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Two Thousand Ukrainians in N. Y. Loyalty Day Parade

Some two thousand New York Ukrainians braved a steady rain Saturday, April 26 to March down Fifth Avenue in the fifth annual Loyalty Day parade. There were about twenty thousands paraders in all. Led for first time by 1,000 Federal troops, the parade was an assertion by free men of their faith in democracy...

gent was that of the DOBRUS organization, the membership of which is composed of those who lived under Soviet tyranny and know well what the latter stands for. The DOBRUS marchers handed out leaflets to the spectators, which told of the plight of the Ukrainians under Kremlin rule, and called upon the American people to come to the aid of Ukraine, for her sake and for the sake of America. Another outstanding organization participating in the parade was the "Plast", a Ukrainian youth organization. Members of the Soyuz Ukrainok turned out full force for the parade. Mr. Walter Bacad was the Grand Marshal of the Ukrainian contingent. The New York press, particularly the Sunday News, reported Ukrainian participation in the parade.

In Carnegie Recital May 8th

The American debut at Carnegie Recital Hall next Thursday, May 8th, of young pianist Roman Stecura will be a culminating point in a concert career that is already rich in experience. A latent talent for the piano was discovered at an early age by Roman's musical family and at the age of 5 he was already taking lessons in his native Lviv. Eventually he studied with Roman Sawytzky who has since become a concert artist and teacher of fine repute in this country, notably in Philadelphia and New York.



Roman Stecura

Like many Europeans, the Stecura family was bruned about during the last war years and during a stay in Vienna. Roman had the good fortune to be accepted as pupil by Taras Mikisha, another fine Ukrainian pianist whose European fame has followed to his present home in Argentina. He also studied with Dr. Paul Weingarten, head of the Masterclass at the Academy of Music in Vienna.

In June, 1950, he played a series of 5 half-hour programs over the CBC network and took part in the CBC program "StarTime". In between these engagements, he filled in a crowded schedule of radio appearances, club and concert dates spread over the Provinces of Alberta and Manitoba. For his Carnegie Recital appearance, Roman Stecura will present a program of compositions by Beethoven, Moussorgsky, Debussy, Hindemith and Schumann. For next fall, he has been engaged for a series of 10 concert appearances throughout Canada's Western Provinces.

Stephanie Turash Gets Fullbright Scholarship

Stephanie Turash, of New York, well known younger generation Ukrainian American soprano, is now a recipient of a grant from the Senator Fulbright Music Scholarship Fund, enabling her to continue her music studies in Rome, Italy, for one year. She will leave for Italy in several months.

Beginning this Wednesday she will appear in the leading role, that is of Nana, in Brader Mathew's light operetta "Aere of Sky", to be presented for three days by the Columbia University Theatre Association. Time—8:15. Saturday matinee—2:15. Admission \$1.

Italian-Ukrainian Society Formed In Rome

Through the efforts of influential Italian leaders an Italian-Ukrainian Cultural Society was founded in Rome on March 10, 1952, with prominent Italian leaders and parliamentarians participating. The purpose of the society is to propagate information and knowledge of Ukrainian affairs through the media of public lectures, study circles and publications.

vice-presidents: Dr. Wasyl Fedoronchuk (Ukrainian)—secretary; Dr. Enrico Insabato, former M. P., author of publications on Ukraine; Prof. Leo Magnino, author; Prof. Pier Fausto Palumbo, director of Europa, a publication; Dr. Franco Nobili, Christian Democratic Party; Prof. Enrico Damiani, a Slavist and author of publications on Ukraine; Dr. Gilberto Bernabei, chief of foreign broadcasts of the Council of Ministers, and Professor Antonio Roccella—members of the board. The address of the society is: Associazione Culturale Italo-Ukraina, Via Palermo 5, int. 4, Roma, Italy.

A JOB TO BE DONE!

Israel's fourth Independence Day was celebrated by many countries and by many people last week. In Tel Aviv a massive military display was held, with the rumble of tanks and jeeps forming an odd contrast to the piercing tone of the shofar, the ram's horn, which summoned Israelite troops to battle in the ancient days. In New York, some 35,000 people gathered in a baseball park to celebrate the event. Other people in other cities of the world also celebrated, either in formal gatherings or in their hearts, the successful founding of a state which has brought refuge and hope to countless thousands. Our American press has reported this very extensively, and deservedly so. Yet why does it not report, why does it not "play up" the annual observances by Ukrainian American communities, held year and year out—of the Ukrainian Independence times, of the Ukrainian National Republic, established on January 22, 1918, of the declaration of independence by the Western Ukrainians on November 1, 1918, and of the Declaration of The Union of Eastern and Western Ukraine, in form of the Ukrainian National Republic, on January 22, 1918.

Still this does not excuse our American press in the least for its ignoring or soft-peddling matters pertaining to the Ukrainian national liberation efforts. It does not excuse its incomprehension of the justice of the cause of a over forty-five million Ukrainian people, a nation by its own right, struggling to become free and independent. It does not excuse its apparent ignorance of the necessity of having a free Ukraine in order to cripple Russia and thereby stop its drive for world domination. To be sure, there are some press persons, and quite prominent ones at that, who in private conversations with us, realize and appreciate all this. Several of them have at times written about the matter in form of editorials or columns. But they are exceptions of the lot. The rest, however, are either uncaring or as blind as bats in this matter. It appears to us, therefore, that it is about time for us to make a special drive to open those eyes, open them to the realities of the Ukrainian situation, one which also acets the security and destiny of our country. Much has been done by us in informing the general public about the Ukrainian situation through the means of various books, written by prominent people, published by leading American firms, and sponsored by the Ukrainian National Association. Much has been done also in the realm of the United Nations, in Washington, San Francisco, Paris and in other such places, by representatives of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America or of the Pan-American Ukrainian Conference. But, in comparison, little has been done to get our American press to report, and to editorialize, on events and matters pertaining to the Ukrainian American people as a whole, their life and all that goes into it. The job, the responsibility, falls right into the lap of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, and, of course, all those organizations, local and national, and individuals as well, associated with it.

Cap'n Snafu Benefit Drive Extended To May 21

A benefit dance for Michael Goy (Cap'n Snafu), 3 1/2-year old Ukrainian Displaced Person, born without hands, was held at Ukrainian Sitch Hall, 506—18th Avenue, Newark, N. J., on Saturday, April 26th. The proceeds of the dance, approximately \$500, were added to the Michael Goy Welfare Fund. Approximately 500 people attended the dance, with ticket sales totaling 813. Donations

The Michael Goy Welfare Committee, composed of the Ukrainian American Veterans of Greater Newark, its Ladies Auxiliary and the Sitch Social Club, was organized about two months ago for the purpose of raising funds to rehabilitate the child. Michael arrived in the United States about a year ago with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Goy, of Newark, and two older brothers. The Goys, whose weekly income is

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

Universal military training has existed for many years in almost all European countries. Yet, ironically enough, America—the country which is accused by the Kremlin of being "Warmonger Nation No. 1"—has never had universal military training. Because this Kremlin-inspired propaganda is sometimes believed even by some of America's friends abroad, it might be worth mentioning in your next letter overseas that even today America does not have universal military training. In fact, it was only a few weeks ago that the House of Representatives rejected a Universal Military Training (UMT) bill. It is a traditional American concept that the regular armed forces should be kept small and made up only of volunteers. In case of an emergency this small core of regular troops is augmented by partly trained reserves and recruits drawn from the whole population by an impartial draft. This system has worked well enough in the past when America led a relatively isolated existence so far as world affairs were concerned. But, in view of the country's present world responsibilities, President Truman has asked Congress several times in recent years to adopt universal military training. However, many Americans still argue that such training

might regiment American youth. They feel that such obligatory service in the armed forces might interfere with their youngsters' education. In other words, Americans do not want their youth to become militarized. Their first concern is for the individual. They feel that a citizen must have every chance to build his future in complete freedom—a freedom which is inevitably hampered to some extent when a man has to spend several years in military service. Because of these deeply rooted views, an American—even when he is in uniform—always remains a citizen first, a soldier second. His life in uniform is not strikingly different from his life without a uniform—at least, not in comparison to European standards and customs. For instance: Every American soldier has the right to vote. He can express his opinion freely and does so constantly through his newspaper, Stars and Stripes, which is edited by enlisted men and run without interference from higher authorities. The American citizen-soldier is granted certain privileges to compensate for his military service: He has free mail service. He can buy anything in an army store at manufacturer's cost price. During war, he is given a \$10,000 life insurance policy by the government, to be paid to his family in case of his death. While he is in service, the government pays \$50 a month toward the support of his dependent wife, mother or father and \$10 more for each under 18. Veterans of World War II can attend any kind of school for a period equal to the time spent in service, plus one year.

Soviet Military Thought Sees Defeat Of the West

The Soviet military ideologists are convinced that the USSR's moral and economic potential is constantly growing and developing while nothing of the kind can be observed in the capitalist countries. According to Pukhovsky, a Soviet military authority, bourgeois military thought is "organically incapable of rising to the correct understanding of the importance of the economic and military potentials in a war... Determining the economic chances of the belliger-

ent nations the bourgeois military theoreticians only reckon the amount of metal, electrical power, fuel, machinery, etc., at their disposal and completely disregard one of the most important circumstances—the ability to utilize these resources... The capitalist economy based on private ownership of the means of production will never be able to utilize its industry and its economic resources to the same extent and as efficiently as the (Concluded on page 4)



"Lazy" Bill Huggins and Michael Goy at Newark's First Easter Egg Hunt, April 19th Military Park, Newark, N. J.

to the Michael Goy Welfare Fund for the purpose of supplying the unfortunate child with artificial hands reached the \$2,700 dollar mark, making a total of \$3,200 now in the fund. The goal of \$5,000 set for the drive, however, has not been achieved. Michael Lytwyn, Chairman of the Committee, at the Sitch Hall Committee headquarters, on the day following the dance, announced extension of the drive to May 21st. "May 21st," said Mr. Lytwyn, "is Cap'n Snafu's fourth birthday. We plan to have a little birthday party for him, with a cake and candles and all the trimmings. We sincerely hope that by that time our \$5,000 mark will have been reached, and we can truly say: "Happy Birthday, I'll Cap'n Snafu." "In addition to the purchase of a pair of hands every two or three years, at a cost of \$500 per pair, or approximately eight to ten pairs of hands before Cap'n Snafu reaches adulthood, there will be the two or three-month hospital stay required for each operation to fit each pair of hands. With medical costs what they are, we still need help."

\$60, also have a six-month old daughter. Mrs. Goy made three efforts at the dance to publicly thank everyone, but could not speak for tears. W. Thomas Darmopray, of Philadelphia, Pa., National Commander of the Ukrainian American Veterans, national organization of veterans of Ukrainian descent who served in the United States Armed Forces, announced today the appointment of the 1952 U. A. V. Fifth Annual Convention Committee. The Convention will be held in New York's Henry Hudson Hotel, 57th Street and 9th Avenue, June 7th and 8th. Walter Bacad, of New York, present Senior Vice-Commander, has been appointed Chairman of the 1952 Convention Committee. Michael Evanic, Joseph Tarnawsky, both of New York, and Walter Krohmalney of Brooklyn, have been appointed Vice-Chairmen. The Convention Committee's Treasurer is Michael Pershyn, of New York; and George Wolynetz, Jr., also of New York is Chairman of the Banquet and Ball Committee. Miss Olga Orchuk, of New York, will head the Registration Committee and Miss Anne

MUSIC AGAINST NATIONALISM AS WELL

Radyanska Ukraina of February 10, 1952, in an editorial "Responsible Tasks of Ukrainian Soviet Composers," states: "The Soviet musical art can fruitfully develop only an uncompromising struggle against all manifestations of bourgeois nationalism (not, of course, Russian nationalism—Ed.) and national narrow-mindedness."

with the government paying for their education and their expenses while they study. Because of the dangerous international situation and America's world responsibilities, it is possible that universal military training may eventually be accepted in America. If this step should be taken, the important thing to remember about it is this: Such an invitation will be accepted only reluctantly by Americans. When you are writing to friends and relatives overseas, you might remind them even today, under present world conditions, the United States does not have universal military training. Uniforms or no uniforms, Americans are prepared to do their duty in case of world emergency. Past and recent history are quite convincing proof of that.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

The "New York Metropolitan Area Choral Society" which meets at the McBurney YMCA West 23rd Street on Monday night at 8 P.M., is seeking singers for the following program:

- 1. Singing engagement at the YMCA.
2. A request to sing at an affair for an American audience in Tenafly, New Jersey.
3. An invitation to sing at a concert sponsored by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America in July.
4. Choral presentations for the opera "Katerina" to be presented in Cleveland if plans go through.
5. Another invitation extended by an American group to sing at the Park Ave Armory House.
"RED WEDDING"
The above is the title of a book which has just come off the press. It is a warm and colorful story of peasant life in a Ukrainian village around 1900, based on the author's own childhood. He is Damon Orlov. It tells of the Ukrainian holidays, customs then the celebrations of the weddings, the settlement of disputes, and the like. It is well written. Publishers are the Henry Regnery Company.

Few Opportunities for Refugees to Use Their Special Talents

"By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof." The lament of the psalmist in Babylonian exile is heard in the land today, 3,000 years later. As pointed out by Spencer Irwin, columnist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, there are in the United States thousands of exiles—refugees, former DPs—who weep for their native land; but they do not wish to hang their harps on willows. They wish to use them, their talents, in this land of promise. But few are the opportunities.

himself into mass production methods of American industry. But for the man of culture, an artist, a sculptor, the musician, the doors are closed, or if they are open at all it is just a crack too small to permit permanent entry. In all reality, neglect of these people is a wicked waste of ability and opportunity. Not only could they enrich American life but their works could be used to the highest advantage as ammunition in the cold war for the minds of men. "Because of the materialistic strain that predominates in a American thinking this country ignores the value of culture in propaganda," writes Mr. Irwin, and adds that the tragedy of it is that the Russians recognize its worth and use it to the limit. He cites examples of this.

UYU-NA Rochester Sports Rally A Success

The Ukrainian Youth League Sports Rally in Rochester, N. Y. met with much success. The three days April 25, 26, and 27 will long live in the memory of the youth who took part in its activities.

team, admitted that although he had heard very little of the Ukrainians he is convinced that they are a people that one should be proud to be a part of. His timely speech on the cleanliness of sports and fidelity to God, Country, and Ancestry did carry a lot of weight.



Left to right: William Hussar, U.N.A. Adviser; Mike Mazurki, Flechman; Ukrainian American club head, William Polewchak, UYU-NA head, Walter Hubchik, sports rally chairman.

singing of Star Spangled Banner the banquet was officially opened. Upon completion of a delicious meal, Chairman, Bill Hussar extended his greetings to the players and guests. The members of the various committees were introduced and the program was turned over to the toastmaster Mike Koldan.

National Sports Director, Walter Hubchik, then presented the trophies to the winners in all of the events. After the banquet, dancing and singing filled out the rest of the evening. Many a tired person made their way back to Hotel Rochester. Instead of going to bed, the participants and guests continued to discuss the events of the day.

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Newark Vets Clinch First, Branch 435 Sure of Second in U.N.A. Bowling League

One week before the finish of the 33-week long schedule of the U.N.A. Bowling League of the Metropolitan N.J.-N.Y. Area the Newark Ukrainian American Veterans have captured top honors while New York's U.N.A. Friendly Circle Branch 435 staked its undisputed claim to second place. The final matches scheduled for May 2nd will only produce the third place team to be decided between the Ukrainian Blacksheep of Jersey City and U.N.A. Branch 272 of Maplewood.

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEAGUE TEAM STANDINGS. Table with columns: Rank, Team, Won, Lost, Game, High, Pins, Avg.

The Ukrainian Contribution to Canada

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raining origin in a car factory at Windsor or Oshawa from the work done by any of his fellow workers who may have sprung from England, or France or Italy? There is not. We are forced then to reach one conclusion. Physical things alone, mines and farms and pulpwood, motor cars and miles of railroad track all help to enrich this country.

American Way

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Individualism means the right of every individual to own property, to make contracts with other individuals, to speak his mind, either in print or by word of mouth, to meet in assembly with other persons, to worship God, to engage in business or occupation of his own choosing—all subject to common justice—that is, to laws or rules which protect and preserve the rights of all individuals from being destroyed by unrestrained exercise of rights by some individuals.

Canadian poetry that of which it has enough—(some would say more than enough), but Shevchenko's influence in Canadian poetry would be something new, it would be original and the competent poet who brings this new note into Canadian poetry, by doing so, lifts himself above the level of his associates who continue to flog dead literary horses.

Need of Translated Stories

I might mention in passing, the desirability of having translations of Ukrainian literary works into the English language. Surely no one should be better fitted for this task than a Canadian of Ukrainian origin who possesses the advantage of knowing the English language and yet having a Ukrainian background.

Findings of Ukrainian Scientists Needed

We may safely say that insulin is a Canadian discovery yet the introduction of insulin into say, Norway, and its use there in the treatment of diabetes was undoubtedly of benefit to the Norwegians. In the same way introduction into Canada of new scientific and medical discoveries and techniques from Ukraine would help this country considerably.

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Ukrainian Sport Notes

By WALTER W. DANKO

JOHNNY KORNOWA STARS IN JAPAN!

Probably one of the most players ever to participate in a Ukrainian basketball tourney in this writer's opinion is Johnny Kornowa of Rossford, Ohio—who took the floor for the Ukrainian Citizens Club of that fair town in quite a number of national tourneys sponsored by the Ukrainian Youth's League of North America.

Two seasons of varsity ball at Toledo University have made Johnny one of the most polished hoop performers in the Far East Command. Recently in the All-Star poll conducted by the "Stars and Stripes" sports-writers, Johnny was selected to the 1st team.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Little Rock of the Southern (AA) Association has shipped catcher Harry Psutka up to the Buffalo Bisons of the International (AAA) League. Tony Leswick of the champion Detroit Red Wings is going to work for a radio station this off-season in New Westminster, British Columbia.

Pinehurst, N. C. Frank was eliminated in the early rounds but kid brother Mike won several matches and then extended Frank Strafaci to the very end but was defeated 1-up. Mike, as a result of his sterling play received wide-spread publicity. Both brothers hail from Berwick, Pa.

Jim Baldinger (mother is Ukrainian), senior end from Pittsburgh, Pa., went all through spring football practice as a first-string end on Navy. Then, Coach Eddie Erdelatz said last week he discovered Baldinger wasn't eligible because he played at Washington and Jefferson in 1946 before entering the Academy.

Bob Zawoluk, 6'6 1/2" center at St. John's U. has been selected by the Indianapolis Olympians of the NBA in the recent player draft. More about this deal in next week's column. Bob Nesnay is Montclair, N. J. State Teachers College's versatile performer. He alternates between catching and patrolling center-field.

The Fort Frances Canadians (West Canada hockey finalists) in their quest for the Allan Cup have 3 Ukrainians in their lineup. They are Johnny Kureba, Mike Hupchuk and "Sambo" Ferduk. Bill Mykytko is J. C. State Teacher College's ace pitcher.

much to the country,—but how greater, how much more valuable can his contributions be if he brings not only himself but also a background rich in what is finest of the cultural traditions of a great nation.

I have known individuals who had forgotten their mother tongue, who know nothing of the background of their national origin. Some of them were even proud of this ignorance and made a point of telling everybody how little they knew.

They considered themselves to be good Canadians yet they did not seem aware of the fact that now they could give less to Canada than before. If you want to contribute to Canadian life you must have something to give—you cannot get water out of an empty cistern. It is the same here—unless you possess a background, a tradition, a history from which you can draw the best to give to Canada you can give Canada nothing new, nothing that is distinctive. To return to literature for a moment: A writer writing at the present time in English must know some-

thing of English literature—but if he is better than average he will broaden his horizons by knowing something about French literature as well. If such a writer were of Ukrainian origin, knew the Ukrainian language and had a knowledge of Ukrainian literature he would certainly not handicap himself by this but rather acquire an advantage for he would be acquainted not only with English writing, but French and Ukrainian literature as well.

It is the same with the scientists. They take special courses at University to learn something they call "scientific German" so that they may follow the progress of science in Germany. Would such a chemist or physicist or medical doctor lose by knowing what Ukrainian scientists were doing? I doubt it.

Plan to attend our BAR MAIDS DANCE THIS COMING SATURDAY May 17, 1952. — 8:30 P.M. Ukrainian Club Hall, 95-02 92nd Street, Ozone Park, L. I., N. Y.

THE UKRAINIAN REVOLUTION by John S. Reshetar, Jr. This book is an analysis of the Ukrainian National Movement as it emerged at the time of the Russian Revolution of 1917. Published by Princeton University Press. Price \$5.00.

