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Rochester Site of Nat'l Basketball  
Tournament

FOUR SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THE UKRAINIAN TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS  
ON APRIL 3rd

This past week, the program of the National Ukrainian Basketball Tournament, which will be held in Rochester on April 3rd and 4th under the auspices of the UYI-NA, was released.

Participating will be four highly touted and very competent basketball teams. They are: Bayonne, N. J. Ukrainian Boys' Athletic Club; Chester, Pa. Ukrainian Social Club; Rochester, N. Y. Ukrainian Americans and Monessen, Pa. Ukrainians.

From all indications, this elimination tournament will be of a very high nature, both athletically and socially.

The scheduled program is as follows:

Saturday evening, April 3rd, at 7:00 P.M., Monessen Ukrainians vs. Chester Ukrainian Social Club; at 9:00 P.M., Rochester Ukrainians vs. Bayonne Ukrainian Boys' Athletic Club; a social at the Ukrainian American Club will then ensue.

Sunday afternoon, April 4th: at 2:00 P.M., Final National Championship Game; at 4:00 P.M., National Championship Banquet, which will be held in the Ukrainian American Club.

When you consider that these teams were picked out of approximately 50 odd Ukrainian American basketball squads, you will realize that the participants will be the cream of the crop.

U.N.A. Auditing Committee in Bi-Annual  
Session

SUPREME ASSEMBLY STARTS ITS ANNUAL SESSION TODAY

The Supreme Auditing Committee of the Ukrainian National Association was in session during the past week at the U.N.A. home office at 81-83 Grand street, Jersey City, N. J. The session was one of the regular bi-annual ones provided for in the by-laws of the U.N.A.

The official report of the auditing committee appeared in last Saturday's number of Svoboda. Following the membership and financial figures involved, it concludes with the statement that the committee found everything in perfect order.

Members of the auditing committee consist of Dmytro Kapitula of McAdoo, Pa.; Walter Hirniak of Toronto, Canada; Dr. Ambrosius Kibzey and John Evanchuk of Detroit, and Stephen Kuropas of Chicago.

Today marks the opening of the annual meeting of the Supreme Assembly of the U.N.A. It consists of the five supreme officers, the five members of the auditing committee and the eleven members of the board of advisors. All executive powers in the U.N.A. are vested in its Supreme Assembly, the members of which are elected at the U.N.A. convention.

Can We Afford National Defense?

The communist coup d'etat in Czechoslovakia, coupled with Stalin's demands for a "defense" agreement with Finland and mounting totalitarian pressures in France, Italy and other European nations, has brought the international situation to its worst point since 1939.

It is clear that those who dislike and envy us abroad respect only one quality in a country—and that quality is military strength. It is not war mongering to say that the United States must maintain a defense establishment far more effective than any we have ever had in peacetime so long as the world remains in its present explosive state. That is simply insurance for our survival.

According to those who know best, all branches of our military forces, Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard alike, are in a dangerously weak condition. We have sunk, in the space of about two years, from the greatest military power on earth to a third-rate military power.

This was only partially the result of the postwar demobilization. The armed services have been denied requested appropriations for research and development which they consider absolutely vital if they are to keep pace with the Soviet Union, whose army is reported to be still at wartime strength. This has been done, of course, in the name of economy.

REGISTER NOW FOR VET  
CONVENTION

Reservations from delegates and guests are now being accepted for the first National Convention of the Ukrainian American War Veterans to be held in Philadelphia's Penn Sheraton Hotel over the coming Memorial Day weekend.

Veterans organizations are urged to make preparations to attend this unique conclave en masse. A fine three day program is being arranged and it is anticipated that the greatest jam-boree of Ukrainian American war veterans in history will take place in the Quaker City, the city where both the Republican and Democratic national presidential convention will be held.

Reservations and Registration are handled by Miss Catherine Podhainy whose address is 809 N. 7th St., Philadelphia.

N.Y. ART GUILD SPONSORS LECTURE

PRELUDE to a forthcoming lecture on Ukrainian Architecture, was the "Conditioning" lecture given by Mr. Julian K. Jastrzemsky on Saturday, March 6th at Midston House, New York City. The lecture, designed to equip the listeners with the fundamentals of approach in the evaluation and appreciation of architecture, was entitled "What is Architecture?"

Sponsored by Young People of Ukrainian Origin

It was the second in a series of lectures sponsored by the Music and Arts Guild, whose members, of Ukrainian descent, believe that as a contribution to American culture, the form and source of Ukrainian culture should be established by artists and musicians of Ukrainian descent, and made available in English to the American

public, to promote its study and development.

Mr. Jastrzemsky, who is believed to be the only licensed architect of Ukrainian descent in the United States and Canada, and is registered in New York, is at present engaged in general practice in commercial and industrial architecture, specializing in church and institutional building. His present work includes projects in Texas, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

In his lecture, Mr. Jastrzemsky

Today the spearhead of their fight for freedom is the UPA, the Ukrainian Insurgent Army, the most powerful anti-Soviet guerrilla force operating behind the notorious Iron Curtain.

We cannot stress too strongly that the Free Ukrainian movement represents the true spirit of the freedom loving and democratically-minded Ukrainian people, whose good name, it should be noted, has been terribly maligned by the so-called Ukrainian delegates to the United Nations who misrepresent Ukraine before that international body and who owe their positions solely to the dictates of Moscow and act as its agents.

Today the Ukrainian national movement makes Ukraine our country's chief ally within the Soviet sphere of domination. Accordingly, and in the interests of freedom and justice, we strongly urge that the Ukrainian forces their fighting against Soviet tyranny be afforded the same opportunities of help from American sources as are being granted now to other peoples fighting for their freedom and against the spread of communism and Soviet Russian expansionism.

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America  
Stephen Shumeyko, President

endeavored to show that architecture, "the art or science of building," is actually the "combination which weaves whole fields of human endeavor, in art in science, into an integrated entity, to produce a thing of use and beauty." Use without beauty, said the lecturer, brands an architectural structure as bad art, since it fails to meet two important requirements of man, who needs not only to make practical use of the structure, but needs to appreciate, to contemplate and to enjoy beauty. Consequently, architecture is not only a profession, to meet the practical building needs of man, but also an art to meet his esthetic needs.

Kozak Baroque Style

With aid of projected pictures, the lecturer briefly traced the rise and development of architecture, from the simple perfection of the Greek Parthenon, through the Byzantine period which gave inspiration to the Ukrainian Kozak Baroque style, through the romantic Gothic period up to the present Wright's International style (bringing the outside, in) and the trend to "floating" style.

In contemplating the pictures of the most modern buildings, listeners admitted a common proneness to entertain the "four fatal fallacies" in their approach to the proper appreciation and evaluation of architecture and even of music and the other arts. As pointed out to them, there exists an erroneous belief that since architecture passes through a biological revolution of birth, growth, bloom and decay. Consequently, a piece of architecture constructed in any of these periods was branded according to that period. Good or bad, architecture cannot be categorized because of its place in a period, and so must be judged on its own merits.

The second fallacy was to be unduly influenced in judgement by the "romantic" approach. Because of familiar past association, for example, a person may use Gothic art as a measuring stick of all architecture, or, if he be Ukrainian, anything Ukrainian must be good, also, because it is familiar. The lecturer contended that a certain measure of the "romantic" approach is even desirable, but when it begins to be used as a substitute for fundamentals of design, or used as an end in themselves, the esthetic value is doomed and is bound to disappear.

The third fundamental approach, generally used erroneously according to the lecture, is believing that "Form must follow function." Modern buildings have been severely criticised because the design

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Stefanik To Have Town Hall Debut

The young Ukrainian Canadian soprano, Constanca Stefanik, a pupil of the famed Lotte Lehman, Metropolitan Opera and concert star, will have her New York's Town Hall debut this Friday, March 26 at 8:30 P.M.

Miss Stefanik will introduce in her concert the new song "Christine" by Elizabeth Ball, which won the Publication Prize at the Lyrebird Press in Paris in 1933 and the Mu Phi Epsilon Art Song contest in 1937.

Constancia Stefanik was born

in Winnipeg, Canada, of Ukrainian parents, began singing at the age of eight and became a church soloist at fourteen. In 1937 and 1938 she won many awards at the Manitoba Music Festival, and after completing years of study under the best voice teachers in Canada, she came to New York in 1945 to further her career.

Her repertoire includes lieder, opera, oratorio, art songs and ballads, and folk songs of many countries.

On Record - by Ted Victor

A TALE OF TWO CITIES  
PART I

PITTSBURGH was the first city I recently visited in a quick trip through five of our United States. I was a bit disappointed to learn that this city had slipped into its former lethargy in regards to Ukrainian youth activities. True, the organization that was formed to run the rally is still in existence and the chorus still holds rehearsals. However, from the picture I received, it seems that they too are merely marking time before they fall apart. This truly is a lamentable situation. During the rally many speeches were made and many accusations hurled by various individuals. Yet today these same people have failed to progress even with the knowledge of what ails their particular society.

The rally in November surprised practically all of the people in that city. I remember speaking with the chairman of the banquet concerning the number of people he expected for that particular function. I was surprised to learn how skeptical he was concerning the number of people that would attend. I was really tickled therefore to see how the hall was filled for the banquet and dance that followed. This is but an example, yet I feel it illustrates the opinion held by too many of the Pittsburghers. When these people come to realize the following points I feel certain that things will definitely improve in Pittsburgh.

No matter where it is and what sort of society it may be the real work is done by a few key people. Eventually other people will come around and help but always these spark plugs will be the ones that accomplish the most. In Pittsburgh at present there are very

few spark plugs. In fact those of them that are, belong more to the not so young of yesterday. The problem as I see it now lies in getting the younger generation interested in Pittsburgh's Ukrainian American life. In order to get them together and to hold them, a definite program must be planned.

If this program is to last it cannot be strictly social, as anyone can find social entertainment these days. If there is a chorus there must be a program in mind. Not just any program but one that will raise the standard of our Ukrainian culture in America. If there is an organization there must be plans, events, affairs, all sorts of activities. Finally the people that are working together must learn to understand the other fellow's point of view. By understanding they will be able to forget many petty grievances and so accomplish a good deal more.

I remember during the rally quite a bit of fuss was made by the publicity chairman about an article he had sent to the Weekly concerning the rally. It seems he worked on it for some time and the editor merely used some parts of it or cut it completely. After being dragged over the coals a number of times at the rally the matter was finally dropped. However it seems as though the publicity chairman never did get over it. After the rally there was no news what-so-ever concerning the rally from the publicity chairman. In fact to this very day nothing has been received in the form of news from him. Silly, isn't it? Because of that one thing the opportunity to get some publicity has been missed time and time again. It seems as though a good motto for anyone that has a job to do would be "If

Democracy at Work - by G. H.

THE current week brings together the Supreme Assembly of the U.N.A. for its annual session in Jersey City. Altogether there are twenty-one men and women in the Supreme Assembly, who were elected to their respective offices by the Convention held in Pittsburgh in March 1946. The present annual session is the second since that Convention.

Glancing through the list of Supreme Officers, we obtain a view of the cross-section of U.N.A. membership, for here are reflected practically all walks of life followed by our members. Here are represented the major professions—medical, legal and pedagogic. The white-collar worker and the laborer have their share, and the three ladies in the Supreme Assembly complete the picture in miniature of more than forty-eight thousand members. Although the time may never come when only the best minds are elected to the Supreme Assembly, in this instance the high caliber of the national officers indicates the intellectual level of U.N.A. membership.

Aside from the provisions in the By-Laws, prescribing the duties of Supreme Officers, their annual meetings have a two-fold function within the working scheme of the organization. One

of them is to check and examine the performance of all officers. The auditing committee inspects all books and properties of the organization, while the whole body hears the report of every officer and passes judgement on it. The other function is to determine the ways and means for carrying out the provisions of the Constitution and those made by the Convention.

All decisions of the Supreme Assembly are determined by the vote of majority. The rule of the majority, that chief characteristic of democracy, is observed throughout the organization from the lowest to the highest echelon. If we were to search for the source of authority within the U.N.A. we would find it in the membership unit called a Branch, officially a Subordinate Assembly. Each Branch conducts its business under the majority rule, and in that manner elects its delegate to Convention. The democratic principle is carried even farther. Not only does the majority of delegates determine the decisions of the Convention, but the number of delegates and the number of their votes are determined by the number of members they represent. This is proportionate representation.

Thus, beginning with the smallest unit, the Branch, and continuing to the Convention, the Supreme Assembly, and the Supreme Executive Committee, all action is determined by the will of the majority. There are no arbitrary powers or privileges attached to any office in the U.N.A. The majority rules.

Just as within the framework of the representative form of government in our state and country—the citizen is king on election day, so in the U.N.A. each mem-

ber, regardless of the amount of his monthly dues, has an equal voice in the management of our organization through his representatives. This is a distinct right possessed by a member of a fraternal organization as contrasted with insurance companies, where the insured has no voice at all.

The occasion of the annual session of the Supreme Assembly inspires the thought that in our organization, the Ukrainian National Association, the Ukrainians are practicing democracy in the true





