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#### U.N.A. YOUTH DAY IN AKRON, OHIO

UNA Youth Day will be observed in Akron, Ohio, on Saturday, October 27, 1956, when the Akron Youth Branch 180 of the Ukrainian National Association plays host to an UNA Youth Rally. Scheduled for the Sheraton-Mayflower Hotel, site of the successful 1948 UYL-NA Convention, the Rally plans have been completed and all is readiness for the guests expected from an area encompassing the State of Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Detroit, Michigan, and Buffalo, N. Y. Open to both UNA and non-UNA members the program has been designed to appeal to both the American born generation and the young new immigrants.

The Akronites have worked closely with the Executive Board of UNA so that the Conference, scheduled for 2:30 P.M. EST, will include topics of interest to all. This program will be a panel discussion followed by an open forum.

Using as his subject "Role of Youth in UNA", Mr. Michael Piznak, UNA Vice President, will discuss the need for and importance of youth participation in organized fraternal life.

Mr. Gregory Herman, UNA Secretary, has chosen "Functions of Local Branches in UNA" and will present the practical viewpoint of this topic, based on his direct contacts with all UNA branches. Others on the panel will be Mr. John Evanchuk, Supreme Auditor, of Detroit, Michigan, and Supreme Advisors William B. Hussar of Rochester, N. Y., and Andrew Jula of Ambridge, Pa., who will discuss UNA's financial structure, its sports program and its cultural endeavors. To keep the discussion on an interesting, informative and fast-moving scale the program will have as its moderator, Mr. Dmytro Halychyn, U.N.A. President. It is anticipated that this conference will provide an opportunity for all attending to become better acquainted with the Ukrainian National Association, its management, its objectives and its service not only as a fraternal but as a humanitarian, charitable and cultural organization.

The social event of the day will be a Banquet to be held in the Main Ballroom. The banquet committee headed by Walter Malecky and Andrew Dudra promise a worthwhile and memorable program. The speeches will be short, introductions brief and entertainment pleasing. To play the accordion in his inimitable style, from New York City will come Tom Shepko to add music and merriment during the meal. A gift favor, compliments of UNA Branch 180, will be distributed to each banquet guest, Victor Pulk and Harry Zerebniak are Banquet and Ball committee members.

A Ball, featuring the music of Ross Halamay and His Orchestra, will follow the banquet. This orchestra will be remembered for its very danceable tunes by those who attended the 1948 UYL-NA Convention.

As president of UNA Branch 180 John Miskalo will be official host for the day, ably assisted by Vice President Joe Johnson, Secretary Olga Zepko and Treasurer Nick Sivik. The Registration Committee will have as its chairman Helen Johnson with Roman Syroid, Victoria Taras and Ann Sivik gathering names, addresses and handing out colorful tags. Reception and Housing will be handled by a committee headed by Mrs. Alice Flesler with Dorothy Dudra, Julie Zepko, Ann McGowan, Theresa and Pauline Taras, Steve Pyrka, Pat Sivik, Stephanie Kucyk, Michael Tabaka, Walter Lesniak, Peter Kulyk and Stanley Motrowich, as members. They will make certain that all will be accommodated and accorded a warm welcome and Akron's hospitality.

General Chairman of UNA Youth Day in Akron is Mrs. Genevieve Zerebniak, UNA National Vice Presidentess.

Michael Piznak, vice president of the UNA and treasurer of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America. Talks were also given by Dr. Walter Gallan, head of the Board of Auditors of the UNA and president of the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, Mrs. Helen Stogryn, UNA Advisor, and Mr. John Skochylus, UNA organizer.

The anniversary celebration program also included a children's music and dance interlude, presented by Gloria Edynak and Dorothy Yacek, piano, and Janet Trach, ballet. The concluding talk was given by Rev. M. Zhuk.

#### Jersey City U.N.A. Branch Helps Building Funds

The Sons of Ukraine Society, Branch 287 of the Ukrainian National Association, located in Jersey City, N. J., recently decided to make two \$100 donations.

A check for \$100 was delivered to the SS Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church for its building fund. Another check for \$100 was delivered to the officers of the Ukrainian Center for its new building fund.

Both Jersey City groups are planning new construction; the church must be relocated as its present site is now mainly an industrial area; the Ukrainian Center building was demolished to make space for a

#### N.J. GOVERNOR AND SENATOR TO SPEAK AT ANTI-RED RALLY IN NEWARK

A number of prominent speakers will address a mass rally held in sympathy with Ukrainians and all other enslaved, oppressed and persecuted people in the Soviet Union, on Sunday, October 21, 1956, 2 p.m. at the Mosque Theatre, 1020 Broad street, Newark, N. J.

The rally tomorrow afternoon will be held under the auspices of the United American Ukrainian Organization and Manifestation Committee of New Jersey.

Principal speakers will be Dmytro Halychyn, president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America; Robert B. Meyner, Governor of the State of New Jersey, who will be presented by Marcel Wagner, New Jersey State Tax Commissioner for Hudson County; U. S. Senator H. Alexander Smith; a representative from the U. S. Department; Dr. George Yahe, Nationalist China representative to the United Nations; and others. Chairman of the rally will be John Romanion, Essex County Ass't Prosecutor.

Entertainment will be furnished by Mary Bodnar, soprano, the Ukrainian Male Chorus of Bayonne, directed by M. Kormeliuk, and the Bandurist Chorus of Elizabeth, directed by R. Levitsky.

The rally will be held to protest against the continued enslavement, crimes and inhumanities being perpetrated upon the Ukrainians and other enslaved nations of the USSR by the Russian communists—up to recent times by the late Stalin and currently by his successors and close associates during the period of his criminal activities.

#### Overwork Floors Red Anti-Religionist

The chairman of Russia's official anti-religious society resigned recently because of "overwork," a United Press dispatch from London reports.

The dispatch was based on a Moscow Radio broadcast, which said that A. L. Oparin, chairman of the All-Union Society for the Dissemination of Scientific and Political Knowledge "pleaded overwork" and was replaced by M. I. Mitkin.

The All-Union Society, which claims a membership of 340,000, is the official organization established by the Soviet Russian government to spread anti-church propaganda and substitute study of science and politics for study of the Scriptures.

#### Ukrainian Theatre Kiev to Present Concert in Los Angeles

Taking part in the initial performance of the Ukrainian Theatre "Kiev," Los Angeles' newest theatrical organization, will be Stars of the Ukrainian Opera in a "Concert of the World's Great Music" to be presented in Patriotic Hall, 1816 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, California, Saturday, October 27 (1956 at 8 p.m.). Director Mykola Novak announced today.

Stars from San Francisco and Los Angeles, all former displaced persons and all veterans of the European stage, will appear in this debut of the new theatre.

Prof. Bazyl Tchajkowski of San Francisco, a baritone who has sung the world's great operas in Europe, will direct the art and music and will also make his singing debut in Los Angeles with the "Kiev" Theatre.

With him will be two famous singing sisters, both sopranos, who have starred in Germany and Ukraine. They are Kapitalina and Olena Zadorozna.

Others are Alicia de Pomian, mezzo-soprano, Ivan Voyk, pianist-composer who studied in Ukraine and France, Vladimir Martynenko, Ukrainian Yugoslav-born tenor and Kost Savchenko, ballet-master, who will present his Los Angeles ballet troupe.

The program will feature scenes from the opera "Aida," "Zaporozhets za Dunayem" (Kozak from Beyond the Don), "Nataka Poltavka" and the ballet Verkhovina.

The Ukrainian Theatre Kiev is planning a Ukrainian opera "Zaporozhets za Dunayem" in the Wilshire Ebel Theatre for its second offering of the season. Its aim is to give Los Angeles the best in Ukrainian music, never before presented here, Director Novak said. Tickets are available at: 1811 Effie Street, Los Angeles 26, California.

#### Manor College Club Presents Ukrainian Program

The Cultural Club of Manor College, Fox Chase Manor, Pa., resumed activities the very first week of the college term.

Manor College is the only Ukrainian Catholic women's college in America.

On Friday, September 28, 1956, at the invitation of Mrs. Hynes, a group of Manor students, in authentic Ukrainian attire, presented a program of Ukrainian songs and dances for the Past Presidents' Club of Montgomery County, Pa. at the Old York Road Country Club.

Miss Vera Halushka, president of the Cultural Club and mistress of ceremonies, introduced the Misses Katherine Alfawicka, Marion Burbella, Tomara Sydoryk, Ann Pendyski and Maria Zubryd who presented dances and songs; among which were: Katerina, Hopak and Kozachok; Oy Vidai Hora, Choven Khatayetsia, and Oy Pid Hayem.

#### LETTERS FROM AMERICA

Many people abroad are curious about America. They want to know more about us. Those of us with friends and relatives abroad can help satisfy this natural curiosity through our letters. Let's spread the truth about America.

#### DONETS COAL BASIN CALLED A SOVIET "RUHR"

The sprawling Donets coal basin in Eastern Ukraine, called the Soviet "Ruhr," has an atmosphere of rawness and impermanence that befits a new frontier more than a century-old industrial center, Welles Hangen, correspondent of The New York Times, reported in a dispatch from Stalino, U.S.S.R., dated Sept. 28, which appeared in last Monday's issue of the daily.

The mines in the Donbas, as that area is called, are among the oldest and deepest in this world, but life on the surface is seemingly rootless.

Jerry-built miners' hovels look like they could hardly last the winter. There are many new buildings, but most of them are only unfinished brick shells surrounded by overhead cranes. Sidewalks in Stalino are a thing of the future except along Artem street, the main thoroughfare of this center of 600,000 population.

Elsewhere the scenery consists of mud, dust and huge, sharp-angled piles of coal debris near the concentration camps. Tiny miners' settlements are grouped among the pitsheads and washeries throughout the Donbas except in Stalino, Voroshilovgrad and the other main cities of the basin.

Khrushchev Worked Here

Stalino was originally called Yuzovka or Yuzivka for a Scottish industrialist named Hughes. When Nikita S. Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist party, worked here as a youth, the mines were exploited by British and French concerns.

Donbas miners are young compared with their counterparts in Wales, the Ruhr, and Pennsylvania.

The miners are proud of their work and eager to impress a foreigner with the high standard of mechanization in the pits. Their average monthly wage of about 2,000 rubles (\$500 at the official rate) makes them the highest paid industrial group in the Soviet Union.

There is no way for the miners to better their housing conditions because they are government controlled. But the large number of new model Moskvich passengers cars in Stalino attest to the pent-up purchasing power of the Donbas. There is a long waiting list for automobiles.

Comparative prosperity is also reflected in the brisk street sales of lemons at 2.75 rubles (about 68 cents) apiece, seedless grapes at 6.66 rubles a kilogram (75 cents a pound) and cheap women's Kapron stockings from 16.30 to 35 rubles (\$4.07 to \$8.75).

#### UKRAINE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

The Shah of Iran and the General Secretary of the United Nations in Kiev

On the same day, July 6, there arrived in Kiev the Shah of Iran with his wife and the General Secretary of the United Nations. The agency TASS reported as follows on the stay of the General Secretary in Kiev. "The General Secretary of the Organization of the United Nations Dag Hammerskjold visited the capital of Ukraine from Moscow at the invitation of the government of the Ukrainian SSR."

"Hammerskjold was met by the members of the Moscow registry in Kiev headed by L. Palamarchuk in the role of "Minister of Foreign Affairs" and also the members of "the delegation of the USSR to the 10th session of the UN, I. A. Tolbukhov and V. I. Sapozhnikov." During the visit in Senine there was a "conversation which turned into a friendly chat"; questions were brought up on the state form of the USSR and the economic and cultural construction of the republic.

#### The Building of Strategic Roads in Ukraine

In connection with the tension in the Near East the new is not without interest that at the present time there is being built a network of roads aggregating 2400 km. The roads being built connect Moscow and Kiev, Kiev and Odesa and Dnipropetrovsk, Khar'kov and Kupyansk, Cherniviv and Novhorod Siversky; the paved road joining the Black Sea cities of Odesa, Mykolayiv, Kherson and Beryslav is being completed.

#### SNYLYK, ROCHESTER UKRAINIAN SOCCER STAR, TO PLAY ON U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM

A 23-year-old Ukrainian American of Rochester, N. Y., member of Branch 437 of the Ukrainian National Association—left last week on a "dream trip," destined to Melbourne, Australia, to compete in the Olympic Games next month as a member of U.S. team.

Zenon Snylyk, former University of Rochester two-time All-American soccer player, was scheduled to report to the U.S. Olympic soccer team yesterday, October 19, to begin a whirlwind jaunt through the Far East before arriving in Australia on November 20.

The Democrat and Chronicle daily of Rochester reported on October 3 (clipping mailed in by UNA Advisor William Hussar).

After a game in Los Angeles today, the team will travel to Tokyo. From there, visits will be made to Korea, Nationalist China (Formosa), Hong Kong, the Philippines, Singapore, and Dykarta.

Snylyk flew in from Montreal on October 2 where he had been playing soccer this summer, and outlined to the Rochester daily reporter the course which has brought him a berth on the U.S. team.

"After graduating from the University of Rochester 1955, I went to Chicago to play for the Lion Club soccer team, the red-thatched athlete said. "I enrolled at the University of Chicago to do graduate work in political science and played with the Lions during my off hours."

"In 1954 I was chosen to play for the U. S. All-Star team which would compete against Mexico in the first round of the World Cup. But because I wasn't a citizen at that time, I couldn't participate."

Snylyk is a citizen now, through having received his final papers June 4, 1953. He and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Snylyk, reside at 20 Vose st. The Snylyka came to this country from the city of L'viv, Western Ukraine, in April, 1949.

Before attending the University of Rochester, Zenon spent his high school days at Frankston in Illinois.

Won in All Olympic Trials

"Last year, the City of Chicago trials for the Olympic team were held, and I got by them. Then a couple of months later they had the Mid-West trials and making that I was picked on the Western United States team which was to play a United States team to decide who would be on the big one," he said.

"The game was played in St. Louis, March 18 and, from that game, 15 men were selected for the Olympic team. Each player played 45 minutes. I only played for the first half."

It is noted here that Snylyk scored his team's lone goal in High.

#### Ukrainian Dances Taught In Wilmington

Young and older persons in the Wilmington, Del. area desiring to learn Ukrainian folk dances, can do so by attending classes held every Saturday morning, 10 to 12:30, at Ukrainian Home, 623 South Head street, Wilmington.

The classes are being taught by Nina and Walter Bacad of New York City.

#### Named to B.M.I. Editorial Staffs

Several young Ukrainian Americans have been named to serve on the editorial staffs of the monthly newspaper and the 1957 yearbook of the Bordentown Military Institute of Bordentown, N. J., according to a press release of the Institute, dated October 13th last.

Named as associate editors of its monthly newspaper, The Skirmisher, are cadets Ihor Y. Voyevodka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yaroslav Voyevodka, 44 St. Marks Place, New York City, photographic editor; Jaroslav Leshko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Leshko, 34 East 7th Street, New York City; sports editor; and Michael Szyjan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas

Yacyk, 285 E. 4th street, New York City, business manager. Editor-in-chief is Cadet Herbert T. G. Benz, Jr., 59 Park street, Bordentown, N. J.

Appointed to the editorial staff of the B.M.I. 1957 Yearbook are the already mentioned Ihor Y. Voyevodka, photographic editor, and Michael Szyjan, both of New York City; associate editor, Cadet Gary F. Jaepian, 926 Wilcoxen Avenue, of Bridgeport, Conn., is the editor-in-chief of the yearbook.

During the 1955-56 school year there were 7 cadets at the B.M.I. With the new enrollees for the coming year, that number, it is reported, has been increased quite a deal.





