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Richard M. Nixon

The Ukrainian Weekly Section

Baptists Set March 17 As A "Day of Prayer" For Persecuted Ukrainians

ELMHURST, Ill. — Persecuted Ukrainian Christians living behind the Iron Curtain will be the special object of a Day of Prayer on Sunday, March 17 as designated by the All-Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist Fellowship. The day will be observed among the fellowship's churches throughout the world, including the United States, Canada, Australia, South America and Europe. With the theme "Be Vigilant and Unwavering," pastors will deliver special sermons dealing with prayer, and members of the local churches are being called upon to "pray to God on behalf of their brothers and sisters in Christ that they might endure the sufferings." Despite the seemingly "new" image presented by the Soviet Union's efforts at detente with the United States, the persecution of Christians by the government has not subsided, according to the Rev. Olexa Harbuziuk, president of the fellowship. Pastor Harbuziuk said he continues to receive reports through letters, underground publications and other sources in this respect, and pointed out recent slanderous articles in the official Soviet press. Outlining the actions of government officials against Baptists, Rev. Harbuziuk stated: "They come to the services and disturb them; they arrest people; they fine people; they take children away from their parents; and some are sent to prison for three to ten years." He noted that Christians simply are being denied freedom to worship. He called upon Christians in the free world "to pray and to let the free world know that there is no religious freedom in the Soviet Union." (Continued on p. 2)

Thirty-Fifth Anniversary Of Carpatho-Ukraine's Independence

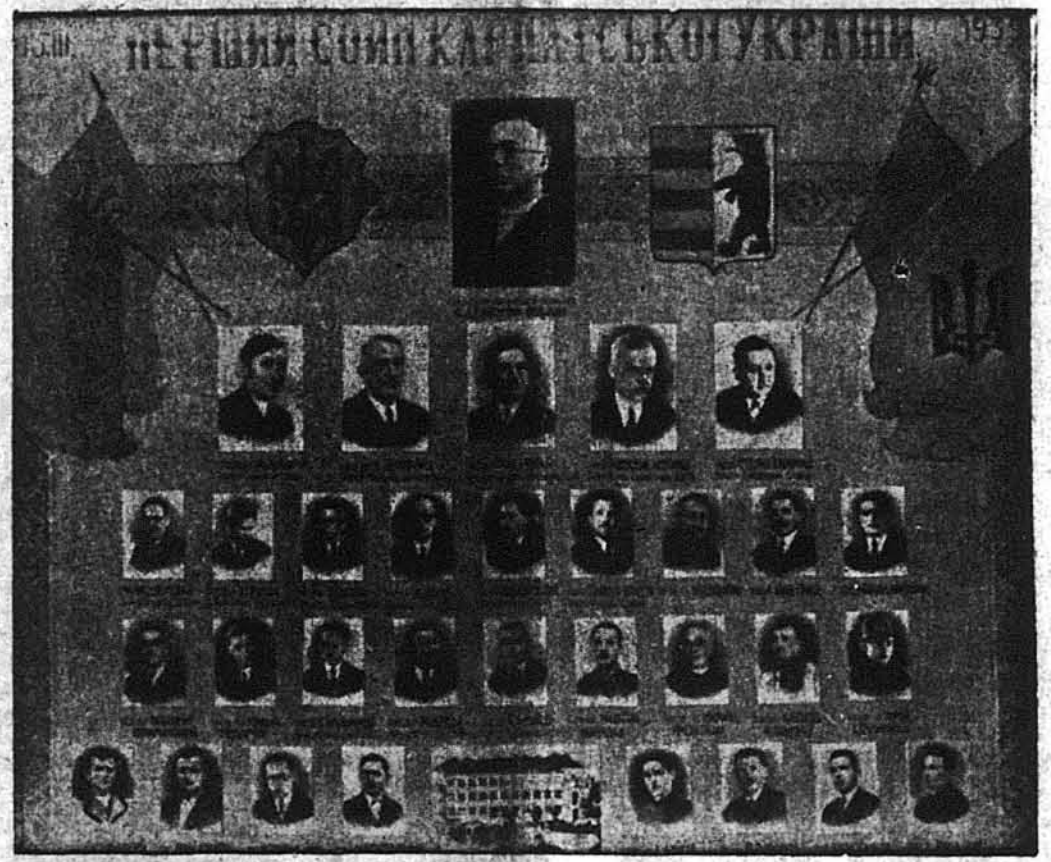


Photo above shows the date, the building and the men who wrote a great chapter in Carpatho-Ukraine's history. It was on March 15, 1939, that the first parliament of Carpatho-Ukraine proclaimed the establishment of independent Carpatho-Ukrainian Republic. The parliament met in Khust and elected Rev. Dr. Augustine Voloshyn as the Republic's first President.

SAY MOROZ'S HEALTH DETERIORATES; FOOD OF HISTORIAN POISONED

NEW YORK, N.Y. — According to the most recent news received in the West by the press service of the Ukrainian Supreme Liberation Council (Abroad), Valentyn Moroz's health has deteriorated considerably since he was last assaulted by criminals incarcerated with him. **Refuses Food** Moroz's cellmates report that for the past several weeks Moroz's food was being systematically poisoned by chemicals which slowly drive a man to insanity. They voiced fear that prison authorities are deliberately attempting to discredit Moroz by having him labeled insane. As a result, they said, Moroz began a hunger strike which he is determined to continue until he is either transferred from the Vladimir prison or the inhuman conditions in which he is presently kept are alleviated. **Sent Appeal to Nixon** As early as 1972, the reports said, prisoners in camp VS 389/36 situated in the Chusov region set an appeal to President Nixon, prior to his visit to the Soviet Union, urging him not to fall prey to the promises of Leonid Brezhnev, Soviet Communist Party boss. They also asked him to intercede in their behalf during his talks with Soviet Party and government officials. The appeal had cited the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights and was signed by 20 prisoners. As a result of this action, prisoners were interrogated by camp officials. Among those questioned was Simas Kudirka, the Lithuanian sailor who two years ago jumped ship and asked for political asylum in the U.S. He was handed over to Soviet authorities by the U.S. ship's captain, after he was beaten by Soviet officials. Also questioned was Mykola Budulak. Budulak was born in Ukraine and at the age of 14 left his homeland and settled in England. After completing his studies he remained in England and eventually acquired British citizenship. During his visit to the Soviet Union in 1969 he was arrested by the Soviet secret police, allegedly for spying. Since the authorities could not prove that charge, they found him guilty of treason and sentenced him to 15 years in prison. He was incarcerated in camp Zhukh 385, 19 in the Chernobyl region and in April 1972 was accused of composing the appeal to President Nixon. Even though the charge was never proven, Budulak was nonetheless put in solitary confinement for 15 days. **Mark Anniversary** Informed sources also reported that on September 5, 1973, prisoners of all ethnic extractions in camp VS 389/36 observed the establishment of the Soviet penal system by staging hunger strikes and other protest actions inside the camp grounds. Their protest, held in memory of those prisoners who were either killed or died in the concentration camps, was tied in with the demonstrations against the current repressions throughout the Soviet Union. The prisoners feel that September 5th should be observed each year not only by those inside the prison compounds but also by those in the West who claim solidarity with them. A similar protest action was held in 1972. The prisoners in the same camp gathered (Continued on p. 2)

Philadelphia Committee Readies For UNA Convention

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — A concert featuring Ukrainian talent from the U.S. and Canada, a banquet with Vice-President Gerald Ford as possible speaker, a trip for delegates and guests to UNA's "Ukrainian Building" in Jersey City, and scores of other activities are being planned for the week of May 19-25, 1974, in Philadelphia, the site of UNA's 28th Regular Convention which will be held at the Hotel Marriott. Philadelphia's groups, choral ensembles and individual performers are being lined up for the concert program. Vice-President Ford has been officially invited to address the Convention Banquet Thursday evening, May 23, at the Grand Ballroom which will seat 1,700 persons. Tickets are \$15.00 each. The Committee is also planning to set aside Wednesday afternoon, May 22, for a visit to the new UNA headquarters in Jersey City and a tour of interesting sites in Philadelphia. Convention delegates interested in the trip should inform the UNA Home Office as soon as possible. Delegates are also reminded to send in their photos and resumes for the Convention Journal now ready for publication. Philadelphia Mayor Frank L. Rizzo, said the Committee, is expected to greet the convention on opening day Monday, May 20.

Discuss Plans These and other items were on the agenda of the Convention Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 12, here with the following in attendance: Dr. W. Gallan, chairman, Supreme Auditors, Prof. B. Hnatyuk, Dr. I. Skalczuk, Supreme Advisor and District Committee chairman S. Hawrysz, and J. Odezynsky, all serving as assistant chairmen; M. Kowalchuk, secretary, and I. Dankivsky, treasurer; also present was Supreme President J. Lesawyer. Messrs. Hawrysz and Odezynsky will coordinate committee work. The concert on Sunday, May 19, at 1:00 p.m., will be held at the Hotel's Grand Ballroom which has a capacity of 2,000. Tickets are: \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Five out-of-town dancing ensembles, including two from Canada, as well as

SUSTA Officers Visit N.E. Pennsylvania Communities

BERWICK, Pa. — Three members of the national executive board of the Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America visited the Ukrainian community here for the purpose of establishing closer ties with fourth and fifth generation Ukrainian Americans, according to the Eugene Iwanciw, SUSTA president. fieldwork project, which is slated to begin this summer. Other members of the board who visited the anthracite coal district Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 8-10, were Olla Dobusz, eastern vice-president, and Oleh Danylovich, special assignments director. The SUSTA officers, hosted by Stephen Postupack, well known Ukrainian community activist and director of a one-hour Ukrainian radio program, visited the first Ukrainian church in the U.S., in Shenandoah, which has been named as a historical site by the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and also the Ukrainian communities in McAdoo, Pottsville, Minersville and Hazelton. In their talks with Mr. Postupack the SUSTA officers learned that alienation in this area is strong because the youth have little to cling to. "We were told that several years ago local community leaders asked Ukrainian youth organizations in New York and the UCCA to send people into the area to establish their branches and to organize Ukrainian schools," said Miss Dobusz, "but nothing ever came of it." (Continued on p. 3)

Dr. Kubijovych Begins World-Wide Fund Drive

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Dr. Volodymyr Kubijovych, editor of the Ukrainian encyclopedia, began a world-wide drive to raise funds for the continued publication of the Ukrainian language alphabetical encyclopedia. Accompanying Dr. Kubijovych on his journey is Dr. Atanas Figol, the publication's financial manager. The first stop on the scholar's itinerary was the Ukrainian community of Newark-Irvington. The meeting, held at the Ukrainian Community Center Saturday, March 9, was attended by some 200 persons. In their brief statements, Drs. Kubijovych and Figol summarized the work thus far on the encyclopedia and explained what yet has to be finished. During the meeting 13 sets of the encyclopedia were sold at prices ranging from \$160-\$240 and a total of \$15,000 was raised for the publication, including nine pledges of \$1,000 or more. A similar meeting was held in Rochester, N.Y., earlier this week. From there Dr. Kubijovych will travel to Hamilton-Toronto, Ont., and remain there until March 19th. He will then proceed to Winnipeg, Man. Other Canadian cities on his schedule are Saskatoon, Edmonton and Vancouver. While on the West coast of North America, Dr. Kubijovych will visit the Ukrainian communities of San Francisco and Los Angeles, and then will leave for Australia. He plans to be on that continent April 13 and remain there until May 8th. During that time he will visit Ukrainian settlements in Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

Victor Prychodko is Recipient of "Shevchenko Freedom Award"



Dr. Lev E. Dobriansky, UCCA President, holds the Shevchenko Freedom Award plaque about to be presented to Victor Prychodko standing next to him, as members of the executive committee and the policy board look on.

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UCCA Special). — Victor Prychodko, one of three former members of the Ukrainian government, residing in the U.S. The other two are Borys Martos and Ivan Palyvoda. Mr. Prychodko is a member of an old and distinguished Ukrainian family of Kamenets-Podilsky. He became a member of the Ukrainian Central Rada in 1917 in Kiev, and Minister of Justice, and later Deputy Minister of Finance in the government of the Ukrainian National Republic. In the 1930's Mr. Prychodko was one of the most active leaders in the Ukrainian emigration in Prague, and was the author of hundreds of articles, pamphlets and a book in Ukrainian, "Under the Sun of Podilia." He was the initiator and father of the idea of a World Congress of Free Ukrainians, which was established in 1967 in New York City. Upon his arrival in the U.S. in the late 1940's, Mr. Prychodko became director of the Ukrainian National Fund, which he had helped to establish in 1949, and remained at public. (Continued on p. 4)

UNA "80th" Detroit Banquet Cites Walter Didyk

DETROIT, Mich. — Walter Didyk, 70-year-old honorary life-time member of UNA's Supreme Assembly and a living symbol of Soyuz's pioneering spirit, was honored here in the course of a banquet marking the 80th anniversary of the UNA, the first of many similar fetes to be staged in the U.S. and Canada in the course of the year. The banquet, attended by a large gathering of UNA'ers and representatives of virtually every Ukrainian organization in Detroit, was held Saturday, February 23, a day after the actual anniversary date which was observed ceremoniously in Jersey City, N.J., with the dedication of UNA's "Ukrainian Building". Mr. Didyk, an early immigrant to this country, was honored for 50 years of indefatigable service to the Ukrainian community and 25 years of service to the UNA in the post of Supreme Advisor. Appropriately, it was his close friend and associate, John W. Evanchuk of Chicago, former Supreme Auditor and also



HONOR PIONEER: Walter Didyk (standing, left) receives UNA honorary plaque from Supreme Advisor Eugene Repeta at the UNA 80th anniversary banquet in Detroit. Seated, left to right, are: Mr. Didyk's wife Anastasia, Miss Mary Beck and John Evanchuk.

Siryj, Hrab Re-Elected To Head UNA Districts

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Myron Siryj and Omelan Hrab were re-elected as chairmen of UNA District Committees in Hudson County and Perth Amboy, N.J., respectively, at meetings held over the weekend of March 1-3. Apart from the election of officers and reports on the past activity, the meetings cited the Districts' top organizers in last year's Svoboda jubilee drive and discussed the current UNA pre-convention jubilee-year campaign. The Hudson County District Committee meeting was held Friday, March 1, at the Ukrainian Community Center. Attending the meeting and addressing the UNA'ers present was Supreme President Joseph Lesawyer. Also present and chairing the session was Vice-President and Recording Secretary Walter Sochan. Reporting on the District's progress in the membership drive was Supreme Advisor and assistant to the head of the Organizing Department, Stepan Hawrysz. Joining Mr. Siryj on the committee are the following: S. Mykytiuk and Mrs. Stella Ryan, vice-chairmen, O. Zubrycky, secretary, S. Ostrowsky, treasurer, M. Sheremeta and M. Shkodyn, organizing chairmen; comprising the auditing board are: M. Wo-

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