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NO ONE AND WE DO
NOT INTEND TO BE
BURIED."

Lyndon B. Johnson

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FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER RECEIVES SHEVCHENKO AWARD, MEDAL FROM UKRAINIAN ORGANIZATIONS



Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, flanked by Joseph Lesawyer (left) and Prof. Roman Smal-Stocki, during award presentation ceremony

New York, N. Y.—"As long as any man in the world is kept enslaved or regimented against his will, none of us is really free," said former President Dwight D. Eisenhower in accepting the Shevchenko Medal and the Freedom Award presented to him by representatives of the Shevchenko Scientific Society and Shevchenko Memorial Committee of America on Thursday, May 20 at the General's suite in Waldorf Astoria.

The awards, the highest these organizations can bestow, were made in recognition of the former President's contribution toward the Taras Shevchenko monument in Washington, D. C. Mr. Eisenhower signed the joint Congressional resolution authorizing the erection of the monument in the nation's capital and unveiled the statue last year in ceremonies attended by a throng of 100,000 persons.

Representing the Shevchenko Scientific Society were Prof. Roman Smal-Stocki, President, Prof. Joseph W. Andrushkiw

and Ivan Kedryn-Rudnytsky, Vice-Presidents, Prof. Vasyl Steciuk, Scientific Secretary, Roman Kobrynsky, Treasurer and Office Director, Dr. Vincent Shandor, Legal Adviser, Prof. Nicholas Zaytsev, Director of the Society's Mathematical Section, and Architect Julian K. Jastremsky, Member.

Representing the Shevchenko Memorial Committee of America were Prof. Alexander Archimovych, Vice-President, Joseph Lesawyer, Executive Director, Dr. Jaroslaw Padoch, Secretary, Ignatius Billinsky, Treasurer, and Julian Revay, Administrator. Also taking part in the presentation ceremony were Myron B. Kuropas and John Odezynsky, Supreme Advisors of the Ukrainian National Association, and Dr. Roman Holiat who designed the Freedom Award plaque.

In accepting the awards Mr. Eisenhower underscored the true values of freedom and urged the Ukrainian Americans to continue their efforts in behalf of their enslaved brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

'Plast' Sponsors Ball

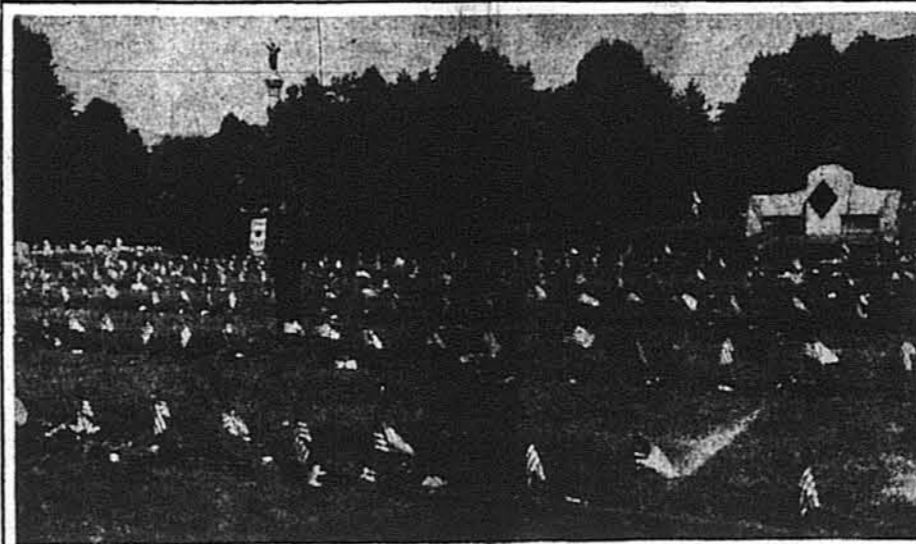
NEW YORK, N. Y.—"Chornomorski Khvyli" and "Chornomorti," two senior divisions of "Plast," are giving an elegant spring ball on Saturday, June 5, 1965. The purpose of the dance is to raise money for the renovation of the Plast home in New York. The ball will take place aboard the grand liner, the SS Potomac, which will be docked at Battery Park in Manhattan.

Under a romantic moon and amid the beautiful strains of the orchestra the liner will sail up the Hudson River to Bear Mountain and come down

around the Statue of Liberty.

There will be four decks at the disposal of the public. Tables are available (four to eight persons). A beautiful restaurant and cocktail lounge will cater to the public. At midnight, a "Rusalka" (Mermaid Queen) will be chosen by ballot. The liner leaves the dock promptly at 8:30 P.M. The tickets are available at the Plast Home at 144 Second Ave., Manhattan, every Friday evening. They can also be purchased any time at the stores "Arka" and "Eko." The attire is formal.

Memorial Day 1965



National Cemetery, Gettysburg

It Is For Us The Living

"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

CONCLUDING CEREMONIES AT SHEVCHENKO MONUMENT IN WASHINGTON FEATURE ENCASUREMENT OF HISTORIC DOCUMENTS, SOIL FROM POET'S MOUND IN UKRAINE

PRESIDENT JOHNSON SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE, PROFESSOR KIRKCONNELL HAILS UKRAINIAN POET, DEDICATES POEM

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a solemnly moving ceremony that brought an end only to usher in a new beginning to what is undoubtedly one of the greatest achievements and most heartwarming tributes to Ukraine's Post-Laureate and universally acclaimed Freedom Fighter, the urn, containing a handful of soil from the Bard's mound in Kaniv, Ukraine, and all pertinent historic documents that will tell the great saga of the Taras Shevchenko Monument in America's capitol city, have been permanently immured for posterity's sake in the granite base of the statue spanning high over the triangular park at "P" and 23rd Streets.

"Spirit of Washington"

Though much less tumultuous than last year's grandiose unveiling ceremonies attended by close to 100,000 Ukrainians from virtually every continent of the earth, this noble fete was witnessed by scores of dignitaries, representatives of numerous organizations, prominent public leaders and nearly 2,000 dedicated souls some of whom came to re-live the "spirit of Washington," others to find renewed strength and inspiration in it. The mood that was predominant here on this Saturday, May 22, 1965 was one of sincere gratitude, humble tribute,

unwavering faith and perhaps a tinge of pride that emanates invariably from the rewarding sense of accomplishment. Subtly evoked at the very outset of ceremonies by the President of the Shevchenko Memorial Committee of America, Prof. Roman Smal-Stocki, this spirit of gratitude, tribute and accomplishment was maintained in restrained mode and manner by the many speakers that followed him, embracing those who sat in silence or sang in unison the Bard's immortal "Thoughts" and "Testament."

As the colorful crowd, including uniformed youth groups of Plast, SUMA, ODUM Ukrainian American Veterans as well as young (and younger) ladies attired in the colorful Ukrainian national costumes, filled to capacity the neatly landscaped plot at the foot of the monument, Joseph Lesawyer, Executive Director of the Shevchenko Memorial Committee and Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon festivities, officially opened the program at 4 P.M. sharp. Following the singing of the American national anthem by Mrs. Mary Lesawyer of the New York City Opera, and the Ukrainian national anthem by the "Prometej" male chorus of Philadelphia, under the baton of John Zadorozny, the Rev. Theodore Danusiar, pastor of the Ukrainian Catholic

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I congratulate you upon the completion today of the monument honoring the great Ukrainian Poet Laureate, Taras Shevchenko.

I take personal satisfaction in the erection of this memorial. As a Senator, in 1960, I gave my full support to the bill authorizing it. At that time I congratulated your organization on this project, and I now renew those congratulations.

May the thousands who will look upon this memorial to Taras Shevchenko be ever reminded of his dedication to the ideals of human rights and the equality of mankind. May they be reminded, too, that this is a cause which has not yet been fully won as long as there are still bonds of servitude which keep men from enjoying their rights and their liberties anywhere in the world.

May the spirit of Shevchenko help and inspire us as we seek ever to enlarge the sphere of human freedom.

Sincerely,

Chairman
The Shevchenko Memorial
Committee of America

Message of President Lyndon B. Johnson

UNA SUPREME ASSEMBLY CONCLUDES ANNUAL MEETING

ADOPTS SERIES OF FAR-REACHING RESOLUTIONS,
ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, DONATIONS
FOR CULTURAL AND CHARITABLE CAUSES



Members of UNA Supreme Assembly at the Shevchenko monument during 1965 annual meeting at 'Soyuzivka.'

KERHONKSON, N. Y.—The Supreme Assembly of the Ukrainian National Association, gathered here in executive session during the week of May 17 through May 21, concluded the annual meeting by adopting a series of far-reaching resolutions and recommendations designed to further the progress of this the largest and oldest Ukrainian organization in the free world and to improve the well-being of the Ukrainian community in the United States and Canada and of the Ukrainian people everywhere. At the same time, the Supreme Assembly announced that six

scholarships have been awarded to Ukrainian university students pursuing studies in various areas of social science and humanities. The scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000, \$600, \$400 and three stipends of \$200 each. In addition, the UNA Supreme Assembly appropriated close to \$15,000 in contributions and donations to various educational, cultural, religious and charitable causes. The total sum of donations represents a substantial increase over last year's allocation of funds for similar purposes, a trend that reflects both UNA's continued growth as a fraternal benefit society and the increasingly vital role that the Association plays in various areas of Ukrainian organized life.

The last three days of the week-long meeting—the last such gathering before the 1966 Convention in Chicago, Ill.—were devoted in part to the discussion of the supreme officers' annual reports. Thursday's and Friday's sessions, chaired by Supreme President Joseph Lesawyer and Supreme Vice-Presidents Stephen Kuropas and Mrs. Ann Herman, were devoted entirely to new business and matters pertaining to the organizational, financial, publication and educational activity of the UNA. Volodymyr Sochan, Assistant to the Supreme Secretary, took the

minutes of the meeting, while William B. Hussar, Supreme Advisor, recorded the proceedings on tape.

Dwelling specifically on matters concerning the organizational sector of UNA's activity were regional organizers Volodymyr Hirniak and Stephen Hawrysh. Included in their reports were recommendations on broadening the base of UNA operations in the field by engaging a greater number of organizers, particularly on the branch level, enlarging the scope of training courses and encouraging greater organizational efforts by officers of all ranks and levels.

Reporting on the UNA activity in Canada was Supreme Advisor Bohdan Zorych who also leads the UNA Canadian Office. His recommendations, calling for a series of specific measures to invigorate some of the dormant areas and to further stimulate the already existing branches, were included in the recommendations of the Supreme Secretary.

Supreme President Joseph Lesawyer reported on matters in progress and work that has already been planned out for the immediate future. The President informed that the revised certificate forms as well as two new certificates have already been forwarded to the Insurance Departments of various states for approval and will be introduced as soon as such approval is obtained. Also, a new rate book has been prepared with a preface in both Ukrainian and English and is now in print. He also spoke on the need of better and more personal contacts between executive and branch officers, a function that is being successfully carried out by the field representatives. Mr. Lesawyer stressed the need for further improvements at "Soyuzivka" and in the Svoboda printing shop which should be gradually introduced in accordance with increased operational activity. In discussing the UNA publication activity, the Pres-

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The Shevchenko Monument In Washington

(MAY 22, 1965)

By WATSON KIRKCONNELL

I give you for this night a deathless toast,
His nation's quenchless pride, its ardent boast,
In bronze and marble movingly expressed
In this majestic City of the West.
We pledge the marble plinth on which he stands,
We pledge the sturdy feet, the potent hands,
The intrepid eyes, the brow that fronts the earth
With no abasement for his humble birth:
We pledge his dream that saw his people come
Glad and triumphant from their martyrdom,
The serf set free, the nation disenthralled,
Erect, self-ruling, by no foe appalled.

This poet preached in anger, bold and free,
The deathless cause of human liberty.
He had been born a serf, like all his folk;
For twice twelve years he bore enslavement's yoke;
Then, freed by Russian friends, he studied art
And poured forth verses from his burning heart.

For when upon Ukraine he cast his gaze,
He tore aside the soft romantic haze
That cloaked its villages with spurious light
And saw within them depths of utter night,
A festered mass of misery and grief,
Beneath man's pity and beyond relief.
Therefore his poetry aspires to be
A mighty cry to set the captive free.
All serfdom's freedom is his dearest aim;
For this he sets Ukrainian fields aflame;
The fires he laid sweep onward like a tide—
All serfs win liberty the day he died,
And peasants by the million mourn with pain
The martyred Lincoln of their sad Ukraine,
Lining the highway as the ox-drawn hearse
Proceeds the flat, black prairie to traverse,
Bearing his coffined corpse, now mute and deaf,
Six hundred miles from Moscow to Kiev.

He also was the man, beyond a doubt,
Who saved his nation's faith from dying out:
He took his people's speech, a thing abhorred,
And forged its metal to a flaming sword;
He took his people's visions of desire
And raised them up, a pillar of white fire;
He took their history, by foes ploughed under,
And made its annals march with steps of thunder.

Prince Ihor rides the steppes in warlike mirth—
And heroes' blood stains black Polovtsian earth;
Bold Bohdan holds his court at Chyhyryn;
Great Gonta rages fierce at Lebedyn;
And ravens rend the flesh of many a body
At Beresteckho and at Zhovti Vody;
These were the ghosts of dignity and woe
He conjured up from graves of long ago
And clothed with language of surpassing grace
To stir the proud remembrance of his race.

Yet present pain still marred the ancient glory,
In search for images to tell his story
He sought Hellenic myths of ancient date
And there, as symbol of his nation's fate,
He saw a black-plumed eagle rend and mock
Prometheus fettered to the craggy rock.

More than a hundred years have passed away,
And still Shevchenko's spirit broods today
To see his nation once again constrained,
Briefly unfettered but as quickly chained.
The Throne has been replaced by "Marxist culture,"
The Tsar's black eagle by a bold Red vulture;
Prometheus still is shackled to the crag;
The angry Cossack, with a Party gag,

Now tends the assembly line or ploughs the turf—
A kolkhoz-peon or a factory-serf.

So let us keep alive among the free
Shevchenko's love of human liberty.
How can Ukraine's enslavement be reversed
If all the world with tyranny is cursed?
How can we see the dawn of Freedom's laws
If Europe, Asia, the Americas
And Africa go down in bloody doom?
Plotted in Moscow beside Lenin's tomb?
The frontiers of despair with dogs are manned,
Barbed wire and mines by weakful guards are scanned,
Just to make sure, by murder's iron vise,
No Adam leaves the Marxist Paradise.
Grim were our fate, of this you may be certain,
With all the world behind the Iron Curtain!

Shevchenko lives, nor does he stand alone
In proud memorials of bronze and stone.
His deathless poetry still stirs the heart,
And past the immortality of art
His mighty spirit in our world survives
To rouse from idle sleep our sluggish lives.
Let us not fail, with foemen at the door,
Lest the Great Kobzar's heart should break once more!

