Bohdan Danylo, Bishop John Bura, Toma Pyz, Michael Koziupa, Rostyslav Wasylenko, Nina Kovbasniuk, Olexandr Aleksandrovych, Zoriana Kovbasniuk, Andriy Olefirov (partially hidden) and Bohdan Movchan.



Young athletes sprint to the finish line.



Bishop John Bura officiates at the Holodomor memorial service.

Joseph Stalin's policies to break the Ukrainian resistance to collectivization. On the occasion of the torch's arrival, Bishop John Bura of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Bohdan Danylo, rector of the Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Stamford, Conn., celebrated a liturgy and a requiem service in memory of the victims.

A commemorative program, led by Bohdan Harhaj, president of the national executive board of the UAYA, included participation by Olexandr Aleksandrovych, minister-counselor of the Embassy of Ukraine to the United States, and representatives of the Consulate General of Ukraine in New York, Consul Andriy Olefirov and Vice-

Consul Bohdan Movchan.

Nina Kovbasniuk and Rostyslav Wasylenko, two Holodomor survivors, shared their recollections of the atrocities suffered during the genocide. Mr. Aleksandrovych reminded the gathered youth and leadership of the UAYA, along with parents, that the Holodomor must be internationally recognized as an act of genocide.

Concluding the program, Mr. Wasylenko and Ms. Kovbasniuk initiated the passing of the torch from the youngest to the eldest members of the UAYA, finally resting the torch atop the UAYA resort's memorial hill, which is a place of honor dedicated to the heroes of Ukraine.

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itive and we will speak not only English, but Russian as well," he said. (Ukrinform)

Tymoshenko leads in public support

KYIV – The results of an opinion poll carried out by the Oleksander Razumkov Center for Economic and Political Studies show that Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko is the leader in public support. As of June 12, 16.1 percent of respondents fully back Ms. Tymoshenko's activity. At the same time, 49.3 percent of those polled are critical of the prime minister's work. Opposition Party of the Regions leader Viktor Yanukovich is second in level of support: 15.9 percent of those polled approve of Mr. Yanukovich's work and 46.8 do not. Volodymyr Lytvyn, leader of the eponymous bloc, is third with 9.3 percent support, while 38.4 percent of respondents do not support him. Verkhovna Rada Chairman Arseniy Yatseniuk has the support of 8.6 percent of respondents, while 39.6 percent of those polled expressed dissatisfaction with his work. President Viktor Yushchenko has the least support among the population. Only 6.7 percent of those polled back Mr. Yushchenko and 44.3 percent disapprove. The poll was conducted on May 30-June 7. Sociologists questioned 2,001 citizens above age 18 nationwide. The margin of error is less than 2.3 percent. (Ukrinform)

Sevastopol celebrates 225th anniversary

KYIV – The celebration of Sevastopol's 225th anniversary began on June 13 with the laying of wreaths and flowers at the Memorial to the Heroic Defenders of Sevastopol, 1941-1942. Participating in the ceremony were Ukraine's Vice Prime Minister Ivan Vasiunyk, the city's leadership, commanders of Ukraine's naval forces and Russia's Black Sea Fleet, as well as delegations from many Ukrainian and Russian regions. The vice prime minister presented the keys to five new ambulances to Sevastopol physicians at Nakhimov Square. He congratulated Sevastopol residents on the holiday and, as the head of the Organizational Committee for Preparation and Celebration of Sevastopol's 225th Anniversary, confessed that he fell in love with the city and its residents, as he himself became a "half-resident of Sevastopol." (Ukrinform)

Ukraine-NATO commission meets

KYIV – A meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Commission in Brussels on June 13 was successful, according to NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer. Ukrainian Defense Minister Yuriy Yekhanurov, in turn, stressed the value of dialogue focused on practical aspects of cooperation. He thanked NATO member-states for assistance in disposing of missile fuel and destroying excessive ammunition. Mr. Yekhanurov said that Ukraine could, in turn, propose to NATO member-states cooperation in the field of strategic aircraft transportation. "The Ukrainian armed forces are an impetus to Ukraine's joining the North Atlantic alliance. We are working hard on this, and we have already started working with the public. Around 90 public organizations are involved in this work with the Defense Ministry. We are trying to be transparent and available, and we want to reach an understanding with the population concerning Ukraine's need to become a member of NATO," he said. Mr. Yekhanurov said that he remains optimistic about Ukraine's chances of joining the NATO Membership Action Plan this year. (Ukrinform)

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NSDC secretary on Ukraine in EU

KYIV – The secretary of the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Raisa Bohatyriova, said on June 13 that she is sure Ukraine will get associate status in the European Union in September, she stated following a meeting with a European Parliament delegation. The meeting participants appreciated the new quality of the partnership between Ukraine and the EU, based on intensification of a negotiation process, enhancement of market reforms and harmonization of legislation with EU requirements, she noted. Ms. Bohatyriova expressed confidence that the new Ukraine-EU enhanced agreement, including the creation of a free trade zone, will serve as a foundation for relations with the EU. For their part, members of the European Parliament delegation welcomed the efficient policy of the Ukrainian president and government regarding accession to the World Trade Organization and discussed prospects for cooperation in the framework of this global economic club. Member of the European Parliament Joseph Daul noted efforts made

by Ukraine to enhance dialogue on the structure of the country's collective security after NATO's Bucharest summit. The parties praised intensification of inter-parliamentary interaction and the special role of the European Parliament in the context of opening the EU for Ukraine. (Ukrinform)

Crimean Tatars react to Russians

KYIV – The chairman of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis (Council), Mustafa Jemilev, said on June 13 that he is indignant at the position of Russian-speaking people in Crimea with respect to its indigenous population, the Crimean Tatars. According to Mr. Jemilev, around 70 percent of the Russian-speaking residents of Crimea view the deportation of the Crimean Tatars during the second world war as right and justified. "This is real fascism," Mr. Jemilev said. Those 70 percent of the Russian-speaking people in Crimea also called for returning the peninsula to Russia, Mr. Jemilev said. However, he said there is no pro-Russian orientation among Crimean Tatars. "Only two or three [Crimean Tatars] have a pro-Russian orientation. ... But I stress again that there are few of them; 99 percent of the Crimean Tatars dismiss this idea," Mr. Jemilev said. (Ukrinform)



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Нар. 20 червня 1913 р. в с. Воля Матяшова, Ліського повіту Галичини в родині Дмитра Біланича і Галини з д. Старух. Після закінчення Перемиської Української гімназії, трьох літ правничих студій на Львівському університеті і Духовній семінарії в Перемишлі, продовжував вищі студії в Римі, які завершив трьома докторатами: з теології, церковного і цивільного права. Св. Тайну Священства прийняв у 1940 р. в Римі та став помічником Преосвященного Єп. Кир Івана Бучка і викладачем Духовної семінарії. Після війни багато допомагав полоненим українським воєнкам дивізії "Галичина" в Римі, Італія. В 1946 р. переїхав до Америки, де спершу служив деканом Духовної Семінарії у Стамфорді, Коннектикут, а від 1948 р. до 1979 р. парохом церкви Свв. Кирила і Методія в Бервіку, Пенсильванія, де побудував новий храм і провадив цілоденну українську школу. Згодом два десятиліття трудився парохом Церкви Царя Христа у Філадельфії. В 1986 р., за видатні заслуги для Української Церкви і народу, Патріарх Мирослав Любачівський наділив його гідністю Мітрофорного Протоєрея. У 2003 р., вдячні парафіяни м. Бервіку, де він найдовше служив парохом і проживав на відпочинку останні роки свого життя, відзначили святочно його 90-ліття.

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Soccer

• Valentyn Khoudin, head coach of Azeri team FC Inter, on May 30 became the first foreign coach to win the Azerbaijani Football Championship. Previously, Khoudin worked with FC Karpaty and FC Kryvbas.

• Shakhtar Donetsk defeated Dynamo Kyiv 2-0 at Metalist Stadium in Kharkiv on May 7 to win the 2007-2008 Ukrainian Cup. Oleksander Hladky scored in the 44th minute and Oleksiy Hai scored in the 78th minute for Shakhtar. Five red cards were given during the game – two to Dynamo and three to Shakhtar. Six yellow cards were given, with Hladky getting two and two more for Shakhtar, and two to Dynamo. The high number of cards, according to sports analysts, was due to several misjudgments by referee Victor Shvestov. Dynamo had more shots on goal with 13 versus Shakhtar's nine, and Shakhtar played an undisciplined game with 10 offside calls versus Dynamo's one offense. The International Federation of Football History and Statistics on June 3 rated the best soccer clubs in the world and ranked Shakhtar Donetsk in 35th place and Dynamo Kyiv in 70th place.

• Anatoliy Tymoshchuk refused an offer by FC Bayern Munich and instead elected to remain with his current club team, FC Zenit of St. Petersburg, Russia, which defeated the Scottish club Rangers FC 2-0 on May 15 to win the UEFA Cup 2008. Tymoshchuk, 29, consented to sign a contract with FC Zenit for an annual salary of \$3.5 million, making him the highest paid soccer player in the Russian Premier League. The Ukrainian midfielder, who also plays for the Ukrainian National Team, said, "I did not forget where I was born and from what country I descend. On the day of the UEFA Cup finals in Manchester [England], my parents brought me the flag of Ukraine and I tied it on my neck with pleasure after the victory." On June 3 President Viktor Yushchenko bestowed the soccer captain with the title "Merited Worker of Physical Culture and Sports of Ukraine."

• The Ukrainian National Futsal (indoor soccer) Team defeated the Czech Republic 3-0 and advanced to the semifinals of the Fourth Grand Prix of Futsal held in Fortaleza, Brazil, on May 31 through June 9. Ukraine finished in third place and lost to host country Brazil 5-1, and defeated Paraguay 5-4. In the final Brazil defeated Argentina 3-2.

Boxing

• Oleksander Frenkel, 23, knocked out American Cory Phelps (12-4-1, 7 KO) in the first round to win the IBF junior cruiserweight title in Beyreuth, Germany, on May 17. Frenkel improved his record to 15-0, 11 KO.

• Wladimir Klitschko (50-3, 44 KO), the IBF, IBO and WBO super heavyweight champion, will defend his titles against Tony Thompson (31-1, 19 KO) of the United States on July 12 in Hamburg, Germany. The last time Klitschko fought in Hamburg, where Klitschko Management Group is located, was on March 18, 2000.

• Three Ukrainian boxers were named by ESPN.com on May 30 among the top ten best active fighters from the former Soviet Union. In sixth place was WBO junior middleweight champion Serhiy Dzinziruk (35-0, 22 KO), a southpaw who has won 35 consecutive fights. In fourth place was bantamweight champion Wladimir Sidorenko (21-1-2, 7 KO), dubbed "The Powerhouse" due to his seemingly unrelenting stamina, who sus-

tained his first defeat in defense of his WBA title on May 31 against Panama's Anselmo Moreno (22-1-1, 8 KO). And, in first place was Wladimir Klitschko (50-3, 44 KO), the IBF-IBO-WBO super heavyweight champion of the world.

Australian rules football

Australian rules footballer Alex Jesalusco, who is of Ukrainian descent, was inducted on May 8 into the Australian Football League (AFL) Hall of Fame as a legend of the AFL. Previously in 2002 he was inducted into the Ukrainian Hall of Sports in Kyiv.

Chess

• Vasyl Ivanchuk of Ukraine won the M-Tel Masters international chess tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria, held on May 16-18. Ivanchuk scored five wins, four draws and a final-round victory against Ivan Cheparinov of Bulgaria. Veselin Topalov of Bulgaria, the reigning champion of the tournament since its inception in 2005, finished in second.

• Vasyl Ivanchuk defeated Viswanathan Anand of India to win the 21st annual Magistral Ciudad de Leon international rapid chess tournament in Leon, Spain, on June 1. It was the first time during Anand's career that he did not win the tournament.

• Yuriy Drozdovskij and Ruslan Ponomarev of Ukraine won first and second place, respectively, at the fourth annual Pivdenny Bank Cup international chess tournament in Odesa, Ukraine, held on May 30 through June 2. Drozdovskij improved to 2581, while Ponomarev improved to 2719.

Tennis

• The World Tennis Association rated six Ukrainians among its top 100 competitors. In singles: Olena Bondarenko (29th), Tetiana Perebyinis (63th), Maria Korytseva (68th), Kateryna Bondarenko (69th), Olha Savchuk (72th) and Yulia Vakulenko (82th). In doubles: Olena and Kateryna Bondarenko ranked 15th and 16th, respectively, Perebyinis (37th), and Korytseva (46th).

• Olena and Kateryna Bondarenko made it to the semifinals in women's doubles of the Roland Garros French Open in Paris, France, on June 3. The sisters were defeated on June 4 by Casey Dellacqua of Australia and Francesca Schiavone of Italy 6-2, 6-1.

Shooting

• Artur Aivazian set a new record in the 50-meter MB-6 event at the World Cup in Milan, Italy, on May 27. Aivazian's score of 1275.5 beat the Olympic record by 0.4 points.

Martial arts

• The men's and women's teams from Ukraine tied the Georgian teams for the bronze medal at the European Judo Super World Cup Team Championship in Moscow on May 23-24. Russia's men's team and France's women's team finished in first place. Mongolia's men's and women's teams won second place. Brazil's women's team tied Ukraine for third place.

• The Ukrainian team won 23 medals to finish in third place at the European Sambo Youth Championship in Brest, Belarus, on May 15-19. Top finishers included Oleksander Derkach (under-81 kg), Mykyta Tyshchenko (70 kg), Oksana Didenko (64 kg), Iryna Kindzerska (over-75 kg). Ukraine also won four silver and 15 bronze medals.

• Mykola Dubilyev of Ukraine won

the silver medal in the +89 kg division at the Karate/Kobudo World Cup.

Mountain climbing

On May 27 a team of mountain climbers from the Donetsk Oblast planted the flags of Ukraine, the Donetsk Oblast and Ukraine's coal mining cities atop Mount Everest.

Pentathlon

Pavlo Tymoshenko scored 5,652 points to win the silver medal at the Modern Pentathlon World Cup V, held in Kladno, Czech Republic, on May 8. Tymoshenko, who finished just 32 points behind the leader, scored 1,156 points in shooting, 904 points in fencing, 1,280 points in swimming, 1,172 points in horse riding, and 1,140 points in running. Tymoshenko holds second place in the World Cup point standings with 130 points.

Track and field

Mykyta Nesterenko, 17, finished in third place in men's discus throw at the IAAF World Athletics Tour/European Athletics Premium Meeting in Tallinn, Estonia, on June 3.

Gymnastics

• Ukraine's women's team won eight medals at the seventh Stella Zakharova Cup international rhythmic gymnastics competition held at the Kyiv Sports Palace on May 31-June 1. Marina Kostyuchenko won three gold medals in vault, floor exercise and team competition, the silver medal in the all-around and the bronze medal in the uneven bars.

Ukrainian-born Ruslan Panteleymonov won the all-around title during his first official competition for the United Kingdom. Dmitri Girenko won the gold medal in the still rings, while Artyom Lyubanevich won the silver medal in the high bar event.

• Borys Shakhlin, a multiple European and world champion who competed during the 1950s and 1960s, died in Kyiv, Ukraine, on May 30 at the age of 76. President Viktor Yushchenko offered condolences to the family and the athlete's fans. Shakhlin, who was praised for his concentration and mental rehearsal, won 13 Olympic medals, six of which were gold, during his career. In 1958 he won the all-around title at the world championships. At the 1960 summer Olympics in Rome Shakhlin was the only athlete to win four gold medals; in addition, he won two silver medals and a bronze medal.

• Anna Rizatdinova won the silver medal in the combined events at the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships in Torino, Italy, on June 5-6.

Gaming

Poker was declared an official sport in Ukraine on May 11 by Diana Yurash on behalf of the Family, Youth and Sports Minister of Ukraine.

Weightlifting

Ukraine's men's and women's powerlifting teams won the European Championships held in Frydek-Mistek, Czech Republic, on May 11. Ukrainian

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Tryzub's invitational soccer tournament attracts 163 teams

HORSHAM, Pa. – Hundreds of soccer players converged on the Tryzub Ukrainian American Sports Center during Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-25, for the seventh annual Ukrainian Nationals Invitational Tournament. Nearly half of the 163 participating teams hailed from the Lehigh Valley, central Pennsylvania, northeast Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey; there was one team from the Caribbean island of Bermuda.

Taras Kozak, president of the Ukrainian Nationals, explained that Tryzub's goal of running the best soccer tournament in the United States was demonstrated by the turnout for this annual event. "We believe that we are on the right path to achieving this goal," he added.

On behalf of Tryzub, Gene Luciw presented the Gombey Warriors U-14 girls' team from Bermuda with a Ukrainian Nationals pennant. In return, the young team presented the Ukrainian Nationals with a team jersey and a pennant from the Bermuda Soccer Federation.

Tournament play consisted of boys' teams from under-8 through under-19, and girls' teams from U-9 through U-19. Games began on Friday evening under the lights of three of Tryzub's seven home fields. The tournament resumed on Saturday at Tryzub's fields and 13 additional pitches located at four nearby sites: Windlestrae Park and Zehr Fields in Montgomery Township, Pa., IPW in Warrington, Pa., and Turk Fields in Doylestown, Pa.

On Saturday evening, a Soccer Moms and Dads Appreciation Night was held in Tryzub's clubhouse and the festival grove was lit with Tiki torches to provide a much-needed retreat for the tournament guests.

On Sunday, May 25, the finals were held at Tryzub. Mr. Luciw, who explained the significance of Ukraine's national emblem, awarded trophies that were elegantly shaped into a Tryzub, to each winning team.

The Ukrainian Nationals' teams won three championships and reached the finals nine additional times.

"We are coming back next year and bringing more teams," remarked the head-trainer for the teams from Bermuda. "This tournament gave us the best competition that we have ever had anywhere – everything from the organization and officiating to the field conditions was outstanding."

Dan Nysch, director for the tournament, described the event as "awesome." Forty more teams competed in 2008 than in the 2007 tournament. "When we gathered so many months ago to plan this event, we never dreamt of these dimensions. I thank the tournament committee

and all of the volunteers from the depth of my heart," he added.

Special thanks were expressed to Cheryl Mannato, Tom Milewski, Joe Hosack, Marshall Miller, Donna Serratore, Tony Somma and Terry Simmons, whose efforts were key to the tournament's success.



Under-19 girls' champions Philadelphia SC Coppa Force.

2008 Tournament Results

Age Brackets	Champions
U19B	UGH- Alemania
U17B -Blue	St.Thomas More Strickers
U17B -White	North Union United 90
U16B -Blue	STN Soccer Royal Wolves
U15B -Blue	North Union United 92
U14B -Blue	Lehigh Valley Magic
U13B -Blue	North Union United 94
U12B -Blue	Pennsylvania Rush
U11B -Blue	Ukrainian Nationals Fighting Irish
U11B -White	Towanemincin Top Guns
U10B -White 11x11	Lighthouse Shamrocks
U10B -Blue 8x8	North Union United 97
U10B -White 8x8	YMS Dynamo
U9B -Blue	Southampton SA Sting Rays
U9B -White	Yardley Makefield Soccer
U8B -Blue	Upper Makefield Newtown SC
U8B -White	FC Revolution 200
U19G	Philadelphia SC Coppa Force
U16G -Blue	Fox Chase Lightning
U15G -Blue	Lanco United 92
U14G -Blue	Deep Run Valley Charge
U13G -Blue	Ukrainian Nationals Krush
U12G -Blue	Montgomery United Strykers
U11G -Blue	Lighthouse SC Royals
U10G -Blue	Lighthouse SC Fire
U9G -Blue	Council Rock United Tornados
U9G -White	Ukrainian Nationals Puddle Ducks

Turning the pages back...

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Parliament was to vote to approve judges to the Constitutional Court.

Ms. Tymoshenko said the blockading deputies turned the session hall into a "garbage dump, practically, with empty bottles, empty beer cans, scattered papers and cigarette butts all over the Rada."

"I want to turn to the Party of the Regions and tell them that this is the Verkhovna Rada, and you need to treat it with the appropriate level of culture and not turn it into a pig sty," Ms. Tymoshenko said.

Speculating on the duration of the blockade by the Party of the Regions, Ms. Tymoshenko said, "Considering that they've gotten used to eating in fancy restaurants, and now they'll have to eat day and night at the Rada's rostrum, I don't think they'll last very long with this lifestyle."

Viktor Yanukovych, leader of the Party of the Regions, called off the blockade on July 5, 2006, after an agreement was reached between the coalition leaders and the opposition.

Source: "Party of the Regions blockade halts work of Verkhovna Rada," by Zenon Zawada, *The Ukrainian Weekly*, July 2, 2006.

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Ukrainian Canadians pay tribute to contributions of John Yaremko

by Ihor W. Bardyn

TORONTO – “I am pleased to be able to make these donations with a warm heart and not cold hands,” were the words spoken by John Yaremko on a sunny March day at West Park Health Center in Toronto.

The community representatives who came to share tea and chocolate cake with the first Ukrainian Canadian elected to the Ontario Legislature represented the “Ukrainian Art Song Project” of the Canadian Ukrainian Opera Association of Toronto, the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Internship Program for university students from Ukraine, and the Katedra Foundation’s John and Myroslava Yaremko Canada-Ukraine Lectureship at Ukraine’s universities.

Mr. Yaremko and his late spouse, Myroslava, embarked on a philanthropic path shortly after his retirement from the Ontario Legislature in 1975. In the process they made important and substantial gifts to Roy Thompson Hall, the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Canadian Opera Company, the John and Myroslava Yaremko Forest on the Niagara Escarpment, Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, the Shevchenko Foundation in Winnipeg, Bellwoods Centers for Community Living in Toronto, and the Royal Ontario Museum.

More recently, with an endowment of \$600,000 the John and Mary Yaremko Program on Multiculturalism and Human Rights was established at the Faculty of Law of University of Toronto. In February of this year, to meet the needs of St. Volodymyr Cathedral in Toronto, the St. Volodymyr Foundation of Toronto received a gift of \$215,000, while the Yaremko’s Georgian style home was gifted to St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral to serve as a parish residence. On April 3 Mr. Yaremko made an important pledge of \$50,000 to the John Roberts Library at the University of Toronto to preserve and make broadly

accessible retrospective library materials relating to Ukrainian history, literature language and culture through digitization.

The John and Myroslava Yaremko Canada-Ukraine Lectureship in Ukraine was initiated in the fall 2007 academic term at the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy by Stephen Velychenko, who taught there at the political science department. Dr. Velychenko is a fellow of the Chair of Ukrainian Studies and research associate at the Munk Center, University of Toronto. This visiting lectureship, generously funded by Mr. Yaremko, will allow Canadian Academics to teach non-Ukrainian subjects, in English where possible, at Ukrainian universities. It is intended to give Ukrainian students knowledge of Canadian studies and to generate greater cooperation between Canada and Ukraine on educational issues.

Prof. Natalia Atamanenko, head of the Kyiv Mohyla Academy political science department, expressed her satisfaction with Dr. Velychenko’s course. She said she is pleased that it can be given again, and that the program of which it is a part of will be expanded thanks to the generous gift of Mr. Yaremko.

The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Internship Program for university students from Ukraine received a donation of \$100,000. The 2007 John and Myroslava Yaremko Scholarship recipient was Oksana Kleutina, a student at the National Aviation University of Kyiv. On receiving the news in Kyiv, Ms. Kleutina said, “I am honored to be the 2007 John and Myroslava Yaremko Scholarship recipient in the Canadian Parliament. During my internship, I researched Mr. Yaremko’s history as Cabinet Minister in the Ontario government. Mr. Yaremko’s vision and dedication to Ukraine, to his home province of Ontario and his support of multiculturalism and the multicultural communities of Hungarian, Italian, Baltic and Ukrainian Canadians is unpar-



John Yaremko (sitting) is joined by (from left) William Sametz, Laryssa Hunka, William Zyla, Rose Sametz, Pavlo Hunka, Lucia Hicks, Oleksandr Hordienko and Ihor Bardyn.

alleled. I will forever be honored to have received the Yaremko Scholarship. During my internship in the House of Commons, I discovered that Mr. Yaremko received The Officers Cross of the Order of Hungary, the highest award that a non-Hungarian can receive from the Republic of Hungary.”

The Ukrainian Art Song Project received an initial donation of \$25,000. The Art Song Project’s goal is to leave a legacy of masterfully written Ukrainian art songs that have never been heard before. Composers such as Mykola

Lysenko, Kyrylo Stetsenko, Yakiv Stepovy and Borys Liatoshynsky are among the masters who wrote in this particular genre and whose works will be represented in this comprehensive anthology.

Opera Star Pavlo Hunka accepted the initial donation of \$25,000 for the Art Song Project. He said: “Mr. Yaremko, your generosity has helped the Ukrainian Art Song Project to take a giant step forward and to come closer to our goal of

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Ukraine represented at U.N.’s International Fashion Show



Ukrainian participants of the International Fashion Show at the United Nations.

by Marta Kokolskyj

UNITED NATIONS – Thanks to the permanent representative of Ukraine to the United Nations, Ambassador Yuriy Sergeyev, children of the diplomatic corps of Ukraine at the United Nations and the Ukrainian diaspora participated in the International Fashion Show during the celebration of the U.N. Staff Day.

The event took place in the General Assembly Hall at the United Nations

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Headquarters in New York City on April 25, as part of the annual Staff Day celebrations, which incorporated the U.N. 2008 Spring Festival.

For the first time in Ukraine’s 63-year membership in the United Nations, Ukrainian children, dressed in authentic Ukrainian costumes, represented Ukraine to the U.N. audience.

The mistress of ceremonies, 2007 Miss Universe and Japanese native Riyo Mori, introduced the children. Visibly proud to represent independent Ukraine, the children received a warm welcome from the international audience.

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| Sunday, November 9: | Ukrainian Cultural Center
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A journey with...

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correspondence and documents in his desk would for years remain a vivid testimony to his untiring, persistent efforts. In late September 1950, to the amazement of many of his colleagues who viewed him as a dreamer and to the surprise of some government officials who agreed – not without skepticism – to lend a helping hand in this rescue operation, my father's hopes were realized.

For many years afterwards, he spoke fondly of the many individuals who helped him in this endeavor. He was especially grateful for the invaluable government connections he was able to establish through the intercession of the rector of the Ukrainian Free University, Dr. Ivan Mirtchuk. He valued most highly an act of true Christian kindness on the part of a Ukrainian priest, the Rev. Andriy Stasiuk, who was not afraid to take a serious risk in order to save a child from the clutches of communism.

It was primarily thanks to the assistance and moral support of these individuals as well as my father's resolute decision to immerse himself in serious study at the above-named university that during the years of waiting he was able to maintain a balanced mind and an optimistic disposition – qualities indispensable to bring to a successful completion a seemingly impossible task.

Once again I found myself on a train but this time I was traveling alone. I was a very mature 13 so no one among the Sudetan Germans that occupied my compartment appeared to be overly surprised that I was about to cross the Iron Curtain unaccompanied by an adult. We passed the Czechoslovak-German border at night without any unusual incidents. With the arrival of the new day I was the first to awake and as soon as my eyes were fully opened, I rushed to the window to greet the new world. Yes, I still grieved deeply for the lady in the red bathing suit, for her loving mother, her kind-hearted sister and so very knowledgeable and entertaining brother. I grieved for a country that in the course of six long years I had grown to love, for

my friends, my teachers and my many acquaintances... But a free, safe world is now beckoning to me and, above all, it promised a new life with my beloved, even though by now somewhat estranged, father. What was our meeting going to be like? I was no longer little, I was no longer the obedient girl that he most likely remembered and, most importantly, I no longer spoke Ukrainian. Would he understand why? What would he say? What would I say to him?

As the train began to slow down, I gazed again at the landscape outside the window. We were approaching our destination: Furth im Wald, a small town in a picturesque countryside of American-controlled West Germany. In the distance I saw a man walking toward the station. Even though he was still far away, a thought flashed through my mind: could it be my father? I wasn't able to decipher the features on his face, but that special tilt of the hat seemed so familiar. In fact, it looked almost exactly like the hat that was blown away by the wind more than six years earlier when we were crossing the border between Poland and Slovakia. With a sudden surge of confidence I smiled and spontaneously waved my hand through the open window. The man slowed down his pace, looked intensely in my direction, then waved back and began to run toward the station...

What followed was long years of assimilation into two cultures. After a few weeks of typical teenage rebelliousness and stubborn resistance, the process of my becoming a Ukrainian proved to be practically painless thanks to the prudence, patience and perseverance of a very intelligent father. What aided us a great deal during those inevitably awkward first days of re-acquaintance was the happy coincidence that we found a person we both greatly admired: the first president of Czechoslovakia, Tomas G. Masaryk. Our conversations about Masaryk's world outlook and politics would inspire me in later years to look deeper into the ideological background that provided the basis for the political structure of a country that for a long time remained close to my heart.

Soon after these initial steps of getting to know each other, my days became

filled with reading assignments from the works of Ivan Franko, Vasyl Stefanyk, Lesia Ukrainka and, of course, Taras Shevchenko. These first steps in Ukrainian studies were rewarded with an occasional evening at the opera, an afternoon at the museum, a Latin high mass with organ music that I loved and frequent trips to the cinema, where I would encounter Zara Leander and Marlena Dietrich.

The spirited conversations with my politically savvy and very sociable uncle, the Rev. Mykhailo Korzhan, and the hospitality of our close neighbors in the center of Munich, the Bodnaruk and Prociuk families in particular, also contributed to the smooth process through which I began to blend into a culture that in my heart I always knew was my own, but which mentally I could not as yet fully embrace.

Finding it difficult during the weekdays to stay at home alone, I often accompanied my father to his office at the International Relief Organization located on the outskirts of Munich. The long hours in a very busy office were usually devoted to my Ukrainian lessons. The monotony of this experience, however, would be frequently interrupted by an interesting conversation during the lunch hour with my father's co-worker, Jaroslav Skochylas, whose generous gifts of books were even then deeply appreciated. Occasionally, a soft-spoken Ukrainian by the name of Stepan Chemych would drop into the office for a brief chat. He would be greeted with open arms and a vigorous handshake and often introduced affectionately to whoever was present as "my son."

Needless to say, my first reaction to this introduction was that of a profound bewilderment, but my puzzled expression would soon disappear as I listened to the serious discussion that followed. It focused almost exclusively on the importance of education in one's life. It was not too difficult even for a 13-year-old to realize that my father was more than just a mentor to this young man who was, as so many of his youthful countrymen, much in need of familial warmth and paternal advice. Whenever our paths were to cross in the years to come, Stepan Chemych always spoke with affection and fondness of my father.

With the passage of time I became curious about my father's background, about his dreams and ideals. He spoke very little of himself adhering faithfully to the principle that one should never talk about one's own accomplishments. Nevertheless, through my persistent questioning, I was able to learn that the most memorable experience of his youth was the day when he, together with two other students, was selected to deliver official greetings on behalf of his graduating class to Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky on the occasion of the prelate's namesday. It was this wise, saintly figure that he and, as I was soon to learn, nearly all the members of my father's generation viewed with profound respect and admiration.

In the course of our subsequent conversations I also learned that in his student days my father was a member of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, that he subsequently became active in the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists, that for his political activities in the late 1930s he faced execution by the Polish authorities... All of these stories were related in an unemotional, matter-of-fact manner, without the slightest attempt to impress by striking the pose of a hero or that of a suffering martyr. Neither did I ever hear an expression of hatred toward his tormentors in prison. He always made it very clear that the danger in our time emanated from Communist Russia and,

thus, any wrongs or differences with other nations, the Poles in particular, had to be set aside.

It was only years later that I learned from one of his younger friends, Dr. Stepan Woroch, that in Chortkiv, where we resided before the war, my father was an important political figure, that he was an inspiration, a model whose lifestyle many young people wished to emulate. His honesty, fearlessness and good looks, as well as a deep, sonorous voice, helped to spread his popularity both in town and in the surrounding countryside.

In later years I was amazed at the depth and independence of his thought while analyzing international events or discussing the intricate issues of Ukrainian internal politics. Regarding the latter he tried to instill in me an attitude of strict impartiality even though he did not conceal his personal sympathies. What he considered most important was an independent, unbiased search for truth, irrespective of whether this process would lead to the desired conclusions. These early lessons in objectivity were invaluable in my future academic career as a college professor and author.

My father belonged to a well-read, highly imaginative, fearlessly honest generation, a generation whose ideals and activities had been for more than half a century systematically maligned by the Soviets and quite often misinterpreted or deliberately distorted in the West. It was a generation brought up in accordance with the noblest Christian principles, a generation open to other religions and cultures, but staunchly adhering to what was essential in Ukrainian tradition. It was a generation brought up on the lessons learned from the Ukrainian struggle for independence two decades earlier, but which in its own time was confronted with political choices that were far more difficult than the founders of the Ukrainian statehood had to face. It was a generation that drew inspiration from the works of their contemporaries, in particular, the poetry of Yevhen Malaniuk, Olena Teliha and Oleh Olzhych, being at the same time well acquainted with the classics of world literature.

In his retirement years my father found great pleasure and satisfaction in reading or re-reading the works of Plato and Marcus Aurelius. He devoted a great deal of attention to maintaining his physical health by practicing yoga in the early hours of the day and by taking long walks through the Catskills, which reminded him so much of his beloved Carpathians. As I was passing from adolescence to adulthood, I tried to emulate him in many ways, always regretting that I did not have the fortune to inherit his natural eloquence, his genuine modesty and his impeccable tact.

My father passed away on March 13, 2007, at the age of 95. The last years of his life were ravaged by a rapidly advancing Alzheimer's. During occasional periods of lucidity, I tried to aid him in retrieving the lost pages of his memory by retelling him stories of our long journeys together. He never joined in these excursions into the past by adding a comment or posing a question. Only an occasional glimmer in his eyes suggested that in the deep recesses of his mind some events did strike a familiar chord.

He never said a word until one day I began to reminisce: "Do you remember that dark summer day in central Slovakia when a lady suddenly appeared and asked: 'Give me this little girl...'" The features on my father's face suddenly brightened, his eyes became luminous and to my amazement, in an accented but perfect Slovak he completed the sentence "I will raise her as my own..."



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NOTES ON PEOPLE

Awarded degree in veterinary medicine

WALLINGFORD, Pa. – Dr. Maria Syska, on May 19 graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine with the degree of Veterinariae Medicinae Doctoris (VMD). She also successfully completed the Penn Veterinary Medicine Business Certificate Program.

While attending Penn's School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Syska was named to the Dean's List, and was also awarded a Possinger Dean's Scholarship.

Dr. Syska pursued her undergraduate education at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, magna cum laude, in June 2004. She was also elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Starting in June, Dr. Syska will continue her education by means of a small animal rotating internship at Animal Medical Hospital in Charlotte, N.C. Her eventual professional plans are to practice general small animal medicine.

Dr. Syska also has a strong interest in performing service work, which, to date, has encompassed several veterinary mis-



Dr. Maria Syska

sion trips to Nicaragua, as well as veterinary service work in Quinalt, Wash.

Dr. Syska is the daughter of William and Loressa Syska of West Chester, Pa., and the granddaughter of Eva Uzych and the late Dr. Walter Uzych, and of Olga Syska and the late Otto Syska.

Business couple featured in NY Times

NEW YORK – Renata Bokalo and Roman Luba, owners of Auto, a self-proclaimed mini-department store in the meatpacking district of Manhattan, were featured in the June 8 edition of The New York Times.

The husband and wife, both first-generation Ukrainian Americans, told The Times that they had met as children at an upstate Ukrainian summer camp. Years

later, they were reunited and opened their lifestyle store in 1999, and were married.

During the economic hardships of post-9/11 New York, the article reports that Ms. Bokalo and Mr. Luba moved in to the unfinished space above their store, originally earmarked as an office. Today, the apartment, which was pictured in the article, is beautifully furnished with merchandise the couple carry in their store.

The couple has also extended Auto's business to the Internet. A wide range of merchandise, from earrings to bedding, can be purchased online at thisisauto.com.

Receives two awards for journalism studies

TORONTO – The Canadian Foundation for Ukrainian Studies (CFUS) announced that Alexandra Stadnyk of Toronto is the 2008 recipient of both the Stephania Bubniuk Award in Journalism Studies and the Olga Wirsta Award in Communications, Journalism and Media Studies.

Alexandra Stadnyk is a recent graduate of the Master of Arts in Journalism Program at the University of Western Ontario. Her interest in journalism was sparked by Ukraine's Orange Revolution of 2004-2005, when she was motivated to write about the events taking place in Ukraine for the mass media in Waterloo, Ontario.

As a journalism student, Ms. Stadnyk contributed to various local newspapers. She profiled Ukrainian American filmmaker Damian Kolody, Ukrainian Holodomor survivor Mykola Latyshko and the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, and wrote articles about freedom of the press in Ukraine, as well as the country's economy and business affairs. Ms. Stadnyk also prepared a radio report about the initiative of the Help Us Help the Children project of the Children of Chernobyl Canadian Fund to raise public awareness about the scourge of human trafficking.

In 2007 Ms. Stadnyk completed an internship with the Associated Press in Belgium. After graduating in May 2007, she moved to Ukraine, where she is now working as a journalist for the Kyiv Post.

The Stephania Bubniuk Award in Journalism Studies was founded by the late Ms. Bubniuk, a well-known Ukrainian Canadian journalist and community activist. The Olga Wirsta Award in Communications, Journalism and Media Studies was founded in memory of Mrs. Wirsta of Toronto.

Both awards were established to encourage promising students in journalism, communications and media studies to pursue their goals and use their journalistic skills to contribute to a better understanding of the Ukrainian diaspora, highlighting its communities' histories, members and different aspects of their life experiences. Students in radio, television, and film journalism or in communications and media studies are eligible to apply. The awards are administered by CFUS, and adjudication of the applications is made by the CFUS Awards Committee.

CFUS is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to securing funds and other resources that will promote the growth and development of Ukrainian studies in Canada in perpetuity. The work of CFUS is supported by the generosity of individuals through donations, bequests and endowments.

Young musicians at Carnegie Hall

NEW YORK – Two Ukrainian students were part of New York City Department of Education's 50th anniversary Junior High School "Salute to Music," which took place at the renowned Carnegie Hall's Stern Auditorium on May 27.

The musical ensembles from Manhattan and Brooklyn that performed in the concert comprised of middle school students who auditioned for positions in the borough-wide band, orchestra and chorus.

Andriy Keeley, on clarinet, sitting in the concertmaster's chair, was part of Manhattan's Borough-wide Band under the direction of Joseph Zoltowsky. Son of Anya Farion and Frank Keeley, he was born in New York City in 1995. He is currently a seventh grade honor student at Robert Wagner Middle School (M.S. 167) on Manhattan's Upper East Side, where he is enrolled in one of the largest music programs in the city.

He is also studying clarinet privately with Andriy Milavskii, founder of the Cheres Musical Ensemble. Andriy is a member of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization and the Roma Pryma Bohachevska Dance School, and attends St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church Sunday School on West 82nd Street in New York City.

Dana Kurylyk, a soprano, performed at Carnegie Hall in the debut performance of the Brooklyn Chorus under the direction of David Gomez. Dana was born in Chernivtsi, Ukraine, in 1995. Together with her parents Victor and Mariya Kurylyk, she moved to New York in 2000. Now Dana is a seventh grade honor student at Mark Twain Intermediate School for the Gifted Children (drama talent) in Brooklyn.

Dana received her first music education at the Sunday School at St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Church on West 82nd Street in New York City. Under the direction of Anastasia Antoniv and Elya Romanyshyn, she learned the basics of singing, poetry recitation and dance. She participated in numerous performances and



Andriy Keeley



Dana Kurylyk

Ukrainian thematic shows. Dana has also been studying piano with Ms. Romanyshyn and participated in recitals of the Ukrainian Musical Institute of America.



Olya Kuplowska, president of the Canadian Foundation of Ukrainian Studies, presents Alexandra Stadnyk the 2008 Stephania Bubniuk Award in Journalism and the 2008 Olga Wirsta Award in Communications, Journalism and Media Studies.

"Notes on People" is a feature geared toward reporting on the achievements of members of the Ukrainian National Association and the Ukrainian community. All submissions should be concise due to space limitations and must include the person's UNA branch number (if applicable). Items will be published as soon as possible after their receipt.

Russia wants...

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noted (Interfax, ITAR-Tass, June 7).

On June 7 Andrei Belyaninov, head of the Russian Federal Customs Service, told Mr. Putin that the CIS nations had decided set up a joint committee to combat customs violations. Belyaninov conceded, however, that Georgia and Turkmenistan had declined to join the committee. He also said that the Federal Customs Service prioritized efforts to create the customs union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan (Interfax, RIA Novosti, June 7).

The EEC member-states include Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, while Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine have observer status. Moscow has a 40 percent authority in EEC voting and financial rights; Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Belarus have 15 percent each, while Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan have 7.5 percent.

In January the prime ministers of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan signed nine trade agreements, which represented only nine of the 29 issues to be solved in order to create the new union. WTO-member Kyrgyzstan, as well as Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, however, remained reluctant to join.

In the meantime, yet another Russia-dominated group, the CSTO, pledged to continue its military build-up. Russia was strengthening its military presence in Central Asia, thus showing its responsible attitude toward its CSTO commitments, CSTO Secretary General Nikolai Bordyuzha announced on June 5. Russia was beefing up its military bases in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Bordyuzha said, but conceded that the process was hampered by Uzbekistan's reluctance to allow Russian military transit (Interfax, RIA-Novosti, June 5).

The CSTO has long been considering the creation of its own peace-keeping forces. In May 2007 the CSTO indicated plans to form a joint army group in addition to the existing CSTO fast deployment forces. Mr. Bordyuzha has said that the CSTO peacekeeping forces could become operational later this year.

In January Mr. Bordyuzha also announced an initiative to convene a top-level meeting of regional organizations, including the CSTO, the CIS, the EEC, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Meanwhile, the CSTO appeared struggling to convene a summit meeting of its own.

On May 20 Mr. Bordyuzha briefed the Russian president on preparations for the CSTO summit. The CSTO prioritizes military cooperation, including revival of the military infrastructure around Russia and creation of new bases, he told Mr. Medvedev. Mr. Bordyuzha claimed that the CSTO had successfully developed coordination among member-states but would not announce the dates of the CSTO summit, which had been due in Moscow in May or June this year (Interfax, RIA-Novosti, June 5).

The CSTO summit delay apparently came as an indication that some member states remained skeptical about the group's prospects. Notably, at a meeting with Russian President Medvedev in St. Petersburg on June 6, Uzbek President Islam Karimov suggested that the CSTO and the EEC merge. The two groups have overlapping agendas, and a merger would allow them to achieve more significant results, he said (Interfax, RIA Novosti, June 6).

Mr. Karimov's initiative did not come as a complete surprise because the CSTO, which includes Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, has overlapping membership with the CIS and the EEC.

Therefore, the Kremlin is continuing to pursue its attempts to boost the international standings of post-Soviet institutions. Moscow appears to be struggling, however, to prop up its client groupings, the EEC and the CSTO, as important international organizations.

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Moscow insists...

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Pipeline Consortium, the intensity of tanker traffic is set to increase further (Nezavisimoe Voennoe Obozrenie, September 14, 2007). The construction industry in the Krasnodar region in the coming years will be overloaded beyond capacity with the ambitious projects around Sochi, which is preparing to host the 2014 Winter Olympic Games, so the navy cannot expect priority attention.

Knowing that there is no way to move their heavy rear services, the admirals have taken a defiant stance, exemplified by the statement of Admiral Vladimir Vysotsky, commander of the Navy, who suggested increasing the strength of the Black Sea Fleet from 35 to 100 ships, as stipulated by the agreement with Ukraine (Rossiiskaya Gazeta, May 30).

However, the dismal state of Russia's shipbuilding industry, now organized in a single state-owned holding company chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin, guarantees that such muscle-building would in the foreseeable future belong to the category of wishful thinking (Vedomosti, June 11).

There is certainly far more to the Sevastopol problem than the physical difficulty of moving the fleet, and Russian politicians, from Dmitri Rogozin to Yuri Luzhkov to Sergei Ivanov, have been arguing passionately during the last couple of months that there is not only no place to relocate but also no need to abandon the base at Sevastopol. The main context for this "patriotic" contest in scoring cheap points is the prospect of NATO enlargement that is portrayed as a grave threat to Russia's security (Moscow Echo, June 13).

Moscow Mayor Yuriy Luzhkov, visiting Sevastopol in May, argued that the Russian-Ukrainian treaty should be scrapped; and the State Duma, always attuned to the moods in the Kremlin, has approved a declaration that suggests that if Ukraine secures a NATO Membership Action Plan, the treaty would become null and void (Rossiiskaya Gazeta, June 5). Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov, visiting Sevastopol for the celebration of its 225th anniversary, said that he did not feel like a guest in "our city" and suggested that NATO membership would inevitably involve a visa regime between

Russia and Ukraine (www.newsru.com, June 14).

Another context to this problem is that it is not at all clear what sort of future Sevastopol would have after the withdrawal of the Russian fleet, since developing a trade port there makes little sense due to a lack of land transportation links. NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer confirmed that the alliance had no plans for building a base in Sevastopol (RIA-Novosti, June 12). Russia has taken a more pro-active course and promises to increase its investments in the city infrastructure, which is closely linked with supporting the fleet (www.newsru.com, June 12).

Public opinion in the Crimea is generally pro-Russian, as confirmed by the 1 million signatures gathered on a petition to keep the Black Sea Fleet in Sevastopol indefinitely (www.lenta.ru, June 9). Even more telling is a recent Gallup poll, according to which 53 percent of Ukrainians approve the policy of the Russian leadership and only 24 percent disapprove, which is a higher approval rating than in Belarus or Armenia (www.gallup.com, May 7).

Deep splits in Ukraine's political elite and bitter animosity between President Yushchenko and Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko give Russian President Medvedev space to play hardball and assert himself as a true "defender" of national interests. At the same time, the Kremlin tends to underestimate the success of Ukrainian state-building, fantasizing about a break-up that might be triggered by Crimea, as then President Putin tried to insinuate at the NATO Bucharest summit (Kommersant, April 7).

The word "Sevastopol" resonates strongly with Russia's still uncertain identity, but attempts at exploiting this effect covered by accusations about Ukraine's inability to engage in a "civilized dialogue" are seriously irresponsible. Instead of achieving a demonstrable success, Mr. Medvedev might find himself trapped on a dead-end track, where the losses could be far greater than the costs of moving a couple of dozen rusty ships to an unprepared anchorage.

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releasing the complete art songs of Mykola Lysenko in 2009. Lysenko composed six hours of exquisite music which is now coming to the attention of the classical world. As a composer of art songs, he is at last taking his rightful place alongside other great composers such as Schubert, Schumann, Wolf, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Debussy and Ravel."

Mr. Hunka went on to explain that the works are already digitized and will soon be published on the Ukrainian Art Song

Project Website: www.uasp.ca. "Anyone, anywhere in the world will be able to download the score of any of the art songs, at no cost and in any key they desire. Thus, we will be creating a world library of Ukrainian classical gems."

The philanthropic activity of Mr. Yaremko and his late spouse, Myroslava, will leave a legacy of great importance to the arts, community living, civil society and education both in Canada and Ukraine.

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athletes won eight gold, eight silver and two bronze medals. Notably, Serhiy Pevnyev (under-100 kg) set a new world record for bench press with 280 kg, Pevnev and Oleksander Shepil were named second and third best lifters in the men's division, with 607.1 points and 581.5 points, respectively. In the women's division, Tetyan Prymenchuk

was named third best lifter with 570.9 points.

Cycling

- Alla Boiko, 17, of Ternopil, Ukraine, won the silver medal at the European Mountain Bike Championship in Garmisch, Germany, on May 10.

- Tetiana Stiashkina won the fourth leg of the Vuelta Ciclista a El Salvador held on May 16-21.

– compiled by Matthew Dubas

OUT AND ABOUT

June 25
Cambridge, MA

Book reading by Timothy Snyder "The Red Prince: The Secret Lives of a Habsburg Archduke," Harvard University, 617-495-4053

July 4-6
Ellenville, NY
Ukrainian

Lemko Vatra Festival, Organization for the Defense of Lemko Western Ukraine, American Youth Association Resort, 845-647-7230 or Ellenville@cym.org

June 26
Glen Spey, NY

Seafood Extravaganza at Ardmore Mansion, Mountain View Resort, 845-856-1105

July 6
Milton, ON

Golf tournament, Barvinok Ukrainian Dance School, Royal Ontario Golf Club, 519-852-5531

June 26
Washington

Seminar, "Ensuring the Delivery of Greenhouse Gas Credits in Ukraine and Russia," Andrews Kurth, 301-838-9733 or 202-662-3048

July 7
Cambridge, MA

Lecture by Roman Szporluk, "Great Russia' and Ukraine," Harvard University, 617-495-4053

June 26
Cambridge, MA

Lecture by Catherine Wagner, "Communities of the Converted," Harvard University, 617-495-4053

June 28
Glen Spey, NY

Murder mystery dinner, "Murder at Ardmore Mansion," Mountain View Resort, 845-856-1105

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June 28
Ellenville, NY

Barbecue and pool party, Ukrainian American Youth Association Resort, 845-647-7230 or Ellenville@cym.org

June 30-July 5
Leighton, PA

Ukrainian Folk Dance Camp and Workshop, Ukrainian American Heritage Foundation of Schuykill County, Ukrainian Homestead, 570-708-1992

July 3
Cambridge, MA

Film presentation by Yuri Shevchuk, "New Works and New Names in Ukrainian Cinema," Harvard University, 617-495-4053

July 3-7
Weaverville, CA

"Ivana Kupala," Ukrainians of Northern California in Weaverville, Trinity Alps Wilderness Area, 530-623-1955 or 530-661-6776



Mission Statement

The Ukrainian National Association exists:

- to promote the principles of fraternalism;
- to preserve the Ukrainian, Ukrainian American and Ukrainian Canadian heritage and culture; and
- to provide quality financial services and products to its members.

As a fraternal insurance society, the Ukrainian National Association reinvests its earnings for the benefit of its members and the Ukrainian community.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

under the auspices of the Ukrainian Sports Federation of America and Canada

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PARADE OF ATHLETES**
Friday, July 4 – 1 pm

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Daily

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CLOSING CEREMONY
Sunday, July 6, - 4:30 pm

OLYMPIC DANCE
Saturday, July 5 – 7:30 pm
indoors & outdoors
Bands: **Svitanok & Luna**
ADMISSION: \$15.00 /person
ATHLETES: \$10.00/person

ADMISSION: \$10.00 / day/person
- or -
\$25.00 / person for ALL 3 DAYS
Children (13 and under) - FREE



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Soyuzivka's Datebook

- 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 9-16** – Club Suzie-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

Wednesday June 25

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.: The Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute will host a talk by Timothy Snyder, professor of history and director of graduate studies, Yale University. His talk, "The Red Prince: The Ukrainian Mission of a Habsburg Archduke," which is based on his new book, will be held in the Thompson Room, Barker Center, 12 Quincy St., Cambridge, MA 02138, at 7 p.m. For more information contact HURI at 617-495-4053 or log on to <http://www.huri.harvard.edu/calendar.htm>.

Thursday, June 26

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.: The Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute will host a lecture by Catherine Wanner, associate professor of history, anthropology and religious studies at Pennsylvania State University. Her talk, titled "Communities of the Converted," will be held in Room S-020 of the CGIS Building South at 7 p.m. The South Building of the Center for Government and International Studies is located at 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138. For more information contact HURI at 617-495-4053 or log on to <http://www.huri.harvard.edu/calendar.htm>.

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Rooms Available for Soyuzivka Festival!

No need to miss the Ukrainian Cultural Festival because Soyuzivka is booked! Soyuzivka is pleased to announce that Orest Fedash, General Manager of Hudson Valley Resort has graciously agreed to accommodate our festival guests with a special room rate. Rooms are still available for July 10-13, 2008. Hudson Valley is just down the road from Soyuzivka. Call 1-888-9-HUDSON (1-888-948-3766) for reservations.

Ukrainian Sacred Music 101 (USM101) Course

in conjunction with Kolozarska Sich Camp

Sponsored by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America

INSTRUCTORS

Oleh Mahlay, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus and former conductor at St. Wladimir Cathedral Choir of Parma, Ohio.
 Adrian Bryttan, Artistic Director and Conductor Elect of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus
 Rev. Deacon Ihor Mahlay, St. Wladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, Ohio

DATES/SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

Wednesday, August 13 - Sunday, August 17

All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church Camp - Emlenton, Pennsylvania

Wednesday, August 13 - 7:00 pm	Registration and Orientation
Thursday, August 14	Full day of USM 101
Friday, August 15	Full day of USM 101
Saturday, August 16	Full day of USM 101
Sunday, August 17	Divine Liturgy

GOALS

- Provide an opportunity to sing sacred works by Ukrainian master composers.
- Provide practical pointers for church singers, cantors, and conductors alike relative to common areas of church singing.
- Listening lectures will open up many hidden aspects of sacred music tradition.
- Basic vocal techniques will also be shown.
- Provide the chance to sing musical works that are difficult to accomplish in a usual church setting.

FEE

\$160, includes lessons, lodging and meals

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To download the registration form, please visit www.bandura.org/bandura_school.htm



Being Ukrainian means:

- Malanka in January.
- Deb in February.
- Sviato Vesny or Zlet in May.
- Ukrainian Diaspora Olympiad in July.
- Volleyball at Wildwood in August.
- Labor Day at Soyuzivka in September.
- Morskyi Bal in New Jersey in November.
- Koliada in December.
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