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Excerpts From Resolutions of Sixth Congress of Americans of Ukrainian Descent

Introduction

We, the delegates representing over a thousand Ukrainian American organizations, fraternal associations, political and citizens' clubs, veterans' organizations, religious communities, women's clubs and societies, youth clubs and leagues, sports and athletic groups and civic associations—all of which are organized into local and State branches of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America—have assembled at this time to discuss and deliberate upon problems which are of direct concern to this great and democratic Republic of the United States of America and to us as its citizens, and of a like concern to the great nation of Ukraine and to us as having ties of blood with her people.

ed by the UCCA on the occasion of the 37th anniversary of the establishment of the Ukrainian National Republic in 1918, and in the messages of Presidents of the United States to the Congresses of Americans of Ukrainian Descent.

National Security and Peace

Whereas the contemporary international situation, cancered by the aggressive, atheistic forces of Russian Communist imperialism and its world-wide conspiratorial network, is fraught with mortal danger to the independence, sovereignty and the free and democratic institutions of the United States which in the current power context stands as the ultimate bastion of freedom in the world; and

Whereas the maintenance of peace punctuated by the absence of global military conflict is primarily necessitated by the envisioned horrors of nuclear destruction; be it

Resolved, that the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America extend and intensify its expenditure of resources in the continued furtherance of general public knowledge and understanding of the concrete nature of Russian Communist imperialism, of the perils posed by its criminal international conspiracy, and of the propagandist techniques of imperialist Moscow toward the prime ends of fortified internal security, moral non-appeasement, and peace coupled with the advance, not the costly retreat, of freedom.

Policy of Peaceful Liberation

Whereas the captive nations, both within and without the Soviet Union, have clearly shown by their heroic acts of resistance and just aspirations to constitute a powerful array of natural allies in the cause of freedom and justice toward all nations; and

Whereas the shortsighted policy of containment, narrowly pursued, is not only discredited by the record of Communist successes but also by its own void of moral content and sound political principles; and

Whereas by logical definition any policy other than a policy of liberation belongs to the containment species; be it therefore

Resolved that the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America redouble its efforts in the advancement of a steadily implemented policy of peaceful liberation which alone perceives the illusion of "peaceful or competitive coexistence" where Iron Curtains exist to divide nations and peoples,

Katherine Herman Elected Student Council President

Miss Katherine Herman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Herman of Maywood, N. J., was elected by the student body of College Miserecordia, Dallas, Pa., as president of the Student Council for 1955-56 in a special assembly on Tuesday, May 24 last, "Miss Recordia," the college publication reports.

The president of the Student Council, "Miss Recordia" reports, "is the highest student office in the school, because the position entails representation

which alone extends to the captive peoples throughout the Russian Communist empire our fixed moral commitment toward their eventual liberation and national independence, and which alone provides the hope and encouragement necessary for all the captive nations to persevere in their resistance and political opposition to the present genocidal consolidation program undertaken by Moscow as the basic requisite in its calculus of world conquest. We strongly urge the adoption and implementation of the policy of peaceful liberation by our Government in a declared spirit of a Universalized Declaration of Independence, directed especially at the captive nations in the Soviet Union.

Immigration

Whereas The McCarran-Walter Act, known as the Immigration and Nationality Act provides for a system of numerical restriction, of immigrants based upon the "national origins" of the peoples contributing to the population of the United States, and

Whereas the said "national origins" quota system is based upon the Federal census of 1920, which is not a true and/or accurate reflection of the number of persons of Ukrainian stock residing in the United States at that time inasmuch as the Ukrainian immigrants were impelled to list as their country of origin such countries as Poland, Russia, Czechoslovakia, Austria and others, rather than Ukraine; and

Whereas the quota area was and is definitive of a country or other independent governmental unit rather than a nation or nationality, and

Whereas the governments of such quota areas from where Ukrainians originate are and have been hostile to the Ukrainians and their aspirations, and therefore the likelihood of Ukrainians participating in and taking advantage of the "national origin" quota system is remote indeed, therefore

Resolved That the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America make known to the Congress of the United States that the "national origins" quota system of the Immigration and Nationality Act as it applies to the Ukrainians is inequitable and results in their exclusion and that some other formula or base be created to apply to Ukrainians seeking to immigrate to the United States by an appropriate amendment to the Immigration and Nationality Act.

U.N.A. Donates \$13,150 to Worthy Institutions

Donations of the UNA as directed by the UNA Supreme Assembly at its annual sessions, held past week at the "Soyuzivka", to the following institutions:

Table listing donations to various institutions such as Ukrainian National Fund of the UCCA, Ukrainian American Relief Committee, etc., with a total of \$13,150.00.

"MISS SOYUZIVKA" TO BE CHOSEN AT THE OPENING OF THE UNA SOYUZIVKA ESTATE IN KERHONKSON, N. Y.

An added attraction at the opening of the season of the Ukrainian National Ass'n Estate at Kerhonkson, N.Y., June 12, 1955 will be the selection of "Miss Soyuzivka", who will be awarded a one week's stay at the UNA Resort as guest of the Ukrainian National Ass'n.

UKRAINIAN "HALL OF FAME"

A couple of Sundays ago one of the week-end papers carried the story of America's "Hall of Fame" located at New York University. It features the statues of the great of the past.

What better place for a memorial and testament to those great than in an institution of learning?

Here the youth will always be inspired by the memories of these. And here the great will be included among the living instead of in some silent museum.

We Ukrainians have our "great". Those celebrated in song and story, and those whom we have lost but recently.

They should not be forgotten.

But annual concerts in their honor can hardly serve to revive a lasting memory of their lives.

Why not then a memorial

Languages Stressed in Soviet Colleges

Soviet education is laying greater stress on the study of foreign languages. Proficiency in at least one tongue other than Russian is being expected of all college applicants.

This was disclosed in revised college entrance requirements published May 20 by Izvestia, the Soviet Government newspaper.

The increased stress on the study of foreign languages is coincident with the current Soviet drive to ease East-West tension and Moscow's propaganda in favor of scientific and cultural exchanges with foreign countries.

The revised college requirements also come at a time when Soviet persons in the arts and sciences are being exhorted by their leaders to profit from foreign experience in their fields.

According to the new rules, virtually all prospective college students will be expected to take an entrance examination in one foreign language.

SIXTH CONGRESS OF AMERICANS OF UKRAINIAN DESCENT DRAWS CLOSE TO 500 DELEGATES FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

CONSOLIDATION OF ACTIVE UKRAINIAN AMERICAN FORCES TO GIVE GREATER SUPPORT TO THE UKRAINIAN CAUSE—THEME OF CONGRESS

Over the past Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 28-30, 1955 a very impressive assemblage of representatives, close to five hundred in number, of Ukrainian societies throughout the country from the East to the West Coast, convened at the 6th Congress of Americans of Ukrainian Descent, held by the nationally representative Ukrainian Congress Committee of America in New York City, Hotel Commodore, and there demonstrated that despite certain group or personal differences, a mark of truly democratic society, that they are as one in support of the American way of life and as one in their determination to continue and redouble their endeavors to give the fullest moral and material aid to their over forty five million kinsmen in Soviet Russia enslaved Ukraine.

The democratic nature of the Congress was strikingly demonstrated by the great number of delegates who took the floor to express their views on various pertinent matters and to give constructive suggestions as to how the Ukrainian Congress Committee can and will better function in the coming year in the pursuit of its aims.

The conclave was opened Saturday noon with the singing of the American and Ukrainian anthems, led by Mrs. Mary Lesawyer, and an invocation by Abbot Kohut OSBM.

The meeting was formally opened by Dr. Lev Dobriansky, president of the UCCA, and Mr. Dmytro Halychyn, executive vice-president of the UCCA. Then followed a one minute of silence by the assemblage to honor the memory of members of the UCCA policy board and directors who had passed away, namely, Dr. Luke Myshuha, Prof. Michael Oleksiyiv, and Walter Danko.

Highlights of the Congress were the reports and spirited addresses delivered by the former UCCA president, Dr. Lev Dobriansky, elected now as UCCA chairman; the newly elected president of the UCCA, Mr. Dmytro Halychyn; Mr. Michael Piznak, former UCCA general counsel and now by election its treasurer; Mr. Joseph Lesawyer, former treasurer and now one of its vice-presidents; Mr. Stephen Jarzema, re-elected as executive director of the organization; and Mr. John Roberts, its newly-elected general counsel.

There was a bit of commotion when Dr. Stephen Wytwycky, president of the government-in-exile of the Ukrainian National Republic which fell before the onslaughts of the Reds and other enemies shortly after World War I, appeared on the podium to address the gathering and a group of his political opponents left the auditorium while he spoke.

This demonstration, however, was brought to a peaceful ending by cooler heads, including chairman of the convention, Dr. Walter Gallan and vice-chairmen Wasyl Mudry and John Evan-chuk.

CARDINAL SEES IMMIGRANTS' SHOW

His Eminence Paul Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, was one of the most interested of thousands of spectators who attended a display put on at the Forum by new Canadians. Those taking part in the program, held under auspices of the Montreal Catholic School Commission, represented more than a dozen nations. There were dances and vocal numbers, in colorful native costumes, by Ukrainians, Poles, Lithuanians, Italians, Slovaks, Hungarians, Japanese, Letts, Germans, Greeks, French and

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE UCCA



Lev Dobriansky, Chairman



Dmytro Halychyn, President

dresses at the banquet, which was held Saturday evening, at the hotel Commodore, of Gov. Averell Harriman of New York (see text on page 2), former Congressman Kersten, Congressman Feighan, and former U. S. Minister to Luxembourg, Mrs. Pearl Mehta, all of whom expressed their desire to see Ukraine free and independent in a free world.

The talk of Governor Harriman brought him an especially great ovation from the delegates and guests attending the banquet at which the toastmaster was Mr. Stephen Jarzema. It evoked from Mr. Piznak, UCCA vice-president, in the course of his talk, his belief that, in the course of time, Governor Harriman "will be able to take his gloves off and speak even more bluntly about the need of a free Ukraine, the freedom loving people of which are looked up to by the other enslaved peoples behind the Iron Curtain as their hope and salvation, just as the free Western Nations look up to our country to keep them within the orbit of the Free World." Fine entertainment was provided by the "Vagabonds" male quartet, headed by Mr. Stetsura.

Reports on the progress of the UCCA publications. The Ukrainian Quarterly and The Ukrainian Bulletin, were made by their editors, Prof. Nicholas Chubaty, editor of the former, and Mr. Felix Ptasnyk, editor of the latter publication.

Sunday evening a fine concert was presented at the Commodore, featuring the "Dumka" chorus, directed by Alexander Mykytyuk, and soloists Mrs. Mary Lesawyer, soprano, Volodimir Baransky, baritone, Mrs. Daria Karavovich-Hordynsky, piano accompanist.

At the concert, Congressman Feighan and former Congressman Kersten were awarded honorary doctorate degrees by the Free Ukrainian University, now located in Munich, Germany. The presentation was made by Prof. Roman Smal-Stocky, its member, and a member of the faculty of Marquette University.

Friday evening there was a reception for the Congress delegates and guests at the Ukrainian National Home on 2nd avenue.

Press reports concerning the Congress appeared in New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune and other newspapers.

Further details concerning this great event will appear here in coming issues.

The World of Sculpture

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 110th EXHIBITION OF ART BY SCULPTOR ALEXANDER ARCHIPENKO

Alexander Archipenko was born in Kiev, capital of Ukraine, and is of course, of Ukrainian background and origin. He has never given any indication that his national background is other than Ukrainian, of which fact he is quite proud. On December 18, 1953, when the Association of Ukrainian Artists in the United States organized a celebration on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Mr. Archipenko's artistic activity, the great American sculptor had this to say about his background and inspiration: "I myself believe in metaphysical forces which we Ukrainians see in such a real form as the Ukrainian sun, the Ukrainian black soil, and above all, Ukrainian bread. These forces imbue us with vital strength and energy. He who has eaten the Ukrainian bread, has reached the inexhaustible treasures of the Ukrainian spirit. This metaphysical force I carried with me throughout the world and brought to the United States. This strength which I make use of in my artistic creations is taken from this Ukrainian spirituality which has its source in the Ukrainian soil, in Ukrainian history and tradition. No matter where we might find ourselves, and whatever the conditions under which we might have to work, we ought always preserve this Ukrainian spirituality not only traditionally, but actively. One of the speakers underscored the fact that I am interested in a universal creative process. It is true, indeed. We ought to endeavor to accept what is best from the spirituality of other peoples, but at the same time we should preserve our own Ukrainian spirituality, for it alone can be our principal source of creation. We should attempt to help each other in one way: the preservation of our spirituality and continuation of our creation." ("The Face")

