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PRESIDENT JOHNSON SEEKS COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

J. Lesawyer Attends First Meeting of National Citizens Committee in White House

Washington, D. C. — The first meeting of the National Citizens Committee for Community Relations, created under the new Civil Rights Act, was held on Tuesday, August 18 at the White House, as President Johnson addressed the 450 members representing various branches of American community life. The Committee will work with the Community Relations Service, headed by former Governor LeRoy Collins of Florida, in seeking voluntary solutions to civil rights problems.



Joseph Lesawyer

Joseph Lesawyer, Supreme President of the Ukrainian National Association, who was the only American of Ukrainian descent to have been appointed to the Committee by President Johnson, also attended the meeting in the White House. Addressing the meeting in the Rose Garden, President Johnson said that the time had come "to cease telling ourselves and the world that the destiny and fate of this nation will be decided by street rioters and night riders."

Determined to seek compliance with the Civil Rights Act through cooperation and persuasion as well as adherence to the laws of the land, the President said that the implementation should not be regarded in the light of the November elections but first and foremost in the light of national interests and the general well-being of the people. "The question before our nation is not how whites will vote—or how Negroes will vote—next November. The question is how we shall work together and succeed for a hundred November to come."

'Obnova' Students Participate In Pax Romana Assembly

Washington, D. C. — Representatives of the Ukrainian Catholic Student Association "Obnova" were among the 250 delegates from 47 countries who took part in the 25th Assembly of the International Catholic Student Movement "Pax Romana." The Assembly was held in Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., from July 20 through 30, 1964.

One of the guest speakers at the Assembly was Attorney General Robert Kennedy. The Ukrainian delegation consisted of Yuriy Isaiw, Iryne Isaiw, Halyna Sagata, all from Philadelphia, and Christina Kaminsky and Kytyloslava Diakiw from Detroit. They participated in three seminars, and distributed pamphlets entitled "A Shepherd in Chase," published by the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of Philadelphia in 1962.

UYL-NA Convention To Be Held In Washington

Washington, D. C. — The Ukrainian Youth League of North America will hold its 31st anniversary convention at the beautiful and fashionable Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C., this coming Labor Day weekend, September 4 through 7. The Washington convention committee, headed by Anne Himchak, Nadia O'Shea and Oleh Procinsky, promise that this convention will be a most memorable one, featuring events never before included on the programs of previous gatherings. One of the key features of the eventful weekend will be a moonlight boat cruise down the historic Potomac River, which will also include shipboard dancing. Only convention registrants will be eligible to partake in this novel event. The Shoreham Hotel, rated tops in our nation's capital,

'New York Times' on Ukrainians' Show of Strength in America

New York, N. Y. — The New York Times, one of the largest and most widely read newspapers in the world, carried an article on Ukrainians in the United States in its Sunday edition of August 16, 1964. Commenting in retrospect on the massive participation of Ukrainian Americans in the Shevchenko monument dedication ceremonies in Washington on June 27 of this year, the article gives some background information on Ukrainian customs and traditions still preserved in this country, as well as statistical data furnished by the National Geographic Society. The full article, entitled "U.S. Ukrainians Keep Their Old Customs" reads as follows: "Ukrainian Americans gave a rousing show of strength when they paraded through Washington recently. An estimated 100,000, many in native dress, convened in the capital to dedicate a bronze statue to their hero, Taras Shevchenko. "Former President Eisenhower unveiled the 14-foot-high statue of the poet-patriot and champion of serfs, Shevchenko was banished to central Asia by Russia and died in 1861. He has been called the 'Abraham Lincoln of the Ukraine.'"

Soviets Deport Ukrainian Nuns, Priests

LONDON — It has been brought to light just recently that the Ukrainian nuns who were caught in possession of crosses, medallions and rosaries in their "underground" numbers in Lviv, were deported to Siberia, together with some religious leaders and priests. According to reliable information, altogether there were about twenty persons sentenced for the "crime," among them two priests, four nuns, all over sixty years of age, and four "lay sisters" (evidently novices).

The women were members of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the sisters of St. Vincent and the Basilian Order. All worked in the hospital as hospital nurses. The priests were the Rev. Ivan Soltys and the Rev. Roman Borys Hotra. The nuns: Mary Stepanivna (Sister Valery, Mother Superior), Ksenia Hryhorivna Sokil (Sister Nimfordora), Irena Ostapivna Boudievych (Sister Mary) and Tekla Rudko (Sister Thadeia); lay sisters: Kateryna Krenta, Julia Tverdokhlib and Leontyna Teofilivna Domonasevych. Father Hotra had already served a 10-year sentence.

The deportation was the result of a vicious attack on religion in an article in the youth magazine Ogoniok, with pictures of the evidence—3,000 crucifixes, medals and rosaries. The article was titled "A Suitcase with a Double Base."

Anti-Red Group Cites US Attache In Ghana

A distinguished service freedom award for Emerson Playker, an assistant attache in the U. S. Embassy in Accra, Ghana, was given to Secretary of State Dean Rusk for forwarding by the United Anti-Communist Committee of Western New York. Congressman John R. Pillion a Ukrainian "hootenany," a fine banquet, a gala grand ball, a tribute to Shevchenko at the recently dedicated monument, a visit to the late President John F. Kennedy's grave, a stimulating cultural art exhibit, and other assorted recreational diversions. It should be added that starting that Labor Day weekend, popular singer Robert Goulet will be appearing at the Shoreham's dining room. A. F. Danko

Representatives of UCCA Scheduled to Present Testimonies To Democratic Platform Committee

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — Aug. 21, (Special). — Walter Dushnyck, editor of the UCCA publications and a member of the UCCA Policy Board, appeared today before the Committee on Resolutions and Platform of the Democratic National Convention here with a statement containing several viewpoints on U. S. foreign policy in which the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and its publications, The Ukrainian Quarterly and The Ukrainian Bulletin are especially interested. Two other Ukrainian representatives, Joseph Lesawyer and Stephen J. Jarema, executive vice president and chairman of the policy committee of the UCCA, respectively, are scheduled to appear before the same Committee early next week. Mr. Lesawyer will speak on behalf of the UCCA, while Mr. Jarema will represent the American Conference for the Liberation of the Non-Russian Nations of the USSR. Mr. Dushnyck's testimony contained a number of points relevant to U. S. foreign policy: specifically, the rejection of compromising "accommodation" of the U. S. government with Communist Russia; the espousal by the U. S. government of firm support of national self-determination for all the captive nations, especially those held in captivity by Communist Russia; continued restriction on trade in strategic goods with the Soviet Union and its subservient communist satellites; rejection of the Consular Treaty by the U. S. government and the Soviet Union; exposure and condemnation of Soviet Russian imperialism and colonialism on the forum of the United Nations, and revision and overhaul of U. S. immigration laws. Some 150 witnesses have appeared before the Committee on Resolutions and Platform in Washington and Atlantic City, N. J., prior to the formal opening of the Democratic National Convention on August 24, 1964.

Ukrainians Will Again Stage Program at World's Fair

New York, N. Y. — Once again the Ukrainians will take the World's Fair by storm. On August 29, 1964 the New York State Pavilion of the World's Fair has cordially issued an invitation to 300 Ukrainians to participate in "Ukrainian Day at the New York State Pavilion."

The program consists of ten dance groups who will perform many of the spirited traditional dances. They are the Ukrainian Dancers of Astoria, New Dance Ukraine, The Ukrainian Dancing Society of New York, The Ukrainian Dancers of Brooklyn, Osenenko Ukrainian Dancers of St. Vladimir, The Ukrainian Youth Dancers of Yonkers, the Ukrainian Dancing Group Suma, The Ukraine Dancers, United Ukrainian Dancers Junior Group, and "Iskra" Plast. Two choral groups participating in the program are, St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church Choir and St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Choir. A fashion show of regional Ukrainian costumes and modern dress will be staged by Mrs. Alexandra Rishko, soprano soloist. Mrs. Bodnar, will render a selection of Ukrainian songs. The SUMA Musical Ensemble will render an enjoyable selection of Ukrainian melodies. A Ukrainian arts and handicraft exhibit, headed by Myron Surmach, Jr., will demonstrate the art of decorating an Easter egg. The coordinator of this Fair Day, Mrs. Elaine Oprysko, informs that the program will commence at 10:30 a.m. at the Vatican Pavilion where a Low Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Father Peter Fedorchuk and responded to by St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church Choir. At 11:00 a.m. the program at the New York State Pavilion will begin. One of the various groups or individuals, as listed above, will perform every half hour.

'Lys Mykyta' Visits 'Soyuzivka' In Person Tonight



Cartoon drawings by E. Kozak of some of the performers who will appear at "Soyuzivka" tonight: upper row, from left, I. Zadorozhny, Iker, N. Ponedilok; lower row, from left, Babay-Nyzhankivsky, Kvitka Steciuk, E. Kozak, others.

Kerhonkson, N. Y. — One of the highlights of the entire entertainment season at Soyuzivka will be the "live" presentation of "Lys Mykyta" (The Fox), the popular Ukrainian illustrated magazine of humor and satire, edited by the outstanding Ukrainian caricaturist and satirist, Edward Kozak. The program will be presented on Saturday, August 27, in the "Veselka" pavilion. Unique in both the format and the content, the program will entail a "live" on stage recreation of the composition of the magazine, its various stages of production ranging from caricatures and satirical stories through witticisms, jokes and humorous verses to advertisements also intertwined with comical plays on words. The mass of fun-poking material, topical as well as personal in nature, will be actually read by the authors themselves. In most cases they are known to the public under their pen names only, such as "Babay," "Papay," "Iker" and others. This time, however, they will all be unmasked, as it were, to the public eye in the course of a direct display of their talents as satirists and feuilletonists. Adding variety to originality, the program will also include the Soyuzivka vocal quartet under the direction of I. Zadorozhny, which will perform specially composed renditions alternating with oral readings. Volodymyr Hentysch will handle the musical accompaniment while M. Berizka is in charge of stage effects.

UNA Branches in Connecticut Celebrate 70th Anniversary

New Britain, Conn. — One of the most successful UNA programs ever held in the state of Connecticut took place on Sunday, August 16 in the famed Schuetzen Park here. Over 1,000 people of all age groups, with a large contingent of youth, took part in the celebration honoring the Ukrainian National Association on its seventieth anniversary. Members from all seventeen branches in the state were present.

The event, sponsored by the Connecticut UNA District Committee, featured lively folk dancing by well trained and talented dance groups from New Haven, directed by W. Gina, secretary of Branch 370, and from Bridgeport, directed by Mr. Maksymuk. The day-long proceedings were under the chairmanship of B. Romanyshyn of Branch 254 of New Britain. He was assisted by J. Kostyk and other members of his branch as well as members of the District Committee.

The formal program was opened in the afternoon by John Teliuk, chairman of the Connecticut District Committee, who welcomed all present warmly and spoke briefly about the goals of the Committee which he heads. Mr. Teliuk then introduced Russel Huk, the energetic UNA Supreme Advisor of Hartford, as the master of ceremonies. After greeting the audience and thanking them for participating in the 70th anniversary celebration, Mr. Huk read a message from Senator Thomas J. Dodd and introduced Very Rev. Peter Kowalchuk, pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, as the first speaker.

Other addresses were delivered by Mayor J. Dawson, J. Kostyk, president of the Ukrainian Citizens Club of New Britain, Anthony Kutcher, former National Commander of the Ukrainian American Veterans, B. Romanyshyn, John Kokolski, UNA Supreme Auditor, Fred Doocy, president of the Connecticut State Senate, who delivered greetings on behalf of Gov. Dempsey, and Joseph Lesawyer, UNA Supreme President. Mr. Kostyk expressed great satisfaction over the large turnout at the event and indicated that this is the kind of enthusiasm that will keep the UNA prospering in the New England area. He appealed to all present to continue their splendid efforts in building better communities and furthering their fraternal and Ukrainian cultural activities. President Lesawyer spoke briefly about the history of "Soyuz" and listed the many accomplishments of the UNA over the past seventy years. He stressed that great progress has been made in acquainting America and the world with Ukrainians, their history and aspirations. Mr. Lesawyer pointed out that the UNA exists for the full and complete benefit of its members, and conducts its affairs in the traditional American way of mutual cooperation for the benefit of all.

Postmaster General Orders Improvements in Mail Services For Foreign Language Newspapers

Postmaster General John A. Gronouski announced today that he has ordered a nationwide program to improve the mail delivery of foreign language newspapers. Starting immediately, Mr. Gronouski said, teams of experts from the Post Office Department's headquarters in Washington and from the Department's fifteen regional offices across the country will work with publishers of any foreign language newspapers that are experiencing mail delays. The postal experts will coordinate their activities with the local postmasters. They will study the mail procedures of newspapers that are experiencing delays, make recommendations on how the publishers can improve their procedures to speed delivery of their publications and will work with postmasters to improve the processing of the newspapers in the post offices. "Earlier this year, I ordered a study of complaints from foreign language newspaper editors concerning delivery of their publications," Mr. Gronouski said. "The study is now completed. We have found that mail service improvements can be made in almost all cases by working individually with the publishers and the local postmasters."

The Postmaster General said he was taking this step as part of his over-all program to reduce mail delays and make service improvements within budgetary and manpower allotments. "Our foreign language press plays a very important role in keeping millions of Americans informed on the great issues confronting the United States," the Postmaster General said. "It is a weapon of truth and an essential means of communication. As I said in an earlier statement, foreign language newspapers are entitled to exactly the same priorities and consideration in the United States mails as our English press." Mr. Gronouski said he was confident that the teams of headquarters and regional postal experts would complete their work in the near future and substantially improve the mail delivery for the foreign language papers. "This is a high priority matter," he said. "I have asked for a complete report on the results of my directive and I intend to make sure that this effort is carried out successfully." In compliance with the executive order of Postmaster General John A. Gronouski and wishing to determine if there are any such shortcomings in the delivery of SvoBoda to its subscribers, the local postmaster Joseph L. Mailly instructed one of his service representatives, Mr. Leo Skowronski, to inquire as to a study of complaints or inconsistencies in this matter. Mr. Skowronski visited the SvoBoda offices on Thursday, August 20. He assured the administrative staff that the local post office spares no effort in seeing to it that SvoBoda, as well as other newspapers, are not only dispatched with speed and efficiency but that they are also delivered on time and to the proper addresses. Any errors, if they do occur, Mr. Skowronski said, are dealt with immediately and corrected as quickly as possible. It was pointed out to Mr. Skowronski that for some time now the number of complaints received by SvoBoda has decreased substantially, although occasional snags in delivery do develop. They are usually minor in nature and are soon corrected.

