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Editorial

A Serious Deficiency

Almost daily, the mail which arrives at the editor's desk includes a letter from an angered or at least ruffled citizen pointing out an error or misconception about Ukrainians that he has spotted in the American or Canadian press.

In many cases, the complainant is sufficiently irked to take immediate action. Addressing himself to the editor of the erring publication, he points out that Ukrainians are not Russians, that Ukraine is not a part of Russia, that the delegation of the Ukrainian S.S.R. at the UN does not truly represent the Ukrainian people.

A case in point is the recent correspondence sent to The Washington Post, The Evening Star and The Washington News by Volodymyr Mayewsky, chairman of the Washington Branch of the Organization for the Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine.

When the Washington Papers carried an ad which defended Jewish religious and cultural rights in the USSR, Mr. Mayewsky directed a letter to all three publications pointing out that "Jewish freedom in the USSR is inseparable from Ukrainian, Latvian, Lithuanian or Byelorussian freedom."

His letter was printed in all three publications. So was a second letter, instructing editors about the Soviet police crackdown on Ukrainian intellectuals. That letter resulted in editorials in the Post and Star which took note of Soviet persecution in Ukraine.

In Winnipeg last month, the local Branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee protested the "violent attack" made by a city alderman against the Ukrainian flag.

In Utica, N.Y., UNA Supreme Advisor Walter Zaparniuk wrote a letter to the Utica Observer-Dispatch, noting Ukrainian Freedom Day and detailing the Ukrainian liberation movement.

Some of our readers, on the other hand, write to point out untruths and misconceptions — and wonder what action should be taken.

Such an inquiry recently arrived from Z.L. Melnyk, who notes that according to an AP dispatch in the March 1 issue of the Cincinnati Inquirer a film is being made in Rome based on the book "Shoes of the Fishermen," with Anthony Quinn and Vittorio De Sica in starring roles.

Mr. Melnyk's problem, and the letters of those who undertake positive action in educating others about our history and culture and ideals, underscores a serious deficiency in our community — we have no central agency which concentrates solely on coordinating factual information about Ukrainians for the use of the public and the press.

True, a good deal of valuable work in this respect is done by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America. Ukrainian organizations large and small, and Ukrainians like Mr. Mayewsky and Mr. Zaparniuk, do more than their share of correcting untruths and disseminating information about Ukrainians.

So much more could be accomplished by a special organization of professional people — public relations and publicity experts — waging an intensive campaign of education, providing background information for the press, supplying facts and figures for individuals like Mr. Melnyk who want to fight but don't have the proper weapons.

Isn't it high time to create such an agency?

The Latest American Dream

By CLARENCE A. MANNING

It is a characteristic of the American people and, indeed, of most of the nations of Western Europe to believe that the signing of an idealistic document means a step forward in the attainment of the almost universal desire — world peace and the removal of the menace of the atom bomb which has terrified in various ways most of the civilized nations which realize its disastrous capabilities.

This blind tendency was noticed clearly by Lenin when he underscored it as a necessary element in the thinking of capitalists, who desire to grasp at any straw to increase their wealth and extend their capabilities for making money.

Her Canadian neighbors how to prepare Ukrainian foods and demonstrated Ukrainian embroidery stitches for them. Her interest in Ukrainian language and culture led to the founding of a Ukrainian School by Branch 504 in 1964.

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One of the modern tactics of integrating Ukraine with Russia is to put people of Ukrainian origin or coming from Ukraine (like Podgorny, Grechko, etc.) in prominent positions as if to show that Ukrainians have really united themselves with the Russians.

Russian Imperialism Under Brezhnev-Kosygin

By ANATHOLE W. BEDRIY

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Ukrainians In U.S.A.

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Kedryn Svboda sociate editor, was guest speaker at the "akademiya" in honor of Taras Shevchenko, held here March 10 in the new Ukrainian National Home.

The "akademiya" was attended by over 300 persons, or about one third of Hartford's Ukrainian community.

The program consisted of musical selections by the school choir, recitations and the staging of excerpts from Shevchenko's poem "Haydamaky".

Mrs. Hrynewich was active in community and choir activities in Saskatoon, Sask., where she lived for some years, and in Winnipeg, where she was a member of the Ukrainian National Home choir.

Thus obtain the hegemony over a large area which has been busy in putting down its own tribal conflicts. We could go on indefinitely about these possibilities.

A Step Forward

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How Much Life Insurance Should You Own?

By Dr. JAROSLAW PADOCH, UNA Supreme Secretary

Life Insurance is called the biggest business in America. No other "product" is bought in such amounts by Americans and Canadians. In these countries it has become the very basis of social and economic welfare.

Nothing is more convincing than cold facts. The following figures speak clearly and eloquently. Study and absorb their meaning and message. Then ask yourself if you are taking full advantage of life insurance protection to prepare a better future for yourself and your family.

Average Amount of Insurance Held by Americans

Today Americans are covered by one thousand billion dollars of life insurance. Every year this figure increases by about ten per cent. It increases at a much faster rate than does the income of those insured.

The average amount of life insurance covering every American family is over \$16,000 or about two years' income. Last year insurance companies paid out almost 13 billion dollars.

Family men are most concerned with insurance. For every ten fathers of families with children under 18, nine are insured and more than half are insured for amounts over \$10,000.

How Much Insurance Protection Should You Own?

There is no pat answer to this. Every person and every family needs enough life insurance to provide real financial protection and help in time of need.

Periodically, everyone, particularly the head of a family should analyze his needs and requirements and review his insurance holdings. Very often the need for adjustment will be found.

Particularly for a head of family, life insurance is a prerequisite to planning the upbringing and education of children, paying off a mortgage or other debts, providing for funeral and other expenses in the event of the death of the insured and the resultant changed status of his family.

Don't Postpone Increasing Your Insurance

Only persons in good health can be insured, whether for low or high amounts. Just as uncertain as one's lifespan is the duration of one's good health. So act now and acquire that adequate insurance protection for yourself and your family.

The main political enemy of Russia in Ukraine is the moving force of the always present Ukrainian nationalism, the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN).

The Communist Party of the Soviet Union — the core of the Russian imperial elite, strives to convince, to impress and to force Ukrainians to recognize it as their sole national, political organization. The CPSU brutally extinguishes every indication, every appearance of autonomy or trends toward the separation of Ukraine from Russia.

