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Needed: A Reformation of Our Ukrainian National Holiday Celebrations

There is definitely a need of condensing the programs and of the method of their presentations of our Ukrainian American observations of Ukrainian patriotic holidays, in making them more constructive in form and sense, and more inspirational in tone.

These observations should leave those attending them with a triggered-up desire to do the best that they can to help the Ukrainian liberation movement, to busy themselves more about learning of all the elements of their Ukrainian cultural heritage, and in getting a clearer understanding of what it's all about.

Unfortunately, such celebrations often do not measure up to the required standard.

As a case in point, take our recent celebrations of Ukrainian Independence Day, marking the anniversary of the historic January 22nd, 1918, when the Ukrainian National Republic came into being, and the Ukrainian Act of Unity Day, marking the anniversary of January 22, 1919, when the Western Ukrainian Republic, which came into being on November 1, 1918, merged itself into the Ukrainian National Republic.

The thought of those moments and historic dates is enough to move the emotions of anyone of Ukrainian blood, be he or she an American, a Britisher, a Frenchman, etc., birth, adoption, or descent.

Enough to move us, Ukrainians.

So we attend the Ukrainian Independence Day and Act of Unity Day celebration.

So what are we confronted with. A terrifically long program. A bunch of speakers, all of whom are very capable, no doubt. We hear from them readings of the famed Fourth Universale, declaring Ukrainian national independence, and of the Act Union of the two Ukrainian republics. Then we have readings of the statements of American Senators, Congressmen, State Governors, and City Mayors.

Now, everyone in the audience knows well about them, from the press reports and is well acquainted with their context, and so he listens to them with patience.

But then come the principal addresses. Usually they start off quite well, alright, and end up similarly. But the interim between the opening and closing sections of these speeches, is extremely lengthy and unnecessary. To put it shortly—long-winded.

Poet's Corner

A SPRING PRAYER
Depending on your need
Is the sprouting of my seed

And on your tears
Rooting of my years;
Upon the warming of your heart
Rest such buddings, stemmings,
burst apart
Of leaf, flower, pod;

This process your magic rod:
Tapping sources of my youth
Taking strength from me as fruit
And hewing that my hour time
with your craft
Into intricate fabulous pieces
of your craft.

Janascha Kessler

THE UNITED NATIONS TODAY

By CLARENCE A. MANNING

In a speech before the New York State Bar Association, Hon. John Foster Dulles, almost on the eve of his entrance in the hospital, said this: "I would say that there is a pressing need among the membership of the United Nations for more condemnation and less tolerance of the double standard in the United Nations which has been created by the actions and activities of the nations of the Soviet bloc. Those nations should be made to feel the weight of public disapproval of their attitude. The position they have taken strikes at the foundation of man's promising and essential effort to abolish resort to force and and to replace it by the processes of justice and law.

"I say in all seriousness that the United Nations and the world can, perhaps, survive a limited phase of double standard. But they cannot survive a permanent double standard. Unless the United Nations becomes, for all, an instrumentality of peace through justice and law, as it was designed to be, then, as the founders declared, some alternative must be found." (New York Times, February, 1959).

He went on to say, after calling Communist dictatorship even more reactionary than nineteenth century colonialism: "The Communist bloc countries never honestly accepted the concepts of the United Nations Charter, either as regards the renunciation of force or as regards the rule of justice and law. Indeed, these United Nations concepts can no more be combined with Communist doctrine than oil and water."

He further amplifies these statements and when we realize that the Secretary of State has held his present post for six years and that before that, he was closely associated with the developments leading up to the foundation of the United Nations, we shall see that it is the gravest accusation against the international organization, that has yet been brought. We shall marvel also at the naivete of those individuals in various official positions like Senator Mansfield, who can see hope for the future by turning Berlin over to the jurisdiction of the United Nations and allowing a United Nations force to guarantee the safety and liberty of West Berlin.

The truth of the remarks of Mr. Dulles are indirectly confirmed by the words of Khrushchev and Mikoyan who completely justify the inaction of the United Nations on all questions of vital concern to the world and would turn it into a mere public forum for the expression of neutral and colorless views and would as the price of its continuance and influence deprive it of the right to pass any judgement on any matter in which the Soviet bloc was concerned, until at least such a bloc was sure of securing the votes of over half of the Assembly. In other words they conceive of the United Nations merely as a forum which they can for denouncing the United States

PUSHCARTS TO FREEDOM

By OLHA MACK

Translated from the Ukrainian by ADAM HENDI

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After a while, pale and scared, Irene indeed returned across the fields. She had escaped by the skin of her teeth. We stopped in despair. Well, what now? There were plenty of roads. We could turn off to some other road. But how could we be certain that we would not come upon another checking point?

Nevertheless, we turned off and moved on. Where to? Goodness knows. Whichever way people heads, we followed. For a while, we turned off the main road to Wittenberg and sat down in a ditch. We sat there for one, two, three hours. The approach of night compelled us to look for shelter. We kept going for a spell and begged our way into a prosperous inn. We were taken in, fed, and allowed to sleep in beautifully furnished rooms upstairs. Sumptuous carpets on the floors, well upholstered furniture, expensive bric-a-brac, and oil paintings on the walls. Thankful for such comfort and grateful to our hosts, we prepared to turn in.

No sooner did we lie down, when we heard a commotion downstairs and the conversation of many voices in Russian; soon the door opened, and a Russian first lieutenant walked into our room. As usual, he began to inquire who we were and where we were going. I began to talk in a terrible mixture of Polish, German, and Russian, carefully avoiding Ukrainian words, and explaining that we were German women from the area of Posen, and our husbands were somewhere in the West. So, we were going to join them.

The lieutenant questioned us about various matters and then began to praise the high moral qualities of the Soviet army. He also spoke about himself: he was a great hero; he had destroyed many Germans singlehanded, when they at-

BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS

The week before last, as in the past years, celebrated as National Boy Scout Week, "Do One Good Deed A Day," is a maximum to which a Boy or Girl Scout abides by every day. That deed may be just the scattering of an elderly lady across a traffic bound street. Or it may be just in picking up some stray mutt, bringing him or her to the finder's home, giving him food and comfort, and then taking the mutt to the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) quarters, and, after some time, adopting that mutt, with mutual happiness on all sides. And there are so many good deeds that our Boy and Girl Scouts perform, day by day, in accordance with their Code.

This pertains, too, to our PLAST, the Ukrainian Boy and Girl Scouts organization, which was founded in 1911, in Lviv, an ancient capital of Western Ukraine, and which at the present time has some 30 Troops here in America, composed of about 3,000 boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 19, whose fathers and mothers are not only of the newly arrived immigrants but of the old immigrants and their married sons and daughters as well.

They, too, are doing their good deed day by day.

We have been particularly impressed by their good deed at Ukrainian American manifestations, patriotic demonstra-

states of the Communist bloc were, as they loudly proclaimed, members of that some United Nations which was carrying on the war against Communist aggression.

From that time the degradation of the central organs of the United Nations has been rapid and consistent with only a few minor interruptions like the efforts of a UN force to patrol the Gaza Strip or of observers to check the Syrian-Lebanese frontier. Moscow has taken the attitude in all discussions that it will attend international conferences only if there are equal numbers of the free nations and of the Communists present at the negotiating table. There are peremptory voices raised that the organization cannot function properly without the presence of the red Chinese who have openly declared that they were fighting against a United Nations army and against the decrees and orders of the central world body. The General Assembly has refused to vote and been unable to implement a clearcut condemnation of the Soviet actions in Hungary and has been unwilling to unseat the Moscow-controlled Hungarian delegation. Today the United Nations, once boomed as the hope of world peace, is marking time, while the Soviet Union sits within it and prevents any effective action, thanks to the hesitancy of the newer states of Asia and Africa to speak out for international justice and the rule of law.

It has long been evident to any believer in international cooperation in any reasonable

form that the United Nations can exist and develop only if it finds the moral strength to condemn unreservedly and to enforce the condemnation of the USSR and Soviet Russian Khrushchev's arguments for peaceful coexistence with the peace-loving Communist nations change nothing because he always insists that in one form or another, by war, by peace, by trade, by anything Communism is going to triumph and take over the world.

The remarks of Mr. Dulles who has worked steadily for more than ten years to make that Charter real and to carry out its provisions in a true sense are the first that any statesman of his stature has made in criticism of the present situation. They should be listened to with respect by the American people and that thought or enthusiasm which has been expended on the glorifying of the status quo and the praising of the United Nations should now be turned to the consideration of what is to come next. It is high time that the United States and its allies think seriously of ways to support the present United Nations and force through a condemnation of the Communists or to find some new organization which will adopt the single rule of freedom and justice through law and set up again a standard to which the wise and the just can repair and which will offer real hope to the oppressed of the world, including those peoples who are being trampled down by Russian Kremlin domination.

In the ditch in which we had sat not so long before, we found a group of jolly Frenchmen. They were going home to France, and this made them very happy, but they had neither food nor cigarettes, and that dampened their enthusiasm. But was that all? That was no great problem. We delved into our bundles, produced food and cigarettes, and offered them to the Frenchmen. The young men's hearts melted at once; they wished to repay us in kind. But how? Might they help us to pull our wagons? Or carry our knapsacks?

Well, of course, if they are so kind, they may pull our carts or carry our knapsacks. But they do not bother us too much: we have grown accustomed to the pushcarts and the knapsacks. But if they only... What?

If they only agreed to take us with them as their wives and thus help us pass through the Soviet control points to the West...

But of course! Why not? What does it matter to them? If you say "wives," let it be "wives." Volla!

UNA HAS ITS 65th BIRTHDAY

By THOMPSON LUTWINIAK

The Ukrainian National Association became exactly sixty-five years old on George Washington's Birthday.

We all know the history of the UNA, for it appeared on these pages on previous occasions. Briefly, however, for the benefit of new readers, the UNA story started in Shamokin, Pa., back in 1894. A group of Ukrainian immigrants got together and formed an organization for the purpose of issuing fraternal insurance to their own kind; this great event took place on February 22nd. With only a few hundred dollars, the determined immigrants went to work to build up the organization, both in assets and membership. The idea caught on; Ukrainians in Pennsylvania became members in large numbers; branches

were, they are in a position to allow their children, sons and daughters, to join the Boy and Girl Scouts.

In doing so, they are doing it under rather hectic conditions, unlike their predecessors. Two powers, the U.S. and the U.S.S.A., are making feverish preparations to develop machines that will allow man to attain the dream of centuries in length of conquering space. Thus, our country has concrete plans to convey human beings in a space-bound rocket, in a foray into the atmosphere for brief periods of under half-hour in duration. Across the world, we presume the Russians are making similar preparations. The rest of the world looks with questioning curiosity, wondering which of the two titans will in the end win. And certainly this feverish activity must kindle the flames of adventure within the youth of all lands, including the Boy Scouts here.

As is well known, young men from the Boy Scouts have gone along on previous explorations. These explorations may have been less ambitious in scope, perhaps, than the coming ones, but no less adventurous. Here we may cite the case of Paul Siple, who represented the Boy Scouts of America on the late Admiral Byrd's first expedition to the Antarctic in 1928. Siple was the lucky one to represent the Scouts on this trek to the bottom of the world, only after some pin-pointed selection of from among thousands who had applied for the honor.

Subsequently, Siple was on Byrd's second Antarctic trip a few years later. By then he was not only an experienced hand but also a recognized scientist, filling the position of chief biologist. In 1939, after having received his Ph.D. degree in geography, he began service as leader at Little America of the United States Antarctic Service Expedition.

The cases of other Boy Scouts can be cited, and which should prove as an inspiration to the Scouts of the PLAST.

We will not in the least be surprised that in time this will come true, and that some PLAST Scout will be found on one of first trips into space.

The jolly Frenchmen took our pushcarts and knapsacks, and, joking and shouting joyously, moved on with us. We followed them and thought of all the possible consequences of our little joke.

But there was a Russian checking point in front of us, with a long column of waiting returnees. The check was quite strict and thorough, and our hearts contracted with anticipation.

The wide, bony faces of the state policemen turned sour at us, and their sharp, piercing eyes expressed their disbelief at our "married couples": young French boys, barely out of their teens, returning home to France from forced labor in Germany with thirty year old wives, loaded with children obviously not of French origin. But what to do? The French comrades were members of a friendly nation, and it did not behoove them to pry too much into their personal matters, not to speak of criticizing their matrimonial tastes.

We were allowed to pass. Thus we followed the Frenchmen to their repatriation camp in a little village. The village, situated in a beautiful dense forest, had escaped the ravages of war, but there was no trace of its real inhabitants. Not one German was around, and the houses were empty. We settled down in the houses and awaited developments. The camp was administered by the Soviets, inspections were conducted almost daily, and we did not have a moment of peace.

Approximately a week passed. One nice day, our friendly "husbands" come running to us, telling us that finally they were going home. They had received orders for all the men to pick up their things and walk to the nearest railway station, where they would board a train for France.

"What? And what about us?" The Frenchmen shrugged their shoulders helplessly: they could do nothing more for us, and they had right to take us with them. We must remain behind.

(To be continued)

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Inc. — 1958

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES, SPECIAL RESERVES AND UNASSIGNED FUNDS. Includes items like Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage loans, and Aggregate reserve for life certificates.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Table with columns for Insurance: Life, Investment, Fraternal, and Total. Includes expenses for Rent, Salaries and wages, Legal fees, and Medical examination fees.

TAXES, LICENSES AND FEES

Table with columns for Insurance: Life, Investment, Fraternal, and Total. Includes Real estate taxes, State insurance department licenses, and Federal taxes.

ASSETS

Table with columns for Ledger Assets, Non-Ledger Assets, Assets Not Admitted, and Net Admitted Assets. Includes Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage loans, and Real estate.

RECONCILIATION OF LEDGER ASSETS

Table showing increases in ledger assets: Premiums on life certificates, Interest, dividends and real estate income, etc.

Decreases in Ledger Assets

Table showing decreases in ledger assets: Certificate and contract claims, Surrender values, Refunds to members, etc.

RECONCILIATION BETWEEN YEARS

Table showing reconciliation between years: Amount of ledger assets Dec. 31st of previous year, Increase in ledger assets during the year, etc.

REFUNDS TO MEMBERS

Table showing refunds to members: Applied to pay renewal premiums, Paid in cash, Provision for refunds payable, etc.

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Table showing valuation exhibit as of December 31, 1958: TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS, Reserve for Life Certificates, Claims and accrued liabilities, etc.

By: DAVID SILVERMAN (Signed): WOLF, CORCORAN and LINDER (Actuaries); DMYTRO HALYCHYN, Supreme President; ROMAN SLOBODIAN, Supreme Treasurer

UKRAINIAN YOUTH NEWS

By ALEXANDER DANKO

Washington, D.C. Last weekend, I planned down to our great nation's capital, Washington, D.C., for the 7th national Congress of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (U.C.C.A.)

Good clear weather blessed the Ukrainians that weekend and I must say the plane flights to and from Washington were greatly enjoyed by me. As the affair will no doubt be reported in great details elsewhere, I'll just comment on a few items.

Rep. Walter H. Judd (R-Minnesota) and Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) also gave fine talks, all pointing up the fact that Ukraine should be a free and independent country. We were pleased to hear attorney Stephen Jarema give a heated talk about people who take high office in our Ukrainian-American-Canadian organizations solely for prestige and to further themselves personally—and not for the benefit of the Ukrainian people.

Mr. Jarema likened the attitudes of some of our Ukrainian leaders to the very Soviet Communist leaders the UCCA was trying to defeat—the attitude of "agreeing to cooperate and work with everyone as long as it is on my terms."

"The best laid plans of mice and men oft-times go awry," John Sydor, a young Ukrainian originally from Rochester, N.Y. (1959 UYL-NA Convention site) who has been with the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. the past decade or so, was due to receive his Ph.D. from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Affairs this June.

However, about a month ago, John, whom we had the pleasure of meeting at Soyuzivka report at Kerhonkson, N.Y. last year, was felled with an attack, and thus John will be held back 6 months to a year in his plans.

Andy Melnyk of New Britain Conn. and I hopped up to the new Washington Medical Center near Catholic University and the Old Soldiers Home, after the Saturday business sessions and surprised (agreeably, we hope) John, who was being visited by Ted Motorney, also of Washington, D.C. formerly of New York City.

Modesty prevents me from stating whose column John was reading before we arrived. However, we hope that our visit after the Saturday UCCA sessions had a good therapeutic effect on John and wish him God speed in his recovery. John, you and I have a short way to go to reach our respective goals. Hurry up and get well and let's go get them!

I had the great pleasure of meeting and staying at the beautiful residence of Lt. Col. Bo Saunders of the U.S.A.F. and his charming wife Elaine, a Lt. Commander in the Navy Nurse Corps, last weekend.

Col. Bo, whose service career parallels an Erroll Flynn war saga at his bravest, is the son of Mrs. Eugenia and the late Basil Sawitzky, who directed the choir for 30 years

U.N.A. BOWLING LEAGUE NEWS

FIRST UKRAINIAN P.M.O. BOWLER INCREASES LEAD

By STEPHEN KURLAK

A three-game win by the top-notch First Ukrainian P.M.O. team over the "senior" St. John's C.W.V. bowlers, and a two-game loss by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church quintet to the Ukrainian Center five, in the matches held Friday, February 20th, gave the P.M.O. men a chance to increase their first-place lead substantially.

G. Zelder paced the P.M.O. group with his set of 574 pins, while A. Lissner gave able assistance with a 539. The best score the senior St. Johnsmen could produce was a 526-pin set by M. Kiselyk.

The Orthodox Churchmen found the going rough with the Center team, especially in the third game when the Centerites rolled the evening's highest single game total of 919 pins. The Ukrainian Sitch team came through in two of their games against the St. John's Holy Name Society quintet, registering the night's highest three-game series of 2,634 pins in the process, which included the second highest single game total of 911.

Stitchman J. Watson was his team's best performer that night, blasting the timber for a set of 608 pins. This, however, was only second highest, for E. Hampton of the Brotherhood of the Holy Ascension, rolled a high a set of 631 pins, which included the second highest game of 234 pins. This fine display of bowling prowess plus some good support from "brothers" M. Sheremeta and J. Merowsky, who rolled sets of 515 and 506, respectively, enabled the Brotherhood group to make a clean sweep of three games from the Ukrainian American Veterans Post of Newark. Veteran Joe Kalba did his best to stem the Brotherhood tide with the night's second highest set of 608 pins, but to no avail, even with an able assist from Pete Struck, who registered 574.

The last-place "junior" St. John's C.W.V. team was in somewhat better form, for they managed to win two games from the Ukrainian Y.W.C. keglers.

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Game High, Pins, Avg. Lists 10 teams including Presbyterian Men's Org., Ukr. Orthodox Church, Ukrainian Center, etc.

WHY BE ON THE OUTSIDE? JOIN THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TODAY AND READ "THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY"!



Gusti Huber, who plays the mother of Anne Frank, lights the candles for Chanukah, the Jewish holiday of liberation, in a touching scene from the picture "THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK", which comes to the RKO Palace Theatre on March 16th. Joseph Schildkraut, who plays the father is on the left.

UNA Jersey City Branch Holds Annual Meeting

This year, the Lesia Ukrainian Society, branch 171 of the Ukrainian National Association, held their annual meeting in the new Ukrainian National Home in Jersey City, for the first time.

The meeting was held in the beautiful Pine Room, which was built and finished by a group of men of the National Home. This room is done in knotty pine with soft lighting and attractive flooring. For small group parties or meetings, it is ideal. "The men are to be commended for their work, which I understand they gave freely and willingly."

The National Home still has a debt of upwards of \$100,000 to pay. Therefore, taking this

To Appear in Ballet Festival

Eugenia Stashynsky, daughter of Mrs. M. W. Stashynsky of 346 17th Ave., Irvington, N.J. will be featured in the opening dance at the First Northeast Regional Ballet Festival in Pennsylvania in May.

The 16-year-old girl is a member of the dance-troupe of Holiday Theatre of Newark, which has been selected as one of 13 American and Canadian ballet companies which will participate in the festival.

She portrays a hunter in Prokofiev's fable, "Peter and the Wolf," the Holiday Theatre production which will be the curtain raiser at the festival on May 22 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Miss P. W. Manchester, managing editor of Dance News and adjudicator for the Ballet Festival, termed Holiday Theatre's production of the fable "thoroughly delightful, original, amusing, with wonderful set and costumes." She added: "The young dancers perform it charmingly."

Miss Stashynsky, who attends Irvington High School, is a student at the American Ballet Academy in Newark. The school, operated by Fred and Evelyn Shaw Danielli, directors of Holiday Theatre, is the training ground for young New Jersey dancers and a leader in training dancers for civic and regional ballet.

Advertisement for Wołoschuk Furs. Includes text: "Українська Футряна фірма", "FUR PIECE you have been longing for?", "Here at our showroom you will find a wide selection of SCARVES — STOLES — CAPES — JACKETS and COATS of FINE MINK and other FURS at great Savings." Also includes a photo of a woman in a fur coat and the Wołoschuk Furs logo.

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