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Valentyn Moroz 1976



AMERICA LAUNCHES BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCES

Moroz Held in Solitary For Two Weeks

TORONTO, Ont. — Tatiana Khodorovych, Soviet human rights activist, told the Committee for the Defense of Valentyn Moroz here that Moroz was held in solitary confinement for approximately two weeks during the past Christmas season.

Miss Khodorovych during the Friday, February 21st telephone conversation with the Committee.

TUSM Responds to Plea From Raisa Moroz for Honey

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Responding to a recent plea from Raisa Moroz for honey for her incarcerated husband Valentyn, the Ukrainian Student Organization of Michnowsky (TUSM) began a campaign to collect small bottles of honey from the Ukrainian American community which will be sent to the Ukrainian dissident.

"the denial of honey is in itself minor, but it may set a precedent for the prison officials to later refuse important food provisions for Moroz. The sending of honey is a sign of solidarity with Moroz by Ukrainians in the free world."

Accuse Authorities of Torturing Leonid Pliushch

MOSCOW, USSR. — Two Soviet dissidents have charged authorities of mentally abusing Ukrainian mathematician Leonid Pliushch, according to a Reuters dispatch of Wednesday, February 26.

human rights in the USSR and a member of the so-called Initiatory Group headed by Dr. Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet physicist-dissident.

UNA President to Visit West Coast Communities

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — UNA Supreme President Joseph Lesawyer will visit three centers of Ukrainian life in west over the weekend of March 7-9, in conjunction with his journey to the University of California in Berkeley, Calif., to explore possibilities of establishing a program of Ukrainian studies there.



Joseph Lesawyer

REPRESENTATIVES OF CENTRAL ORGANIZATIONS MEET TODAY TO ESTABLISH UKRAINIAN NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Representatives of all Ukrainian cultural and national organizations in the U.S., are scheduled to meet today at the Ukrainian Institute of America here for the purpose of forming a National Ukrainian Committee for the Bicentennial of the American Revolution.

The meeting, scheduled for 1:00 p.m., is being called by the Executive Board of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America.

Circular Letter

"Our main purpose is to establish a Ukrainian National Committee which will formulate plans for our participation in the observances on the national, state and local levels," said UCCA Executive Director Ivan Bazarko in a circular letter sent to executive committees of all Ukrainian national organizations in the U.S., inviting their representatives to the meeting today.

A series of national, state and municipal committees have been formed, said the circular letter, to appropriately observe this historic event under the theme "A Past to Remember — A Future to Mold."

Haven for Immigrants

Since America has been a haven for immigrants from various continents over the past 200 years, "all ethnic groups, each in this own way, will take part in the Bicentennial celebrations."

"Ukrainians, too, will take part in the observances," said the letter. "Our ancestors came to this country some 100 years ago and since that time made great contributions to the growth and development of the United States."

The Bicentennial observances, the letter stressed, offers a unique opportunity to the

Detroit Ukrainians Form Bicentennial Committee

DETROIT, Mich. — Through the initiative of the Ukrainian Festival Committee the local Ukrainian American community formed a Bicentennial committee, headed by Mary Beck.

The committee was established under the aegis of the local UCCA branch, but will be incorporated separately.

Eighty-three representatives of Ukrainian organizations were invited to attend the meeting at the Ukrainian American Club Thursday, January 16, which saw the election of a 15-member executive board and seven commissions. Of those invited, 56 participated in the session.

In addition to Miss Beck, the Detroit Ukrainian Bicentennial Committee also includes: Rev. Bernard Panchuk, Roma Dyhdalo, Emily Zaporozetz, Mykola Kawka, Orest Kardash, Joanne Kulchesky, Myrosia Stefaniuk and Bohdan Fedorak, vice-presidents; Franz Lypecky and Michael Wichorek, secretaries. Also elected were chairmen

SESSION CALLED BY UCCA

Ukrainian community to show its contributions and thus demonstrate that it is an integral part of America.

Local Initiatives

The proposed creation of a Ukrainian national committee follows local initiatives in several centers of Ukrainian life.

Such communities as Detroit, Mich., Philadelphia, Pa., Cleveland, O., have already formed local committees

Bicentennial Recognition For Activities in Other Nations

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Reflecting the broad, growing, international interest in America's Bicentennial commemoration, the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) has begun a program to recognize activities outside the United States as official Bicentennial projects.

The new program is expected to be of greatest interest to organizations such as binational friendship societies, binational educational commissions, American studies associations, etc.

Festival

One overseas project planned by the Australian-American Association has already received recognition. The program calls for an Australian-American Festival from March 27 through April 24, 1976, which will include local performances of American plays, publication of a book on American history, exhibits of American Indian crafts, parades and even square dancing.

Working with and through the United States Information Service and the State Department, ARBA has issued a set of guidelines for qualifying as an official Bicentennial project.

22 Have Committees

Over 40 countries are planning to take part in the Bicentennial within the United States during 1975 and 1976. Participation includes performing arts groups, exhibits, expansions of existing cultural and educational exchange programs, and people-to-people programs, among others.

Twenty-two nations have established official Bicentennial committees to help develop and coordinate their plans, programs and activities.

Bicentennial Commissions exist in: Australia, Austria, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and Lebanon.

Dr. Olijnyk Heads CBC's Ukrainian Section

WINNIPEG, Man. — Dr. Roman Olijnyk, noted Ukrainian Canadian journalist known under the penname of Roman Rakhmanny, took over as head of the Ukrainian section of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's International Service last January 20, 1975, according to a news release from the Ukrainian Canadian Committee's headquarters here.

CBC's International Service is commonly known here and in foreign lands as "Voice of Canada."

which are planning various events in conjunction with the Bicentennial observances. The Philadelphia committee is already raising funds for the planned programs.

The letter also said that members of the preparatory committee, created two years ago, will present essential information on the planned Bicentennial observances. The committee, called to life by the UCCA, is headed by Walter Bacad and Taras Szmagala.

nial activity under the new program. The guidelines are available through American embassies.

To qualify, an organization is required to prepare a plan for activities appropriate to the Bicentennial theme areas and commit itself to the operation of one or more Bicentennial projects. The theme areas are Heritage '76, Festival USA and Horizons '76.

Efforts must be intended to advance mutual understanding and cooperation through activities pertinent to the Bicentennial commemoration.

When officially recognized, sponsors of a program will receive a national Bicentennial flag and will be entitled to use the national Bicentennial symbol in connection with program activities.

5,000 Projects

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MANY PROGRAMS BEGIN TODAY

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Coordinated by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), headed by John W. Warner, the celebration embraces a wide range of programs, projects and events to be held throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and nearly two dozen foreign countries.

More than 2,374 Bicentennial communities — from cities, villages, and Indian tribes to geopolitical subdivisions and ethnic groups — have been given official ARBA designation as "Bicentennial Communities," and are joining in to help celebrate America's independence anniversary.

The term has a thousand meanings, from a National Square Dance Convention in Sioux Falls, S.D., to a Czechoslovak Heritage Festival in Wilbur, Neb., and everything in between.

ARBA also invited more than 40,000 other local units to participate in the Bicentennial.

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The Ukrainian American community also launched its own Bicentennial programs

and committees. Special committees have already been formed in Philadelphia, Pa., Detroit, Mich., and Cleveland, O. Today in New York City, under the auspices of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, a special meeting of representatives of Ukrainian national organizations will be held, in order to establish a national Ukrainian Bicentennial committee.

To receive ARBA recognition for a project, the agency stipulates that the project must reflect one of the three official Bicentennial themes — Heritage '76, Festival USA, and Horizons '76.

None of the ARBA, regional or local lists for projects, fundings, recognition or sponsorship are complete. As 1976 approaches the agencies will append their lists in order to add new projects and events.

ARBA RELEASES THREE-MONTH BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) released a three-month calendar of major events and Bicentennial activities throughout the United States in the February 1975 issue of "Bicentennial Times."

The calendar is part of the Master Calendar Services, an ARBA division, which maintains the computerized Bicentennial Information Service (BINET) and catalogues all Bicentennial activity information made known to them.

The official U.S. kick-off date for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the American revolution is today, March 1, 1975.

Among the principal festivities planned across the U.S. today are: Cabinet Making Exposition, New York, N.Y.; America's Inventive Genius, Chicago, Ill.; Reopen Old City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.; Opera "Jeremiah," Binghamton, N.Y.; and the unveiling of a statue in Norfolk, Neb.

During the upcoming three months the Master Calendar lists seven Bicentennial events with an ethnic flavor.

On Tuesday, March 25, the Greeks in Philadelphia, Pa., will mark their independence, while on Sunday, May 11, Charleston, S. Car., will be transformed into a Greek festival.

In this period German Americans will have two festivals — one in McCook, Neb., on Friday, May 2, and another on Thursday, April 3 in Freeman, S. Dak.

The Czech Americans have scheduled a "Kotache" Festival for Saturday, May 3, in Prague, Okla., while the Norwegians will mark the 150th anniversary of their coming to America in Bergen, Norway, on Saturday, May 17.

Toledo, O., will be the first, but not the only, host of one of many International Festivals, planned throughout the 22-month Bicentennial period, on Friday, May 16.

The calendar also lists important dates in America's war for independence and the birthdates of U.S. Presidents.

On Tuesday, April 1, the Freedom Train will ease out of Boston, Mass., for a 21-month tour of the continental United States.

The 25-car museum-train will be laden with cultural displays, historical exhibits, ethnic displays, and art and artifacts of America. Its first stop will be Washington, D.C., and then on to 75 other cities. In October 1976 Freedom Train will arrive in New York, N.Y. for a two-month stay.

Dates and events listed in the Master Calendar are subject to change without notice, but, as many other phases of the Bicentennial, the roster is not complete and new events and dates will be added when ARBA is informed.

Bicentennial Communities: Signs of a Jubilant America

Proof that America's Bicentennial will be celebrated in "your own backyard, your neighborhoods, on every Main Street and rural route in the country," as one ARBA official remarked, is demonstrated by the massive outpouring of citizen interest and support for the "Bicentennial Community" program. In more than 2,374 communities, Indian tribes, and geopolitical subdivisions across the Nation, Americans are pitching in to shape the Bicentennial observance and mold the country's third century.

Christened at the United States Conference of Mayors in mid-1973, the Bicentennial community program has won strong support from the Association of County Government Executives, the National League of Cities, the American Chamber of Commerce

Executives and the State and territorial Bicentennial Commissions.

Some 40,000 local governing units spanning the 50 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico have been invited to become officially recognized participants in the Bicentennial celebration.

Each city, town, village, crossroads hamlet, and Indian tribe participating in the Bicentennial community program has left its own distinct mark. "Bicentennial Community" has a thousand meanings:

In Lubbock, TX — a living history farm.
In Yakima, WA — refurbishing two streetcars.

At the Chitimacha Indian Reservation in Louisiana — a roadside park and tribal center.

In Troy, NY — a review of 19th century industries.

In Alexandria, VA — a puppet theater devoted to Americana and staged by school children.

In Sparks, NV — restoring the city center to its original Old West character.

In Dorset, VT — collecting and publishing the documents that led to Statehood.

In Claredon, TX — creating an amphitheater with bricks made by children in their classrooms.

In Miami — completing the Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard.

In Anaheim, CA — the Neighborhood.

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"A Past to Remember - A Future to Mold"

This is the all-embracing theme of America's Bicentennial observances which are being launched today and which will continue for the next 22 months in places far and wide across this vast country and even in some two dozen other countries.

Though the observances are planned to reach their climax on July 4, 1976, a myriad programs, ranging from festivals to recreation of some of the historic events of the past, are being staged as of today on a continuing basis.

But there is more to America's Bicentennial than flags, parades, festivals, posters, stickers, and other exterior manifestations of a nation celebrating the 200th anniversary of its birth. There is a great deal of inspiration to be found in the precepts on which this nation stands, in the remarkable political heritage that gave rise to a unique system which secured the inalienable rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" with "freedom and equality under law." America's Bicentennial means rededication to these precepts and a renewed commitment to abide by them.

Moreover, even before America proclaimed its independence, it was a haven for the downtrodden, for the oppressed, for the persecuted. From the seventeenth century pilgrims to the elderly Lithuanian woman who was reunited with her family here last week after years in Siberia, America has given shelter and a new lease on life to millions. A veritable nation of immigrants, as the late President Kennedy aptly described it, America owes much of its strength to these immigrants — people of every color, creed and national background. And, undeniably, the Ukrainian people, too, have a place in this varied and beautiful mosaic secured by a century of sweat and toil.

The Bicentennial observances offer us an unprecedented opportunity to make a new mark on the American scene and to reassert our presence on an equally unprecedented scale. To be sure, we are late in our preparations. But we can still put our best foot forward — if we can put our minds together. Let's try and put it all together.

Symbol of the Unconquered

On March 5, 1950, units of the Red Army and Soviet secret police surrounded a hide-out in Bilohorscha, a village near Lviv. After months of relentless stalking, they finally cornered the man who led the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), Gen. Taras Chuprynka-Roman Shukhevych. They flooded the area with troops, blocking off every avenue of escape. There was nothing left after the battle. Gen. Chuprynka was dead.

This happened twenty-five years ago. At last the hunters made their kill, hoping, as they did, to have eradicated the last outpost of Ukraine's resistance to Russian communism. To make doubly certain, the Soviet secret police arrested the leader's son two years earlier when he was a lad of 15. They have kept him in prison and outside of Ukraine ever since, failing to break his spirit and force him to denounce his father. Now a man of 42, Yuriy Shukhevych belongs to the generation of Ukrainians who refuse to disavow Gen. Chuprynka and all that he fought for. Both the resistance and the torment of Gen. Chuprynka's son stand as clear evidence that Bilohorscha was not the end of the road, not the last battle in the Ukrainian people's struggle to regain freedom.

1975 has been proclaimed Gen. Chuprynka Year. Let us honor his memory by rededicating ourselves to the ideals for which he fought and died.

FROM "THE UKRAINIAN HERALD" DETENTE

(Below is the English translation of an article which appears in the 7-8 issue of The Ukrainian Herald, the clandestine samvydav journal published in Ukraine. The article was written by Maksym Sahaidak, an apparent penname for one or more authors. Material from the Herald is disseminated in the West by the Smolokyp Publishers of Baltimore, Md. The translation of this article was made by the New Jersey Branch of the Committee for the Defense of Valentyn Moroz and published in a separate pamphlet).

The United States alone sold 19 million tons. Yet, not a single agency within the Soviet empire informed the citizens of the USSR about the huge purchase of foreign grain. Conversely, they all trumpeted incessantly about the party's cogent agricultural achievements, which provided the population with produce.

In reality these provisions were far from satisfactory. In a land as fertile as Ukraine, butter and other dairy products, white bread and the like were not to be found in stores in the agricultural regions, because the state mercilessly robbed those who grow bread.

But this was not enough. In order to relax the threat-

ening situation in industry, the regime needed financial and technical aid. Technological cooperation between the USSR and the United States has been projected on an unprecedented scale. This is already being realized in part. Several American companies are racing to receive (trade) orders from the USSR. An agreement has been signed concerning the technical outfitting of the KAMAZ complex now being built. In the forefront is the American Occidental Petroleum Corporation, which has signed an 8 billion-dollar contract to build fertilizer plants in the USSR and a huge gas pipeline from West Siberia to Murmansk, and more.

The United States govern-

CONGRESSMAN MOAKLEY ASKS ACTION ON MOROZ RESOLUTIONS

BOSTON, Mass. (o.s.). — Congressman John J. Moakley (D-Mass.) informed the Boston chapter of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America that he has written a letter to Congressman Thomas E. Morgan (D-Pa.), chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, urging him to schedule hearings on all the pending resolutions regarding President's action on behalf of Valentyn Moroz and move quickly to bring them before the House of Representatives for action.

"Now Moroz is very ill and needs medical treatment but it has been refused to him. Immediate intervention by the President with the Soviets on behalf of Moroz must take place," wrote Congressman Moakley.

"Therefore, I strongly urge you as Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to schedule hearings on all the pending resolutions on this issue, including H.R. 1436 and H.R. 649, and thus move quickly to bring them

before the House of Representatives for action. This situation needs immediate attention," stressed Congressman Moakley in concluding his letter to Congressman Morgan.

In his letter to the Boston UCCA, Mr. Moakley stated: "All of us in Congress must move promptly to mandate the President and the Secretary of State to intervene with the Soviet government on behalf of Moroz. The ultimate goal for us should and must be Moroz's freedom, and eventually complete freedom for the people of Ukraine, and those struggling for this basic right throughout the world."

Having congratulated the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America for its efforts

on behalf of the Ukrainian people, Mr. Moakley concluded his letter: "It is both fitting and proper that all Americans, who cherish their freedom, encourage and support you in this noble effort."

On February 4, 1975, Cong. Moakley introduced into the Congressional Record Boston City Council's resolutions concerning Moroz's freedom, as well as "Ukrainian Independence Day" proclamations which were issued by Massachusetts Governor Michael S. Dukakis and Boston Mayor Kevin H. White.

Boston UCCA delegation visited Congressman Moakley on January 25th. Konrad Husak is president of the Boston UCCA, while Orest Szczudluk is handling its public relations.

HERALD SAYS CHRISTIANS PERSECUTED IN UKRAINE

BALTIMORE, Md. — In the nos. 7-8 of "The Ukrainian Herald," which was received here by the "Smolokyp" Ukrainian Information Service last spring, the editors of the underground journal rhetorically asked Metropolitan Filaret, the patriarchal exarch of the Russian Orthodox Church in Ukraine to explain the destruction of Ukrainian churches and the Russification of Ukrainian religious practices.

Query Exarch

After citing several instances of desecration and destruction of Ukrainian churches, the editors said that "Metropolitan Filaret will not dare to say that he is unaware of the confiscation of churches and the oppression of faithful in recent years."

They also asked what is the fate of Rev. Sava of the St. Volodymyr Sobor in Kiev, who disappeared after he began giving sermons in Ukrainian; why only four students from Lviv were accepted by the Odessa Orthodox seminary; and why the official religious language is Russian.

"The exarch will not respond to these questions. We will do so for him. Because there is no official Ukrainian church in Ukraine. Moscow usurped the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church in the east in the 1930's and the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the west in the

1940's," said The Herald.

At a Tuesday, February 18, press conference at the Inter-church Center in New York, N.Y., Metropolitan Filaret said that the Ukrainian Orthodox and Catholic Churches "voluntarily" decided to join the Russian Orthodox Church.

The editors of the samvydav magazine said that "the most brutal repressions are endured by Ukrainian Catholics both in Ukraine and throughout the empire."

"Since the liquidation of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in western Ukraine after the Second World War, Ukrainian Catholics have been waging an uneven struggle for their faith," they said. The Ukrainian Herald cited that at the end of World War II there were over 1,200 churches in the Lviv region, but in 1961 only 528 remained, and every year the number decreases.

In 1972, on the Artem Street in Lviv, the faithful threw themselves before oncoming tanks to impede the destruction of their church. The militia was called in to scatter the crowd.

Schools Hit

Repressions also spread to schools and universities, according to The Herald.

School principals in Lviv were threatened in 1973 with expulsion if students were seen at or near church ser-

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The Way 'The Weekly' Saw It:

"We American Ukrainians are just as anxious as any one else to cooperate with our beloved President in his efforts to liquidate the present depression and find new foreign markets for America's surplus wheat, cotton and other products. But nevertheless, we look dubiously upon the value of any benefits which America may obtain from having official relations with a government whose rule is based upon direct force alone, a government which has shown its inability to provide for its subjects even the most ordinary necessities of life and which has shown itself capable of the most barbaric cruelty, as evidenced by its reign of terror and the present Bolshevik-fostered famine in Ukraine."

Friday, November 24, 1933



How Blind Are They That They Will Not See

(The article below was prepared by the editorial staff of the Ukrainian Orthodox Word, official organ of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA).

On February 12, 1975, the newspaper "The New Russian Word" printed a statement issued by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America. Though not signed by the primate or any of the hierarchs of the OCA, the statement was pastoral in intent and concerned itself with the arrival of delegates of the Christian Churches in the Soviet Union. The Synod letter underlined the fact that hierarchs from the USSR were in America at the invitation of the National Council of Churches and, therefore, one can conclude that Metropolitan Irenej and his brother hierarchs of the OCA had no part in inviting the Soviet clergymen to America.

Prior to the appearance of the February 12th Synod letter, it was announced that a concelebrated Divine Liturgy was to take place on Sunday, February 23, in the Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkesbarre, Pa. According to information obtained, the concelebrants of this particular Divine Liturgy were to be Metropolitan Irenej, Archbishop Kiprian and Bishop Herman. In addition, other concelebrants were to be Metropolitan Filaret, Yuvenaly and Archbishop Vladimir, hierarchs of the Russian Orthodox Church in the USSR.

"Third Class"

On February 15, 1975, the newspaper "The New Russian Word" printed an article listing a new group of emissaries who are visiting the U.S. This new delegation is comprised of Metropolitan Filaret, Exarch of the Moscow Patriarchate in Ukraine,

Archbishop Vladimir, Bishops Makary and Iov, Protopresbyter Borovoy and Archimandrite Cyril. Absent from this new delegation of emissaries are Metropolitan Nikodim, who was to have headed the original delegation. The newspaper article of February 15 indicated that the OCA hierarchy was to host the new delegation from the Soviet Union at a reception and that a Moleben was to be offered.

In the not too distant past there were strong indications that Patriarch Pimen of the Russian Orthodox Church in the USSR would visit the USA. Certainly any group headed by the Patriarch would be considered a "first class" delegation. However, this failed to materialize. In place of the patriarch, a second class delegation composed of Metropolitan Nikodim was assigned to accept the invitation of the National Council of Churches. It seems curious that even this second class delegation could not make its appointed rounds. In its place there is a "third class" delegation. Could someone perhaps have been displeased with the contents of the February 12th Synod statement?

The February 12th Synod letter to which we have referred was certainly well written. The author or authors clearly point out that, contrary to Soviet propaganda, religious freedom is non-existent in the USSR. The machinations directed against the Church in the USSR by the Soviet regime are designed to physically eliminate the Church and kill the spirit of the faithful. In bondage to a regime which has as its aim the complete liquidation of

belief in God, the Church in the USSR is being slowly and expertly suffocated. It is denied its right to grow and flourish. Christianity cannot be preached and children cannot be instructed in the Orthodox Christian faith. The Church in the USSR cannot respond to anti-religious propaganda and remains silent in the face of injustice and outright atrocities committed by the Soviet Communist regime.

While countless Russian Orthodox and Ukrainian Orthodox in the USSR suffer imprisonment, mock trials and martyrdom for the Orthodox Christian faith, the Patriarch and hierarchy of the Church in the USSR would have the world believe that all is well. Contrary to truth, they would have the world believe that even non-Orthodox Christians and non-Christians fare well in Brezhnev's land of milk and honey. Obviously the bishops of the USSR who have been attired in episcopal robes not by the will of God but by the will of the Soviet ministry of religion, dare not bite the hand which feeds them even if it means that millions must suffer.

Puppets

The OCA Synod letter of February 12th states that though it has never presumed to pass judgment on the leadership of the Russian Orthodox Church in the USSR, it cannot comprehend how his leadership refrains from telling the truth concerning the situation of the Church in the USSR. The answer seems clear enough. A puppet will only do what the puppeteer makes it do.

The Synod letter of February 12th clearly reminds the faithful that the Church in America cannot become a participant in any falsehood or erosion of truth. We certainly applaud this statement, but there are some questions which mystify us. Why were members of the delegation invited to celebrate the most sacred event of Orthodoxy — the Divine Liturgy — the hierarchy of the OCA? How could the Soviet churchmen in conscience offer prayers for the salvation of souls and the good state of God's churches when they themselves will not open their mouth or even lift a finger in defense of Christ's ruth and the rights of man. Does it not seem contrary to Christian teaching to wash one's hands in innocence with those who by their active or tacit participation with the Soviet regime have washed their hands of the blood and sufferings of millions? Have some been so blinded as to exchange the sacred Kiss of Peace with those who travel the road of compromise with the powers of darkness?

Stand Against Evil

We pray that God's wisdom will guide the members of the OCA hierarchy to abandon concelebrations with any emissaries of the Moscow Patriarchate. Such concelebrations appear to be quite illogical and an abuse of the true spirit of Christian unity. One fails to see how any delegation of hierarchs from the Moscow Patriarchate could even accept an invitation to concelebrate, since the OCA Synod letter cast more than a shadow of doubt upon the legitimacy of such men as true shepherds and men of God. Perhaps the "third class" delegation of Soviet churchmen is the result of displeasure with the Synod statement by the OCA.

The true spirit of Orthodox Christianity demands that a stand be taken against evil and those who perpetrate evil. Let a Moleben be celebrated for all those who are presently suffering imprisonment and inhuman treatment in the USSR because of their courage in defending Christ's teachings and the rights of man.

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SVOBODA Said:

"On the basis of the available information about the plenum of the Union of Soviet Ukrainian Writers one can deduce that there exists a real threat of a literary pogrom in Ukraine, even among loyal party hacks. As Evhen Sverstiuk said, one can expect a new era of 'uprooting the core' of the national element in Ukraine in order to impede the 'normal blossoming' of a nation."

Tuesday, February 25, 1975

"On the eve of the 30th anniversary observance of the 'victorious conclusion' of World War II, it appears that the many disabled veterans of the Soviet Union's Red Army have yet to be fitted out with artificial limbs. There is talk of eventually building an orthopedic center in Moscow... during the tenth five-year plan, even though the construction was approved during the eighth five-year plan. This obvious stalling indicates that the Soviet government is waiting until the veterans die out. They did their job, who needs them now..."

Wednesday, February 26, 1975

"The repressions in Yugoslavia demonstrate that the theory that a totalitarian Communist country can evolve into at least a quasi-democratic state, if not a democracy, is wholly implausible. A totalitarian government does not evolve, and the only way to freedom for its inhabitants is liquidation of the system."

Thursday, February 27, 1975

I will cite a modest example which illustrates a great deal. When Soviet propaganda screamed about relaxing tensions during Brezhnev's visit to the United States (in June of 1973), Voice of America broadcasts were being jammed with more diligence than ever before; not to mention the broadcasts of Radio Liberty even though they are the only source of objective and comprehensive information for the Soviet citizen. So how can there be any discussion about an easing of tensions? Reinforced by a favorable international climate and by American economic aid, the regime channelled all its energies to suppress the democratic forces of the intelligentsia, in their embryonic stage, whose influence on the masses it fears so greatly. After the 24th Congress of the CPSU, repression increased sharply and the regime established a neo-Stalinist order inside the empire. The numerical strength of the KGB, which had been decreased under Khrushchev, was returned to its status under Stalin. The KGB was given unrestricted powers and equipped with the most technologically advanced electronic and visual surveillance equipment.

In December 1971, the Politburo ordered the KGB to destroy the Samvydav (the Ukrainian counterpart of Samizdat). In 1972, a wave of arrests rolled across the entire empire, most extensively in Ukraine. Searches were carried out with regularity, and those suspected of freethinking were subjected to all methods of surveillance. Closed courts threw the better representatives of the intelligentsia into concentration camps and psychiatric prisons. This was followed by a massive purge within (Ukrainian Communist) party ranks, the expulsion of students from universities, and the dismissal from jobs of democratically-minded intellectuals.

The Moscow regime overtly began the destruction of national cultures of non-Russian peoples to speed up Russification and eternalize the

enslavement of the occupied nations, thus preserving the huge empire. The Jewish question became particularly sensitive. Denied the opportunity to develop their own national culture, Jews, especially the intelligentsia, are kept by force in the USSR. Only a nominal amount of those wishing to leave receive permission to emigrate to Israel.

It is pointless to bring up the emigration of other nationalities from the USSR. The mere desire to emigrate from this prisonstate is sufficient justification for summary dismissal from work and harassment, and often leads to incarceration in a psychiatric prison or a concentration camp.

There is no hope for an improvement in the domestic political situation in the near future. This is evidenced by the strengthening of the dictatorial position of Brezhnev, who at the last (1973) plenum of the Central Committee of the CPSU was able to get Andropov, the head of the KGB, and Minister of De-

fense Grechko elevated to the Politburo (from candidates to full members). Thus ever more emphasis was placed on the apparatus of oppression. The chauvinist reactionary Suslov, laboring to present a "theoretical" justification for forced Russification, proposed the thesis of a mythical single Soviet nation (merely the old imperialistic "theory" of the Russian autocratic chauvinists, painted over). All informational outlets proclaim the intensification of the ideological struggle. And what kind of easing of tensions can there be without a softening of ideological policies?

Under these conditions, Soviet-American cooperation will lead to the strengthening of a reactionary regime which has no intention of abandoning its ultimate goal of world domination.

Ukrainian Broadcaster Cited For Efforts in Behalf of Countrymen

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Michael Komichak, assistant general manager, chief engineer and on-air personality at WPIT-AM and FM radio, was cited as "Ukrainian Man of the Year" by the Ukrainian Technological Society at its annual dinner-dance here at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

Bohdan M. Konecky, president of the Society, and S. Michael Tymiak, board member, said that Mr. Komichak, 55, was chosen unanimously for this year's honor.

Mr. Komichak, a World War II veteran who served as radio officer with the rank of lieutenant junior grade in the merchant marine, has conducted for the past 25 years two radio programs — Sunday Serenade of Ukrainian Music and Ukrainian Concert Hall of the Art — for thousands of Ukrainians in Pennsylvania and the neighboring states.

News of the Ukrainian broadcaster's award was reported in The Pittsburgh Press.

Congressional Citation

Local congressman Joseph M. Gaydos (D.-Pa.) reiterated the praise bestowed on Mr. Komichak on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Speaking Thursday, January 23, Rep. Gaydos said: "Mr. Komichak is more than just a man with a deep interest in the heritage of his father. His compassion for others, his dedication to enrich and improve their lives, and his love of freedom are indicative of all true Americans."

Mr. Komichak learned the language and culture of his Ukrainian-born parents at church-sponsored evening classes, sang in choirs, danced with Ukrainian ensembles and participated in youth activities.

The Ukrainian community activist helped re-settle several dozens of Ukrainian families who fled communism at the end of World War II. He helped raise \$60,000 in western Pennsylvania for the establishment of three chairs of Ukrainian studies at Har-



Michael Komichak

vard University, not including the money he helped raise for the construction of the American Museum of Immigration at the Statue of Liberty, for

Ukrainians in McAdoo Discuss LUC Expansion



With Easter almost around the corner, many Ukrainian communities are preparing to show off the "pysanka" — the traditional symbol of the Ukrainian Easter. Photo above shows John Borchick (left) and Stella Hutnik (right) demonstrating the art of "pysanka" decoration to a group of avid onlookers in McAdoo, Pa.

McADOO, Pa. — Members of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, South Anthracite Council, attended a Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church here and immediately after held a meeting in the parish hall.

Rev. John Chervinsky, pastor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Centralia, celebrated the Liturgy, responses were sung by the

Junior Choir and the members. Rev. Bohdan Lewycky, pastor of St. Mary's, hosted the event. Rev. John Steveny, pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Marion Heights and LUC Spiritual Director attended the meeting and briefed the members on recent meetings of all spiritual directors in Philadelphia with Bishop Basil Losten regarding the expansion of the League and the formation of the League of Ukrainian Catholic Youth Organizations that are to be established in every parish.

Steve Postupack, president of the Council, briefed the members on recent meetings and progress of the Council, the participation of the Council in the Winter Carnival Parade in Pottsville, Pa., last month and called for full support of the members for the upcoming Ukrainian cultural exhibit to be held March 9th at St. Nicholas Hall in Primrose, Pa. The exhibit is held every year in honor of the memory of Taras Shevchenko, Ukrainian poet-laureate. He also announced that the 1976 LUC convention will be held in the Anthracite Region, with the South Anthracite Council as host.

The art of making "pysanka" was demonstrated by John Borchick, McAdoo, and Miss Stella Hutnik, Centralia.

UNA District Committees Set Annual Meeting Dates

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Four additional District Committees of the Ukrainian National Association have announced dates and places of their respective annual meetings, making for a total of eleven over the next three weekends.

Apart from the usual agendas, which include reports, discussions and election of officers, the meetings will be devoted to overall reviews of the UNA status and progress and its plans for the immediate future.

Attending each of the meetings as guest speakers will be Soyuz supreme officers who will be discussing UNA and community affairs. Current membership drive will also be accentuated.

The UNA Organizing Department urges Branch officers, convention delegates and members to attend the meetings.

Below is the list of meetings slated for the next three weekends:

* Philadelphia — Sunday, March 2, at the UNA Home, at 2:00 p.m. Principal guest speaker — Supreme President Joseph Lesawyer. Other supreme officers to be present — Auditors, Dr. Bohdan Hnatuk and Dr. Ivan Skalezuk, Advisor J. Odezynsky. Also, Supreme Organizer S. Hawrysz.

* Jersey City and vicinity — Friday, March 7, Ukrainian Community Center, at 7:00 p.m. Among the guests will be supreme executive officers. Also attending will be UNA field representative Wasy Orichowsky.

* Chicago — Saturday, March 8, at the UNA Home, at 7:00 p.m. Principal speakers — Supreme Secretary Walter Sochan, Supreme Advisors, Dr. Myron B. Kuropas

and Anatoly Doroshenko. * Wilkes-Barre, Pa. — Saturday, March 8, at St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church hall, at 6:00 p.m. Principal guest speaker — Vice-President Mary Dushnyk.

* Allentown, Pa. — Sunday, March 9, at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church hall in Northampton, Pa., at 3:00 p.m. Principal speakers, Vice-President Mary Dushnyk, Advisor Anna Haras.

* Perth Amboy, N.J. — Sunday, March 9, at the Ukrainian National Home, at 4:00 p.m. Principal guest speaker — Vice-President Dr. John Flis and field representative Wasy Orichowsky.

* Newark, N.J. — Saturday, March 15, at the Ukrainian Community Center in Irvington, at 6:00 p.m. Principal speakers — Supreme President Joseph Lesawyer and field representative Wasy Orichowsky.

* Passaic, N.J. — Saturday, March 15, at the Ukrainian Center, at 6:00 p.m. Principal guest speaker — Supreme Vice-President Dr. John O. Flis.

* Buffalo, N.Y. — Saturday, March 15, at the "Dniipro" Home, at 7:00 p.m. Principal speaker — Supreme Treasurer Ulana Diachuk.

* Rochester, N.Y. — Sunday, March 16, at the Ukrainian American Club, at 4:30 p.m. Principal speaker — President Joseph Lesawyer.

* Syracuse-Utica, N.Y. — Sunday, March 16, at the Ukrainian National Home in Syracuse, at 1:00 p.m. Principal guest speaker — Stefan Hawrysz, Supreme Organizer; also, Supreme Advisor and District chairman Walter Zapaniuk.

Furda, Ehlert Seek Seats On Irvington Board of Education

IRVINGTON, N.J. — Theodore Furda, 49, and Konstantin Ehlert, 24, both of Ukrainian descent, are candidates in the elections for the Irvington, N.J., Board of Education to be held Tuesday, March 11. There are more than a dozen candidates for the three seats to be filled in this year's elections for the nine-member Board of Education. A referendum in 1972 called for an elected Board which in previous years was filled by appointments. The last Ukrainian to serve on the Board was Miss Anné Dubas.

The first three seats were filled in 1973. At that time, Bohdan Wyschatycky and Iwan Stefuryzyn failed in their bid to gain election. Last year, Atty. Walter Pitto fell short in his effort to be elected for one of three posts on the Board.

"We have upwards of 5,000 Ukrainians in Irvington, but only one elected official — Councilman Roman Pitto," said Mr. Ehlert, a Rutgers University graduate who majored in biological sciences. He is Ukrainian on his mother's side.

"But one man is simply not enough," he said. "If we can motivate our youth, backed



Theodore Furda



Konstantin Ehlert

by the strong support of the Ukrainian community, we can be in a position to dictate rather than have others dictate to us."

Mr. Furda, a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Newark, is presently employed as field representative for Irvington's Department of Health and Environmental Control. He is particularly active in the scouts movement and has been cited for his work by Congressman Minish, Governor Cahill and President Nixon. Married to former Sophie Shotyky, Mr. and Mrs. Furda are the parents of six children: Theodora, Donald, Elaine, Steven, Michael and Gary.

Michael Lytwyn, president of the Ukrainian Civic Association, said that his group is looking forward to electing both candidates. "It will take some 700 votes to get them in," said Mr. Lytwyn, voicing hope that Ukrainian voters will turn out on March 11th and support the Ukrainian candidates.

Polls will be open at Irvington's ten public schools. Each voter can cast three votes — either one vote each for three candidates or three votes for one candidate.

Publish Pamphlet on Soviet Prisoners

NEW YORK, N.Y. — An English language pamphlet entitled "Political Prisoners in the USSR" has been published by the New York-based Committee for the Defense of Soviet Political Prisoners.

The pamphlet, which is 60 pages in length, is intended as a resource guide to actions in defense of Soviet political prisoners and includes articles on prison camp conditions; a list of 400 political prisoners and information about their place of incarceration, length of sentence, and the article under which they were sentenced; an open letter to Soviet prisoners from Father Daniel Berrigan; a selected bibliography on dissent in the USSR; and a list of commit-

tees working in behalf of Soviet prisoners.

The pamphlet particularly emphasizes the cases of Ukrainian prisoners, including detailed profiles of Valentyn Moroz, Yuriy Shukhevych, Iryna Senyk, Stefania Shabatura, Vyacheslav Chornovil, and Leonid Pliushch. Individual copies of the pamphlet can be obtained at the cost of \$1.25 from:

The Committee for the Defense of Soviet Political Prisoners, P.O. Box 142, Cooper Station, New York, N.Y. 10003.

Orders for 20 or more pamphlets will receive a 41 percent discount.

PUBLISH HISTORY OF ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — "History of Ecumenical Councils, 325-787," is the title of a 32-page work authored by Dr. Yaroslav K. Turkalo of New Haven, Conn.

The book, printed in Ukrainian, covers Church history of the fourth through the eighth centuries. Illustrated, it contains translations of all Church canons of Nicaea, Constantinople, Chalcedon and Ephesus.

Priced at \$12.00, it can be ordered from Dr. Turkalo at 100 York Street, University Towers, New Haven, Conn. 06511.

Astoria SUMA Branch Marks Tenth Anniversary

ASTORIA, N.Y. — The local Ukrainian American Youth Association (SUMA), headed by Osyp Halatyn, marked its 10th anniversary with a banquet and dance here at the Most Precious Blood Hall, Sunday, February 16.

Over 350 people attended the afternoon banquet, which was opened by chairman of the fete's Organizing Committee Bohdanna Wituk and conducted by master of ceremonies Wolodymyr Hentisz. Attending the anniversary celebration was Omelian Kowal, head of the world executive board of SUM, who was enroute home to Belgium after attending a meeting of the presidium of the World Congress of Free Ukrainians in Toronto, Ont. In his brief address to the group, he commended the branch and their members for the many years of activity.

Also addressing the assemblage was Ivan Wituk, long-time head of the branch. In his talk he capuled the history of the chapter and expressed his gratitude to numerous persons who helped develop the branch. It was through Mr. Wituk's persistent work and dedication that

the branch was able to develop. Principal speaker at the fete was head of the neighboring New York City SUMA branch Kornel Wasylyk.

Rev. Bessarion Andreychuk, pastor of the local Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic parish, voiced the opening and closing prayers. Among the performers in the concert portion of the banquet were: the branch's local sextet, directed by Olha Diaboha, a junior dance group under the direction of Mr. Halatyn, a senior dance group, headed by Julie Kostyba and Miss Wituk, a mandolin orchestra under the baton of Halyna Klymuk, a sketch by Michael Halatyn, and Irene Nakonechny, and a chorus composed of the branch's younger members.

Following the banquet, dance, which was attended by some 1,000 people from the metropolitan area, was held to the tunes of the popular "Rushnychok" band from Montreal, Que. The appearance marked their debut not only in Astoria, but in New York City as well.

After this performance the quartet is embarking on a well-deserved six-week vacation. They said that out of the 52 weeks in 1974, they played during 47 weekends.

SZONK-RUSYCH TO DISPLAY ENAMELS IN TORONTO
TORONTO, Ont. — Konstantyn Szonk-Rusych, noted Ukrainian American enamel artist, will open a two-week exhibit of his art works tomorrow at St. Vladimir's Institute, 620 Spadina Avenue, according to Mrs. Halyna Sluzar, art director for the Institute.

The exhibit will be open daily from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. through Saturday, March 15.

"Snow Princess" to Debut in New Britain

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. — The Lidia Krushelnycky Ukrainian Drama Studio of New York, N.Y., will perform Hans Christian Andersen's "Snow Princess" here for the first time Sunday, March 16.

The performance, sponsored by the Hartford Ukrainian Student Club, will be staged at Central State College's Herbert D. Welte Hall here. Curtain time is 4:00 p.m.

The three-act play was

translated into Ukrainian by W. Iwanchuk, and Leonid Poltava wrote the additional fourth act.

The play, produced by Mrs. Krushelnycky, was first performed in New York City Sunday, December 14, 1974, and received great accolades from the viewers.

The musical score for the play was written by Dr. Ihor Sonevnytsky, choreography by Roma Pryma-Bochachevsky, stage setting is by Mykola Holodyk, while the costumes were designed by Maria Shust. The mothers of the actors, however, made the costumes.

Berrigan Speaks Out in Defense Of Moroz

WINNIPEG, Man. — According to Canadian and Ukrainian press reports Phillip Berrigan, former Jesuit priest and leading American anti-war activist, began a campus lecturing tour across Canada, speaking in defense of Valentyn Moroz.

Since the end of the U.S. involvement in Vietnam, Rev. Berrigan became active in the defense of political prisoners throughout the world. In the case of Moroz, he not only conducts speaking tours, but also writes articles to both American and Canadian newspapers about efforts in defense of the Ukrainian political prisoner.

Rev. Berrigan's tour, which began February 3rd, is co-sponsored by the Ukrainian Canadian Students Union (SUSK) and the Committee for the Defense of Valentyn Moroz. Thus far he spoke at universities in Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Christians Persecuted . . .

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vices during Christmas. Also that year, several students were expelled from the Lviv State University for reading the Bible. A medical student, M. Melnyk, of the Lviv Medical Institute was expelled because he placed a wreath at the tomb of a soldier of the Ukrainian Galician Army at the Yaniv cemetery.

The Herald said that "Ukrainian Christians of all faiths are fighting for their national and religious rights."

PROF. RUDNYCKYJ LECTURES IN BRAZIL
CURITIBA, Brazil. — Prof. J. B. Rudnycky, chairman of the Department of Slavic Studies at the University of Manitoba, is currently lecturing at the Federal University of Parana in Curitiba, Brazil, and helping that university set up a postgraduate program of studies in the field of humanities.

The Ukrainian Canadian scholar's stay in Curitiba is sponsored by the Canadian Executive Service Overseas on a voluntary, non-paid basis. In addition to consulting postgraduate students at the school's Department of History, Prof. Rudnycky is also reading some M.A. theses and conducting a seminar on "Societies in Contact-Conflict" with special attention to the Slavic world.

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF WILKES-BARRE announces that

ANNUAL MEETING will be held

Saturday, March 8, 1975 at the HALL

of St. Peter and Paul UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 631 N. River Street, Wilkes Barre, Pa. at 6:00 P.M.

All members of the District Committee, Convention delegates, Branch Delegates, Officers and their families of the following Branches are requested to attend:

29, 30, 99, 169, 223, 236, 278, 282, 319.

Meeting will be attended by:

MARY DUSHNYCK, Supreme Vice-President
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UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Perth Amboy District will hold an

ANNUAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday, March 9, 1975 at 4:00 P.M. in the

Ukrainian Community Center 766 State Street, Perth Amboy, N.J.

PROGRAM:

1. Reports
2. Address by Supreme Vice-President **JOHN O. FLIS**
3. Election of District Committee Officers
4. Adoption of District Program

Officers, Convention Delegates, and Representatives of the following Branches are invited to attend: 104, 155, 168, 209, 294, 312, 332, 342, 344, 349, 353, 372.

Meeting will be attended by **DR. JOHN O. FLIS**, UNA Supreme Vice-President, **WASYL ORICHOWSKY**, Field Organizer, **Most Reverend Mark, Archbishop** Honorary Member

John Ratynsky Secretary
John Babyn Treasurer

Michael Fedynshyn President
Paul Sawka Chairman
Auditing Committee

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION DISTRICT COMMITTEE of ALLENTOWN, Pa.

ANNUAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING will be held

Sunday, March 9, 1975 at the HALL of

Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1301 Newport Avenue, Northampton, Pa. at 3:00 P.M.

All members of the District Committee, Convention Delegates, Branch Delegates and Officers of the following Branches are requested to attend without fail: 44, 47, 48, 95, 124, 137, 147, 151, 288, 318, 369 & 438.

On the agenda: Reports of District Officers; Election of Officers; Program for 1975; Plans for Spring Membership Campaign.

Meeting will be attended by:

MARY DUSHNYCK, Supreme Vice-President
ANNA HARAS, Supreme Advisor.

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HERITAGE '76, FESTIVAL USA, HORIZONS '76 SHAPE BICENTENNIAL

Like the fabric of time itself, the Bicentennial finds expression in three interwoven themes of past, present, future — Heritage '76, Festival USA, and Horizons '76. Through these thematic areas, the ARBA fulfills its Congressional mandate to coordinate and facilitate the planning of Bicentennial observance.

Within each theme area, a properly designated staff acts as the principal arm of the Bicentennial Administration in reviewing and evaluating the thousands of projects submitted by national, State, and local organizations. The staff recommends to the ARBA those projects which meet high standards and are considered worthy of support, deserving of official recognition or meriting encouragement.

The thrust of each of the theme areas is:

Heritage '76: "Let Us Remember"

America's Freedoms — In churches, homes, schools, in communities, civic and professional organizations, Americans need to discuss the truths they hold self-evident.

America's Form of Government — The people need to understand the fundamental precepts of their institutions, their beginnings, their growth, their continued impact.

The Founding Fathers — The people need to know more of their ancestors if they are to know themselves better.

The Forgotten People — The Nation needs to know more about the contributions of all its people in shaping its destiny.

The Places and Things of the Past — Americans need to be able to touch and see their past.

Festival USA: "Let Us Celebrate"

The Traditions of the People — Americans need to reach outward and inward, to share among themselves and the peoples of the world the wealth of America's folk traditions and the riches of their cultural experiences.

The Nation's Diversity — Americans need to celebrate generations who live and work

and pass away and the culture which survives.

The Vitality of the Nation's Culture — Americans need to share their cultural riches with all the peoples of the world.

Hospitality — Americans need to renew their spirit of hospitality.

The American Scene — Americans need to encourage neighbors as well as the peoples of the world to discover America — and the Bicentennial.

Horizons '76: "Let Us Shape Tomorrow"

By Setting Goals — At Americans celebrate their independence, they need to declare their interdependence.

Let It Begin With You — Each citizen needs to be involved in the decisionmaking process that affects his life in liberty, and his pursuit of happiness.

By Securing Blessings of Liberty — Each American needs to reaffirm his commitment to insure that the basic freedoms are a fact of life for every American today and for generations to come.

From the Innovations of Today — Americans need to let them on display, forming a bridge from the experience of today.

Nearly every Bicentennial program at the national, state, or local level falls under the scope of the ARBA theme areas. What follows, therefore, is only a brief sampler of the programs planned across the country inspired by these theme areas:

"Let Us Remember"

A nationwide program to save and restore landmark structures by making them useful "Meeting Houses" has been inaugurated under the auspices of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Fifty-five historic sites are destined to become community centers, alive again with public debate.

At the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, a major Bicentennial exhibition, "America's Sense of Genius," will be on display for three years, starting 1975. It will trace America's scientific and technological heritage, demonstrating how technical

know-how has been applied to meet the country's social, economic, and industrial challenges over the last two centuries.

A unique open-air, multi-national, multicultural museum is being assembled in Waukesha County, WI. Buildings typical of those erected by Wisconsin's early settlers are being moved to the "Old World Wisconsin" Museum for preservation. There the homes, farms, and settlements of Wisconsin's more than 30 foreign cultures will be reconstructed and restored.

In Liberty Village — a testimonial to the creative American spirit, the pride of craftsmanship, and the free enterprise system — 200 years are stripped from the calendar as colonial garbed artisans recreate the life of an authentic early American village. Located in historic Flemington, N.J., the village contains extensive displays of revolutionary era crafts and colonial architecture.

"Let Us Celebrate"

The officially recognized Bicentennial '76 Organization has blueprinted a cross-country bicycle trail for that nation's estimated 30,000 cyclists. Planned for May 1976, a northern and southern route has been mapped and one trail successfully tried by a couple last year. Hostels, waystations, and special attractions are in the planning stages.



A World Theater Festival promises to bring more than 40 of the world's leading theater companies to the United States for a cultural Bicentennial salute in 1976. Scheduled to open March 1976, the entourage of theatrical troupes and artists will follow its 13 American cities tour with a brief Canadian trip.

In order to care for the millions of Bicentennial visitors expected in 1975 and 1976, communities are being

urged by the ARBA and various travel organizations to provide visitors with low-cost accommodations, establish information centers, and supply translators and guides, among many other services. Write the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration for helpful hints on visitor services.

"Let Us Shape Tomorrow"

Under the National Internship Program, some 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students work directly with communities to aid in planning and scheduling of Bicentennial projects.

Launched in 1973 with the full endorsement of the ARBA Horizons '76 program, Bicentennial Interns have worked with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education on housing, rehabilitation, historic preservation and restoration, evaluation of a children's museum, and development of a women's counseling program. In the New England region, a four-student New Jersey team is examining how well inner city health programs initiated at the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry are working in providing full-care service to residents. In the Midwest, interns are studying transportation needs, applying satellite imagery to real problems, and designing goal-setting programs.

The U.S. Department of Interior — with eight other Federal agencies and some 2,000 organizations around the country — has sponsored the "Johnny Horizons '76 — Let's Clean Up America for Our 200th Birthday" campaign. The program calls for environmental and ecological improvements in cleaning the Nation's waters, air, and land.

Improved medical service is being implemented by Washington, D.C.'s Medical Emergency Coordination Communications Assessment Center (MECCA) — a clearinghouse for coordinating transportation, medical facilities and personnel, and communications. MECCA works closely with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the Department of Transportation.

USIA GRANTS MADE TO YOUNG FILMMAKERS

"Grassroots" student filmmakers will be scouting America for Bicentennial footage now that the U.S. Information Agency has launched its Bicentennial filmmakers grants program.

As the first such grants program for students since 1963, this year's filmmakers program will grant up to \$3,000 to college students making sound films or videotapes. The anticipated 10 to 12 films produced under this program will be shown to foreign audiences in 110 countries. The USIA will distribute the films to its 189 posts, where some of the student works may be blown up to 35 mm prints for showings in European movie houses. Other works, it is speculated, may be appropriate for foreign television and university audiences.

Robert Scott, USIA assistant director for motion pictures and television, announced that the grants would be made to full-time graduate or undergraduate students in cinema, television, or communications or part-time students who have completed 75 percent of their degree credits.

The Bicentennial films or videotapes should be limited to 30 minutes of running time and cost under \$3,000. The USIA welcomes documentaries, dramatizations, animations, and verbal and non-verbal formats.

About \$20,000 has been allotted by the USIA for this year's program; however, depending upon success of the project, the USIA stands ready to extend the program another year.

To date, 350 to 400 application requests have been received by the USIA, which has an annual film production budget of over \$2,000,000.

Ukrainians to Take Part in Seymour Bicentennial Fete

SEYMOUR, Conn. — Among the many events scheduled by the Seymour Bicentennial Committee for 1975-76 will be an International Variety Show Saturday, April 26 at the Seymour High School gym, auditorium and adjoining 50-acre field.

Representatives of 57 ethnic groups, including Ukrainians, will display their folk art during the festival, said Frank F. Stuban, chairman of the performing arts for the Committee.

Slated for the day-long program will be exhibits of magic, karate, gymnastics, square dancing, Ukrainian embroidery and Easter eggs.

The local Bicentennial Committee also approved Steven Stuban's design for a commemorative coin and envelope to be used in Seymour's observances of the country's 200th anniversary and the 125th anniversary of Seymour. The articles will bear the official seal of the town and on the backside a map of Seymour with a replica of the first woolen mill in the United States will be displayed.

There will also be many theater, opera, radio and tele-

Stamps, Medals Provide Financial Support for Local Bicentennial Efforts

Bicentennial dreams that would have wasted in the minds and hearts of local planners have been given form by ARBA non-appropriated monies pumped into State and territorial Bicentennial Commissions through the sale of official ARBA stamps and medals.

The ARBA fund-raising commemorative medals program was launched on February 5, 1972, when Congress and the President of the United States authorized the U.S. Mint to strike a series of special Bicentennial medals to "commemorate specific historical events of great importance, recognized nationally as milestones in the counting progress of the United States of America toward life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Congress has since authorized the ARBA to continue the commemorative medals program through 1976 to support future Bicentennial efforts. In each year through the Bicentennial, the ARBA will issue a single bronze and single silver medal with a special National medal in 1976.

The 1972 medals program incorporated four Bicentennial commemorative stamps depicting early American craftsmen in a first-day issue July 4, 1972, called the "Philatelic Numismatic Combination." Bicentennial stamps are authorized by the U.S. Postal Service, which works cooperatively with the ARBA on the Philatelic Numismatic Combination. Public response to the Bicentennial item was overwhelming with 790,000 items sold at \$5 each.

With the \$3.4 million raised through this sale, nearly 500 local Bicentennial projects in every State of the Union, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was granted an ARBA headstart.

In this matching grants program (which began in 1973), \$2.1 million was disbursed to the Bicentennial Commissions and an additional \$200,000 from the same source to each of five national agencies — the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Historic Publications Commission. These funds were to encourage projects in art, theater, folk crafts and arts, and the preservation of significant historical papers.

In 1974, the ARBA approved guidelines for matching grants of up to \$240,000 for each Bicentennial Commission. The Commissions share equally both the \$11 million in Congressional funds requested by the ARBA and the grant monies raised by the ARBA through the 1973 sale of Bicentennial commemorative stamps and medals. Under this formula, \$200,000 in Congressional monies is authorized to each Commission; while the remaining \$40,000 represents the ARBA's non-appropriated share.

Under the matching grants program, communities and non-profit organizations must apply to their State or territorial Bicentennial Commission for grants, and projects must be officially endorsed to be eligible for grant support. Determination of eligibility is primarily within the discretion of the Commission, although all grant applications must be submitted to the ARBA.

Funding flexibilities exist for organizations such as minority and youth groups which do not have sufficient financial resources to meet matching grant requirements.

Eligibility requires that proposed projects have some relationship to any of the three ARBA theme areas: Heritage '76, Festival USA, and Horizons '76. Guidelines also include accounting and reporting requirements, details on procedures, and time limits for fund applications.

Fellow Ukrainians of Greater Philadelphia and Vicinity

With the United States observing its 200th anniversary of the American Independence in 1976, the Ukrainian community should appropriately demonstrate its great contribution to the growth and development of the economic, political and cultural life of the American nation.

The Philadelphia Bicentennial Committee has invited the Ukrainian community of the Greater Philadelphia and vicinity to join its observance activities. The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Philadelphia branch, and the Ukrainian Bicentennial Committee in Philadelphia have accepted the invitation and decided to form a Ukrainian Bicentennial Committee Fund. The goal of the Fund is to raise between \$25,000 and \$75,000 for the following projects: Ukrainian National Art Exhibition, Ukrainian Festival, a publication about the Ukrainians in the State of Pennsylvania, a mobile Ukrainian National Art Exhibit and the Ukrainian National Garden in the Philadelphia area.

To date, all efforts to secure funds from federal, state and local authorities were unsuccessful. Therefore, in order to implement the plans of the program subcommittee of the Ukrainian Bicentennial Committee in Philadelphia we sincerely and earnestly appeal to you to contribute as generously as you can to the Ukrainian Bicentennial Committee Fund in Philadelphia. Please send your contributions to:

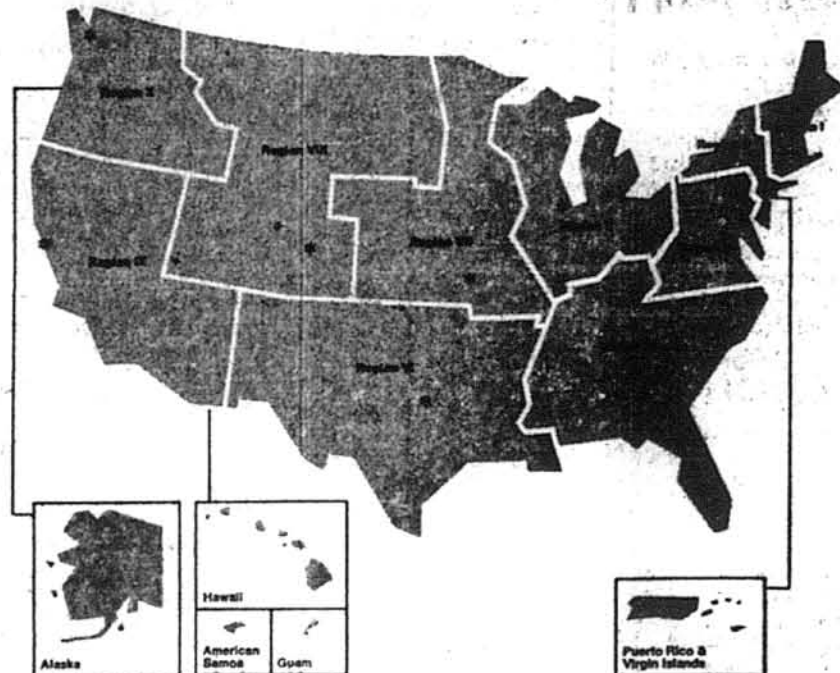
1. Ukrainian Savings and Loan Ass'n, 1321 W. Lindley Ave., Phila., Pa. 19141; Account No. 5166, or
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4. Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Philadelphia Branch, 5004 Old York Road, Phila., Pa. 19141, or
5. Members of the Ukrainian Bicentennial Committee in Philadelphia.

On the occasion of the centennial celebration of the first substantial Ukrainian immigration to the United States, let us properly demonstrate our immense contribution to the economic, political and cultural life of this great Nation of ours.

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Council Wins Larger Voice in Bicentennial for Ethnic, Racial Groups

In a follow-up plenary meeting of the Multiethnic and Racial Council founded six months ago in Washington, D.C., members of the Council — representing hyphenated-Americans from more than 300 communities — last month discussed strategies for gaining ethnic and racial groups a larger voice in the planning and celebrating of the Nation's 200th anniversary.

The three-day session funded by the ARBA and sponsored by the District of Columbia Bicentennial Commission and Assembly has capped a half-year's efforts to implement the resolutions adopted at the founding meeting in June, 1974. The present session grew out of the resolution stipulating the formation of a steering committee charged with developing guidelines for hyphenated-American participation in the Bicentennial.

ARBA Administrator John W. Warner has endorsed the views of the Council and has added his own hopes for the future of ethnic and racial groups in the Bicentennial: "We must each bring the message of the Bicentennial back to our hometown and not wait for Washington to direct participation. Moreover, each of us has a responsibility in giving the necessary leadership to this Bicentennial cause."

Agreeing with the role laid out for the Council, Father Geno Baroni, president of the National Center for Urban Affairs explained the need for such a Council in the National celebration. "If you are going to be successful with the Bicentennial," he advised, "you are going to have to include the wide range of ethnic and racial groups present at this conference and those yet to be involved. They are a natural constituency for the Bicentennial and they wait the Bicentennial to succeed and have felt excluded until now."

At the kick off meeting of the Council James Gibson, chairman of the District's Bicentennial Commission and Assembly, praised the ARBA for what he said was the first time a governmental agency sought the consultation of such a diverse racial and ethnic group. He told the conference: "This is America and it represents what the Bicentennial should be about."

One member of the Council, referring to the aim of the conference, remarked, "Frankly, we're really hopeful now that all of the children have been invited to the birthday party."