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New York Ukrainians in Loyalty March Score Reds

Packed with emotion, the "Stalin, Where Are Our Parents?" placard carried by a group of Ukrainian DP orphans, gripped the attention of about the million of spectators who witnessed the Loyalty Parade in New York City, held Saturday afternoon, April 30. The orphans, but recently arrived here, were but a section of the Ukrainian part of the parade. The Ukrainian paraders, headed by war veterans, and followed by various secular and church organizations, constituted probably the largest nationality group participating in the parade. All in all some, over 50,000 marchers took part in the parade. Protests against Soviet expansion in Europe dominated the parade, which began at Ninety-fifth Street and whose route was mainly along Fifth Avenue. About four hours elapsed before it ended. Both in composition and musical accompaniment the parade justified the hopes of its sponsors for a gathering of many diverse groups. The Ukrainian contingent, led by Walter Bacad as parade marshal, with Walter Shipka at the head of the Veterans' group, and with Dmytro Halychyn, Roman Slobodian, and Peter Kuchma, U.N.A. Officers, and Dr. Luke Myshuha and Dr. Semen Demedchuk, Svoboda editors marching in the van. Among those who took part in the march was Stephen Jarema and Nicholas Hawrylko. The Ukrainian paraders were the cynosure of all eyes along the route, especially the placards they carried, which protested against Soviet enslavement of Ukraine and called for freedom for Ukraine. Parade masters, that is those who aided in placing the societies and church parish groups in their proper positions in the line of march were Harry Polche and John Marchak.

END OF COMMUNISM SOUGHT BY EXILES

Persons from thirteen nations behind the Iron Curtain, including Ukraine itself, adopted a resolution in Carnegie Hall, New York City, last Thursday night, May 5, pledging their support for a fight against communism and promising to adjourn their differences until the Communist menace in Europe had been ended. Described as a rally for "freedom, unity, liberation and federation," the meeting was held under the auspices of Common Cause, Inc., of 444 Madison Avenue. The rally was presided over by Mrs. Natalie Wales Payne, Common Cause president, well known friend of Ukrainian Americans. Representatives John Davis Lodge of Connecticut and Brooks Hays of Arkansas spoke in support of the resolution. The resolution was read with some excellent prefatory remarks by Christopher Emmet, secretary of Common Cause. Mrs. Oksana Kosenkina, the Soviet teacher who escaped from the Soviet Consulate in New York City by leaping from a window, also spoke briefly. The Ukrainians were very ably represented by Prof. Lev Dobriansky of Georgetown University. Representatives of other nations behind the Iron Curtain who took part in the affair, included Poland's Mikolajczyk, Russia's Kerenisky, Bulgaria's Dimitroff, Byelorussia's Ermachenko, and Lithuania's Sidzikeukas. In the concert portion of the program, Ukrainian baritone Michael Stecura took part, assisted capably at the piano by Miss Olya Dmytriw. In the course of his spirited address, Prof. Dobriansky brought out that if he "did not strongly feel, with a deep, inner certitude, that the vast majority of the 40 million Ukrainians, from the Carpathian to the Caucasus mountains, are at one, in mind & soul, with the purpose and spirit of this great demonstration of unity against tyranny, (he) would not have dared to come here to speak in their behalf. The Ukrainian people, as the events of the past 30 years conclusively show, have, along with the peoples of the Soviet Union, bore the longest experience with the bestialities of Soviet totalitarianism. Ukraine has not only proven to be the weakest link in the Soviet nationalities policy, but also, down to this very day, has persistently fought and resisted, over and under ground, the enslavement policies of the Soviet dictatorship for the freedom and dignity of man, for the freedom of religion, and for the freedom of every people to decide its own fate, to be master of its own land." "The earliest threads in the pattern of Soviet aggression that we are in horror witnessing today, in Europe and in Asia," he continued, "were to an impressive degree fabricated on the soil of Ukraine."

UKRAINIANS IN WESTERN EUROPE CREATE CENTRAL ORGANIZATION

The organization of Ukrainians dispersed over the world because of the Russian occupation of their homeland received additional impetus with the establishment of the "Coordinating Center of Ukrainian Central Organizations" as a result of a conference held in London, England, on January 1, 1949. Representatives of Ukrainian communities in Western Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, and Great Britain participated in the conference. Officers, elected include: Vasyi Mudry, Germany, president; Bohdan Panchuk, Great Britain, vice-president; Andriy Kishka, Belgium, secretary. London is the headquarters of the organization. The founding of this central body for Ukrainians in Western Europe follows the pattern set by the Ukrainians in the New World, who organized the Pan-American Ukrainian Conference in 1947. It is hoped that eventually a worldwide Ukrainian coordinating body will be created.

MOTHERS DAY

Custom decrees flowers for mother, together with greeting cards of elaborate design and mawkish verses telling her in stock phrases of our undying love for her. The heart decrees a warm hug and kiss, eyes glistening with tears of affection, pangs of conscience for making her life no bed of roses, and some laughs to check the upsurge of emotion. With it all, there'll come the sudden thought—Mother has aged so much. Yes indeed she has. The hair, to be sure, has become quite grey. No "silver threads among the gold." Just plain grey. The fine skin of her face, stranger to lipstick or rouge (with slight concessions on special occasions to powder), is now furrowed, especially around the eyes, with a host of delicate lines. The eyes themselves, however, are still youthful. They still have that warmth and beauty which drew father to her when they first met. Her children, of course, though appreciative of the beauty of their mother's eyes, find them rather disconcerting at times, that is at times when they would fain hide something from her. Not that her eyes have any of that story-book "piercing look," affected by "men of decision." Oh no. Calmly and gently they tell you that mother knows very well what you're up to, or what you're attempting to hide from her. Make you feel rather sheepish, don't they? As always, on the morrow, when the animated conversation at the family gathering subsides for awhile, those eyes of mother will lose sight for the moment of what and who's about her, and look back into the past, back to the old country, to the beautiful countryside into which she was born and in which she was raised. How nice it would have been to have been able to remain there. But her native land Ukraine was under foreign rule, oppression was rife, and poverty the rule. A pio-

Prizes Awarded to U.N.A. Bowlers

The U.N.A. Bowling League of New York and New Jersey concluded its highly competitive and spirited 28-week tournament, climaxed by the final victory of the Irvington Social Club, with a banquet held Friday evening, April 29, at the Ukrainian Social Hall, Newark, N. J., at which various prizes and awards were the fruits of victory for teams and players. The traditional spirit of fraternalism of the Ukrainian National Association was particularly conspicuous at the affair. U.N.A. officers, editors, of Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly, joined in with the bowlers and their invited guests to make the affair a truly enjoyable one for all. The awards were made, with appropriate remarks, by Nicholas Murashko, President, and Roman Slobodian, Treasurer, of the Ukrainian National Association. Brief talks were delivered by Dmytro Halychyn, U.N.A. Secretary, Stephen Shumeyko, Editor of The Ukrainian Weekly, and John Romaniuk, U.N.A. Advisor. Among those present was Dr. Luke Myshuha, Editor of Svoboda. Banquet-toastmaster was the president of the bowling league, Walter Duda, who announced the cash awards to leading teams and players. They were passed out by Stephen Kuruk, who reported the games played during the tournament. First prize winner was Ukrainian Social and Civic Club of Irvington, constituted mainly of U. N. A. members, belonging to Branch 272. Next in line came U.N.A. Br. 14 of Newark followed St. John's Catholic War Veterans of Newark. The total number of the U.N.A. bowlers who participated in the league tournaments during the past season was sixty-five. Although the final list of individual standings which appear on page 3 shows William Pazuk as having the highest average, he did not qualify for first prize for lack of the requisite number of games bowled. Top honors, therefore, went to John Motlack for his average of 180. (Turn to page 3)

UKRAINIAN ORGAN DERIDES UKRAINIAN EMIGRATION

Suchasne i Maybutne (The Present and the Future) organ of the Union of Ukrainian Writers in Kiev has broken out with a rash of vitriolic articles on the Ukrainian Insurgent Army and one the Ukrainian displaced persons. In its December, 1948 issue, the organ unleashed an unparalleled attack on the Ukrainian underground, stating that the Ukrainian nationalists have become "paid lackeys of American imperialists." Especially singled out were Stephen Bandera, Col. Andrew Melnyk and Taras Bulba, leaders of the anti-Soviet underground resistance movements in Ukraine. In addition, the Ukrainian Orthodox

"Echoes of Ukraine" Cast Ready for Carnegie Hall

The day of days is drawing near! Only three weeks of rehearsal remain before the Ukrainian Metropolitan Area Committee's 1949 extravaganza, "Echoes of Ukraine," product of over six months' intensive work, will be revealed to New York metropolitanites and their friends at Carnegie Hall on May 29. "Last-minute preparations are at fever peak as the 100 members of the cast make ready for the great event. Many of them feel that, in addition to "Echoes of Ukraine" being the crowning musical event of the year, the UMAC presentation is still another big chance for Ukrainians to vindicate themselves and their ideology through the medium of their song, history and dance. An unusually large attendance is foreseen. Mildred Milanowicz, former Cultural Director of the Ukrainian Youth's League of North America, working in conjunction with F. Braznick, New York costume and make-up expert, on costume and property details states that entire program has never been equalled in the past by our younger generation in lavishness of display. Speaking enthusiastically of the program, Miss Milanowicz also said that never again, in any Ukrainian American stage, would such an interpretation of "Zaporozhets Za Dunayem" be heard. Mary Polynak-Lesawyer, lyric

Such was start of many a Ukrainian mother here in America. Arriving here virtually penniless and friendless, settling down with her husband and children amidst equal and poverty, not to mention the babel of foreign tongues, toiling day in and day out over the stove, the washful and the sewing machine to keep the home going, taking in boarders, finding a little time to help her husband establish churches and societies, bearing many children, raising them, sending them to American day and Ukrainian evening schools, aid to catechism classes on Saturdays and church on Sundays, and to choir rehearsals, in between, sacrificing every comfort for them, imparting to them her perseverance and courage, together with her devout religious spirit, her love for Ukraine, and her unassuming but deep idealism, and, finally, proudly seeing them complete their studies, and enter various fields of work and professions. Then, just as the years of suffering and self-sacrifice seemed coming to an end—the War. The poignant partings, the sleepless nights, the gnawing anxiety for the safety of her sons, the fervent prayers, and then—for many a mother, the ominous telegram from the War Department, "wounded"... "missing"... "killed in action"... Thank God, today that at last is over, and may it never return. This is but an outline of what our mothers have undergone. Just look into those eyes of hers, and you'll see in them the whole story.

Ukrainian Canadians Petition Government

Headed by Rev. Dr. Wasyi Kushnir, president of the nationally representative Ukrainian Canadian Committee, a delegation from it recently presented the following memorandum to the Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada: Text of Memorandum "The Ukrainian Canadian Committee which is composed of the following Dominion-Chartered organizations, viz:— "The Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood, Ukrainian Self-Reliance League, Ukrainian National Federation, United Hetman Organizations, Ukrainian Workers' League and Ukrainian Canadian Veterans' Association—begs to declare that, according to its constitution and belief it aims to enhance unity and constructive co-operation of all citizens of Canada for their welfare and progress based on the principles of Christian and democratic culture and civilization. "The Government of Canada under able leadership, by signing the North Atlantic Treaty, has clearly defined the stand which Canada is to follow. This is the stand which the Canadians of Ukrainian origin desire to pursue. We wish to also assure you that

the newly-arrived Ukrainians from Displaced Persons Camps in Europe are grateful to Canada for allowing them to settle here and that they will do their best to become valuable and desirable citizens in Canada. "In connection with the great and unprovoked and undeserved tragedy of the Ukrainian people in Europe we have many complicated problems that await solution. We mention here only two such problems which can and should be solved by your Government, namely: "1. We have approached the Department of Immigration on several occasions regarding the admission to Canada of Ukrainian young men, who served in the so-called "Division Halychyna," and who are now residing as civilians in England, and each time we received a negative reply. Here we wish to explain again that the above-mentioned "Division" is a special creation produced under special and exceptional circumstances that prevailed and still prevail to some extent in Eastern Europe and among all nations, who found themselves engulfed in the approaching danger of Russian Communism. Those circumstances were the same as the ones that now induced the Christian and Democratic world to unite and defend themselves against the dangers emanating from the same source, viz. the U.S.S.R. "We wish to add that the "Division Halychyna" took no action in the operations on the Western front. It was purely a Ukrainian national military unit similar to those organized by the Lithuanians, Lets, Estonians and others—all to combat the Russian Communists. "2. In the Displaced Persons Camps in Europe there still is a large number of Ukrainian intellectuals, economical and cultural



Ukrainian Canadian Committee Head, Rev. Dr. Wasyi Kushnir, handing memorandum, the text of which appears here, to Canadian Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent.

RADIO RECEPTION IN SOVIET UKRAINE

According to reliable reports comparatively few Ukrainians in the villages of Soviet enslaved Ukraine have radios. The reason being that the villages have no electricity. The government recently began the manufacture and sale of battery sets especially intended for the villages. One or two of the higher officials on the farm who could afford it (Ivan and most of the others could not) bought one of these sets, but the batteries and some of the tubes soon went dead and replacement could not be obtained. A good substitute for individual sets (although it does not permit the listener to choose his program and certainly

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