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U.S. Congress Pays Tribute to Ukrainian People on 44th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Their Independence

PRAYERS IN U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR UKRAINE'S MARTYRED PEOPLE — RALLIES, CONCERTS AND FLAG-RAISING CEREMONIES MARK ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINE'S FREEDOM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22 (UCCA Special). — Special prayers for the suffering and enslaved Ukrainian people behind the Iron Curtain were delivered today at noon in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives in the presence of many U.S. legislators and guests.

The Very Rev. Bohdan Zelechivsky of the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in U.S. of South Bound Brook, N.J., delivered a prayer in the Senate. He was escorted by the Hon. Clifford P. Case, U.S. Senator from New Jersey. Along with Senators Clifford P. Case the following U.S. Senators attended the services: Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut; Frank J. Lausche of Ohio; H. Humphrey of Minnesota; Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois and Kenneth B. Keating of New York. Father Zelechivsky was delegated to deliver his prayer by the Most Rev. Ioan Theodorovych, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the United States.

The prayers in the House of Representatives were said by Rev. Joseph Fedorek, pastor of the St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shenandoah, Pa., who was delegated by the Most Rev. Ambrose

Senyshyn, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholics in the United States. Father Fedorek was escorted into the House of Representatives by the Hon. Ivor D. Fenton of Pennsylvania. In the House of Representatives, along with Congressman Fenton, the following Congressmen took part in the official observance of the 44th anniversary of Ukraine's independence: new Speaker of the House John W. McCormack of Massachusetts; Daniel J. Flood and William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania; Edward J. Derwinski of Illinois; Michael A. Feighan of Ohio; Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, House Minority Leader, and Samuel S. Stratton of New York. Both groups were photographed in their respective chambers.

Prayers in the U. S. Congress were taped by the "Voice of America" for transmission to the Ukrainian people behind the Iron Curtain.

Mr. Joseph Lesawyer and Mr. Walter Dushnyk, UCCA treasurer and editor, respectively, took part in these observances in both Houses of Congress as official representatives of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America.



The Hon. Clifford P. Case, U.S. Senator from New Jersey, chats with UNA Supreme President Joseph Lesawyer and Very Rev. Bohdan Zelechivsky of the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. before the observance of Ukraine's independence in the U.S. Senate.

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE NATION MARK 44TH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINE'S INDEPENDENCE

N.Y. OBSERVANCE
NEW YORK, N.Y.—The observance of the 44th anniversary of Ukraine's independence was held on Sunday, January 21, 1962, at Washington Irving High School under the auspices of the United Ukrainian American Organizations of Greater New York, a Branch of the UCCA. The program included the address of Dr. W. Wyshyany, president of the United Ukrainian Organizations, and two guest speakers: Dr. M. Kushnir of Washington, D.C. who spoke in Ukrainian, and Michael Piznak, N.Y. attorney, who addressed the gathering in English. Messrs. Walter Steek and Roman Olesnicki, New York attorneys, read the "Ukrainian Day" proclamations issued by Mayor Robert F. Wagner and Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, respectively, while Y. Mykolenko read the Universals of the Ukrainian Central Rada.

The musical part of the program included vocal selections by the Ukrainian Chorus Dumka under the baton of John Zadorozny, soloist Lev Raynerovych, as well as a recitation by Mrs. Lidia Krushelnitsky. Roman Stecura was the piano accompanist.

The Ukrainian national blue and yellow flag was hoisted on New York's City Hall on Sunday, January 22, 1962, on orders of Mayor Wagner.

BUFFALO MARKS INDEPENDENCE DAY
BUFFALO, N.Y.—On Sunday, January 21, 1962, Mayor Chester Kowal of Buffalo issued a special proclamation honoring the 44th anniversary of Ukraine's independence, which he presented to the Ukrainian group headed by Dr. Nestor Procyk. The Hon. T. Dulski, Member of Congress, and the Hon. Edward M. O'Connor, former DP Commissioner and now Special Project Director at the Canisius College, delivered appropriate addresses during the brief ceremony. At 3:00 P.M. that day the blue and yellow Ukrainian flag was hoisted at City Hall.

In the evening a special observance was held under the auspices of the Buffalo Branch of the Ukrainian Congress

HAMILTON CELEBRATIONS ATTENDED BY RECORD CROWDS

HAMILTON, Ont.—The celebrations of the 70th anniversary of Ukrainian pioneers in Canada last Saturday, January 20, and the 44th anniversary of the proclamation of Ukrainian independence in Ukraine, on Sunday, January 21, drew unusually large and enthusiastic audiences. Pioneer Day was highlighted by a banquet and ball attended by over 500 people at the Royal Connaught Hotel, which featured the Hon. Ellen Fairclough, M.P., Minister of Citizenship and Immigration as the guest speaker. Sharing the dais with her was the Hon. J. Nicholas Mandziuk, M.P., from Manitoba. Dr. Peter Smyski was master of ceremonies. Greelings were extended by the Mayor of Hamilton, Lloyd D. Jackson, Mr. J. Nalywayko, president of the Hamilton Branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee, and Mr. Joseph Lesawyer, Treasurer of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and President of the Ukrainian National Association.

Mrs. Fairclough in a prepared speech delivered with deep feeling, dwelt on the achievements of Ukrainian immigrants and their vast contributions to the development of the country, particularly in the west. She pointed out that the growth and success of the confederation of Canada, born in 1867, was closely tied in with the expansion of Ukrainian immigration after the arrival of the first pioneers in 1891. Mrs. Fairclough stated, "Canada will soon be celebrating the centennial of its birth (and) on celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Confederation would be complete without the story of Canada's Ukrainian story being presented."

Mr. Mandziuk reminisced about his early experiences in Western Canada and dwelt in detail on the hardships and the tribulations of the Ukrainian pioneers in conquering the rugged terrain of the West. As he drew vivid scenes of log huts half buried in the ground, women working in the fields side by side with their husbands, and the fields being cleared of brush and tree stumps, the eyes of many became moist with tearful memories.

Dr. Dobriansky on Visit to Taiwan

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 18.—Dr. Lev E. Dobriansky, Georgetown University professor and chairman of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and the National Captive Nations Committee, left on January 18, 1962, on a two-week visit to Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa), upon the invitation of the Asian Anti-Communist League under the presidency of Dr. Ku Cheng-Kang.

During his stay in Taiwan Dr. Dobriansky will lecture on Soviet economy, the non-Russian nations of the U.S.S.R. and the captive nations. He will also be the principal speaker at the official "Freedom Day" celebration which was scheduled for January 23, 1962, in Taipei, an observance which is celebrated annually by the free Chinese people. A well-worked out schedule will include Dr. Dobriansky's meetings with heads of foreign, economic and other ministries, mayors of cities, audiences with presidents of universities and one with the President of the Chinese Republic, Generalissimo Chiang-kai Shek.



Dr. Lev E. Dobriansky

METROPOLITAN SLIPY TO BE HONORED ON SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY THROUGHOUT THE FREE WORLD

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—On January 18, 1962, the Most Rev. Ambrose Senyshyn, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States, held a special meeting with representatives of the "Providence" Association of Ukrainian Catholics and the Ukrainian National Association, as well as representatives of America, Svoboda and The Way. The Ukrainian Congress Committee was also invited. The purpose of the meeting was to lay plans for the forthcoming observances of the 70th birthday of Metropolitan Joseph Slipy, the martyred leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Western Ukraine, who has been languishing in Soviet prisons and concentration camps since 1945. He will be 70 years old on February 17, 1962.



Metropolitan Joseph Slipy

The plan for the observances was initiated by Metropolitan Senyshyn in close cooperation with the Most Rev. Ivan Buchko, Archbishop of Ukrainian Catholics in Western Europe, and with all other Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in the free world.

On Sunday, February 18, 1962, special Masses will be said in all Ukrainian Catholic churches in this country for the martyred Ukrainian Metropolitan. On or after that day special commemorative rallies and concerts will be staged in Ukrainian American communities, sponsored by Ukrainian Catholic parishes in cooperation with Branches of the UCCA and other organizations. The Ukrainian Catholic Episcopate of the United States will issue a special Pastoral Letter, and efforts will be made to acquaint Western leaders, especially Catholic leaders of the free world, with the persecution and martyrdom imposed upon the venerable Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan by the Russian Communists.

Those who met with Metropolitan Senyshyn in his chancery were the Very Rev. Msgr. Stephen Chahansky and Mr. Joseph Lesawyer, presidents of "Providence" and the UNA, respectively, Mr. Stepan Sprynsky and Dr. Jaroslaw Padoch, secretaries of "Providence" and the UNA, respectively, and Mr. Eugene Zyblykevych, editor of America; Mr. Anthony Dragan, editor of Svoboda, and Dr. Peter Isajiw, editor of The Way.

Dr. Lev E. Dobriansky, chairman of the UCCA, was invited to attend the meeting but due to his trip abroad, he could not attend.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF RHODE ISLAND PROCLAIMS UKRAINIAN DAY



Governor of the State of Rhode Island John J. Notte signs a resolution commemorating the 44th anniversary of Ukraine's independence. Standing from left to right: Michael Chaharyn; his son Orist D. Chaharyn, member of the State Assembly; Very Rev. Michael Mostensky, John Kokolski, UNA Supreme Auditor, and Prof. Trofim Pasichnyk.

UNA Supreme President Meets With Hamilton Members

HAMILTON, Ont.—The annual meeting of UNA Branch No. 458 held in the Ukrainian National Federation Home in Hamilton, Ont., on Saturday afternoon, January 20, 1962, was attended by UNA Supreme President Joseph Lesawyer. Also present at the meeting were Mr. Jefim Omelchenko, organizer from Grimsby, Ontario, and Mr. M. Berezuk, secretary of the newly-formed Branch No. 454 in St. Catharines, Ont. Mr. Lesawyer and Mr. Omelchenko spoke on the importance of the drive for members now in progress before the 25th Convention and also discussed other UNA problems.

The meeting was conducted by Branch President M. Buchok. Mr. F. Stachow, secretary, reported in detail about the activities of the branch during the past year.

Sunday evening the UNA President and Mrs. Lesawyer were guests at a dinner party arranged by Mr. Buchok and Mr. Stachow. A brief discussion of UNA affairs took place and it was concluded that Hamilton should and would become a more active UNA center.

Participants in the discussion included Mr. Poworoznyk, Mr. Samitz of Branch No. 468, Mr. and Mrs. Chomiak, Mr. Morris Porozok and Mr. Rojenko.

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JAN. 22, 1962



Standing left to right: Congressman Michael A. Feighan (Ohio); Walter Dushnyk (UCCA-New York); Congressman Ivor D. Fenton (Pa.); Speaker of the House John W. McCormack (Mass.); Congressman Daniel J. Flood (Pa.); Rev. Joseph Fedorek, St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shenandoah, Pa.; Congressman Charles A. Halleck, Minority Leader (Indiana), and Congressman William W. Scranton (Pa.).

IMPRESSIVE UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE FETE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Ill., Sunday, January 21.—"There is no doubt that the Ukrainians and other peoples behind the Iron Curtain constitute the greatest weakness of the Soviet Russian communist empire and prevent Khrushchev from pushing his luck too far, including Berlin," Mr. Walter Dushnyk, New York writer and editor of UCCA publications, asserted today.

Mr. Dushnyk was the principal speaker at the impressive celebration of the 44th anniversary of the proclamation of Ukraine's independence and the 43rd anniversary of the Act of Union whereby all Ukrainian lands were united into one sovereign and independent state of the Ukrainian people.

The observance, attended by over 1,800 people, took place at the Chopin School Auditorium at Rice and Western Streets and was sponsored by the League of Americans of Ukrainian Descent and the Association of Ukrainian American Social Organizations of Illinois.

Master of ceremonies was Bohdan Bilinsky, president of the Association, while Volodymyr Nechay, secretary of the League, presented guest and representatives of the nationality groups—Simon Ovcharov of the Bulgarian organization, and O. Medvetsky, representative of the American Friends of the ABN in Chicago.

The artistic part of the celebration included selections by the male Ukrainian chorus Sumra under the direction of Prof. Yuriy Yarymovych, songs by soprano Ia Maciuk, recitations by Emilia Kulyk and Iliia Matulka, and the rendition of the American and Ukrainian national anthems. Mrs. Mary Sbpikula read a proclamation by the Hon. R. Daley, Mayor of Chicago and a telegram from the Hon. Everett M. Dirksen, U.S. Senator of Illinois.

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