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**TARAS CHUPRYNKA HONORED IN NEW YORK MANIFESTATION**

One of largest manifestations against the Soviet Russian oppression by Ukrainian Americans was held on Sunday, November 26, 1950, in New York's huge assembly hall, Manhattan Center. Leading speakers in Ukrainian American life were featured on the program. A bust of Taras Chuprynka, in whose honor the manifestation was held, stood in a place of honor in the center of the stage. The program was officially opened by Nicholas Hawryko, head of the United Ukrainian Organizations of New York City. Dmytro Halychyn, President of the Ukrainian National Association and chairman of the manifestation program then spoke on the purpose of the gathering and paid homage to the dead hero. Other speakers on the program were: Nicholas Lebid, former member of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army, General Zahrodsky, Michael Pizmak, Prof. I. Wovchuk, General Paul Shandruk, and representatives of White Russian organizations and from Common Cause. Over three thousand dollars was collected for the purpose of furthering the battle against communism and for Ukrainian freedom. The manifestation was reported in some of the leading American newspapers and over the major

press services. The "New York Times" report read as follows: "A meeting in memory of Gen. Taras Chuprynka, for seven years leader of the Ukrainian underground, who is reported to have been killed several months ago by the Soviet secret police, was held yesterday afternoon in Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th Street. "The meeting, under the auspices of the metropolitan division of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, was attended by 4,000 persons. Christopher Emmet, chairman of the board of Common Cause Inc., an anti-Communist organization created to promote world freedom, declared that if the anti-Communist groups in America and other free nations would stand together, all peoples of Russia would be free. "A resolution calling for United States recognition of the Ukrainian insurgent army as the regular army of the Ukraine and another appealing against admission of Communist China to the United Nations were adopted. "The Ukrainian Male Chorus "Dumka" sang several selections and the anthem of the United States and of Ukraine. The bust of Taras Chuprynka was made by Serhiy Levanenko, famous Ukrainian sculptor."

**"Natalka Poltavka" in Southwest Australia**

The Ukrainian Theater Circle presented its premier performance of the famous Ukrainian operetta "Natalka Poltavka," written by Ivan Kotlarevsky with music by Lysenko. Taking part in the performance were outstanding Ukrainian artists in Southwest Australia. Colorful costumes, folk dances and first rate singing were the

highlights of the evening. Music was supplied by an Australian ensemble. The entire program was directed by P. Vaselenka while the conductor was P. Klim. Many Australians were present for this performance and the program was annotated in English. The Ukrainian theater was filled to overflowing for the occasion.

**The Rochester Ukrainian Hour**

Beginning its second year on the air, the Rochester Ukrainian Hour has endeared itself to all its listeners. On September 10th, the first program of the season, the sponsors were fortunate in having the Ukrainian National Chorus of Rochester render some favorite Ukrainian Selections. The Chorus, under the direction of Volodymyr Bozyk, gave a superb performance. The Ukrainian Businessmen's Association, sponsors of the program, was formed early in March of 1949. Under the guidance of Konstantin Shevchuk, the originator of the program, the organization has grown from eight Ukrainian Businessmen to a membership of twenty-four. The program is produced by

John Boychuk and John Smorhun, who are also the Ukrainian language announcers. Walter Foreman and Michael Zaretsky have succeeded William Andrushin as English announcers. Included in the Ukrainian Hour are the latest in Ukrainian recorded chorals and dance music. Weekly historical calendar of Ukraine, advertisements of group meetings and events, and announcements of congratulations are featured. Rochesterians are indeed fortunate in having such a program broadcast over W.V.E.T. 1280 on the dial. It is one step forward in bringing to the American public, as well as to our Ukrainian Community, some of our great Ukrainian Culture.

**Ukrainian Church Renovated**

Most Rev. Constantine Bohachevsky of Philadelphia, conferred his episcopal blessing on the newly renovated St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey reports the "Elizabeth Daily Journal." Improvements of the church, built in 1912, included new stained glass windows, new pews and carpeting and minor alterations to other parts of the edifice. The entire project was but recently completed. The blessing rite began at 10 o'clock in the morning on Thursday, November 23, with a procession to the church from the rec-

tory. Bishop Bohachevsky was escorted by an honor guard of priests from the New York and New Jersey parishes. High mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Vladimir Lotowycz of Jersey City, following the traditional church blessing liturgy. The congregation, which includes 300 families of Elizabeth and vicinity was organized in 1905. The Byzantine domes atop the church have long been a landmark in South Elizabeth. This Eastern architectural design has been approved by the Roman Catholic Church, which has permitted the rite to retain its own liturgy and customs.

**MAXIMOVICH AGAIN LAUDED**

Boris Maximovich, Ukrainian pianist, recently arrived in this city as a Displaced Person, made his formal American debut at the Institute of Arts, Sunday evening, November 19, 1950. The audience, numbering many of Detroit's notable musicians who have been hearing things of Maximovich, had an evening of excitement and glad surprise. It was the revelation of a major talent; nothing less. For Maximovich is a pianist in the grand, European manner, of which we perceive too little nowadays. His technique is huge; so huge, indeed, that you presently take it for granted and commence appraising him for musicianship and style; forgetting, perchance, that precious few of his colleagues are bold enough to open a program with the Schumann Toccata and loss in, as a final encore, the Liszt "Campanella."

Either of those would do, goodness knows, as the evening's prime exhibition. But between them came a great, rich bouquet of Chopin, those three opulent piano arrangements of the "Petrouchka" music, Glazounov's "Night" Etude, Liszt's Spanish Rhapsody and, as a tour-de-force, Blumenfeld's Left Hand Etude.

Maximovich's authority over the keys is so striking that everybody must have whispered "Horowitz" to his neighbor. In speed and dynamics the two are much alike. But there is this: It was never necessary for Maximovich obviously to

pound, although the treble of the instrument whereon he played had not the potential of the bass, to put it very mildly. He may have been nervous, at the beginning of the evening; and small wonder if he was. For he spent years in a Nazi forced-labor camp, more years as a DP refusing repatriation and, finally, here he was, making his debut in the land of promise. But, whatever his emotions, the vast complexities of the Schumann Toccata were sheer, disciplined thunder, with his fingers a blur above the board. For this listener's taste, the peaks of the evening were the Chopin "Black Keys" Etude, the same composer's Scherzo, Op. 39, the "Semaime Grasse" of the "Petrouchka" and the two sets of fireworks by Liszt.

Probably the chief comment on this stirring occasion would be that there was no point in the program at which Maximovich did not reveal the "grand line" of whatever work he was playing; because of that enormous proficiency of his, plus an unflinching taste, plus an interpretive faculty. Those words would not find challenge from those too few—who were at the Institute of Arts last night. Vivian Gilpin Robinson presented him and, surveying the roaring, stamping audience at the end of the program, said "That is probably the greatest evening of my life."

RUSSELL McLAUCHLIN  
"The Detroit News"

**RETURNS FROM EUROPE**

Dr. Walter Gallan, executive director of the United Ukrainian Relief Committee returned on Thursday, November 30, to the United States from Paris, France. For one month Dr. Gallan had been making tour of inspection of the nine general offices of the Ukrainian American Relief Committee in Europe. He pointed out that the Committee was helping the remaining D.P.s in every manner possible and that everything was proceeding according to plan. According to the latest figures released by I.R.O. (International Relief Organization) there are still 5,400 Ukrainians in Austria, 30,000 in Germany of which some 4,456 have actually entered into

the German economic system. In addition to inspecting the various problems confronting the Committee, Dr. Gallan brought 1000 new assurance papers for the Displaced Persons, so that within a short time as many of them will be leaving for the United States. The most important problem confronting the Committee is the so called "hard core" which numbers some 6,000 people. This is the group that includes invalids etc. and cannot immigrate to the United States under present regulations. During his month stay in Europe Dr. Gallan travelled through Belgium, France, Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

**Memorial Services in Scotland For Chuprynka**

On November 5, 1950, the Ukrainian colony in Edinburgh, Scotland, numbering some seven hundred Ukrainians took part in a requiem mass and "academia" in memory of Taras Chuprynka, commander of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army. The "Bulletin" and Scotsman Pictorial" reported the event as follows: "In Edinburgh yesterday where there a procession to the Church of the Sacred Heart of Uk-

rainian exiles in Scotland 700 hundred strong. The General: Taras Chuprynka was killed in March while fighting Russian forces." Following the church services an "academia" was held in one of city's leading concert halls. Representatives of leading Ukrainian organizations, Latvian, White Russian were present and M.P. John Stuart who spoke about suffering the Soviets had imposed upon the Ukraine and her people.

**DRAMA IN NEW HAVEN**

Under the auspices of the United Ukrainian Organizations of Connecticut a drama, "Night Falls for Ivan Kupalo" will be presented on December 16, 1950, in one of the city's finest auditoriums. Taking part in this production are some of the outstanding personalities Ukrainian dramatic circles in Connecticut. The entire play is being directed by Miss Palydovich who was formerly with the Ukrainian National Theatre in Lviv.

**HIRNIK THEATRE PRESENTS**

"Song of the Forest," drama written by Lesya Ukrainka, which will be presented for the first time in America on December 30, and 31, 1950, in the Sixth Street Auditorium, New York City. Joseph Hirniak and his company of players will appear in the featured roles. This is the first production of the new season and everyone is invited to attend.

Logical Franklin said: "Necessity never made a good bargain."

**MISSING IN ACTION**

Paul Shaffron, young Ukrainian American soldier fighting in Korea with the United States Army has been reported missing. Paul's home is in Duquesne, Pa. and he is a member of Branch 17 of the Ukrainian National Association. According to the regular United States Army casualty listing, he has been missing in action ever since July 17, 1950.

**UKRAINIAN WRITER**

Michol Kitsock, age 26 from Mahanoy Plane, Pa. American of Ukrainian descent recently had his first novel published by Dorance and Company, of Philadelphia, Pa. "Sin of a Nation" contains 426 pages, and was written over a two year period by the young author while serving with the Military Government (United States) in Germany. Mr. Kitsock is a member of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Malsville, Pa. The scene of the book is laid in the United States and Germany.

**EMBLEM CONTEST**

The Ukrainian Youth's League North America is sponsoring an emblem contest throughout the United States and Canada. The winning emblem will be used on all League publications etc. Those people who are eligible to enter the contest. First prize will be a check for twenty five dollars. Deadline of the contest is January 1, 1951. All sketches must be limited to 3x3" on standard size paper. Two colors, yellow and blue may be employed in addition to the black outlines. For further details artists are requested to write to John Neberezny, 427 Division Street, Youngstown, Ohio. The name of the League must appear in full together with the date of its founding 1933.

**BANDURISTS SEEK DANCERS**

The renowned Ukrainian Chorus of Bandurists organized in the name of Taras Shevchenko many years ago in Ukraine, are in the need of several Ukrainian dancers. The Bandurists are preparing an entire new concert program under their former director Volodymyr Bozyk. It was under Bozyk's direction that the group won great acclaim in Europe during the days following World War II. For further information write to: Ukrainian Chorus of Bandurists, 2965 Carpenter Avenue, Detroit 12, Michigan.

**ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FRATERNAL CONGRESS**

Judge John S. Gonas, American of Ukrainian descent was recently elected to the office of president in the Indiana Fraternal Congress which is comprised of the leading fraternal organizations in the State of Indiana. Judge Gonas has long been active in Indiana state and civil life. For ten years he has been a state senator in Indiana and at present he holds the position of county judge to which office he elected two years ago. Recently Judge Gonas was defeated in the election while running for the position of Judge of the Supreme Court.

**JERSEY CITY CONCERT**

A concert in honor of November 1, 1917, was presented in the Ukrainian National Home in Jersey City, N. J. on November 12, 1950. The Lysenko Choir under the direction of Joseph Stecura rendered several selections. Edward Kamin-

*Editorial*

**THE PATTERN IS THE SAME**

The world situation today, cannot help but remind us of those dark days in 1941 when the Japanese empire unleashed its infamous attack upon Pearl Harbor. The pattern today, so very similar to the one in 1941 is frightening. While United States forces are in Korea, fighting desperately to keep alive, a puppet delegation comes to our shores from Red China to press charges of American aggression in Asia before the United Nations. While thousands of American soldiers, thousands more of Koreans die upon the frozen earth in Korea, Malik, Vishinsky and the rest of the unholy brood, flaunt all reason, justice and decency with their procrastinating lies. How much longer can this go on? Once again two worlds are in opposition. The free world, at its helm the United States, argues with reason and logic. It detests war and believes in human decency. The other world: Totalitarian, ruthless, forcing its satellites to do its dirty work while it becomes bloated with the venom of war. Russia needs not worry about answering to its people.

Malik needs not fear of being ousted because of public opposition. Russia is the iron fist behind the entire present day situation. It pulls the strings and the puppets jump. As we mentioned before the pattern is all too similar to that in 1941. America cannot wait until the last moment to deal with this cancerous growth. It must cut directly into the infection. It cannot afford to battle with the tentacles of the Red octopus. It must cut to the heart, and it must cut deeply. Throughout; the United Nations first and foremost. If that is unsuccessful, than in another way. The pattern is much too similar and this time it may be too late to recover. China is not our enemy; Russia is. The free world should act accordingly.

**WE WISH THEM SUCCESS**

Sources in Detroit have informed us that the Ukrainian Chorus of Bandurists is being reactivated. Volodymyr Bozyk, one of our outstanding choral conductors is today conducting the Bandurists. We sincerely hope that the group will stay together so that once more we here in America may hear the glorious music of the Bandurists. We hope too, that Hryhory Kytsaty will remain with the group so that the chorus will have the benefit of his knowledge of the bandura and musical inspiration. No sacrifice is too great when the welfare of such a superb singing and instrumental ensemble is at stake. Other groups may come and go but the Bandurists have a place in American cultural life. They can carry the Ukrainian folk song into a million hearts. They have received tremendous ovations and excellent reviews. Future greatness, world recognition awaits them; providing of course that they make the most of this

coming music season. As much as we would like to see them manage themselves, we realize that in America today one must follow a certain pattern. Large concert corporations demand much; but in return they are best suited for publicizing and arranging concerts. The Bandurists today need just this type of management, so that in the shortest possible time they can become familiar to all concert goers. Once the free world has heard them sing and play, we feel certain that they will then be able to do as they please. We cannot afford to lose such fine representatives as the members Ukrainian Chorus of Bandurists.

**THE WHOLE TRUTH**

Several weeks ago there appeared an article in one of the Ukrainian newspapers published in Australia. It had been written by a former displaced person living in Newark, New Jersey to a friend in Australia. Naturally it must have "down under" for the newspaper there "The Concord," saw fit to print the contents of that particular letter. The title of the article read: "A Ukrainian Writes About Americans." From the very outset the writer proceeds to inform his Australian friend about the conditions in Newark, New Jersey. "Every magazine leans toward pornography." "High school students think nothing of running around, having children and in general leading a demoralized existence." "There are many burlesque houses, Americans read in general crime stories and enjoy cowboy pictures." "The newspapers are thick but contain very little to read." "There are no good magazines for reading, since most of them feature undraped women." "Newark is a big city yet it doesn't have an opera house." "America values very highly materialistic culture but others are on a very low level." And so it goes on and on.

to New York in fifteen minutes. Newark does have its own concert season, opera season and even legitimate shows come in for first runs. During the summer, thousand upon thousands of music lovers flock to the City Stadium for outdoor concerts by the New Jersey Philharmonic. The writer mentions the burlesque houses. There is but one. The magazines are all there but for every one the writer mentions there can be found another without a single photograph, providing of course one looks for them. As for pornography. Well, what we have seen in European countries makes our vice on the newstands resemble a kid eating stolen green apples. He fails to mention the fine library and all its branches. The learned journals that are available to those who seek them. The "P.M.L.A.," "Quarterly Review," "Musical Courier," and hundreds of others. The Ukrainian section at the Hayes St. Branch of the Public Library. The excellent museum, the many churches, the colleges and universities that have urban divisions in Newark. The various musical clubs, small orchestras and the thousands of people that listen to good music and see concerts over television. Radio stations such as WQRK and WNYC from New York City broadcasting the best in music from seven in the morning until after midnight. These are just some of the things the unthinking writer from Newark forgot to mention.

Newark is a typical American industrial city. Perhaps a bit larger than some and smaller than others. Being in the shadow of New York City, it has never found a need for an opera house or legitimate stage. Still, despite the fact that almost everyone who wants to see a play or opera can travel

sky was tenor soloist. The featured speaker of the evening was Prof. Y. Daehkevych. Other soloists and orators taking part in the program were: K. Magura, Hryza, V. Rudakevych, and I. Myranovich.

**On literature**

"Literature is a great staff but a sorry crutch."—Tennyson.





