

THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BEGAN THE "SHEVCHENKO YEAR" WITH THE PRE-CONVENTION CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS. Join This Leading Organization of Ukrainian Americans!

REVIEW OF 1960 UNA MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

For the fourth time I am summing up the annual balance of Ukrainian National Association's organizational work. And for the fourth time the array of figures speaks in a loud voice of the work and sacrifice of named and unnamed community workers who, with the sweat of their brow, like Franko's stonecutters, cut into the cliff of the unorganized and of unlightened countrymen. And again they speak of the growing responsibility of Soyuz workers, first of all, of secretaries and organizers, to preserve the gains of previous years and to multiply them.

What do the tables of figures say, which appear elsewhere on this page. What do the figures say of last year's work? They say that last year was a "lean" year, despite the fact that the previous year was the "fattest" since the memorable 1952, the year of "milk and honey." The figures speak of economic recession and of a plaguing unemployment in the traditional Ukrainian, and therefore Soyuz, regions of mining and steel industries. They speak of the decimating month of December which brought the most unexpected and most painful disappointment. Just compare: December 1959 gave the Soyuz 948 new members with a clear net gain of 609 new members, while December 1960 brought just 472 members with barely a 104 net gain after covering all December losses. In this month the most trusted organizers disappointed us, and most of the promises were broken. Shows frost and wind, which in the past have overcome many a victorious army, cut away at the strength of Soyuz organizers.

The total number of UNA members organized last year amounts to 3,567. Although this figure is larger than the number of members organized during 1954, 1955 and 1956 and is only 160 members less than the number gained in 1958, nevertheless, in certain respects the general results of the campaign is somewhat worse than in all these years. The reason is in the greatly increased losses in membership last year. The losses amounted to 3,575, which is 309 members more than in the previous year, although that year we had 1,431 members more. What were the reasons for increased losses?

As usual, there were the inevitable losses, such as through deaths, (there were 684, which was 60 more than in 1959), and losses through maturing certificates. But there were also the unnecessary and harmful losses, foremost among which last year numbered 894, compared to the previous year's 709. For months Svoboda printed the slogan "Suspension is the cancer which eats away at the organism of the Soyuz." Last year we were able, to a considerable extent, to limit this cancer to 709, that is 148 members less than in the very successful 1959, but, the chief threat to the UNA and the main reason for its losses during last year was cash surrender. From a figure of 729 for 1959, it rose to 894, that is, 165 more, or 22.5%. As it always is in life, it is the same here—as the poetic saying goes: "Happiness embraces grief." The decrease in suspensions was offset by the cash surrenders. May these comparisons force all our secretaries to fight these two evils! Because what difference does it make to a person if he dies from one illness or other. One must guard against all illnesses.

"The Fruits of Honest Toil!" However, let us leave for a moment our sorrow over our disappointed hopes and dreams and repeat with the poet Peter Doroshenko "Everything that is today, that which will be tomorrow, is the fruit of honest toil."

It would be a great disservice, in closing the books of last year's work, not to mention those who gave honest toil to our organization. Among them are the winners of the campaign, who led in organizing new members. In the order arranged by the Supreme Assembly, the winner among Branch organizers is the Secretary of Branch 194 "Svoboda" of New York, who is also the Secretary of the New York District of UNA, Mr. Wasyl Nykyforuk. This is no small honor for him. With justifiable pride, he can look on 13 years of work as Branch Secretary, on the growth of his Branch, which has grown from a few-score members to over 600. I mention this Branch not without some sentiment, because it happens that I have belonged to it for 12 years, I am its President and from this Branch I attained my present high office in the UNA. Following Mr. Nykyforuk are Mr. Michael Semkiw of Chicago, the many time winner Russell Kolody of Troy, N. Y., two recently-elected Branch Secretaries who could not wait to succeed—John Pyndus of Syracuse, N.Y., and Damian Gecha of Plainfield, N. J. Next is the well-known president of "Dniester Society" of New York, Dr. W. Wyshywan, co-worker with the Secretary of that Branch who is also Supreme Auditor, Mr. Peter Kuchma. Although they lost to their neighbors "Svoboda" in the contest for 100 members, the "Dniester" has entered a new race and has promised that the 1961 championship will be theirs, even if they have to get 200 new members. W. Krushelnysky, P. Holowachuk, J. Petrucio and others are veterans of other campaigns who never lay down their arms and rest on their laurels.

Leading our special organizers is Michael Turko, Secretary of Branch 63 of Ford City, Pa. Mr. Turko is the undisputed hero of last year's campaign. In the first year of his secretaryship in a little town he was able to obtain almost two hundred members. He worked like a machine, month after month, without respite. Even while this was being written, he sent 19 new applications and promised more. It is not surprising that he was able to do the impossible: He beat Bohdan Zorych and Ivan Odezynsky, let alone such workers as W. Cymbala from Montreal, T. Shpikula from Chicago, the new star in the Detroit UNA firmament, Plast Branch Secretary Dr. A. Slusarczuk and others who had success this year.

The column of permanent organizers is headed by the deserving Ivan Skoczylas, who despite a long illness gained almost 200 members for Batko Soyuz. Following him are the deserving organizer-specialists Prof. M. Derbush, the senior UNA organizer N. B. Nichols, Supreme Auditor W. Kossar, W. Zapanariuk and the youngest of them, S. Lewycky. The women were not lucky last year. Whereas in 1959 three women won places among the men champions, not one was able to reach 25 members in 1960. But the women should not think that we do not value their work for the Soyuz. We mention four of the best: Helen Olek, K. Steciuk, S. Brezicki and Supreme Adviser H. Stogryn. Let their names and lovely photographs inspire all our lady secretaries and organizers to greater successes next year. Without women and their activities not only the human race, but Batko Soyuz would not get far. The women comprise 44% of the UNA membership and have always been active!

We attached great importance last year not only to obtaining the greatest number of members, but also to obtaining greater amounts of insurance. The UNA, which has always pointed the way in our community life, declared war on the \$500 certificate and no doubt will shortly drop these

inadequate for the present times certificates. Therefore, it is worth pointing out and praising those organizers who distinguished themselves in this field.

The highest amount of insurance, namely \$177,000, was organized by the same one who organized the greatest number of members, I. Skoczylas. Closely following him is the recent champion B. Zorych with \$166,500 of insurance followed by the most successful special organizer, Mr. Turko with an amount of \$144,500. Next follows Supreme Adviser I. Odezynsky, M. Derbush and Supreme Auditor W. Kossar, all over \$100,000 of insurance.

By states, Pennsylvania leads, while by Districts, New York is ahead. In the lead by cities is Chicago, although far behind its position in the previous year's standing. New York, besides being first by districts was second in state and city contests. The first place by Branches is held by Branch 63 of Ford City, thanks to the untiring efforts of its Secretary M. Turko. Following is Branch 432 of Toronto and 194 of New York. If it is nothing new to see Branch 432 among the winners, then for Branches 53 and 194 it is a great honor, because neither is a colossus among Branches and this is their first win. This is all the more a greater honor, because last year we had six branches among the 100 winners and this year there are three.

On the Threshold of a New Year and New Projects Having given the past due, both to the individuals and to the Branches let us turn our faces toward tomorrow. The Supreme Executive Committee

- 1. Champion Organizers who insured members for total of 100,000 dollars or more during 1960
1. Ivan Skoczylas \$186,500
2. Bohdan Zorych \$144,500
3. Michael Turko \$125,000
4. Ivan Odezynsky \$114,500
5. Mykola Derbush \$111,500
6. Wladimir Kossar \$111,500

WINNERS IN MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 1960

Table with columns: Branch Organizers, No., Organizer, Branch Number, City, Number Organized. Lists winners like W. Nykyforuk, M. Semkiw, R. Kolody, etc.

Table with columns: Special Organizers, No., Organizer, City, Number Organized. Lists organizers like M. Turko, B. Zorych, I. Odezynsky, etc.

Table with columns: Permanent Organizers, No., Organizer, City, Number Organized. Lists organizers like I. Skoczylas, M. Derbush, N. B. Nichols, etc.

Table with columns: Women Winners of Campaign, No., Organizer, City, Number Organized. Lists winners like Helen Olek, K. Steciuk, etc.

LIST OF BRANCH WINNERS with most members organized during 1960

Table with columns: No., Branch Number, City, Number members Organized. Lists branch winners and their member counts.

mittee has already published its formal appeal to the general UNA membership and to the Ukrainian community in America, calling for increased activity during this great anniversary year of the death of the Patron of our organization. The Executives of the UNA call on all UNA members, especially secretaries and organizers, to double their efforts during this year doubly-starred as the Shevchenko year and the pre-convention year, to increase our organization in numbers and to strengthen its work and importance in the community.

If we want to commemorate the Shevchenko year properly and if we want to come to the next Jubilee or 25th Convention with full gains, then we should all join now in all Soyuz and community fields of work. Our organizational slogan this year should be:

- 1. Every Branch should increase its membership by 10%.
2. Every Branch should fulfill its quota during this year.
At least this year, let us not put off till tomorrow what we can do today, so as not repeat last year's story.

In view of the new contest, the monetary rewards have been increased for organizing new members and a new series of honorary awards have been set up. Knowing the dedication of our Soyuz workers to our community affairs and to Soyuz family, we are beginning our new sincere task with complete confidence that it will open new horizons before us in our community and Soyuz work and that it will bring us new, enduring gains for the coming 67th year in the laboring life of our organization—the Ukrainian National Association.

CHAMPIONS IN THE 1960 UNA CAMPAIGN Branch Organizers*



Special Organizers



Permanent Organizers



Table showing growth of U.N.A. during last ten years. Columns: Year, Numbers of new members, Gain or Loss.

GROWTH OF U.N.A. during last ten years

Table with columns: Year, Numbers of new members, Gain or Loss. Shows growth from 1951 to 1960.

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entertaining the Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, P.C. Prime Minister of Canada on the occasion of his visit to London during the Commonwealth Premiers' Conference in 1960. Mr. Herbert, in his way back to England, will go through New York where he will meet with leaders of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America.

Women Winners of Campaign



* Missing among the pictures of U.N.A. organizers is that of I. Pyndus of Syracuse who organized 45 members.

U.N.A. BOWLING LEAGUE NEWS

PETE MOLINSKY ROLLS 586 SERIES By STEPHEN KURLAK A set of 586 pins by Pete Molinsky, which included two twin-century games of 221 and 202, helped the Brotherhood of the Holy Ascension quintet to make a clean sweep over the "junior" St. John's C.W.V. team in the matches held Friday, February 10th, by the U.N.A. Bowling League of New Jersey. Although they held a 71-pin handicap, the junior's were unable to get close to the game scores registered by the "brothers." M. Orinick, however, did manage to come through with a 492-pin set for the juniors. The Ukrainian Presbyterian Men's Organization quintet was another team to make a clean sweep that evening in its match with the Ukrainian Orthodox Churchmen, registering the highest three-game series of the night totalling 2619 pins. With H. Zelder, J. Dragón and A. Lisner scoring combos of 539, 551 and 536, respectively. Presbyterians rolled their high-est series of the season. The Orthodox Churchmen were paced by J. Sipsky who scored a 521-pin set. The Ukrainian Center bowlers came through with the highest single game total of 917 pins and the second-highest series of 2,605, but only managed to win two-games out of three from the St. John's Holy Name Society keepers. Haidy Namer A. P. Prychoda aided his team by making the lone win, registering a combo of 566 pins, second-highest mark for the evening. M. Gawdun did likewise for the Centralites, scoring a 550 series in the process.

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOWLING LEAGUE TEAM STANDINGS

Table showing bowling league team standings with columns: Won, Lost, Game High, Pins Avr. Lists teams like Ukrainian Sitch, Ukrainian Center, etc.

