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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

Khrystos Rozhdaietsia — Christ is Born!

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

(STATEMENT OF THE UCCA EXECUTIVE BOARD).

We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Hierarchs of our Churches, to the leaders and members of our organizations, and to all people of good will.

We are doubly heartened at this time, since our December drive for the Ukrainian National Fund has exceeded the desired goal of \$100,000 for the year thus assuring the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America of a broader and more intensive scope of activity in the New Year in behalf of the Ukrainian people in their struggle for freedom and independence.

1971 was one of the most turbulent years in the history of our settlement in America as well as other countries of the free world. The seemingly insurmountable difficulties in our church and community life during the first months of the year had evoked justified concern for the continued well-being of our communities. The obstacles were not only surmounted, but in some instances they were turned into triumphant successes thanks to our joint efforts. Of vital importance in these endeavors was our unity, our resolve and our steadfast belief in the truth and justice of our cause.

This must also be our guideline in the New Year. We must "think big," in the words of the primate of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, and this ultimate goal is the attainment of freedom for the Ukrainian people and independence for Ukraine. Every achievement brings us closer to this great goal. Dissemination of truth about Ukraine, the defense of our people's rights at the American and international forums, intercession in behalf of our religious and cultural leaders in Ukraine incarcerated in Soviet prisons and concentration camps, the diversified development of our own community life — these are some of the most vital tasks of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and of all Ukrainians united in the World Congress of Free Ukrainians.

The full success of the December drive for the Ukrainian National Fund, as well as the events of the past year, demonstrate convincingly that there are no insurmountable obstacles and that every goal can be attained through joint efforts.

It is in this belief and with this conviction that we are entering the New Year, the year of our eleventh congress. We move into the New Year with new plans and even greater determination to realize them. And in this we are encouraged and obligated by the generous response in our December fund drive. We are grateful to the leaders of our organizations, to the executive committees of all UCCA branches, to the men and women who collect and contribute to the Ukrainian National Fund, and to the entire community. They all have done their share in closing this turbulent year on such a bright and encouraging note.



CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

(CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF THE SOBOR OF BISHOPS OF THE UKRAINIAN AUTOCEPHALOUS ORTHODOX CHURCH).

To the Most Respected Clergy and God-loving faithful of our Church in the United States of America, Europe, Australia, and in the countries of South America, and to all our beloved brothers and sisters in Ukraine and in all parts of the world.

"And the angel said unto them, fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11).

Honored Clergy, and Beloved Brothers and Sisters! The Feast of the Birth of Christ born of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, is the mysterious manifestation in the flesh of the Son of God upon earth — "great is the mystery of Godliness: God was manifest in the flesh." (1 Tim. 3:16). Because of this holy day of miraculous wonder, the hearts of faithful are filled with indescribable sensations of thanksgiving and sincere love for God, and immeasurable happiness fills the hearts of God-fearing people, when they recall the great event and the unrepeatable phenomenon in the history of mankind — the Nativity of Christ.

Promise Kept
The holiday of the Nativity of Christ — is the realization of faith and promise of the coming of the Messiah — the Savior, whom, according to God's promises, the whole world awaited for many centuries with deep longing. Mankind looked more earnestly for the coming of the Savior especially in the days close to His Birth. And in these very days people were dominated by falsehoods and great social injustices and the people of Israel were pressed into severe enslavement. Because of this, devout

people accepted the Nativity of Christ as a revelation of God's solicitude and love for the unfortunate and the enslaved. The earthly life of Christ — as God and Man — His divine teaching and examples of highest love to the person who is especially grief-stricken and who suffers misfortune, have shown the way to spiritual liberation and strengthening and the enriching of that portion of God's truth in the individual which has the power to displace grief and to crush the most horrible enslavement. In those days the greatest need was the strengthening of the individual's spirit for the purpose of liberating him from the enslaving shackles in the struggle for social truth and national freedom. And, as we know, the birth of Christ became the beginning of rebirth: the mighty Roman Empire fell; in Israel, Roman Councils and deputies disappeared, the high priests and pharisees were silenced — those who taught their people to bend before the might of this world. Man's spirit, being reborn and enriched by Christ, was in those days and in later centuries motivated to overcome material forces. And today, people recognize this — especially the unfortunate and the people who are brutally enslaved, who longingly and with great hope await each year the Star of Bethlehem. Our Ukrainian people have accepted wholeheartedly and completely the divine teachings of Christ and His directives to all people which show the way to a better and more enlightened future. They were among the first to most sincerely fulfill the teachings of Christ of love toward mankind. God's Providence selected our people because of their love for beauty and purity in life to be the enlighteners of Christ's (Continued on p. 2)

ARCHBISHOP BUCHKO RETIRES AS APOSTOLIC VISITATOR

MSGR. MYROSLAW MARUSYN ASSUMES POST

ROME, Italy. — Archbishop Ivan Buchko, Apostolic Visitor for Ukrainian Catholics in Western Europe since 1942, has retired from this post because of advanced age, according to an announcement emanating from his office. The Archbishop was 80 years old last October 1st. The announcement said that Pope Paul VI accepted Archbishop Buchko's request that he be relieved of his duties as Apostolic Visitor and accorded him the honorary title of "Merited Apostolic Visitor."

As a successor to the Archbishop the Pope named Msgr. Dr. Myroslaw Marusyn, said the announcement. Msgr. Marusyn assumed his new duties as of December 24, 1971.

Left for Visitation

Msgr. Marusyn, who has been the Archbishop's secretary and chancellor, has been given the title of "Apostolic Visitor for Ukrainians in the countries of Europe which do not have a Ukrainian hierarchy." Msgr. Marusyn, said the announcement, left immediately for a visitation of Ukrainian settlements in Scandinavia, Switzerland and the countries of Benelux. Archbishop Buchko, who is a member of the Permanent Synod of the Ukrainian Catholic Church named at the Fifth Archiepiscopal Synod last November, is strongly identified with the Ukrainian refugees who had found themselves scattered across Austria and West Germany at the end of World War II. In Rome since 1942, the Archbishop interceded on their behalf with Pope Pius

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Ukrainian History is Taught at Alberta University

EDMONTON, Alta. — "Modern Ukraine," a course offered within the framework of the Department of History, is being taught here by Prof. Ivan L. Rudnytsky during the second semester of the 1971-72 academic year.

The course, designated "History 328" and scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., is a continuation of the first semester course entitled "Beginnings of Modern Ukraine."

Prof. I. L. Rudnytsky began offering a course on the history of Ukraine last spring. A member of the faculty of American University in Washington at that time, Prof. Rudnytsky joined the University of Alberta Department of History at the outset of the current academic year.

Last semester's course encompassed history of Ukraine beginning in the eighteenth through the first half of the nineteenth century. This semester, the course deals with the first half of the nineteenth century up to the present time.

The Ukrainian community in Edmonton has long sought the introduction of a course in Ukrainian history at the University of Alberta. The University's favorable response to the introduction of this course and its consideration of more courses in the future depends a great deal on enrollment. Ukrainian students attending the University are being urged by civic leaders to take this course and assure its continuation.

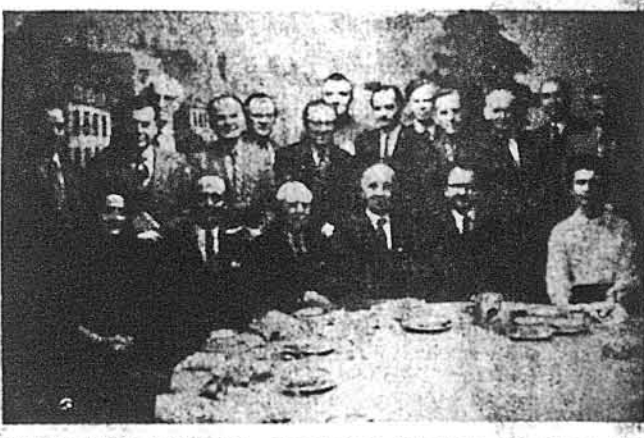
Ukrainian Scholars Take Part in Historical Parley

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Some sixty Ukrainian historians and scholars of related disciplines were among the more than 1,000 participants of the 86th annual meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA), held Tuesday through Thursday, December 28-30, 1971, at the New York Hilton Hotel here.

Many of the Ukrainian scholars, who are teaching history or other subjects at American and Canadian universities, delivered papers in the course of the Association's three-day session, or took part in panel discussions on specific Ukrainian topics.

Separate Session

Listed as one of the AHA's participating bodies in the annual meeting was the Ukrainian Historical Association (UHA), which embraces in its ranks most of the Ukrainian historians active in this country. Headed by Prof. Lubomyr Wynar of Kent State University, the Ukrainian Historical Association held its separate meetings at the New York Hilton. Also, some 15 Ukrainian scholars were hosted by the Ukrainian National Association



SCHOLARS HOSTED: Ukrainian scholars attending the American Historical Association's annual meeting in New York were hosted at an informal reception by the UNA and the Svoboda Press.

and the Svoboda Press at an informal reception at the New York Athletic Club, following the adjournment of the American Historical Association's annual meeting. "The Treat of Riga: Fifty Years After" was the first topic that saw Ukrainian participation. The panel discussion Wednesday morning on the treaty that ended the Soviet-Polish war in March of 1921 was chaired by Prof. Piotr Wandycz from Yale University. The treaty was examined from the Russian point of view by Prof. Arthur Adams from Ohio State, the Polish point of view by Prof. M.K. Dziewanowski of Boston University, and the Ukrainian point of view by Prof. Basil Dmytryshyn from Portland State University. Commentator was Prof. Adam Ulam from Harvard. The luncheon meeting that day of the Ukrainian Historical Association saw more than 50 historians — both (Continued on p. 2)

TO ALL OUR READERS WHO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS ON JANUARY 7TH WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS AND MERRY CELEBRATION OF OUR SAVIOUR'S BIRTH

UNA'ers Replenish Library

AMBRIDGE, Pa. — It has been a tradition of over twenty years with the Ukrainian National Association Branch 161 in Ambridge, Pa., to donate Ukrainian books to the local library and thus disseminate factual, objective information about the country of our forefathers.

The list of some 40 titles has been replenished recently as officers of the Branch placed the second volume of the English language "Ukraine: A Concise Encyclopaedia" on the shelves of Laughlin Memorial Library's reference room. The first volume has been there — courtesy of St. Basil's UNA Branch 161 — since its publication in 1963.



VALUABLE ADDITION: Officers of UNA Branch 161 in Ambridge, Pa., look on as Mrs. Frederick Fouse, assistant librarian at Laughlin Memorial Library, places the second volume of Ukraine: A Concise Encyclopaedia, beside the first volume in the reference room. Left to right, are: Stanley Prokopovich, treasurer of the Branch, Andrew Jula, secretary and Supreme Advisor, and Joseph Nadzak, president. The photo also appeared in the Beaver County Times.

Impressive List
Included on the impressive list of books on Ukraine are such volumes as Vasyi Ha- (Continued on p. 2)

