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## Savycky, Pianist, Wins High Praise In His First U. S. Recital

Roman Savycky, Ukrainian pianist, recently arrived in the United States and now living in Philadelphia, gave his first recital in this country, last Monday evening, February 27, in the auditorium and under the auspices of the Settlement Music School.

William E. Smith, music critic of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, wrote the following day that Mr. Savycky "proved to be a mature and experienced artist who readily established himself in the esteem of his audience."

The Bulletin critic also noted that the "recitalist's performances left no doubt of the excellence and resourcefulness of his general technique; his capacities for intelligent appraisal of the varied tonal and idiomatic characteristics of the compositions presented, and the possession of those musical essentials and other qualities essential to interesting and soundly framed interpretations, rather than merely 'sensational' exploits.

"When brilliance was needed it was easily at hand to serve and win admiration, as in Mr. Savycky's fine treatment of Debussy's suite 'Pour le Piano'; his beautifully articulated account of a Scarlatti Sonata and a Liszt group which included the now rarely performed 'Regoletto' Paraphrase, based on the famous Quartet from Verdi's opera. Beethoven's 32 Variations in C Minor were well evaluated and a pleasing Chopin set furnished the 'Berceuse,' the C-sharp minor Scherzo, and a pair of Etudes.

"However, for this reviewer and because of their unfamiliarity, several pieces by Ukrainian composers gave the evening particular distinction and made the event unusually rewarding. All of the works impressed as entitled to a place in the active piano literature; quite worthwhile as to their fabrication and content, and highly enjoyable. Mr. Savycky, of course was a most persuasive protagonist for them, with his native affinity for their national inspirations.

## Ottawa Woman Lauded for Finely Embroidered Pictures

In a specially featured and illustrated article, the Evening Citizen daily of Ottawa, Canada, paid warm tribute to the skill of Mrs. Petrowsky, Ukrainian by descent, of Richmond Road of that city, in making intricately embroidered Ukrainian designs and Ukrainian pictures.

During the past year, the article states, Mrs. Petrowsky has made 15 pictures of exquisitely fine embroidery.

It all started when Mrs. Petrowsky was one day looking at some colored prints depicting folk songs of her own country and it occurred to her that it would be nice if she could make a permanent record of these pictures to pass on to her small daughter.

From that original idea she has branched out into many different designs, including a minutely-worked design of a Madonna and Child, Christmas card scenes and a Canadian autumn scene with maple leaves in all their glorious reds and rusts. The first design she did was a Ukrainian equivalent to Robin Hood wearing a flying cape and mounted on a galloping horse. It was when this turned out so well that she decided to continue the work.

For her work Mrs. Petrowsky uses a wooden frame across which heavy cream satin is tightly stretched. The actual pattern is done on the dull side of the satin on which the pattern has been traced. For thread she uses the six-strand mercerized embroidery cotton, dividing it into two or three-strand threads as the work requires.

**Infinite Patience**  
The work has to be done with painstaking care and infinite patience. Every odd minute that Mrs. Petrowsky has from her ordinary house-duties is spent at her embroidery frame. Even at that most people would think that this clever needlewoman makes very good time with her work. A small picture is usually completed in a week while some of the more intricate ones—the Canadian scene for instance—take three weeks. The latter, by the way, is Mrs. Petrowsky's most ambitious work so far. Every inch has been embroidered complete to softly rolling green hills, autumn foliage and the blue sky.

At present Mrs. Petrowsky is seeking spring scenes for a new series of pictures. Later she will have an exhibition at a local store and has also been approached regarding an exhibition of her work at Toronto.

### BULLETIN

Walter Bacad, Chairman of the Ukrainian Section of the coming American Loyalty Day parade, to be held April 29, announces that a meeting of representatives of all Ukrainian organizations in the Metropolitan Area will be held March 14, 8 p.m., at Pvt. Minue Post

## Cleveland Flier Leads Squadron In Artic Manuevers

One of the most significant military developments in the Far North in the last 17 months has been the readying of the jet fighter plane for combat in extreme cold, writes Charles Corrdry of the United Press (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Feb. 21) in a dispatch from Donjek River, Yukon Territory.

A prominent role in this development has been played by a young Ukrainian American of Cleveland, Ohio, Major Taras Popovich, commanding officer of the Sixtieth Fighter force, composed of 25 F-80s.

In the F-80 Shooting Star the United States Air Force has a jet plane which can take off in the sub-Arctic at a moment's notice for interception missions or to cover land, sea or air movements.

In an interview, Maj. Popovich told the UP correspondent that

Shooting Stars burned kerosene, or NP-1, when first stationed in Alaska. Water crystals formed in this crude oil, he said, and engines had to be pre-heated. Short notice take offs were next to impossible.

So 100-octane gasoline was substituted, Popovich said, and half the troubles eliminated. Pre-heating was no longer necessary.

The UP correspondent writes that Popovich, a veteran flyer at 30, was stationed at Elmendorf in June 1948 and is enthusiastic about Arctic flying. He enlisted in the Air Force at 19, went through mechanics school and then through flying cadet school. He was an instructor in advance fighter tactics from 1941 to 1945. Then he went overseas as assistant director of operations for the Thirteenth Air Force.

## UKRAINIAN POPULATION GIVEN AT 40 MILLION PEOPLE

The population of Ukraine comprises now 40,000,000 inhabitants, or about the same number as it had before World War II, according to a population survey of the Schwartz as reported in The New York Times, February 5, 1950. The same survey indicates that the population of the Soviet Union has now reached 200,000,000 and is increasing by more than 1,000,000 a year.

The population information, writes Mr. Schwartz, is based upon the recent publication in the Soviet press of a list of 671 election districts to the Supreme Soviet. The Soviet law provides that each district have 300,000 inhabitants, a formula which indicated the total of the population within the Soviet state. The increase in the population is due not only to the natural growth of the population, but also to the addition of areas annexed since 1945 containing huge populations. Of all Soviet republics, the Russians Socialist Federated Soviet Republic is the largest, having a total of 116,000,000 people.

Kiev and Kharkiv, Ukraine's largest cities, lead, after Moscow and Leningrad, in urban population, having over 900,000 inhabitants each.

clubroom, 80 St. Marks Place, N. Y. C. All clubs are urged to send their representatives. Last year 5,000 Ukrainians took part in the parade. This year at least 10,000 will march—with your cooperation.

## DETROIT U. N. A. BRANCHES AND TEMPLE INSTALL OFFICERS

Installation of the new officers of U.N.A. Branch 222, 183, 175, 75 and the Ukrainian National Temple of Detroit, Inc., was held on January 29, 1950.

Dr. Ambrose T. Kibzey, master of ceremonies, introduced Councilwoman Mary V. Beck, who administered the Oath of Allegiance in Ukrainian and Sheriff Bernard Beard, who administered the Oath in English.

The Ukrainian Youth Chorus of Detroit, under the direction of our talented Mrs. Stefanie (Andrusiewicz) Homeniuk, started the program off with several musical selections, which were followed by Ukrainian dances by children under the direction of Vasil Avramenko—talented instructor in Ukrainian dances. Mr. Avramenko is leaving Detroit to further his cultural talents in Toronto, Ontario.

For the first time in the history of the Ukrainian National Temple we have the pleasure of a charming young lady on the Executive Board, Miss Genny Medved.

The following others were elected to the Executive Board: William Chmyr, pres.; Sam Bodnar, vice pres.; Theodore Michalechuk, fin. sec.; Genny Medved, rec. sec.; John Slupecki, treas.; William Diakiw, assist. treas.; Michael Guzylyak, Gerald Bulak, Nick Kinshchuk, auditors; Anthony Onyshkiw, manager; Frank Demko, William Bratus, Anthony Onyshkiw, trustees. Following the Banquet, a dance was held, which was enjoyed by all.

## FORMER DP A VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER

Gloria Chomiak, 17, a Ukrainian former displaced person living in Wilmington, Del. for three years, was judged one of the four finalists in the U. S. Junior of Chamber of Commerce Voice of Democracy contest.

A number of dailies, including the Chester Times, Chester, Pa., featured a two column picture of Miss Chomiak in the act of receiving a plaque and a check for \$500 from George Ellis, of Chester, Pennsylvania JayCee president.

The award were made at a luncheon on Wednesday, February 2, at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D. C.

Guest speaker at the ceremonies at which Miss Chomiak received the award was Dr. Earl J. McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

## POLAND TO DEPORT UKRAINIANS

The Warsaw regime, it is reported, has prepared and appropriated funds for expelling all remaining foreigners from Poland during the next three years. To this end communist activists, aided by the security police, are preparing lists of non-Poles still in the country.

First on the lists to be expelled are Germans, Ukrainians and Balts. The two latter categories will be deported to the Soviet Union, the Germans to the West. There are at present about 50,000 Ukrainians and Balts living in Poland, as well as a quarter of million Germans.

## PURGE IN WESTERN UKRAINE

The head of the Lviv Province Communist Party in Western Ukraine, B. A. Koval, has been removed after indications of the Soviet Government's concern over "bourgeois nationalism" and ideological dissatisfaction in Western Ukraine, the N. Y. Times reports.

Mr. Koval's removal took place in early January at a meeting of the provincial Communist Party Committee attended by L. G. Melnikov, who recently replaced N. S. Khrushchev as head of the Ukrainian party organization. This is the first major personnel change announced since Mr. Melnikov took over. Mr. Koval was replaced by I. S. Hrushetsky.

Serious concern over disaffection in Western Ukraine was exhibited in a decree issued last November by the Central Committee of the Ukrainian Communist Party which assailed "bourgeois nationalism" in that area.

## FRIEND OF UKRAINIANS AWARDED HONORARY DOCTOR DEGREE AT THIRD UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS



Pictured speaking above at a special ceremony held in conjunction with the Third Ukrainian Canadian Congress, held in Winnipeg Feb. 7-9, is Dr. Kirkonnel Watson, Canadian scholar. He has just received an honorary degree as Doctor of Political Sciences from the Free Ukrainian University in Munich, in the American Zone in Germany. As reported on these pages last week, the ceremony was conducted by another close Canadian friend of the Ukrainians, Prof. George W. Simpson.

### Editorial

## U. N. A. AND SVOBODA OFFICE FAMILY A GOOD EXAMPLE

When sometime we ruminate upon the problem of the integration of the three elements which constitute present-day Ukrainian American life, that is the old immigrants, together with their American born sons and daughters, and the new immigrants, former displaced persons, we find so many causes and reasons as to make us at times pessimistic as to its solution. It is then that we pause and take a longer view of the matter, and see it in its proper and less dark perspective. We begin to remember that the integration, the proper adjustment between the older and younger generation, between our immigrant parents and ourselves, between the European stock and the American stock, also took quite a time. The old folks, accustomed to their Old World norms of life, and we accustomed to the New World norms of life, had quite a time before we could see eye to eye in our outlook and habits. Often grave misunderstandings arose. But time and experience proved to be the healer. Today on the whole the older and younger generations have been pretty well adjusted and integrated. Both understand one another quite well, and what is most important, know quite well also how to work with one another.

We repeat, they have a right to organize such of their organizations as the "Plast" (Scouts), "Soyuz Ukrainskoyi Molodi" (Association of Ukrainian Youth), "Ukrainski Sportovi Kluby" (Ukrainian Sport Clubs), and Ukrainian youth clubs belonging to "Samopomich" (Ukrainian Self-Reliance League). But they should make some appreciable effort to work with such national organizations as Ukrainian Youth's League of North America, and its affiliated clubs and societies, cultural and sports.

A bright light cast on this picture is the recent "viche" held in Philadelphia through the initiative and under the auspices of the young newcomers and local American born youth. As reported in the Svoboda, about three hundred attended, of which 27 were of the latter. We hope to see more of such exceptions.

Especially encouraging is the fast growing number of former DPs joining the Ukrainian National fact growing number of former DPs. That integration of the three elements constituting our Ukrainian American life is possible, and with it understanding, mutual good will and harmony, is illustrated, we are happy to say, here, in the U.N.A. Building, 81-83 Grand Street, Jersey City, N. J.

Here we have all of the three elements, working splendidly together and with full appreciation of one another.

Here we have the older immigrants, the U.N.A. officers, the Svoboda editors and a number of Svoboda employees; here also represented in the younger American born generation in the persons of U.N.A. and Svoboda employees, including the editor of this Weekly and the person in charge of the Svoboda Office; and finally, here too are quite a number of younger generation newcomers, including an editor of Svoboda, a couple of its employees and quite a number of them working, as U.N.A. employees. At first the proper adjustment among them was not easy. But by mutual effort, understanding and proper appreciation of one another, made possible by the necessity of working and cooperating with one another, they today have achieved a harmonious relationship which is most gladdening to see.

The same can be done in broader spheres of Ukrainian American life if and when there is good will on all sides.

## Ukrainian American Veterans Launch Drive for Journal-Directory

VETERANS, FRIENDS AND THE FAMILIES ASKED TO COOPERATE

In conjunction with the forthcoming convention of the U.A.V. at the Hotel New Yorker on May 6th, and 7th, 1950, the Ukrainian Americans have undertaken the task of compiling a complete Directory of Americans of Ukrainian descent who served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Realizing that a directory of this sort will be of the greatest importance, the Directory Committee of the U.A.V. has called upon each and every Ukrainian American to aid in the collection of data.

Parents, brothers and sisters, friends of veterans and the veterans themselves are asked to forward the following information at the earliest possible date to the Ukrainian American Veterans Convention Committee, Hotel New Yorker, 8th Avenue and 34th St., New York City:

Name and home address of the veteran.  
Branch of Service. (Specific divisions, naval units and flights may be included)  
Decorations:

In instances where the men were killed in action it is requested that their next of kin or friends send in the above mentioned information.

The Ukrainian American Veterans feel that by compiling and publishing this directory Ukrainians in America will for the first time have a lasting record of the part played by their sons, daughters, brothers and sisters in the winning of war for freedom. There will be no charge what-so-ever. All the veterans ask is for your cooperation. Mail in your information today.

To further support the work of this hard working group of young American veterans of Ukrainian descent everyone should make a point of attending the U.A.V. Convention itself. The problems of the veterans are everyone's problems. A great deal can be accomplished by a strong and active Ukrainian American Veterans organization. Your attendance at the Hotel New Yorker May 6th, and 7th, 1950, will insure its success.





