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AMERICAN PSYCHIATRISTS CONDEMN SOVIET TREATMENT OF DISSIDENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The American Psychoanalytic Association has sent a strongly worded letter to Soviet psychiatrists condemning "the unwarranted labeling of dissenters as mentally ill and their incarceration in hospitals as virtual prisoners."

to an open letter from APA requesting a meeting to discuss alleged abuses. In 1971 the APA Board of Trustees passed a resolution, similar to those of other professional groups, condemning psychiatric abuses "wherever they may occur."

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frey Stewart-Smith, member of Parliament in London, who as chairman of the British Chapter of the WACL, was the organizer of the Conference, broached the matter of expenses incurred in connection with the cancelled Conference. Consequently the British group and the WACL executive committee, headed by Prof. Raimundo Guerrero of the University of Guadalajara, Mexico, are in dispute.

BOOK REVIEW In Memory of Dr. Myshuha

"Luke Myshuha—A Collection," edited by Anthony Dragan; 375 pages, illustrated, "Svoboda" Press, Jersey City-New York, 1973; in Ukrainian; \$10.00. Dr. Luke Myshuha was born on October 30, 1887 in the town of Vytktiv Novyi in western Ukraine.

EDITORIALS The Undaunted Bard

Ukraine's modern history knows no greater man than Taras Shevchenko, the immortal Bard and the undaunted crusader for freedom. No man contributed more to the national revival which culminated in the attainment of independence and the establishment of the Ukrainian National Republic in 1918.

Born in March, Taras Shevchenko also died in March, one day after his 47th birthday that the clutches of onsetting death prevented him from celebrating. His was a short lifespan, doubly tragic in that Shevchenko knew only nine years of freedom.

The Great Bard's words could not be stifled by the tsars. They cannot be muted by their successors who spared no effort to remake his image into a "fore-runner of socialism." They have failed miserably.

A Salient Voice

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's letter to the Soviet rulers, urging them to discard communism as an ideology and to dismember what he acknowledges to be a Russian empire, is a document of profound significance at this time in history.

Written and dispatched to the men who run that empire at a time when Solzhenitsyn was still at their mercy, the document attests to the man's personal courage, his great understanding of the existing political system, its background and its workings, his foresight in realistically assessing its future, and his frankness in urging to do away with the phony facade.

Viewed from the standpoint of the non-Russian nations forcibly incorporated into the empire, this type of thinking constitutes a signal departure from the age-long pattern of big brotherism. For that matter it is a departure for Solzhenitsyn himself. He is rather an exception to the rule. But a salient exception.

To the Kobzar

By LINA KOSTENKO

Kobzar! Once more to you I come, because you are my conscience and my creed. Forgive me, that with trifles I disturb your deep and everlasting sleep. And yet, perhaps, this is no trifle.

Freedom Council... (Continued)

7th WACL Conference In turn, the meeting discussed the forthcoming 7th WACL Conference, which will take place on April 8-11, 1974, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C., and is being sponsored and organized by the ACWF.

Defend Pliushch, Moroz

Before the close of the ACWF meeting, Dr. Dushnyck proposed that the meeting adopt a resolution in support of the UCCA plea that Leonid Pliushch and Valentyn Moroz be released by the Soviet government and allowed to leave the USSR for proper medical treatment abroad.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Tribute to a Great Man

(The letter below was addressed to Anthony Dragan, Svoboda Editor-in-Chief, who edited the monograph on Dr. Luke Myshuha.) Dear Sir: Congratulations on your book, a biography of my dear old friend of a quarter century ago, Doctor Luke Myshuha.

Why be on the outside? Join the Ukrainian National Ass'n and read "The Ukrainian Weekly"

place in Ukraine, but he even succeeded in getting a U.N. Human Rights Award in 1968 for his "championship of human rights." This is, to say the least, a mockery of the concept of human rights and an affront to the U.N. and its high principles of justice and humanism.

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CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

(Below is the text of a Memorandum sent by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America to Dr. Felix Ermacora, chairman of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights. Copies of the document were sent to U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and to U.S. representative to the U.N. John Scali.)

On behalf of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, which was founded in 1940 in Washington, D.C. and which speaks for over two million American citizens of Ukrainian origin, we have the honor to submit to you this brief Memorandum on the plight of the Ukrainian people under the Soviet regime.

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pressure in Ukraine was veritically draconian... (Le Sor, August 24, 1973, Brussels, Belgium). It is true, of course, that the Soviet government is persecuting the dissidents in Russia as well, but in Ukraine this repression is directed at the essence of Ukrainian national identity and at eradicating the Ukrainian national consciousness as a powerful force in the struggle for freedom and national statehood.

1. Punishment for Love of One's Mother Tongue...

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