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THE NEW AFRICAN STATES

The overwhelming vote in French Guinea against the De Gaulle Constitution was immediately interpreted by the General in accordance with his statements before the voting as a sign that the area wished to withdraw at once from the French Union and this will mean its immediate appearance on the map of Africa as an independent state. This is the first of the French African colonies south of the Sahara to receive its independence and it may inaugurate a further series of national states, although it may well be doubt-

ed whether the independence of any of them will come so precipitately. Changes in the Map of Africa It is an example of the rapid changes that are being made in the map of Africa, for that had scarcely taken shape when World War I started and commenced the series of upsets which have not yet reached their climax. Whether those changes will be to the benefit or harm of the free nations is still uncertain for the entire their series of national states, continent is in the throes of a convulsion, the end of which no one can foresee.

When World War I started, there was only two independent states on the entire continent, Ethiopia which had maintained for centuries a precarious existence as an independent Christian state on the edge of the Moslem world, and Liberia which had been settled by American Negroes. Yet there were really three African states with a very different political situation and development in each.

To the north of the Sahara Desert there were the Arab Mohammedan peoples. Of these Egypt while technically part of the Ottoman Empire was practically under British control. Algeria had been formally incorporated into France but this was more in name than in fact for the full right of citizens was granted only to the French settlers and a very few of the Moslems. Tunisia was a French protectorate. Morocco was divided between France and Spain and between Tunisia and Egypt was an ill-defined area seized by Italy after the Italian-Turkish War of 1911 (the modern Libya). These divisions, however, did have a certain sense for they corresponded to the century-old provinces of the Arab conquest and the Ottoman rule and here were really doubtful boundaries only in the south where the territory of these provinces merged into the Sahara Desert. There was general agreement that in them all the Arab language and the Mohammedan religion were general and it was only a question how the right of self-determination was to be exercised, not where.

In the south of the continent was the Union of South Africa with its mixed Boers and English. The situation was complicated by the enormous Negro population but the white settlements were sufficiently large to justify the Boers in their own mind for demanding a white country and they had the determination to maintain this at all costs—and they are trying to do it.

In between lay Africa south of the Sahara and this was an inchoate mass of more or less primitive peoples under English, French, German and Portuguese rule. The boundaries of these colonies had been drawn arbitrarily for during the last quarter of the nineteenth century, the European nations had drawn up treaty after treaty disposing of these lands according to their own

occasion as Scythia or Sarmatia. In his work on Ukraine's name, Prof. Shelukhin reveals that in the library of the Vatican in Rome there are five maps embracing Eastern Europe of the 16th century, dated 1508, 1529, 1532, 1532, 1565, and 1571. On these five maps Ukraine is referred to as Sarmatia twice, and as Russia three times. While on the same maps present-day Great Russia is referred to as Muscovy four times, and once as the Duchy of Muscovy.

Two 16th century maps, found in France in the Archives of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and in the National Library at Paris, refer to Ukraine as "Ukraine." The first map is dated 1572; the date of the second map is unknown, but is earlier than 1580, the year when, with this map in his possession, the French

NAMES OF NATIONS and IMPERIALIST INTRIGUE

Therefore Ivan's naming himself "Tsar of all the Russias" was a boast hollow and meaningless, as he was Tsar only of Rus-Ukraine's former imperialist possessions, but not of Rus-Ukraine itself. Although eventually the ancient Rus-Ukrainian name of "Russia" did become to be associated solely with Muscovy, it was not due to Ivan's act of misappropriation, but to a similar act carried out by Peter the Great some two centuries later. Voluminous and conclusive historical data exist showing that after Ivan III styled himself "Tsar of all the Russias," his native country retained its own name of Muscovy, locally and internationally, for well over two centuries. During this same lengthy period Ukraine was known, also locally and internationally, as Rus, Russia, and Ukraine, and on

UKRAINIAN NEW CANADIANS: BLACK BREAD AND EASTER EGGS

(Courtesy, Liberty magazine, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. November 1, 1958 issue)

By FRANK RASKY At 3 o'clock in the morning recently, Paul Yuzyk, professor of Slavic studies at University of Manitoba, the great-est living authority on Canada's 500,000 Ukrainians, was jolted awake in his Winnipeg bedroom by the ringing telephone.

Prof. Yuzyk laughed sympathetically. "But that's Canada for you," he said, in his richly persuasive voice. "Look at my own Ukrainian family. I'm the oldest of four sons born in Saskatchewan—and the only one to marry a Ukrainian. One of my brothers married an English girl. One is wed to a Mennonite. And the third to a Swede."

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Endured 'garlic-smelling Bohunk' insults The story illustrates one characteristic of Canada's half million Ukrainians—70,000 of whom have come here since World War II. Of good peasant stock, the old-timers opened up our prairies and laid ribbons of railway tracks across the nation. Yet they are more reluctant than any other ethnic group to give up their traditions.

These traditions are perhaps best symbolized by the Ukrainian chornyy khlib (black bread) and Pysanky (Easter eggs). In their grass-thatched log cabins on the Prairies 65 years ago, the Ukrainian pioneers, wearing sheepskin coats, used to bake bread in home-made ovens. These rude ovens were a mixture of top soil, water and chopped straw, exactly like the clay used by the Children of Israel in making bricks for Pharaoh.

The ovens were also used for baking their gorgeous, multi-colored Easter eggs, often requiring five hours of patient decorating. It was hard work but the Ukrainians have a passion for hard work—almost as though they revered it before their Catholic and Greek Orthodox ikons.

The Ukrainian immigrants have continued to cling to their flamboyant traditions, in the

UNA MEMBER: YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

By THEODORE LUTWINIAK

All 500 branches of the Ukrainian National Association will be having their annual meetings during December and January. UNA members should start thinking seriously about their branch officers for 1959. The members who do not attend meetings are at a disadvantage because they do not know who is deserving, should they attend the annual meeting they may easily vote and elect some one who ran for a position on a "What have I got to lose?" attitude, leaving the deserving candidate bitterly disappointed. This has happened in the past, and we want you to know that such things do not help anything or anybody. Start attending your branch meetings now so that you'll know what you're doing when you cast that very important vote of yours.

Who is deserving? It is your business to find out. And you won't find out anything sitting at home watching TV while your fellow members are having a meeting. Go to the meeting and see what's going on. Find out who's been active all year getting new members; find out if the current officers are worth retaining (by evaluating their accomplishments) and, if not, vote in members

conquests by the Romanians, Germans and Communists Russians, to become a \$35-a-week cashier in Montreal's Cabaret night club. He is now secretary of the Ukrainian National Federation of Canada, which tries to unite 10,000 members in 80 clubs across the country.

"The Jews fought for 2,000 years to build their own state of Israel against hopeless odds," Bilak says. "Similarly, the more our oppressors try to break our back, the more it hardens our sense of patriotic mission to free Ukraine. The oldtimers here say, 'If not my generation, it'll be the next.'"

Why are the Ukrainians here splintered into more organizations than any other Canadian ethnic group? "Because we are keenly individualistic," says Bilak. "That's why Stalin intentionally starved seven million Ukrainian farmers in 1932 and 1933. Those dedicated individualists refused to let their farms be collectivized. When coming to Canada, the Ukrainians were ambitious to express themselves, individually. So many initiated their own groups. A sociable people, we Ukrainians like to get together and start something."

One reason why Ukrainians have kept so tightly knit in Canada, Bilak believes, is that the mother is boss of the home. While her husband is off at the wars or on the job, she is the matriarch who stoutly maintains the Ukrainian traditions of the language and church. Bilak likes quoting the Ukrainian opera, Kozaks Beyond The Danube, in which the warrior, Kars, comes home late at night from a party. He sings wofully, "I'm not afraid of the Turks, or the devil himself. But I am afraid of my wife."

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QUO VADIS—'VOICE OF AMERICA'?

Perhaps not many Americans of Ukrainian and other Eastern European descent are aware of the far-reaching changes which are taking place in the "Voice of America," our propaganda instrumentality and voice of freedom, through which we talk to the enslaved nations behind the Iron Curtain. Despite the constant pronouncements of our government to the effect that the United States is opposing the enslavement of the subjugated nations by Communist Russia, its powerful propaganda arm, the VOA, is implementing a program which is not in step with these pronouncements.

Briefly, a few months ago the United States Information Agency (USIA), in the "interest of economy" and "more technical efficiency," decided to cut the Ukrainian, Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian language broadcasting time by half and completely eliminate the Uzbek language broadcast to the USSR, inasmuch as it was thought Uzbekistan was a "less critical area" for U.S. foreign policy (!). But this is not all.

At the expense of these non-Russian language broadcasts, the Russian-language and English-language broadcasts to the USSR were automatically augmented, and the official reasons given by the USIA officials was that both the Russian and English broadcasts to the USSR were less jammed by Moscow than those of the non-Russian nations.

Unacceptable Explanations of USIA Policy-Makers

Other reasons for these illogical and harmful moves by the USIA were also advanced by its officials. One argument was that of a technical nature, namely, that by cutting down the broadcasting time the USIA would be able to use more powerful transmitters which will penetrate and break through the Russian jamming. But these arguments seem to be a cover for a decision which appears to us to be the basic, though erroneous, policy of the United States government toward the non-Russian nations of the USSR. Our government, whether Mr. Dulles recognizes it or not, has been shying away from encouraging the non-Russian nations in their struggle for freedom and against Russian communist imperialism and domination, which policy is reflected in the VOA broadcasting. And yet, we have been vehemently opposing British, French and Dutch colonialism both in Asia and Africa to the point that we almost lost our great European allies.

In his reply to Dr. Stephen Wytwitsky, President of the Ukrainian National Republic in exile, Gordan A. Ewing, Acting Director, Broadcasting Service, USIA, wrote on September 18, 1958: "...Ukrainian was one of the languages so affected. Instead of originating two 30-minute programs daily, we intend to concentrate our facilities on one 30-minute broadcast daily, broadcast at a good evening hour and repeated at breakfast time. Instead of 6 transmitters utilizing a total of 305 KWs of power, the new plan makes available 19 transmitters with 1225 KWs of power.

"In addition, the 'Voice of America' has found that there is practically no Soviet jamming of English language to the Soviet bloc. There will also be a small increase in Russian. This decision was based on the fact that Russian has become the major language through-

out the Soviet Union. The leadership group—the technicians and intellectuals of the Soviet Union all know and understand Russian. These changes reflect no change in the policy of the United States toward the captive people behind the Iron Curtain" (bold face is Editor). The Significance of the USIA Statement Thus, we see that what actually lies in the background of these changes is something far more important than these technical "improvements" would seem to indicate. What this trend portends is the total liquidation of the non-Russian languages from our propaganda instrumentalities. This was indicated some months ago by the new Director of the USIA, George V. Allen, who in a public statement said that, since the British Broadcasting Corporation broadcasts to the Soviet Union only in the Russian language, he saw no reason why the USIA should not follow its lead. If our psychological warfare experts would realize the mission of the "Voice of America" and the entire USIA system, they would certainly take a different and more positive approach. For instance, they ought to ponder on one important point: Why does Moscow jam these non-Russian broadcasts more heavily, whereas the Russian-language of English-language broadcasts are less jammed or not at all? Would this not indicate that the Russians are more afraid of the non-Russian broadcasts than they are of the Russian or English broadcasts of the VOA? And if it is so, then we should not reduce these, but, on the contrary, strengthen and make them so powerful that they ought penetrate the barrage of Russian jamming at any time. Or, are we trying to accommodate the Russians and do only what seems to please them and be polite to them? If so, why then all this fuss about our "sacred crusade against communism"? But, what is most important and tragic is the admission of the USIA officials that the decision to cut down the non-Russian language broadcasts was based "on the fact that Russian has become the major language throughout the Soviet Union." Even if the above statement were true, the USIA officials ought to know that the Russian language was and still is a powerful instrument of Russification and Sovietization of the conquered non-Russian nations of Europe and Asia. In Ukraine, the Baltic States, in Turkistan and in the Caucasus Moscow is enforcing Russification of the non-Russian languages, imposing Russian literature, and alas, even the Russian Cyrillic alphabet on the Moslem peoples of the USSR—in order to destroy their national entities and thus make them more easily conquerable. On June 29, 1951, when the VOA Uzbek-language services were initiated, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, said: "The Voice of America" will henceforth bring you in your own language the truth which the Communists fear and try to keep from you. We shall tell you what is happening in the free world and particularly in those regions of the free world linked with you by religion, tradition, and culture... We shall tell you how free men are standing firm against the further spread of despotism..." But now the USIA deems Uzbekistan is a "less critical

tion of Ukraine-Russia—the Kozaks (Cossacks), peasants, and the nobility—as "Russians." He never applies this term to the people of Muscovy, whom he calls simply "Muscovites."

According to Beaulplan, in the first half of the 17th century the population of Ukraine still employed the very ancient name Rus, by which they referred to their Greek Orthodox Church. The Great Russians have no plausible rejoinder to the fact so aptly presented by Beaulplan that in his day Ukraine was known not only as Ukraine, but as Rus and Russia as well; while present-day Russia was then known only as Muscovy.

They may say "Well, Beaulplan spent all his time only in Ukraine, where the population called our country 'Muscovy'—but how was he to know what the real name of our nation was, when he did not visit it?" In the event such an argument might possibly arise, let us examine the work of another foreigner, who did just the opposite of Beaulplan, i.e., who a century after Beaulplan's stay in Ukraine, stayed only in Muscovy, and did not visit Ukraine. (To be continued)

