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THE UCCA

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On the occasion of the Ninth Triennial Convention of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, it may be valuable to look back over the past and present of the organization and from that point of view look forward to its future. As a person who has throughout its entire existence been more or less in contact with it, certain facts stand out with striking emphasis.

Uneasy Status

It is often forgotten that the movement which was to culminate in the formation of the Committee commenced at a very unpleasant moment in Ukrainian American life. There had been more or less united action for Ukrainian purposes existing on an uneasy status in various localities, while at the same time the larger Ukrainian fraternal organizations were beginning to gather strength and resources, and learn to cooperate.

At the same time, Ukrainians in the United States were beginning to recover from the depression, but as World War II approached, all the Ukrainian enemies raised again that same storm of Nazi influence that had been used with intent during World War I and the early movements for independence to check Ukrainian progress. The daily newspapers and radio were filled with denunciations of everything Ukrainian and in some quarters many Ukrainians who were reservists in the American army were summarily dismissed as unreliable.

Old books on the Peace of Brest-Litovsk were reprinted and re-edited to fit the situation of 1939 and everything possible was done to make life miserable. In this situation there were several meetings and discussions among the more reliable and responsible leaders of various Ukrainian groupings, and finally out of these developed the first convention of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and this soon arranged for the publication of The Ukrainian Quarterly and, in a different form and scope, of The Ukrainian Bulletin.

Both of these publications still appear although with a somewhat modified staff and purpose. The Bulletin was intended to provide short items of information to a rather large audience. The Quarterly sought to provide popularly written but serious and intelligent comments on all the varied Ukrainian developments and culture in the more recent past, and it was very soon indexed in the leading guides to periodicals.

Filled Vital Need

The combination of these purposes in a single journal surprised even many of the better informed Ukrainians in Europe. It filled a vital need and it was by no means the first time that a group of emigrants in the United States had set themselves such a purpose, although it is possible to say that it has been the most successful, for we must remember that at the time World War II was still going on and there were relatively few educated Ukrainians or Ukrainian with a good American education in the country.

Real Spokesman

In the UCCA many, perhaps most, of the original inspirers and planners have either passed away or have definitely gone into retirement. But successors have been found with the same vision and the organization is still prospering and holding its position as a vital and real mouth piece of Ukrainians in America.

We need only allude to the work that the Committee and its present president have done in sponsoring the passage by Congress of the resolution setting up the Captive Nations Week and in furnishing the leadership with the Shevchenko Scientific Society to erect in Washington a monument to the great Ukrainian writer and patriot, Taras Shevchenko, and to preventing any interference by the Soviets in the brilliant program that was carried out on that occasion. This and the publication of many vol-

FREEDOM STUDIES CENTER: A GREAT HISTORIC EVENT

(Address by Dr. Lev E. Dobriansky, professor of economics, Georgetown University, and chairman of the National Captive Nations Committee and the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, at Dedication Ceremonies of the Freedom Studies Center, Boston, Virginia, Sunday, September 25, 1966).

I am greatly honored to be afforded this precious opportunity for a strong expression of warmest greetings and best wishes for the solid success of this Freedom Studies Center. With all passion and guiding reason I convey them on behalf of the National Captive Nations Committee, all its associated branches and groups, here and abroad, and also the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and its supporters on almost every continent of our earth.

Indeed, it would not be presumptuous to say that my words of greeting, hope, and determination also measure and express the suppressed voices and hearts of close to a billion fellow humans trapped in the captivity of over 27 nations in the Red Empire. The vehement and vitriolic

umes in English are items that will long be remembered and not only by the Ukrainians themselves. We can also mention the establishment and contributions to the Ukrainian National Fund, and if this has not reached the amount dreamed of by its founders, it has given the Committee a sound if slender base on which to plan its activities.

It is very obvious that in the changing conditions of the present day, no such organization can hope to remain stationary, and it is perhaps time at this Triennial Convention to review some of the regulations governing the Committee, while still remembering the problems that the Committee has faced and is still continuing to face, problems that of themselves change with every swing of popular attitude whether for peace or hostility to the Communist world in Europe and Asia.

Struggle Against Tyranny

For the one certainly so far as we can see, is the still unrelenting hostility to freedom of the dictators, open or scarcely veiled, of the Communist countries and their efforts to separate and embroil the free countries for their own interests of infiltration, disorganization and conquest, whether in the name of peaceful coexistence along with wars of liberation, such as the North Vietnamese are waging in South Viet Nam with the support of both Moscow and Peking.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America has passed through its first quarter of a century. It has accomplished much but it has merely scratched the surface and we can only hope that at this triennial convention, it may be so guided in its deliberations as to make the next twenty five years even more fruitful and profitable for Ukrainian freedom, development and recognition here and the people's native country.

UNA NOTES AND COMMENTS
By THEODORE LUTWINIAK

Shop for Insurance

Thanks to the automobile and numerous highway shopping centers, the average family today no longer depends on the neighborhood merchants when it comes to buying food, clothing, furniture, or anything at all. Housewives read the newspaper advertisements for good buys and then drive miles to make their purchases. They do not do all of their shopping at one place, but drive from one store to another seeking out the advertised "specials." Highway shopping centers have huge parking areas, but there are times when they are filled to capacity.

Compare Rates, Benefits

The UNA also issue the Accidental Death and Dismemberment certificate, \$5,000, at very reasonable rates. All adult UNA certificate holders who qualify may apply for benefits from the Indigent Fund in the event of long-standing illness, permanent disability, blindness, or amputation. Interested insurance shoppers are invited to write and ask for the "UNA Facts" booklet, available in either English or Ukrainian. This booklet contains additional information about the UNA and descriptions and rates on all certificates at all ages. Address the UNA, P.O. Box 76, Jersey City, N.J. 07303. Please mention our column.

When comparing UNA rates of other companies be sure that exactly the same certificates are involved at exactly the same ages. Remember, the UNA pays dividends after only one calendar year (ADD certificate excepted). Remember, the UNA pays benefits to deserving members from its Indigent Fund.

Remember, too, that the UNA is a fraternal benefit society and that only certificate holders are members. All business is done through branches scattered throughout the United States and Canada; members elect their own branch officers. Main officers are elected at conventions attended by delegates from the branches. In the UNA it is the member who is important. If you are Ukrainian, Ukrainian American, Ukrainian Canadian, or related in any way to a person of Ukrainian extraction, the UNA is for you.

life is more mysterious and miraculous than death, so it is a miracle in itself that this Center has finally come to life, thanks to the tremendous assistance given by you and others throughout the country. Yet all of this assistance would not have congealed into this reality without the painstaking leadership provided by the versatile president of the Institute For American Strategy, Mr. John M. Fisher, to whom I pay our highest tribute and esteem.

Editorial

Freedom Center, At Last

At long last a major center solely devoted to the study of communism's Cold War tactics has come into being. The Freedom Studies Center is now a reality.

A private institution, it has been established through the efforts of countless individuals in response to requests from many quarters, from people who are concerned with the dangers of communism and are determined to combat it on all fronts. It has been appropriately dubbed a private "West Point" of psycho-political warfare.

Its purpose is simple: to train Cold War leadership in the free world, to study Communist strategies and tactics, and develop programs for maintaining and extending the sphere of freedom everywhere in the world.

Much of the turmoil in the world today stems from ineffectiveness in deterring the Red Forces in their subtly devised schemes of subverting, infiltrating and otherwise undermining the established institutions of law and order that are the essential bulwarks of democracy as the free world knows it. But the effort of merely deterring communism is as inadequate as was the attempt to contain it. A spawning, insatiable menace, it must be pushed back if freedom is to prevail in a peaceful world. Thus the urgent need to study the schemes contrived in Moscow, Peking and other centers of Red aggression which have cropped up in recent years in various parts of the globe.

This is what the Center is for. It will train leaders who will know danger when they see it and not merely try to explain it a way. They will be equipped to cope with anything that the enemy might throw at them and they will have the weapons to mount an effective counter-offensive against communism. This we have been lacking sorely. And this, we have no doubt, the center will strive to do in an effort to bridge the educational gap in psycho-political warfare.

As Dr. Lev E. Dobriansky stated in his dedication address, the Center will have an "enormous impact on the captive nations, not only those in Central-South Europe, but many crucial ones in the Soviet Union itself."

It is only just to state that if there is any one person who deserves credit for the Center finally coming to life, it is Dr. Dobriansky. For him and for many others it has been an uphill struggle. But in the end, they will have won out.

DECLARATION of the CONFERENCE OF UKRAINIAN FRATERNAL ASSOCIATIONS

Representatives of the Ukrainian fraternal benefit societies — the Ukrainian National Association, the Ukrainian Workingmen's Association, the Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics in America, and the Ukrainian National Aid Association of America, assembled at a joint conference at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday, September 21, 1966, having discussed a number of problems, state the following:

1. The joint conference of the Ukrainian fraternal benefit societies is a further step toward their greater contribution to the diversified development of the Ukrainian community on the North American Continent and its assistance to the Ukrainian people in their struggle for freedom and independence;

2. Since their inception, the Ukrainian fraternal orders have pursued activities that go beyond their essential role as insurance-benefit societies; as in the past, they will continue to act as primarily national civic institutions which play a vital role in the organization, enlightenment and diversified development of Ukrainian life on this continent;

3. Regrettably, only a small portion of the vast Ukrainian community in the United States and Canada has recognized the value and significance of life insurance and the decisive role of Ukrainian fraternal orders in our organized life. Only in this manner can we explain the fact that a substantial part of this community remains outside of the organizational framework of our fraternal system;

4. Representatives of the Ukrainian fraternal benefit societies assembled at this conference agree that such joint meetings and discussions are useful and necessary, and resolve to meet annually, in the deep conviction that this will be in the best interests of these societies, the Ukrainian community, and the Ukrainian people at large.

'CITIZENSHIP GIVES MUCH AND EXPECTS MUCH'

(ADDRESS DELIVERED BY TOM C. CLARK, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, AT THE 21ST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CITIZENSHIP IN WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 13, 1966).

As a result, the ranks of the law-breaking and the law-abiding have become mixed and confused. Law and its authority are defied — local governments are confronted with staggering problems of maintaining peace and safety — and we agonize over the sight of individual liberty run riot.

And another thing we forget is that this orgy of crime and riot is seen around the world. Who knows but what its image has accentuated the present low ebb in our standing in the community of nations? It was the German publicity chief, Goebbels, who said a quarter of a century ago that no country had so many social and racial tensions as did we. And he added: "I shall play upon them as on

many, many strings." Others are now taking a lesson from his bow.

But let us reason together on the causes of this lawlessness. First of all, it is deep-seated and we cannot, therefore, expect to cure it overnight. Certainly the many federal and state programs now in progress to eliminate slums and ghettos, to reduce poverty and to equalize opportunity, should be of great assistance. Likewise, the youth programs should prove most beneficial. And the national manpower conservation program of the Selective Service System, the Public Health Service and the Department of Defense should do much to remedy the health and physical defects of these young men who, because of these defi-

ciencies, are not able to participate in their country's fight for world peace. We have forgotten that in World War II some 5,000,000 young men could not respond to their country's call because of physical and mental defects. And, we have massive educational programs. Indeed we have forged a new educational system. We spend 38 billion dollars on it, 30% of which is for higher education. The federal government alone poured two billion dollars last year into universities for research and development. That is almost a fourth of the operating income of all of the colleges and universities in the United States. Research grants are engulfing the universities and the whole educational system is on a mass production basis. As a consequence there is little attention given the individual student, especially the average one. These knowledge factories have become faceless and machine like.

I stand up with Amory Houghton, Jr., Chairman of the Corning Glass Works, who declared recently in an address at Centre College: "Our problem today is not in producing more technology; our problem is in using it. Our problem is not science, it's democracy." We have forgotten about teaching democracy in our homes, in our schools and in our colleges and universities. A family used to be more than a blood-relationship. It was a special place we all loved and were taught standards of behavior and democratic living that stayed with us the rest of our lives. And our grade and preparatory schools supplemented this homework by teaching about our heritage, our government, the respect that we each owe to law and constituted authority and other basic principles that govern a democratic society. Our great President touched upon the problem in his Citizenship Day and Constitution Week Proclamation. He said, in part, that "It is very important that every American understand our system of government, cherish the fundamentals of freedom and be always ready to defend our heritage for which so many have given so much." I submit that one cannot "be ready" unless he knows of his heritage, has been taught to cherish his freedom, and understands his system of government.

failure to teach our people democracy as written in our fundamental law — individual rights rather than individual riot — respect for law and constituted authority and the personal relationship that each of us must maintain with our great heritage and the government that it represents. These principles must be brought home to all Americans. This is the challenge that this Conference must meet. With its 700 affiliated organizations and their millions of members, it can perform this job. We must bring the problem to the attention of all Americans, especially educators and youth organizations so that our educational system may be alerted and steps taken to correct these deficiencies.

It is vitally important that our country produce more citizens who are alert to these fundamental concepts of our society. This is especially true with youth. I am happy to say that one-third of the attendance at this Conference is made up of young citizens. We who are of an older generation are proud of them. We feel that we have improved upon ourselves. As has been said, "Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind." And the state of mind of youth as a whole today is far more knowledgeable than their years. They say it is a young man's world but I like to think at age 67 that we grow old only when we desert our ideals; we are as young as our faith; as strong as our self-confidence and as happy as our hopes; we grow old only when we are overcome by our doubts; when we nourish our fears and practice our despairs. It is true that our future is in the hands of those of younger years. We are fortunate in having such a good crop. I have explicit faith in them. As I have said, some get out of line but percentage-wise it is small. We must enlist them in a great campaign for good citizenship. That is our salvation. In this challenging age we must think of them as being "of us" not just "with us." Properly trained they will continue to improve our society and its processes. Their dedication to this goal depends upon our actions. Together we must develop a living democracy in which we all partake in perfect harmony. It has been my good fortune to be permitted over a lifetime to be and to work with the Boy Scouts. Each year they have a Jamboree at which over 50,000 boys attend. At its close they have a very impressive ceremony. As they stand in mass on a hillside, each boy lights a tiny candle — 50,000 candle power lights them and the earth about them. No dark place can be seen. We see many dark places in our social structure today. But all that we need are candles — you and I and millions of others must be like candles bringing light to dark places, here and there and everywhere — you in your place and I in mine. Never forget. "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." (The End.)

