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UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

The magnificent "Svyata Vechera" of our Ukrainian Christmas... the glorious "Sluzhba" on Christmas Day... heartwarming "kollyady" singing and the colorful customs we observe then, make our celebration of that great holiday truly an inspiring one whose arrival we await with keen anticipation and whose passage leaves us with nostalgic memories.

of these customs and traditions should be preserved and carefully cultivated, so that in time they may be easily introduced into the stream of American life and culture for the purpose of enriching them. This is especially true of Ukrainian Christmas customs. We can, if we have already have not, discard some elements that are based on pure superstition, that are definitely out of place in American society, and that are of little cultural value to anyone.



Ukrainian Religious Steadfastness Praised by Pope

There is reason to believe that many persons have not forgotten or repudiated their religion even in the Soviet Union and particularly in the Ukraine, Pope Pius declared last Tuesday, December 30, in an encyclical letter addressed to the episcopacy of the Eastern Catholic churches, The New York Times reported last Wednesday.

Sing These Carols and Keep Our Christmas Traditions

БОГ ПРЕДВІСНИЙ НАРОДИВСЯ... ВОЗВЕСЕЛІМСЯ ВСІ РАЗОМ НІНІ! БОГ СЯ РАЖДАЄ... НОВА РАДІСТЬ СТАЛА! НА НЕБІ ЗІРКА ЯСНА ЗАСЯЛА!... Includes various Christmas carols in Ukrainian with English translations.

UCCA European Mission Received By Pope

Pope Pius granted a private audience December 27 to the European Mission of the Ukrainian Mission of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and in the course of it expressed his deep sympathy for the fate of the Soviet enslaved Ukrainian people, his admiration for their deeply religious nature, and his profound belief that the Ukrainians are bound to win their national freedom and independence.

DUTY OR FUNCTION?

Very often in discussing newspapers' one hears that it is the duty of the press to do this or that, to inform, to influence, to approve or disapprove. Not only is it a duty but also a "public responsibility."

ters concerning present and past events. And here it is that critics of newspapers bring out such phrases as "duty" and "public responsibility." The thought here seems to be that an editor has a responsibility for what the readers think, that he has a duty to mold public opinion, and that of the editor and the readers get out of step the newspaper might as well fold up, since it has failed in its duty.

Grand Concert to Feature Ukrainian Day in Jersey City

Top Ukrainian artists of the Metropolitan Area will perform in the concert to be held on Sunday afternoon, January 25th to be proclaimed by New Jersey Governor Alfred Driscoll as "Ukrainian Day". The concert, announced Mr. Nicholas Petryshyn, chairman of the J. C. Ukrainian Day Committee, will be held in the stately Dickinson High School, high atop Sparrow Hill, on Newark and Palisade Avenues.

Whom We Shall Welcome

Washington, Jan. 1.—The President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization today told President Truman today that the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act should be "reconsidered and revised from beginning to end."

Whom We Shall Welcome

is even more complex than its predecessors and in some respects unworkable. The report, a 315-page volume, is entitled "Whom We Shall Welcome," a quotation from George Washington. In preparation for several months, it was issued just eight days after the McCarran-Walter Act went into effect on December 24.

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The law has been the center of a mounting controversy since Congress repassed it over the president's veto last June. President-elect Eisenhower lashed out at it during the campaign and declared that "the McCarran Immigration Law must be rewritten."

