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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

JOSEPH LESAWYER REELECTED UNA SUPREME PRESIDENT JOHN TELUK AND SEN. PAUL YUZYK, CHOSEN VICE PRESIDENTS; MARY DUSHNYCK AND WALTER SOCHAN REELECTED VICE PRESIDENTS; DR. JAROSLAW PADOCH IS REELECTED SUPREME SECRETARY AND PETER PUCILO CHOSEN SUPREME TREASURER; SERIES OF RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED; \$15,325 VOTED FOR CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL CAUSES



Joseph Lesawyer

PRESIDENT NIXON GREETES UNA CONVENTION WASHINGTON, D.C., May 21. — President Nixon sent a message of greetings and best wishes to the members of the 27th Convention of the Ukrainian National Association, which was held during the week of May 18 to May 23, 1970 in Cleveland, Ohio. Addressed to Mr. Joseph Lesawyer, President of the UNA, the message read: Dear Mr. Lesawyer and Members of Ukrainian National Association: I am pleased to extend my personal greetings and best wishes to all Ukrainian American citizens gathered in Cleveland, Ohio, for the 27th quadrennial Convention of the Ukrainian National Association. Your organization and its members can be justly proud of the many contributions made to the progress of America, while maintaining an active interest in Ukrainian history, culture and language. My congratulations to all of you. I know that you will continue your good work for the advancement of Americans of Ukrainian origin for in so doing you advance the progress of our nation. Sincerely, RICHARD M. NIXON The White House Washington, D.C.

Election of Officers, Adoption of Resolutions Concludes Convention

CLEVELAND, O. — Joseph Lesawyer was re-elected for his third consecutive four-year term as Supreme President of the Ukrainian National Association at the organization's 27th regular convention held in Cleveland, O., during the week of May 18-23. The convention, which saw 132 delegates and 26 supreme officers from across the U.S. and Canada take part in the week-long deliberations at the Statler Hilton Hotel, was held for the fourth time in Cleveland in the Association's 76-year history. Four of the other six supreme executive committee officers were returned to office, two by acclamation. Vice-Presidentess Mary Dushnyck, Vice-President and head of the Recording Department Walter Sochan, Secretary Dr. Jaroslaw Padoch and Treasurer Peter Pucilo, who was named to the post by the Supreme Assembly in 1938 following the death of John Kokolski, were re-elected by the convention. Mr. Sochan and Dr. Padoch were chosen by acclamation having no opponents after the primaries. Newly-elected members of the executive committee are John Teluk, Vice-President, and Senator Paul Yuzyk, Vice-President for Canada. They replaced Stephen Kuropas and Bohdan Zorych in the respective posts. Shortly before the balloting, Mr. Zorych announced that he would not seek re-election. Sen. Yuzyk was elected by acclamation. The largest turnover was in the composition of the supreme auditing committee which has four new members as a result of last Friday's balloting. Only John Hewryk was re-elected, with Dr. Michael Danyluk moving up from the board of advisors. Other members are Iwan Wynnyk, Prof. Bohdan Hnatyuk and Dr. Iwan Skalczuk. Demychuk and Miss Ann Dubas. Failing in his re-election bid was John Odezynsky, while Mrs. Helen B. Olek was a close second in her bid for the post of vice-presidentess. Re-elected were Wasyl Diduk, Stepan Hawrysz, Taras Szmagala, Dmytro Popadynech, Taras Shplukula, Anna Chopek, Walter Zapanariuk, Myron Kuropas and Andrew Julia. (Continued on p. 2)



John Teluk



Sen. Paul Yuzyk



Mary Dushnyck



Walter Sochan



Jaroslaw Padoch



Peter Pucilo

- NEWLY ELECTED SUPREME ASSEMBLY SUPREME EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: JOSEPH LESAWYER, President JOHN TELUK, Vice-President, U.S.A. SEN. PAUL YUZYK, Vice-President, Canada MARY DUSHNYCK, Vice-Presidentess WALTER SOCHAN, Vice-President and Head of Recording Department JAROSLAW PADOCH, Secretary PETER PUCILO, Treasurer SUPREME AUDITORS: JOHN HEWRYK (Winnipeg) IWAN WYNNYK (New York) BOHDAN HNATYUK (Philadelphia) IWAN SKALCZUK (Philadelphia) DR. MICHAEL DANYLUK (Minneapolis) SUPREME ADVISORS: WASYL DIDIUK STEFAN HAWRYSH TARAS SZMAGALA BOHDAN FUTEY ANATOLE DOROSHENKO ANNE HARAS DMYTRO POPADYNEC TARAS SHPIKULA ANNA CHOPEK VOLODYMYR ZAPARANIUK MYRON KUROPAS MYROSLAV KALEA EUGENE REPETA ANDREW JULIA

The following former supreme officers of the UNA were named honorary members of the Association: DR. WALTER GALLAN, NICHOLAS DAWYSKYBA, WALTER DIDYK, MARIA DEMYDCHUK, STEPHEN KUROPAS, DMYTRO SZMAGALA, JOHN W. EVANCHUK and WALTER HIRNIAK. Former UNA Supreme Treasurer ROMAN SLOBODIAN was elected honorary member of the Supreme Assembly at the 26th Convention, held in 1966 in Chicago.

PRESIDENT NIXON GREETES UNA CONVENTION EUGENE ROSSIDES READS MESSAGE AT BANQUET

CLEVELAND, O. — President Richard M. Nixon, in a message to the Ukrainian National Association's 27th convention, praised the organization for the many contributions that it has made "to the progress of America while maintaining an active interest in Ukrainian history, culture and language."

The message of greetings was delivered by Eugene T. Rossides, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and the President's personal representative to the UNA assemblage meeting here in the week-long quadrennial convention beginning May 18. Mr. Rossides was the principal speaker at the convention banquet Thursday, May 21, at the Statler Hilton hotel here.

Common Heritage Mr. Rossides, who is first generation American of Greek descent, showed familiarity with the religious and cultural ties between Ukraine and Byzantium, and alluded several times during his speech to the common ideals and aspirations shared by the two peoples. He stressed the need to preserve the cultural heritage and pass it on to the younger generation by exposing — rather than forcing — the young people to the traditions, values, problems and achievements of their ancestors.



Eugene T. Rossides, Assistant Secretary of Treasury, addresses the banquet

The Secretary, who is particularly concerned with the problem of narcotics addiction, praised the UNA for its crusading campaign against drug abuse and cited Dr. Michael Danyluk, newly elected Supreme Auditor, for his work in preparing the bi-lingual pamphlet published by the UNA. "The President, in implementing new directives to prevent smuggling of narcotics to this country, has made the question one of foreign policy, not only enforcement." Mr. Rossides also spoke briefly on President Nixon's Cambodia decision stating that, according to the latest briefings, the military effort is "strengthening South Vietnam and the Vietnamization program. It will also provide much greater safety for the withdrawal of the 150,000 American troops as pledged by the President." Supports Candidates Mr. Rossides said he was pleased to see two Ukrainian Americans making bids for U.S. Congress. He said that both Michael Kitsock, who was present at the banquet, and Alex Zabrosky, have an excellent chance of winning in the November election. In addition to citing the leadership of Supreme President Joseph Lesawyer, Mr. Rossides praised the work of Vice-Presidentess Mary Dushnyck, Treasurer Peter Pucilo and Advisors Myron Kuropas and Taras Szmagala. The banquet, opened by (Continued on p. 4)

"Kvit Paporoti" — A Smashing Success in New York Roma Pryma's Children's Ballet Acclaimed

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The premiere of "Kvit Paporoti," fairy-tale ballet in two acts, produced by the Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky Ballet School and staged at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Sunday, May 24, 1970 drew a full house of ballet-lovers from the metropolitan area of New York and the neighboring states and was a decidedly smashing hit, to say the least.

It took Mrs. Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky a full year to stage her own creation to the music of Dankevych-Kyreyko. Her choreography and staging was outstanding, as were musical arrangements and piano accompaniment by Oleh Lewytsky, young Ukrainian pianist, the stage sets and costume designs by Volodymyr Bachynsky, another young Ukrainian artist, and props by Olenka Bohachevsky. Over 100 youngsters, some not much over six years of age, constituted an impressive ensemble ably directed by the producer. Original costumes, made even more effective by fascinating light effects and decorations, coupled with truly remarkable dancing delighted the audience that was generous in its applause. The principal roles were brilliantly executed by such dancers as Roman and Levko Strocky (brothers), Slavko

Bilyj and Tanya Zazula, Roxolana Babiuk, Martha Zielek, Christine Rohowska, Christine Sosenko, Lila Todor, Nina Babiak, and Olla Piskor, and, above all, Ezia Pawluk, who demonstrated a great talent in his role as "Kvit Paporoti" (Fern Flower). The costumes were provided by the parents of the dancers, who formed a special "Parents' Committee" in order to promote the ballet. The production was a benefit performance for the Ukrainian victims of last year's earthquake in Yugoslavia. It was gratifying to see hundreds of young people, college and high school students, and grade school pupils who enthusiastically applauded their young friends on the stage. After the performance Dr. and Mrs. Rostyslav Sochytsky of Brooklyn, N.Y., gave a reception in honor of Mrs. Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky, which was attended by over 50 persons, many of them the performers. Dr. Sochytsky congratulated both Mrs. Pryma-Bohachevsky and all performers who took part in the presentation. In turn, Mrs. Pryma-Bohachevsky expressed thanks to the hosts, and to the UNA and its President Joseph Lesawyer for the support the UNA and its press organs gave to this novel cultural undertaking.

The ballet will be staged on Sunday, June 7, in Philadelphia's Town Hall.

Rev. Hrushka Monument Unveiled in Cleveland



Rev. B. Smyk addresses throng. Bishop Schmondiuk (center) flanked by Msgr. E. Monastersky and Rev. M. Horoshko (on his left), awaits blessing ceremony. Bust of Rev. Hrushka is seen in upper left corner.

CLEVELAND, O. — In a colorful ceremony, that was both festive and moving, the Ukrainian National Association honored its foremost pioneer-founder, the Rev. Gregory Hrushka, by dedicating a monument in his honor here Thursday, May 21, the fourth day of the organization's week-long convention. Saw Dream Come True A priest from Western Ukraine, Rev. Hrushka came to the United States in the latter half of the nineteenth century and started publishing the Ukrainian newspaper Svoloda in 1893, in which he crusaded for the establishment of a single Ukrainian. (Continued on p. 3)

