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FOR A FOREIGN POLICY OF PEACE THROUGH NATIONAL LIBERATION

Statement presented and submitted on behalf of Ukrainian Congress Committee of America to the Platform Committee of the Republican National Convention in San Francisco by Michael Piznak, Treasurer of U.C.C.A.

The principle "Peace Through National liberation" was proposed to the Republican Party by the representatives of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, a national representation of over 1,500,000 American citizens of Ukrainian descent. This proposal was made by the delegation of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, consisting of its chairman, Prof. Lev Dobriansky; of its president, Dmytro Halychyn, who is also the chairman of the Ukrainian Section of the Nationality Division of the National Republican Committee; and of Michael Piznak, Esq., who is the chairman of the Ukrainian Section of the Nationality Division of New York State Republican Committee, and the treasurer of the Ukrainian-Congress Committee of America.

The statement, presented and submitted on behalf of Ukrainian Congress Committee of America to the Platform Committee of the Republican National Convention in San Francisco by Michael Piznak, Treasurer of U.C.C.A., reads: "The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America is a national, anti-communist organization with branches in 45 States, representing over a million and a half loyal American citizens of Ukrainian descent."

From its very inception it has been and is now profoundly interested and concerned in the welfare and security of these, our United States. Since the end of the First World War, the Ukrainian-American organizations have vigorously, continuously and ceaselessly exposed the Communist international conspiracy to subjugate and conquer the entire free world, including the United States.

Today we are even more perturbed and concerned by the apathy and confusion of the free world, including many in our country, relative to the increasing menace of the ever-expanding Russian Communist Imperialist colossus.

The master minds of the Kremlin, by skillful propaganda and astute timing and conducting a campaign of duplicity, cleverly conceived to lull the free world into an attitude of resignation or even defeatism. Capitalizing on the mood of the times—the universal hatred of war—the Soviets are seeking to accomplish their goal of world domination through tactics which are subtle and sinister. Moscow is admittedly dedicated to the overthrow of our Government and of our American way of life. Nevertheless, under the

guise of so-called liberalism, a significant minority in this country continues to attack and denounce actions by our Government to safeguard our freedom and national security.

Many of us in this country fail to comprehend that there are millions of people, comprising the captive nations behind the Iron Curtain, in whom burns the desire for human liberty and the determination to once again regain their human rights.

It is quite disheartening to note that a certain active minority is now again prescribing the opiate of co-existence which Khrushchev blithely and smilingly is offering to the free world. This is the same Khrushchev who master-minded the diabolic famine in the Ukraine in 1932-1933, as a result of which over 5,000,000 Ukrainians were starved to death. He now endeavors to persuade the Western peoples that he is a person of good will and dedicated to the establishment of world peace.

On the other hand we in the United States have failed to appreciate and evaluate the recent events which have taken place in the captive nations behind the Iron Curtain, particularly in the Ukraine, and which demonstrate their intense desire to liberate themselves from the yoke of Soviet tyranny and enslavement. In the Kingir Slave Labor Camp in the Province of Turkestan, in defiance of Russian guards, more than 500 Ukrainian women prisoners linked hands and marched to their deaths beneath the approach of Soviet tanks in a vain effort to stem an armored attack on the said camp. These women were truly martyrs in the cause of liberty and freedom.

Another signal event was the receipt of two composite letters from Ukrainian political prisoners in the Mordovian Camp, smuggled out through the channels of the Ukrainian Underground and addressed to the United Nations, Division of Human Rights, and the civilized World. These letters contained several resolutions, summarizing and reflecting a determination of the Ukrainian people, whether they be in their homeland or in slave labor camp, their fight to the end for the liberation of their native land and the unalienable right of freedom.

Recently an anti-communist underground in Ukraine wrecked a Soviet troop train and made off with quantities of arms and ammunition into a forest hide-out. This attack preceded a demonstration by the anti-Russian Underground in the Republic of Georgia. Despite the most heinous at-

rocities, armed aggression and attempted liquidation by wholesale genocide of the Ukrainians, there still continues the sharpest resistance to communist Moscow! Thus the national struggle in the U.S.S.R. and in the satellite countries is one of the most explosive anti-Soviet forces behind the Iron Curtain. In fact, the permanent and unabated resistance which has been constantly waged has been a deterrent to any all-out war against the Western capitalist nations including the United States.

In spite of this overwhelming evidence, some self-styled experts and authorities in the field of foreign affairs have maintained that there is a "finality, for better or for worse, about what has now occurred in Eastern Europe." This is an attitude of utter defeatism and is contrary to the memorable statement of our great president, Dwight D. Eisenhower, that "the peaceful liberation of the captive peoples has been and is until success is achieved, and will continue to be the major goal of the United States foreign policy."

We strongly urge that the Republican platform contain a forthright statement that there is no finality in central and eastern Europe and that the Republican Party unequivocally affirms that freedom and national independence be restored to all the captive nations. We recommend that the Republican Party adopt the following resolution:

We strongly reaffirm our rejection of all concepts which would abandon the captive nations in the Communist colonial empire. Under our leadership the foreign policy of the Government of the United States will continue to be the positive and peaceful policy of national liberation, girded to the time-honored American principles of freedom, independence and self-government for all peoples and nations who, in their valiant struggle against Communist imperialism, seek to realize again these basic values of national existence.

Eisenhower, Nixon Renominated By Republicans



President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (above) and Vice President RICHARD M. NIXON were renominated for the second term by Republican National Convention in San Francisco last Wednesday, August 22. Democratic nominees for Presidency and Vice Presidency are ADLAI STEVENSON and ESTES KEFAUVER.

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This policy rejects the Communist conception of peaceful co-existence, and specifically seeks the liberation and national self-determination of all captive nations and peoples in the Communist empire, including the Albanians, the Armenians, the Bulgarians, the Byelorussians, the mainland Chinese, the Croats, the Czechs, the East Germans, the Estonians, the Georgians, the Hungarians,

the Latvians, the Lithuanians, the Mongols, the North Koreans, the Poles, the Rumanians, the Serbs, the Slovaks, the Russians, the Slovenes, the Tibetans, the Azerbaijanis and the Turkestanians.

We are determined to implement this peaceful policy of national liberation by generating pressures for expending freedom, aimed at the abolition of the Communist Iron Curtain, the staging of free elections in all captive countries, the rise in the standard of living for all captive peoples, and the cessation of Moscow-centered colonialism and imperialism.

We reaffirm our pledge to oppose the admission of Red China into the United Nations. The challenge of Communist competition for the hearts and minds of men everywhere can be nowhere more effectively and economically met than within the realm of the most tyrannical empire in recorded history. The courageous acceptance of this challenge on the terrain of the Communist empire would be our best insurance against the outbreak of a third World War.

STATEMENT OF THE UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA

Presented to the Democratic Platform Committee by Stephen J. Jarema, Executive Director Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

The world recognizes the unfortunate plight of many nations and hundreds of millions of people enslaved by the communist conspiracy. All clear-thinking people are aware of this enslavement—this continued enslavement is a weight upon the conscience of all the freedom-loving people.

Most recent events have demonstrated the desire for human liberty and a determination to regain human dignity, which constitute a powerful force behind the Iron Curtain. I need not recount the long and valiant heroic efforts of the Ukrainian underground in their quest to rid their homeland of the communist interloper.

This was dramatically shown by the heroic patriots of Poznan revolting against the Russian occupier and exploiter. They chose a time when Westerners were attending a fair in that city. They could refer to the free world the significant fact that they together with other enslaved people maintain their desire to be free. All freedom-loving and thinking men desire to join hands with these and the million other patriots behind the Iron Curtain in their quest for freedom.

Almost simultaneously with these heroic efforts to regain freedom two significant events occurred which underscored the determination of the Ukrainian people to regain their national freedom and independence.

1) In the Kingir slave labor camp in the province of Turkestan, in defiance of Russian guards about five hundred Ukrainian women prisoners led an uprising, demanding their human rights and expressing their determination to die if need be, to bring about the independence of Ukraine. As an answer to this heroic action, the Russians moved tanks and machine-guns to put down this uprising. But the freedom-loving women continued their defiance and met their death under the tracks of Russian tanks. In every sense these women, as well as thousands of others, have become the Patrick Henrys of our days.

2) The second signal event was the receipt of the letters from Ukrainian political prisoners in the Mordovian slave labor camp, brought out through the channels of the Ukrainian underground addressed to the U.N., Division of Human Rights and the Civilized World. These letters set forth several resolutions which summarize and reflect the determination of the Ukrainian people whether they be in their homeland or in slave labor camps that fight to the end for liberation of their native country and God-given right of freedom.

There are many other significant recent events which I could mention that would indicate that the desire for human freedom burns brightly in the hearts of all the peoples now enslaved by imperialist Moscow.

In spite of this overwhelming evidence some so-called authorities in the field of foreign affairs, have said "there is a finality, for better or for worse, about what has now occurred in Eastern Europe..." Such a statement reflects a policy of utter defeatism. Such a statement as this does not take into consideration the enslaved peoples and refuses to understand their over-present struggle for "man's right for freedom." This statement reflects a support for a Russian

concept of "peaceful coexistence"—a "Geneva Summit" type meeting with the Russians, a complete failure, as far as we Americans are concerned. The Russian smile has turned into a sneer of contempt. The Democratic Party rejects all these concepts of defeatism and surrender in its domestic and foreign policy. I strongly urge, on behalf of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, representing a million and a half of loyal Americans, that the Democratic Platform carry a clear statement that there is no "finality" in Central and Eastern Europe, and that the Democratic Party affirms that freedom and national independence be restored to all the captive nations.

The recent 20th congress of the Communist Party in Moscow indicated, according to the statements made by Party Boss Nikita S. Khrushchev, that except for a few Party adjustments, the world conquest for communism will continue to be the principal objective of Soviet foreign policy.

To counteract this communist imperialist drive the United States must be prepared. There have been many excellent suggestions made to this Committee, and I should not like to take time repeating them, except that I will suggest and propose for inclusion into the Democratic Platform, among others, the following:

1) That the Democratic Party affirms that a Joint Committee be established by Congress on United States International Information Programs as recently proposed by Congressman Michael A. Feighan, H. J. Res. 433; and supported by Congressman O'Hara of Illinois.

2) That the Democratic Party supports the creation of an International Juridical Commission within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in order to document the crimes against humanity committed by the international Communist conspiracy and to reduce the dangers of a new world war, as more succinctly stated by Congressman Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut, in H.J. Res. 668 and passed by the House of Representatives of July 18, 1956;

3) That the Democratic Party platform reflect the inspiring sentiments expressed in the now-famous McCormack resolution, H. Hon. Res. 149, which condemns communist imperialism and other forms of colonialism, which constitute a denial of the inalienable rights of man, and commit our support of other peoples in their aspirations to achieve self-government or independence and in their struggle against tyranny or domination;

4) That the Democratic Party strongly reaffirms our rejection of all concepts which would abandon the captive nations in the communist colonial empire. Under our leadership the foreign policy of the Government of the United States will continue to be the positive and peaceful policy of national liberation, girded to the time-honored American principles of freedom, independence and self-government for all peoples and nations who, in their valiant struggle against communist imperialism, seek to realize again these basic values of national existence. This policy rejects the communist conception of peaceful coexistence, and specifically seeks the liberation and na-

AT THE MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONALITIES DIVISION



Governor Adlai E. Stevenson (left) Democratic Candidate for President, Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan (centre) and Michael Cieplinski, Executive Director of the Nationalities Division of the Democratic National Convention, speaking at the meeting of the Nationalities Division in Chicago. Senator Estes Kefauver, Vice Presidential Candidate, also addressed the meeting held during the Democratic National Convention.

Stevenson Praises Nationality Groups

"One of the most important functions of our political party is performed by the nationality press and radio, and by fraternal groups," Adlai Stevenson declared at the meeting organized by the Nationalities Division of the Democratic National Convention during the Chicago Convention.

Governor Stevenson, Senator Kefauver, Governor Harriman, Governor Meyner of New Jersey, and many other Democratic notables spoke at this meeting. All were loud in their praise of the part which nationality groups play in making our American democracy work.

Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, Chairman of the Division and presiding officer, pointed out that Americans of practically every conceivable national origin were among the delegates elected to represent the country at Chicago.

Senator Theodore Francis Green, the Division's Honorary Chairman, and now the Senior Democratic Member of the important Senate Foreign Relations Committee, noted that over 600 of the delegates and alternates attending the Convention belong to one or the other of these nationality groups—the largest such representation ever to be recorded at any national convention of any party.

The Platform adopted at Chicago contains the strong language concerning: revision of our present immigration and naturalization laws; national self-determination for peoples now under Soviet tyranny; and the need for free elections in the captive nations.

A special paragraph dealt with victims of Communist oppression and pledged "to support programs providing succor for escapees from behind the Iron Curtain."

On August 16, 1956 several Ukrainians participated in the Nationalities Division meeting, together with other nationality groups attending the National Democratic Convention, in Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel. They heard both candidates, Adlai E. Stevenson and Governor Averell Harriman, pledge their efforts to help the enslaved nations in Eastern Europe to get rid of communist oppression.

The Ukrainian group comprised: Rev. Nestor Feicia of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chicago; Rev. Omelan Mycyk, of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Chicago; Edward Popil of Scranton, Pa., a Pennsylvania Delegate to the National Democratic Convention; John W. Sol-

dressen of Ambridge, Pa., Alternate Delegate; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dushnyck of New York, Michael J. Kaniuk of the Ukrainian Democratic Club of Chicago; Michael Hinko, Chicago attorney and Democratic Candidate for U. S. Congressman; Miss Helen Brudny of Chicago, active member of the Ukrainian Youth League of North America, and Michael Logay, Chicago businessman.

In summing up, the Ukrainian group demonstrated its organizational skill and made many important contacts among the Democratic Party ranks, and above all, presented an excellent testimony before the Platform Committee, which has now become an official part of the Democratic National Convention's records.

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UCCA DELEGATION during testimony before the Committee on Foreign Policy of the Republican Platform Committee. Left to right, seated: Elizabeth Wherry, Secretary of Senator Smith, Senator Alexander H. Smith (New Jersey) and Dmytro Halychyn. Standing: Michael Piznak, A. B. Hermann, Director of Nationalities Division of the Republican National Committee, John Duzansky and Prof. Leo E. Dobriansky.

Looking From the Outside In

Recently our family took its yearly trip to the U.N.A. resort, Soyuzivka. As always activities were plentiful, food was delicious and sleeping comfortable. And for us the weather was perfect.

prove to myself that I would enjoy myself and at the same time get something out of it. I learned it was not a matter of sitting in a room listening to a teacher talk about a country that until now had been unimportant to me.

RICHARD POPOWYCH

Tenth Anniversary of UAV Post 16 Of Troy, N. Y.

The St. Nicholas Post No. 16 of the Ukrainian American Veterans will celebrate its Tenth Anniversary with a banquet at the Ukrainian Hall in Troy, New York, on September 22, 1956.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT Oleh Dutkewycz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myroslaw Dutkewycz, led the way this past term at Blenheim District High School at Blenheim, Ontario in compiling an outstanding average of 89.3 per cent in winning the Grade 9 proficiency award during the 1955-56 term.

UKRAINIAN YOUTH NEWS

By ALEXANDER F. DANKO Buffalo, N. Y. composed of 100 (it had this number of member clubs 6 or 7 years ago) or 250 or 500 or even 1,000 member clubs will in turn be able to sponsor even bigger and better activities for its following, at the same time greatly boosting and strengthening our beloved "Ukrainian Cause."

Publicize Your Branch The Ukrainian National Association has 500 branches in the United States and Canada. Just about every one of these branches has some members who were born in North America. This periodical is published for these members and all interested non-members.

Publicity has value. It lets people know that the Ukrainians in town are active and that they represent a part of a large national organization. Publicity opportunities in the Weekly and the American press are almost without limit. The space is available. Every branch of the Ukrainian National Association should get its share of publicity.

A STORY OF UKRAINIAN CANADIANS

By JOHN PANCHUK, (Battle Creek, Mich.) "Onutska" Church. A plot of ground on an elevated terrain about two miles west of Gardenton was selected in 1897 as the site of the first church. The selection was due in part to the fact that it had become a burial site.

thodox church at that time, the two elders petitioned the Russian Orthodox mission in Minneapolis, U.S.A. to send them an orthodox priest. The mission sent Rev. Konstantin Popov who came twice a year to conduct religious services—to perform marriages, baptize the children and conduct Easter and Christmas services.

UKRAINIANS CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY



UTICA CHAPTER of the Ukrainian American Youth Association observed on August 12th its 50th anniversary in Whitesboro. Top left: choral group from Rochester entertained with Ukrainian songs.

Utica SUMA Chapter Notes Golden Event

The Utica branch of the Ukrainian American Youth Association celebrated its 50th anniversary on August 12, in a program of songs, dances and flag and choral numbers in the Ukrainian Park, Whitesboro.

Folk Festival Council

An international music and dance festival, held annually prior to World War II, will be resumed this year at Central Park, Walter Bacad, president of the Folk Festival Council of Metropolitan New York, announced August 21st.

Ukrainian Youth League of North America, Inc. proudly announces its 23rd Anniversary CONVENTION to be held at Hotel Statler - Buffalo, N. Y. Labor Day Weekend, Aug. 31 - Sept. 3, 1956

Carteret, N. J. The Eleventh UKRAINIAN DAY, Sunday, Sept. 2, 1956 St. Demetrius Ukrainian Community Center, 681 - 691 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret, N. J. CHORAL & DANCE FESTIVAL - PICNIC & DANCE TWO HALLS - TWO ORCHESTRAS. - From 2 P.M. until midnight.

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