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Gov. Byrne Proclaims "Ukrainian Independence Day" In State-Wide Ceremony



Governor Brendan T. Byrne (center) is greeted at the dais by, left to right, Congressman Robert Roe, Severyn Palydowycz, Senator Joseph Hirkala and UNA President J. Lesawyer. (Photo by Ihor Laszok)

CLIFTON, N.J. — New Jersey Governor Brendan T. Byrne, in a historic first, added yet another dimension to the observances of Ukraine's independence anniversary when he came to the Ukrainian community to sign a proclamation designating January 22nd as "Ukrainian Independence Day" in a state-wide ceremony.

Traditionally, state governors and city mayors receive Ukrainian delegations at state capitols and city halls to sign proclamations.

Governor Byrne, however, responded affirmatively to an invitation of the New Jersey Coordinating Council of the UCCA and did the honors at a banquet Saturday afternoon, January 17, at the Robin Hood Inn here.

The event, organized by the Passaic-Bergen counties branch of the UCCA, was held in conjunction with the 58th anniversary of the establishment of the Ukrainian National Republic and dedicated to America's Bicentennial and the Centennial of Ukrainian settlement in the U.S.

Arriving shortly after the start of the banquet, Gov. Byrne told the festive gathering of some 600 that he was returning from Philadelphia where he had attended a tri-state Bicentennial event staged jointly by Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey.

"This anniversary," said

the governor, "fits into the context of the Bicentennial because both are celebrations of the birth of freedom."

He then read his proclamation which he said "recites the Ukrainian people's struggle for freedom that should be an example to all freedom-loving people."

He praised Ukrainians,

those in the state of New Jersey and elsewhere across the country, for their contributions to the growth of America and reminded all that "freedom is not won unless it is fought for every day."

Gov. Byrne then signed the proclamation which calls "on all our citizens, regardless of

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Rep. Delaney Calls for Presidential Proclamation on January 22nd

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman James L. Delaney (D-N.Y.), representing northwestern Queens county, submitted a resolution in the House of Representatives, urging the President of United States to designate January 22nd as "Ukrainian Independence Day."

The resolution cites Ukraine's "substantial" contributions to world culture and its "immense potentialities and promise for further cultural advancement."

Rep. Delaney also cited the Ukrainian American contributions to the development of the United States and the erection of the Taras Shevchenko monument in the nation's capital.

Mr. Delaney's resolution said that during the Bicentennial of the American Revolution

"we are called upon to rededicate ourselves to those principles of liberty and freedom which gave us birth," noting that the Ukrainian National Republic "was modeled after our own and was one of the first to proclaim freedom for its people in the area of the traditional Russian Empire."

"Resolved, that the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation to designate January 22nd of each year (the anniversary of the proclamation which declared Ukraine to be a free and independent republic) as Ukrainian Independence Day, and to invite the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies," concluded Rep. Delaney's resolution.

WCFU Denied NGO Status

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The United Nations Office of Public Information has rejected an application of the World Congress of Free Ukrainians for membership in the U.N., citing "dissenting opinions" and "statements in (the Congress) publications directed against Member States of the United Nations" as reasons, according to a letter from Gilberto Rizzo, Chief of the U.N. External Relations Division.

The application, which was submitted on December 22, 1975, was to secure Non-Governmental Organization status in order to enable the Ukrainian Congress to receive and disseminate information concerning the U.N. to its members.

Mykola Plawiw, Vice-President of the WCFU, called the rejection of the application "an act of blatant discrimination against the three-million-strong Ukrainian community in the Western world." Mr. Plawiw pointed out that the Ukrainian community has more members than over forty U.N. member-states have populations.

In his statement, Mr. Plawiw said that "the Ukrainian Congress has, without success, made every possible effort through all existing channels to secure representation at the U.N."

With regard to this latest development, Mr. Plawiw expressed his personal mystification over the reasons given in the letter of rejection.

"The claim that the WCFU represents dissenting opinions and makes statements against member-states of the U.N. in publications is surely not to

be taken as a serious objection, since every newspaper in the world at some time or another carries such views. By this logic, none of the present NGOs would meet the criteria of membership."

Pointing out that the Office of Public Information criteria for membership do not include the objection leaves the WCFU without access to the principal institution which was set up for peaceful resolution of international problems.

Mr. Plawiw indicated that the WCFU will continue its efforts to obtain representation at the U.N. and appealed for support from U.N. member-states.

Writers Receive \$3,000 Grant

EDMONTON, Alta. — The Ukrainian Writers Association "Slovo" received a \$3,000 grant from the Canadian government to publish its sixth almanac.

The organization was informed of the government's decision by Sen. Earl A. Hastings.

The almanac will contain the best works by Ukrainian Canadian writers, including a three-act play written by the late Wasyli Sofroniw-Lewycky.

The publication's editorial board consists of Ulas Samchuk, editor-in-chief, and Swiatoslav Hordynsky, O. Zuryewsky, G. Klynowy, Hryhorii Kostyuk, Borys Oleksandriw, Ostap Tarnawsky, and George Shevelov, members.

Congressmen Commend President On Appointment of Dr. Kuropas

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Ed Derwinski (R-III.) and Rep. Frank Annunzio (D-III.) commended President Ford on his appointment of Dr. Myron B. Kuropas as special assistant to the President for Ethnic Affairs.

In a joint statement, the two congressmen described the Presidential appointment of Dr. Kuropas as a very practical and long overdue addition to the President's staff and a positive recognition by the President of the great contributions which Americans of all ethnic origins are continuing to make to the progress of America.

"At the time we enter our Bicentennial year, the public is turning its attention to the great history of our country," Reps. Derwinski and Annunzio said.

"Therefore, it is especially appropriate that the President designate a special assistant for Ethnic Affairs since it is due largely to the contributions of generations of immigrants that the United States has reached its preeminence among the family of nations."

Congressmen Annunzio and Derwinski have worked together in a completely bipartisan fashion to impress upon the Executive branch, and specifically the White House office, the obvious value of a Presidential Assistant concentrating on the subjects encompassing all ethnic groups.

"This action contributes much to the democratic process. It gives ethnic leaders as well as the ethnic groups of (Continued on p. 3)

Tatiana Pliushch Says Nationality Problem is Acute Issue in Ukraine Asks Ukrainians in Free World to Help Moroz, Chornovil, Others Left Behind



The Paris newspaper "L'Aurore" of January 12, 1976, carried the photo above, showing Tatiana Pliushch stroking gently the face of her husband Leonid as the couple are flown from Vienna to Paris. The caption said that Tatiana is encouraging him and telling him that at long last he will live.

PARIS, France. — Tatiana Pliushch, wife of the recently released Ukrainian dissident Leonid Pliushch, said in an interview here with Le Monde that the nationality problem is an acute issue in Ukraine today.

She also said in the January 13th interview that the problem played an important role in the arrest and confinement of her husband.

Pliushch, his wife and two sons, Dima, 15, and Lesyk, 10, arrived in Vienna, Austria, Saturday, January 10, after the family was granted emigration visas by the Soviet government.

The 36-year-old former researcher for the Soviet Ukrainian Academy of Sciences was incarcerated in the Dni-propetrovsk psychiatric asylum for some three years on charges of "messianism," and "reformism." He had previously stood up in defense of human rights in the Soviet Union.

His release from imprisonment and subsequent emigra-

tion is credited to large-scale international protests on his behalf.

The Pliushches are currently residing in Paris and are under the care of the International Committee of Mathematicians in Defense of Pliushch, one of many organizations which sought his release.

Concern for Others

Mrs. Pliushch said in the interview with the conservative French daily that she and her husband are concerned with the fate of political prisoners still incarcerated throughout the Soviet Union.

She cited the names of Valenty Moroz, Vyacheslav Chornovil, Oleksander Serhienko, Yevhen Sverstiuk, and Ivan Svitlychny among those who are suffering the most. Mrs. Pliushch particularly singled out Mykola Plakhotniuk, a young Ukrainian doctor who is confined in the Dni-propetrovsk prison hos-

pital. His health is in a critical state, she said.

Mrs. Pliushch called on all Ukrainians in the free world to initiate an intense campaign in defense of Plakhotniuk and the others in order to save their lives.

"I cannot right now list all the Ukrainians who are incarcerated in the camps and prisons, but I sincerely ask my countrymen to remember and help them and their families with whatever they can, and try to secure their release," said Mrs. Pliushch in an interview with a correspondent from Radio Liberty.

Mrs. Pliushch also said in the conversation with the radio reporter that she and her husband were well aware of the actions of Ukrainians in the free world on their behalf. She said that while her husband was incarcerated, news of these activities was a source of comfort for her family.

"I am grateful to all Ukrainian countrymen who live in (Continued on p. 4)

Mayor Jordan Designates "Ukrainian Independence Day"

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Dr. Paul T. Jordan, Mayor of Jersey City, received a large delegation of local community representatives and UNA executive officers at his office here Tuesday, January 20, and signed a proclamation designating January 22nd as "Ukrainian Independence Day." He said that the Ukrainian flag would be hoisted atop city hall mast on that day along with the American stars and stripes.

In his brief remarks to the group, Dr. Jordan pledged support to the Ukrainian people in their struggle to regain freedom and independence and voiced hope that the year of America's Bicentennial would be a turning point in that struggle.

"Each year as I sign this proclamation," said the Mayor, "I have a better understanding and stronger appreciation of the Ukrainian people's desire for freedom. I sincerely hope that the day of that dream's fulfillment is near."

Dr. Jordan was one of three New Jersey mayors who took



Representatives of the Ukrainian community witness Mayor Jordan's signing of the Ukrainian Independence Day proclamation.

part in the state-wide ceremony last Saturday, January 17, at Clifton's Robin Hood Inn, where Governor Brendan T. Byrne presented his proclamation of "Ukrainian Independence Day."

Leading the delegation was Walter Bilyk, newly elected president of the Ukrainian Community Center here. In addition to representatives of various area organizations, the group included Frs. Henry Sagan and Dave Chabin of Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian

Catholic Church, four pupils of the parish's school, Luba Ileczo and William Cinurchin, both attired in Ukrainian costumes, Nadia Shewchuk and Peter Shtompil of Plast, and Anna Woch, representing SUMA.

The UNA contingent was led by President Joseph Lesawyer and included Secretary Walter Sochan, Treasurer Ulana Diachuk and Organizer Stefan Hawrysz, as well as many employees.

Sen. Buckley Seeks U.S. Visa For Leonid Pliushch

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sen. James L. Buckley (C-N.Y.) has urged Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to issue a conditional visa to Leonid Pliushch, the Ukrainian cyberneticist who was recently allowed to emigrate to the West, and proposed that he be invited to the United States officially as either a permanent resident or a visitor.

Sen. Buckley was one of several members of Congress who joined in efforts to have Pliushch released from psychiatric hospital in the Soviet Union.

The Senator said that he was "not aware" of the former Ukrainian political prisoner's health condition, but conjectured that "due to the length and condition of his imprisonment he may require medical attention."

"My concern is two-fold," said Sen. Buckley. "First, that Pliushch be given the best medical treatment available, and secondly, that he be allowed to settle with his family wherever he chooses."

Noting that a number of American universities, including Harvard and Princeton, had offered Pliushch positions, Sen. Buckley asked that the Department of State ensure that Pliushch "is informed about them and be given the opportunity to accept them if he so desires."

Philly Ukrainians Staged Rights Action During Red Army-Flyers Hockey Game

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — While inside the Spectrum the world saw that the Soviet Central Army hockey team's acrobatics on ice could not stand up to the hard-checking Philadelphia Flyers, outside the arena the world learned that Ukrainians and others in the Soviet Union are being denied human, religious and national rights.

The demonstration was staged Sunday, January 11, by the local Committee for the Defense of Valentyn Moroz, the same group which was also responsible for the protest action during the performances of the Moscow Circus.

Members of the Committee paraded in front of the Spectrum with placards demanding that the Soviet government adhere to its own constitution and allow Ukrainians to foster their culture in their homeland. Other placards and leaflets cheered the Flyers on to beat the Soviet team. They did, 4:1.



A photo published in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin Monday, January 12, depicting the Ukrainian demonstration outside the site of the Flyers-Soviet Central Army hockey game.

A local Jewish organization also staged a protest action.

The Philadelphia media reported the Ukrainian action in newspaper accounts and on television. That evening the local ABC outlet, Channel (Continued on p. 3)

