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"...AS WE LEARN TO GO FORWARD TOGETHER AT HOME, LET US ALSO SEEK TO GO FORWARD TOGETHER WITH ALL MANKIND..." Richard M. Nixon

N.Y. UNA District Committee Meets, Elects Officers

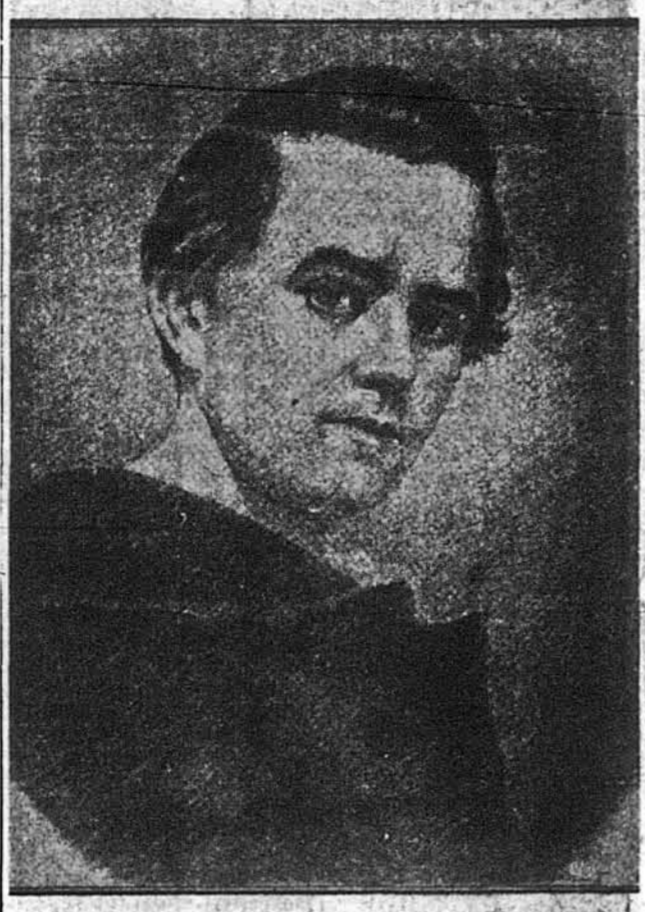
By MARY DUSHNYCK NEW YORK, N.Y. — Whether it was pre-convention fever or fervor, the promise of spring or election of officers — the UNA New York District Committee's annual meeting had a fine representation from metropolitan branches comprising the District. A rather streamlined program, reports by supreme and committee officers, greetings by two distinguished guests, all culminating with a delicious "smachnoho" — made for a brisk and spirited convalescence on Friday, February 20, at Dnister Hall of UNA Branch 361 in New York. Following opening remarks by Chairman John O. Flis, Dr. W. Pallidwor took over the chair, with Dr. A. Sokolyshyn as secretary. Brief committee reports were presented.

Flis Re-Elected A nominating committee, consisting of Messrs. B. Lastowecy, M. Saldan and M. Chomanczuk, presented a list of candidates who were elected unanimously: chairman — John Flis, vice-chairmen — Dr. W. Wyshywan, Mrs. M. Demydchuk, secretary — M. Chomanczuk, treasurer — M. Saldan; committees — organizational: I. Pryhoda, W. Khomitsky; program — W. Klawsnik; press: Ukrainian — Dr. A. Sokolyshyn, English — Mrs. M. Dushnyck; auditing — I. Wynnyk, head; R. Krupka, B. Lastowecy, members.

Membership Results After the election, UNA supreme officers were called on by Mr. Flis to say a few words. Vice-President Walter Sochan spoke about electing delegates to the UNA Convention and for branch officers to be familiar with rules and requisites for electing delegates. Mr. Sochan cautioned

secretaries to file delegates' names at the UNA main office by March 13. Vice-President Mary Dushnyck stated the district's women contributed to New York attaining second place (after Philadelphia) in the 1969 campaign, with two of its women organizing 12 members each — M. Demydchuk and herself — E. Milanych, 10, and others contributing also. She reminded all to support the Roma Pryma benefit ballet performance of "Kvit Paporoti," on May 24 at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, with proceeds to the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee's (UARC) aid to Ukrainian victims of the earthquake in Yugoslavia. She asked all to continue their organizing efforts during the pre-convention period. UNA Secretary Dr. J. Padoch stated the N.Y. District reached second place with 481 members organized in 1969, a vintage year for the UNA with 5,457 new members. 1970 is beginning encouragingly with 50 members organized by the N.Y. District in January. To reach the overall goal of 2,500 members by convention time, all new delegates should seek to sign up at least 10 members each. Dr. Padoch announced the following branches organized 10 or more members: Br. 361 — 109 members; Br. 88 — 51; Br. 5 — 39; Br. 158 — 31; Br. 327 — 27; Br. 194 — 26; Br. 204 — 22; Br. 293 — 21; Br. 8 — 20; Br. 267 — 17; Br. 6 and 457 — 14; Br. 325 — 12; Br. 86 — 11; Br. 16 and 450 — 10. The following became 1969 members of the UNA Champions Club — W. Kwas, 51 members; I. Pryhoda, 39; R. Krupka, 33, W. Wyshywan, 30; A. Sanotsky and A. Kopystiansky, 27; M. Chomanczuk, 26. The following were UNA Builders — W. (Continued on p. 2)

Shevchenko: Ukraine's Immortal Bard



It Is Indifferent

Taras Shevchenko It is indifferent to me, if I Live in Ukraine or live there not at all, Whether or not men let my memory die; Here in an alien land, mid snows piled high It will not matter that such things befall. In serfdom, among strangers was I reared, And unlamented wholly by my own In exile I shall die, in grief uncheered, And to my nameless grave shall pass alone. No trace of me, alas, will then remain To see in all our glorious Ukraine, In all that land of ours that is not ours. No father will commend me to his son, To pray for me to God, source of all powers: "Pray then, my boy! For us his course was run. He died to save Ukraine, whom Fate devours." It is indifferent to me, I say, Whether or not that son for me should pray... But while I live I cannot bear to see A wicked people come with crafty threat, To lull Ukraine yet strip her ruthlessly And awaken her amid the flames they set — Sure, no indifference in me these wrongs beget!

(Translated by C. H. Andrusyshen and Watson Kirkconnell)

N.Y. Community Honors Poet With Original Concert

By ANDREW LASTOWECKY NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Ukrainian community of New York honored its poet-laureate Taras Shevchenko here Sunday, March 1, in the auditorium of the High School of Fashion Industries with a concert billed "In Tribute to Taras Shevchenko" and co-sponsored jointly by the United American Ukrainian Organizations of New York (UCA branch) and the Shevchenko Scientific Society of the United States.

Montage

The Dramatic Studio, comprising Christine Slyvotska, Renia Safran, Nadia Dyba, Oksana Shul, Lesia Trembitska, Christine Iwanusa, Oksana Hawryluk, Marusia Goy, Askold Lozynsky, Taras Yaremko and Mykhailo Hawryluk, and under the direction of Mrs. Lidia Krushelnitsky, dramatized three montages of selected poems from the works of the Ukrainian poet. The most dramatic of these was the montage "Psalms of David" featuring the male components of the Dramatic Studio.

CONCERT AT NEWARK MUSEUM TOMORROW

NEWARK, N.J. — A concert of Ukrainian folk songs and dances will be staged tomorrow at the Newark, N.J., Museum in conjunction with the Ukrainian folk art exhibit which was opened here last Sunday.

TROFIMENKO EXHIBIT IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Clement Trofimenko will open an exhibit of paintings tomorrow at the Ukrainian Literary-Art Club, according to an announcement made here by New York chapter of the Association of Ukrainian Artists of America which is sponsoring the one-man show.

Original Effect

The evening also featured two famed Ukrainian artists of the stage, Joseph Hirniak

Program in Soviet Studies Opened at Carleton University

OTTAWA, Ont. — Beginning next fall, Carleton University of Ottawa, Canada, will offer an inter-disciplinary Master of Arts program in Soviet and East European area studies, according to an announcement made here recently. The program, the first of its kind in Canada, is headed by Prof. Bohdan Bociurkiw of the University's Political Science Department. It is designed for students wishing to acquire specialized knowledge of Soviet and East European areas before proceeding towards a doctoral degree in one of the disciplines represented in the program. It is also suitable for

N.Y.C. Students Form Corporation, Publish Magazine

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The New York City Ukrainian Student Hromada recently became a non-profit corporation. This legal status was obtained to facilitate the work of the Hromada in a variety of activities.

THE DRUG EPIDEMIC: A UKRAINIAN CONCERN

(This is the first of a series of four articles arising from an increased awareness of the danger of drug abuse and narcotic addiction to the Ukrainian community.) Mike had arrived in the U.S. at the age of 6, the only child of educated parents seeking political refuge. His father soon had a business in a large urban area and quickly prospered, bestowing all the graces of a proper upbringing on his child. As early as elementary school, Mike showed remarkable intelligence, sensitivity, and leadership capabilities. He was popular in and out of school. A brilliant career was predicted for Mike on the basis of his high school performance. Although his senior year grades had slipped below the usual mark of excellence, this was attributed to the excusable "seniorsium" and did not prevent entry into a competitive big-league university. (Today, Mike sweats in a filthy corner of a miserable room until he can add to the already countless needle-marks in his arm, each one representing the selling of his girlfriend's body for the support of his narcotic habit.) While attending high school, Mike recalls crashing a party held in the playroom

PHILADELPHIANS TO DEDICATE TARAS SHEVCHENKO PARK

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (AY)—The month of March, set aside by the Ukrainian community for special observances in honor of Taras Shevchenko, Ukraine's immortal bard and champion of freedom, will assume added significance this year for Philadelphians. On March 15th, the local community is expected to turn out in droves for the dedication ceremonies of the "Taras Shevchenko Park" here.

City Ordinance Among dignitaries invited to the dedication are Mayor Tate, Councilman Bellis who is the sponsor of the ordinance, Commissioner Crawford, and U.S. Congressman William Green. The entire program is expected to last one hour, highlighted by the unveiling of the new sign designating the area as "Taras Shevchenko Park."

Students Set Plans For SUSTA Alumni Congress

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Seven former students meeting at Soyuzivka February 21 unanimously agreed to "do the groundwork in preparation of and then call the first congress of Ukrainian alumni of SUSTA," the Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America.

The action follows a decision of the SUSTA Congress last November to form a committee to investigate the possibility of an alumni section. Lubomyr Zohniw of Binghamton, appointed to the executive board of SUSTA as alumni committee chairman, was retained in that position by the committee members.

Tadey Tarnawsky of Buffalo was appointed secretary and Miss Tania Bemko of Circleville, N.Y. was named press secretary.

Disagree on Role There was some argument among committee members regarding the nature and role such an alumni section should take.

According to Bohdan Hasiuk of Levittown, Pa., the alumni organization should be limited to strictly social functions. Zohniw, however, argued that it should serve as a service organization, employing the talents of its members for the betterment of the Ukrainian community.

Youth, Parents in Newark Warned on Drug Perils

NEWARK, N.J. — The ways of recognizing symptoms of drug use and means of combatting the spread of drug addiction among Ukrainian youth were discussed here last Sunday by a doctor and a narcotics squad detective at a Plast organization sponsored public seminar. Dr. Volodymyr Huk and Mr. Thor Rakowsky sought to apprise an audience of some 150 persons — which included many young people — on the dangers of marijuana, hashish, heroine, LSD and other types of drugs widespread in America now.

Both speakers warned that the Ukrainian youth is not immune to drug addiction, regarded as the nation's number one malady responsible for the rapidly growing crime rate.

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in which they are disseminated by pushers. He said that there is "a dangerous lack of awareness in our community that this evil does indeed exist. He noted that the reaction of Ukrainian parents oscillates between indifference and indignation. Both speakers answered questions after their presentations, amplifying on their earlier remarks. Mr. Damian Lishchynsky, who heads Newark's Plast "stanystia," served as moderator of the lecture held at the auditorium of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic School here.

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(This is the first of a series of four articles arising from an increased awareness of the danger of drug abuse and narcotic addiction to the Ukrainian community.) Mike's friend said he'd "fix" something for him. Mike's marks declined. He wrote home for more money. The money kept coming. He learned the game of balancing the "ups" of amphetamines and the "downs" of barbiturates for the longest sustained high. By now his attendance in classes was so rare that he was warned of dismissal. He wrote home saying he was dropping out for a semester to take one or two courses, build up his average, and return to school on a better foundation. But Mike never registered for a class because selling stuff for his friend was too time-consuming. Mike knew all about drugs; he knew to stay away from heroin. But then some of the group coming in from the city for the weekends was "snorting" the stuff. At first they gave it to him for free. Now Mike has an \$80-a-day habit to support. Mike is a Ukrainian. (Next week: Evidence of Drugs in the Ukrainian community.)



**WINS FOUR MEDALS**

**Martha Bodnar Skates Her Way to Fame**

By ELLEN H. BROWN

NEW YORK, N.Y. — A gold medal earned for proficiency in a sport is the dream of many young athletes, particularly in the world of figure skating where two gold medals are becoming quite common. But four gold medals are rare indeed, and Westchester County boasts the first young resident to have just earned this signal honor.

She is Martha Maria Bodnar, 18-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Bodnar of St. John's Avenue, Yonkers. A member of the Rye, N.Y. Figure Skating Club, Martha started skating at the tender age of 7. She showed immediate talent for the sport, and particularly for the intricacies and preciseness of the fundamental school figures.



With all of this, she still has found time for other interests, and has been a serious student of the accordion for several years, has studied ballet, and loves to cook. In addition, she is active in Plast and the Ukrainian Student Club at Fordham.

**Ice Dancing**

Having attained the top in school figure skating tests, Martha turned her abilities to the field of ice dancing in 1965, and in barely four years, passed her Canadian Gold Dance, and recently completed the American US-FSA Gold Dance Test for her fourth gold medal. Her competitive record in this segment of figure skating has been quite limited, due to lack of a full-time partner to work with, but in 1969, she placed fourth in the Worcester (Mass.) Open Dance Competition and fifth in the 14-step Lake Placid Summer Dance Competition.

Martha began taking — and passing in quick succession — the nine proficiency tests in school figures and free skating given by the United States Figure Skating Association.

**First At 13**

At the age of 13, she had earned her first American gold medal. Two years later she had her second gold — from the Canadian Figure Skating Association. As she climbed the test ladder, the Ukrainian girl was skating in regional and sectional competitions and placed second in the 1968 North Atlantic Senior Ladies and 7th in the 1968 Eastern Senior Ladies events. At that time, she decided to leave competitive ranks in order to concentrate on her studies in preparation for college entrance just a short year ahead of her.

Always a straight-A student, both at the Gerard School and the Academy of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Martha is now a freshman at the Thomas More College of Fordham University, where she is majoring in Biology with the expectation of a career in medicine (pediatrics). True to form, she won two four-year college scholarships: one from Fordham (The Thomas More Scholarship); and the other the New York State Regents Incentive Award — further proof that Martha's studies never suffered from the strict regimen of skating practice.

**Onyshkewych Praised by Critics, L. I. Exhibit Extended**

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The paintings and drawings of Zenowij Onyshkewych, judged by a critic to have been "drawn with masterly skill and sensitivity" will continue on display for one more week at the Country Art Gallery in Locust Valley, L.I., N.Y.

Opened on February 14 and originally scheduled to run through March 5, the Ukrainian artist's one-man show has been extended through March 12.

Malcolm Preston, in a "Newsday" review, praises Onyshkewych's technique in watercolors which he finds "palatable, pleasant, picturesque." He is also impressed with Onyshkewych's portraits which are said to "demonstrate the artist's representational skill."

The "Portrait of Soni" is an arresting picture, says Mr. Preston. "The figure, a head and torso portrait, is moved to one side and seen against a wall. The composition is balanced by a distant view of the sea. The effect leans toward magic realism."

The reviewer was also quite impressed by the artist's oils — "small in size, loosely brushed and spontaneous" — which convey "freedom of expression and an appealing texture."

Jeanne Paris, writing in the Long Island Press, says that Onyshkewych's "water-colors of glacial formations and snow-covered mountains are his most exciting and dramatic works." The artist, says Miss Paris, "has the ability to reach rich depths through the use of white alone. He provides beautiful contrasts with landscapes painted in deep brooding browns."

Referring to Onyshkewych's portraits, which include the likenesses of Pope Paul VI and Jozef Cardinal Slipyj (which hang in the Vatican), the reviewer says they are "penetrating character studies of merit. This is a talented artist."

**EXCHANGE STUDENT Peggy Uhorchak Begins School Year in Australia**

SEATTLE, Wash. — Peggy Uhorchak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Uhorchak of Renton, Wash., has just started a new school year in Melbourne, Australia.

A junior at Renton High School here, Peggy was chosen by the American Field Service as an exchange student and will spend a year in Australia attending Frankston High School in Melbourne.

Peggy arrived in Australia on January 21st, at a time the Australian students were out of school for summer vacation which lasted until February 3rd.

She lives with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred D. Leaburn, in a town 36 miles from Melbourne. The town is on a peninsula surrounded by water and beaches. The family has one girl, May Rose, who at 17 is one year older than Peggy and attends the same school. And Peggy wears a uniform to school, a custom to which she is also getting used now.

Peggy, who is the granddaughter of the late Semen Uhorchak, one-time community leader and philanthropist, will remain in Australia until January 1971. She will then finish out the semester in Renton and graduate with her class here.

**SELECTED SOCCER ALL-STARS**

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Six Ukrainian soccer players attending New York-New Jersey area colleges were selected to the first and second all-star teams of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Soccer Conference, regarded as one of the strongest in the country.

Selected to the first team of the Conference's first division were: Bill Kazdoba (Montclair State), Basil Pugatchenko (Pratt), John Tkaczuk (Montclair State). Chosen to the second team was Roman Hanycz (Montclair State).

Peter Lisewycz (Kings Point) made the first team of the second division and Roman Lisewycz (Kings Point) was chosen to the second team.

The Conference officials also announced that Montclair State was the champion of the first division after Adelphi University voluntarily forfeited all six of its games because it had used three ineligible players.

Montclair's soccer team is coached by Leonard K. Lucenko of Irvington, N. J.

**WILLIAM SHUST IN SYRACUSE**

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**Announce Activities**

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The New York City Ukrainian Graduate Society has planned a series of meetings which will be held at the Ukrainian Institute of America here. The dates and times of these meetings are as follows: March 18, 7:30 p.m.; April 18, 7:30 p.m.; May 1, 7:30 p.m.

All graduates in the Metropolitan area are invited to attend these meetings which will be of a very informal character.

The Graduate Society held its first function in New York on February 7th — a party

at NYU's "Top of the Park," which was attended by over 200 young people. Plans are being made for a similar get-together soon.

The Graduate Society is also planning a variety of seminars, discussions, poetry readings and parties for the coming semester.

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