

Governor Dempsey Receives Shevchenko Freedom Award

HARTFORD, Conn.—Governor John N. Dempsey was presented the Shevchenko Freedom Award of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America in the executive chambers of the Capitol by a Ukrainian delegation headed by Mr. Joseph Lesawyer, Executive Vice-President of the Congress Committee.

In making the presentation of the award Wednesday, January 18, Mr. Lesawyer thanked Governor Dempsey for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Ukrainian people and the people of other captive nations struggling to attain freedom from Communist domination.

Governor Dempsey joined other prominent American leaders that have received the Shevchenko Freedom Award, including President Harry S. Truman, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Senator Thomas J. Dodd.

The inscription reads: "Ukrainian Congress Committee of America meeting in the 9th Triennial Convention at the New York Hilton Hotel, New York City, October 7-9, 1966, has the honor to present the Shevchenko Freedom Award to the Honorable John N. Dempsey, Governor of Connecticut, for the distinguished service and dedication to the liberation of Ukraine, other non-Russian nations in the USSR and all captive nations again designate January 22, 1967 as Ukrainian Independence Day in Connecticut and have the flag of free Ukraine fly over the State Capitol.

'Known for Love of Liberty'

PROCLAMATION OF MAYOR HUGH J. ADDONIZIO, OF NEWARK, N. J.

WHEREAS: 49 years ago an Independent Ukrainian Republic was established; and WHEREAS: the freedom and independence then obtained by the Ukrainian people has long since been lost beyond the Iron Curtain; and WHEREAS: the Ukrainian people known through the ages for their love of liberty, still strive to retain their freedom and autonomous place among the nations to which they are entitled; and WHEREAS: we Americans have a warm and natural understanding of the hopes of freedom-loving and freedom-seeking peoples; and WHEREAS: it is fitting that we direct the attention of our American people to the aspirations of the Ukrainian people and to the importance of these aspirations in the efforts of all free people to establish a lasting peace;

Newark Observance . . .

invaders shortly after Ukraine's open declaration of independence. He voiced admiration for the Ukrainian people whose spirit of freedom and resistance to the alien regime now occupying Ukraine is "continually demonstrated in spite of terror and persecution."

Sees Dawn of Freedom Mr. Minish said he was hopeful that time is near when a new dawn of freedom will descend upon Ukraine and her people will once again take their rightful place in the free community of nations. Mayor Harry Stevenson of Irvington, who earlier in the week issued a formal proclamation designating January 22nd as Ukrainian Independence Day, was greeted warmly by the audience as he rose to speak. He said that he was proud to take part in the observance which stands out significantly in the history of the Ukrainian people. Mr. Stevenson also paid



Girls in national costume add a souvenir after ceremony.

tribute to the Ukrainian people for their perseverance and dedication, and hailed their contribution to the American cultural life. "I am proud to have such fine people in our community," concluded the Mayor.

Expression of People's Will The main address in Ukrainian was delivered by O. Danchuk, who stressed the importance of the January 22nd proclamation 49 years ago both as an act of vast political significance and as a manifestation of the Ukrainian people's will to live freely in their own land. He called for unity and a greater effort "by all of us to help restore freedom and independence to the captive Ukraine."

UNA Branch 19 in New York Elects Officers at Annual Meeting NEW YORK, N. Y. — Reports, discussion and election of officers made up the agenda of the annual meeting held here by the Dmytro Halychyn Branch 19 of the Ukrainian National Association, Saturday, January 21. Dr. Roman Holiat, secretary, in reporting on the activities of the Branch, said that during the year 1966, a total of \$3,517.83 had been sent in dues to the UNA Main Office. This included \$2,781.95 remitted to the adult department, \$199.95 to the Juvenile department, and \$536.05 for ADD insurance.

Independence Observance in Detroit Attracts Large Turnout

DETROIT, Mich. — The local Ukrainian National Home was the site of a solemn observance Sunday, January 22, occasioned by the 49th anniversary of Ukrainian independence proclamation.

A throng estimated at nearly 900 saw a fine program of festivities sponsored jointly by the Metropolitan Detroit and Hamtramck branches of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America.

Presentation of flags by local youth organizations and the rendition of the American national anthem by pianist Martha Tarnawska opened the program. Proclamations of Detroit and Hamtramck Mayors were read by Mrs. A. Volker, after brief opening remarks of Mr. W. Tustanivsky, president of the Hamtramck UCCA branch.

A number of messages from American public officials were read by Mrs. I. Zacharkiw. A set of resolutions protesting against persecution of cultural leaders in Soviet Ukraine were read by Mr. M. Kawka.

The main speaker in Ukrainian was Mr. Ivan Kedryn-Rudnitsky of New York. The artistic part of the program featured Valentyna Bykowitz, soprano, recitation of the Fourth Universal by four girl-members of the Plast organization, another group recitation by members of the Ukrainian Youth Organization (SUMA) who presented L. Poltava's montage "Ukrainian Independence Day—January 22nd."

Earlier in the week, a delegation of representatives of Ukrainian organizations called on Detroit's Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh who issued a proclamation designating Sunday January 22 as Ukrainian Independence Day. Heading the delegation were Councilman Mary V. Beck and Mr. W. Kolodchyn.



Detroit's Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh signs proclamation designating January 22nd as Ukrainian Independence Day.

OUR GOAL - A FREE UKRAINE

of the Baltic Countries incarcerated in the Siberian forced labor camps is ample evidence that a planned system of discrimination is actively practiced by the Soviet regime.

We believe that the defense of the democratic way of life in the aforementioned areas should be matched by a grower determination to help all countries and peoples attain an equal status. We pray that the significance of programs such as we have here today will be universally recognized and that in the councils of the world leaders in Washington and in the United Nations voices will be heard in defense of the rights of Ukrainians in their native land.

We, who are of Ukrainian descent, are deeply disturbed by these events. Our Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and its affiliated branches, our national institutions and societies, and our churches who do so much to uphold equal rights in this country and who so enthusiastically support our international efforts to defend freedom in Western Europe, Korea, Viet Nam, and other areas in Southeast Asia are simultaneously pleading that

Concluding remarks were delivered by Mr. W. Kolodchyn, president of the Detroit UCCA branch, whereupon the audience rose to sing the Ukrainian national anthem. Earlier in the week, a delegation of representatives of Ukrainian organizations called on Detroit's Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh who issued a proclamation designating Sunday January 22 as Ukrainian Independence Day.

The state finals in the Challenge Cup competition between Roma and Sitch are scheduled to be played at Wayne, New Jersey. Sitch officials, however, are trying to persuade the Cup Committee to change the site. They claim that they have always played the finals away and should be given the privilege of playing on home grounds at least once.

There are, however, two other clubs that have yet to be defeated, the Paterson Roma and New York's Greek-Americans. Both clubs have lost one point by virtue of tie games. Soccer fans on the western coast will be treated today (Saturday) to some top soccer when Santos of Brazil will meet Argentina's River Plate in a friendly match at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

These games stirred a lot of controversy when the Soviet government refused permission for Celtic to fly to the Soviet Union in a chartered plane. The Soviets insisted that Celtic fly in a Soviet plane. Celtic refused and the Soviet government finally gave in.

The Celtic squad had won the first match in Glasgow, 3-1, in a rough-and-tumble game and then, at Tiflis, Georgia, they tied 1-1.

STATE FINALS

Sitch is making advances in the Schaefer Indoor Tournament being played at the Paterson Armory. They have, so far, won all three games with identical, 4-1, scores and are leading the tournament standings.

ASTRODOME IN LENINGRAD?

Soviet news agency Tass reported recently that the city of Leningrad is building the Soviet Union's first indoor sports stadium, with a field big enough for soccer.

The 25,000-seat stadium will be airconditioned, will have a synthetic fiber playing surface, a video-tape recorder for athletes to watch replays of their performance and a bar for spectators. The 405 by 288-foot playing area can be converted for handball, figure-skating, hockey, basketball, volleyball and other events, according to Tass. The first American indoor stadium, the Astrodome, is capable of seating 46,000 for baseball, 53,000 for football, 66,000 for boxing and has parking facilities for 30,000 cars.

SPORTS SCENE By Oleh Zwadivuk

Sitch Advances to State Finals in Cup Play

The Newark Ukrainian Sitch advanced to the New Jersey State finals in the Open Challenge Cup competition last Sunday by defeating the Kearny Scots, 4-2, at Williams Field in Elizabeth, N.J. Sitch will meet Paterson Roma, February 5, in the finals.

Alex Chayka was the big gun for the Ukrainians, scoring three goals. The single tally went to Peter Short.

Bit of a Scare

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The Scots were playing a better game in the second half and managed to score another goal. Donegan dented the Ukrainian net at 33 minutes of the final stanza.

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UNA National Bowling Tournament April 18, 1967 in Rochester, N.Y.

