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Ukraine's Cabinet adopts draft bill on UPA veterans

by Zenon Zawada
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV — The Cabinet of Ministers on July 19 adopted a proposed bill that would recognize Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) veterans and grant them government benefits, including higher pensions and public transportation discounts.

"For the first time in 15 years of independence, the Ukrainian government examined this matter and reached a positive decision," said Viacheslav Kyrylenko, the acting vice prime minister for humanitarian affairs.

"I believe this is a significant contribution of President Viktor Yushchenko's policies, which are oriented toward reconciling all veterans who fought for our homeland's freedom."

No more than 15,000 UPA veterans and their family members are still alive, Mr. Kyrylenko said. At least half of them receive the appropriate government benefits granted by local city governments in western Ukraine, he said.

The bill, "On social security for the participants of the national-liberation struggle between 1939 and 1956 to achieve Ukraine's independence," will immediately be submitted to the Verkhovna Rada for passage.

Mr. Kyrylenko said he didn't foresee any problems passing the bill, given that there is a "patriotic majority" in Ukraine's Parliament.

Despite his optimism, the Communist and Socialist parties of Ukraine are sure to fiercely oppose the historical rehabilitation of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army — Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN-UPA).

It's unclear how Party of the Regions national deputies will vote. However, some Ukrainian political experts said the party is willing to compromise on the issue.

On May 12, pro-Russian youth in Crimea demonstrated at the building of the president's permanent representative against UPA recognition. They burned German National Socialist (Nazi) Party flags, alongside OUN banners.

"UPA rehabilitation is the equivalent of rehabilitating fascism," said Nadiya Poliakova, a leader in the pro-Russian Proryv youth organization. "Its rehabilitation on the government level, as proposed by the president, is an outrage for the whole civilized world."

On October 14 of last year, which is the anniversary of the UPA's founding, a government commission accepted the expert conclusions of a report submitted by historians at the Institute of History at

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Anti-Crisis Coalition nominates Yanukovych for PM

by Zenon Zawada
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV — With the initial shock of the Anti-Crisis Coalition's emergence having simmered down, Ukrainians are adjusting to the fact that a Russian-oriented coalition, in all likelihood, will rule their government.

At its July 18 session, Verkhovna Rada Chair Oleksander Moroz declared that 241 members of Parliament now comprise the ruling coalition government, including six defectors from the Our Ukraine and Yulia Tymoshenko blocs.

"Now that the birth of our coalition was formally affirmed again today, I believe we've removed all obstacles that were before the president to quickly bring before the Parliament the candidacy of Viktor Yanukovych for prime minister," said Yevhen Kushnariov, a Party of the Regions national deputy.

That same morning, 235 national deputies of the coalition voted to support Mr. Yanukovych's nomination, which now sits on President Viktor Yushchenko's desk for his approval.

While, according to the Constitution, Mr. Yushchenko can't reject Mr. Yanukovych's nomination, he has the right to dismiss the Verkhovna Rada and call new elections, an option being firmly advocated by Yulia Tymoshenko.

Her political bloc and the youth-oriented Pora Citizens Party have been waging a heavy public campaign urging the president to dismiss the Rada.

Supporters have set up dozens of tents on Kyiv's Independence Square where they give out campaign literature and T-shirts by day and camp out at night.

Immense banners draped along the maidan read, "New Parliament for Ukraine!"

Once again, Ms. Tymoshenko holds Mr. Yushchenko's destiny in her hands, political experts said.

If she agrees to unite her political bloc with Our Ukraine in possible new elections, then Mr. Yushchenko would seriously consider dismissing Parliament, said Dr. Serhii Taran, chair of the Kyiv-based Socio-Vymir Center for Sociological and Political Research, which is financed by Ukrainian private firms.

Without the Tymoshenko Bloc's support, Our Ukraine will perform poorly in pre-term parliamentary elections because it has largely lost the public's support, experts said.

In new elections the Tymoshenko Bloc stands likely to gain votes from the Socialist Party of Ukraine and the Our Ukraine bloc, and Pora would have a chance of getting into Parliament.

So far, President Yushchenko has given no indication that he is willing to dismiss Parliament, and he has until July 25 deadline to make a decision.



Mykola Soroka

Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and Pora activists fill Kyiv's Independence Square with tents as they demand a dismissal of Parliament and new elections.

However, Mr. Yushchenko will try everything at his disposal to avoid having Mr. Yanukovych become his prime minister, Dr. Taran said, which would be an immense political and even personal defeat. "For Mr. Yushchenko, this is his last chance to prove he is a highly influential person," he said.

To leverage the Anti-Crisis Coalition into withdrawing Mr. Yanukovych's nomination, Mr. Yushchenko could agree

to have the Our Ukraine bloc join on the condition that the coalition selects a different candidate for prime minister, said Dr. Taran, a member of the Pora party.

After a July 20 afternoon meeting with President Yushchenko, Mr. Yanukovych said he saw a lot in common with his former nemesis and viewed it as possible that Our Ukraine would

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Brooklyn Ukrainian Group true to its mission

by Yarema Belej

Special to The Ukrainian Weekly

NEW YORK — Over borsch and varenyky in the East Village Ukrainian Restaurant, two young women openly discussed and answered questions about a growing Ukrainian arts group that has grown significantly since its inception over two years ago.

With membership nearing 80 people, the Brooklyn Ukrainian Group's (BUG) mission "is to support each other in artistic endeavors, to raise funds for charitable causes and to promote Ukrainian arts and culture within the Ukrainian diaspora and beyond."

BUG has held true to this mission privately and publicly at various events and locations, such as the Soyuzivka estate in upstate New York, the St. George Street Festival in Manhattan, various film openings and concerts. The group's very energetic co-founders, Roxy Toporowych, Olesia Lew, Ruta Lew and Maya Lew, are always willing to spread the word

about their group to anyone willing to listen.

It has been this foursome of young Ukrainian ladies that has driven BUG past a small group of friends and into the fabric of the tri-state (New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania) Ukrainian community and well beyond. In fact, Ruta and Maya Lew were very excited to tell The Ukrainian Weekly that they recently added a member each from, England and Odesa.

Their motivation in creating this entity was to "create something for Ukrainian artists and craftspeople, because there aren't really any organizations that work specifically with these kinds of people," said Ruta Lew, a New York City school teacher. "Also, we wanted to create something different, because many of the organizations out there are politically involved, so we wanted to create something completely different."

This is perhaps the most intriguing

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ANALYSIS

With Parliament divided, Ukraine on brink of chaos

by Roman Kupchinsky
RFE/RL Newsline

With Parliament hopelessly divided into the pro-Russian Party of the Regions aligned with the Socialists against the West-leaning Our Ukraine and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc, there are no signs of a viable government on the horizon.

President Viktor Yushchenko is threatening to call new parliamentary elections as he invokes what he called "violations of the Constitution and procedures" in the creation of a new majority in Ukraine's bitterly divided Verkhovna Rada. How serious he is about this is not yet clear, since he himself recently declared his opposition to a fresh ballot. The options, though, are narrowing fast.

Former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko has no such inhibitions. She told the Christian Science Monitor on July 12 that the Parliament has betrayed its promises to the people and, therefore, is illegitimate. There are two possibilities, she said: either we "become the coalition ourselves, or, if the law allows it, we will definitely be in favor of holding an early election."

Perhaps because it senses public opinion swinging in its favor, the Party of the Regions also is in favor of holding new parliamentary elections. Viktor Yanukovich, the leader of the party, may feel he has a chance now to win a majority in the Verkhovna Rada.

But this could be wishful thinking. The chances are that new parliamentary elections would merely confirm the rifts that so badly divide Ukraine, further alienate the country's long-suffering electorate, and do nothing to bring political compromise any closer.

Roman Kupchinsky is the editor of RFE/RL Crime and Corruption Watch.

President Yushchenko is postponing any decision on what to do next by calling on Parliament to elect a new Constitutional Court before he nominates anyone for the position of prime minister. He has also said that any new prime minister must be a moderate with no "business interests." He clearly wants to exclude Mr. Yanukovich but may have in mind Rynat Akhmetov as a compromise candidate. Mr. Akhmetov is the richest and one of the most influential members of the Party of the Regions.

As the political battles in Parliament continue, the government appears rudderless. In the meantime, negotiations have resumed to create an international gas consortium to manage the Ukrainian gas-pipeline system. This consortium would most likely consist of Ukraine, Russia and Germany.

Russia, which earlier this month threatened to increase the price of gas for Ukraine, has apparently decided to wait and see. It may fear that a significant increase in the gas price would show that the pro-Russian Party of the Regions is no more able to influence decisions made in Moscow than President Yushchenko.

In the absence of a strong central government, regional and city councils in eastern Ukraine are challenging the authority of the state. They have refused to obey orders to rescind resolutions making Russian the "second official language" – resolutions that directly contradict the Constitution of Ukraine.

Mr. Yushchenko appears either unable or unwilling to use force to enforce the law and is in danger of losing face with his core support base in western Ukraine. Many there are demanding that he act forcibly to prevent the country from sliding into anarchy. But, as President Yushchenko no doubt fears, a show of force may make matters worse.

Resolution urges Russia to protect freedom of all religious communities

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kansas), chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, on July 14 praised the passage of Senate Resolution 500, which urges the Russian Federation to fully protect the freedom of all domestic religious communities, both registered and unregistered.

"While we recognize that religious freedom has advanced significantly for the Russian people since the collapse of the Soviet Union," said Sen. Brownback, "I am concerned by sporadic yet consistent reports of local government harassment and uninvestigated assaults against religious groups."

"The passage of this resolution sends a clear message to the Russian leadership that more work is needed to fully protect the fundamental rights of individuals in Russia to profess and practice their faith," said Sen. Brownback, adding that, "the United States will continue to engage the Russian authorities on this issue."

The resolution, which was sponsored by Sen. Brownback and attracted bipartisan support, calls for the United States to urge the Russian Federation to ensure full protection of freedoms for all religious communities, and for the Council of Europe members and Group of Eight members to raise these concerns with President Putin.

A similar resolution sponsored by Helsinki Commission Co-Chair Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R-N.J.) passed on March 15. The Helsinki Commission highlighted the growing problem of religious liberty violations in Russia at an April 14, 2005, hearing titled "Unregistered Religious Groups in Russia."

In addition to harassment against some Christian groups and other minority religious communities, two disturbing trends highlighted in the resolution are the rise of anti-Semitism within certain segments of Russian society, as well as increases in the severity and frequency of oppressive actions taken by both local and federal officials against Muslim communities within the country.

The Russian government has recently enacted legislation potentially curtailing religious freedoms. The January law regulating non-commercial organizations gives authorities the ability to attend meetings of any registered religious community, as well as increased control over foreign donations. The Senate resolution calls on the Russian government to invite Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) representatives and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief to visit and discuss concerns regarding religious freedom.

NEWSBRIEFS

Parliament distributes committees

KYIV – The Verkhovna Rada adopted a resolution on July 18 that distributes parliamentary committees among caucuses, Interfax reported. According to the resolution, which received 285 votes in favor, the Party of the Regions will head eight committees; the Socialist Party, three; the Communist Party, three; the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc, seven; and Our Ukraine, five. The Economic Policy Committee is to be headed by Our Ukraine lawmaker Volodymyr Zaplatynski, who has joined the Anti-Crisis Coalition made up of the Party of the Regions, the Socialist Party and the Communist Party. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Coalition seeks to assemble court

KYIV – Adam Martyniuk, the first vice-chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, said on July 18 that the Anti-Crisis Coalition intends to select Constitutional Court members as soon as possible in order to challenge a possible dissolution of Parliament, Interfax reported. Mr. Martyniuk said he sees no grounds for such a dissolution, but "we will manage to form the Constitutional Court by the time the president proposes the dissolution of Parliament. The court will decide whether the steps by the president are legal or not." Mr. Martyniuk also announced that Communist Party Chairman Petro Symonenko "reached an agreement with the Russian government that it would receive our delegation and hold negotiations, including on gas." (RFE/RL Newsline)

Bloc rules out civil disobedience

KYIV – Yulia Tymoshenko, the head of the eponymous bloc in the Ukrainian Parliament, told Ukrayinska Pravda on July 18 that her bloc does not intend to stage acts of civil disobedience similar to those that accompanied the Orange Revolution at the end of 2004. "When we had presidential elections [in 2004] people already rallied once and gave a message, but later politicians did not act quite right with regard to these people," Ms. Tymoshenko said, adding that the public is now well-informed about the actions of politicians and the situation. "Dissolution [of the Parliament] is necessary and remains possible," Ms.

Tymoshenko said. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Our Ukraine: script 'written abroad'

KYIV – The Our Ukraine bloc in the Verkhovna Rada issued a statement on July 13 claiming that the formation of the Anti-Crisis Coalition followed a scenario scripted from abroad, presumably implying Russia. "Our impression is that the authors of these scenarios are seeking to destabilize Ukraine, that they need a cheap show ahead of the G-8 summit," being held in St. Petersburg, Russia, on July 15-17. Ukraine's Foreign Affairs Minister Borys Tarasyuk said Our Ukraine views foreign involvement as an attempt to interfere in Ukraine's internal affairs. He added that Our Ukraine will take whatever steps are needed to thwart similar scenarios being enacted, but he provided no further details. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Our Ukraine goes into opposition

KYIV – The pro-presidential Our Ukraine bloc announced on July 18 that it accepts the legitimacy of the Anti-Crisis Coalition, international media reported. "We welcome the announcement of an Anti-Crisis Coalition [led by the Party of the Regions] today in strict accordance with the Constitution and [parliamentary] regulations," Our Ukraine lawmaker Anatolii Kinakh was quoted as saying on Ukrainian television. "Proceeding from this fact, as of today the faction of the Our Ukraine political bloc is officially in a minority; that is, in opposition." The news announcement came as the Verkhovna Rada convened for the first time since July 11, when proceedings were disrupted after the Anti-Crisis Coalition comprising the Party of the Regions, the Socialist Party and the Communist Party was announced. Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksander Moroz claimed on July 17 that Our Ukraine was holding talks with the Anti-Crisis Coalition on ways of possibly joining it, Interfax and Ukrayinska Pravda reported. Our Ukraine denied that it was holding any such talks. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Tymoshenko seeks Rada's dissolution

KYIV – Yulia Tymoshenko, head of the eponymous parliamentary caucus,

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Quotable notes

"More than 50 days have passed since the Verkhovna Rada convened for its first session. There has been no significant progress in forming a government and a coalition since then. For 50 days Ukrainian citizens have been watching leaders of factions fighting for portfolios and blackmailing one another. ...

"The president's right to disband Parliament is his last argument, which he will not hesitate to use if Parliament, leaders of political forces or every member of Parliament fail to wake up to their responsibility before Ukraine. But, as a head of state who realizes the price of the step, I hope that politicians will have enough wisdom to find a compromise by July 25 – the day when, according to the Constitution, the president will have the right to disband a paralyzed Parliament, which has failed to form a new government.

"I will not allow anarchy or chaos. I will not allow actions that would benefit forces working against Ukraine. I will not allow this country to be artificially torn in half by politicians. Neither the president nor the Ukrainian people will allow this to happen. Wisdom to us all."

– President Viktor Yushchenko in his weekly radio address to the people of Ukraine, July 15, as reported by the BBC Monitoring Service and published in Action Ukraine Report (July 16).

"... the 'broad coalition' is a broad grave of democracy, a broad grave of Ukrainian independence. That is why our political faction will not support any 'broad coalitions.' We will either become the coalition, or, if the law, the Constitution, allow it, we will definitely be in favor of holding an early election.

"... we are either in the opposition, and, importantly, an honest opposition that does not hedge, or we will fight honestly in new elections to make people understand that new elections will offer a new chance to purge based on the existing knowledge of politicians' true faces. ...

"I only want us to understand the following: either we throw Ukraine into the whirlpool of all that was happening 10 years ago under Kuchma, or we pool our strength and confidence and fight for Ukraine as everybody's heritage and life.

"And I also want to say the following: we are fighters. We will not leave either Ukraine or those who have supported us in such a peril. ..."

– Yulia Tymoshenko, speaking on the "Svoboda Slova" TV program on July 7 (translated for The Ukraine List by Olga Bogatyrenko).

"At the heart of the matter, a coup d'état occurred in Kyiv last week. Yet to this I immediately add that everything took place in accordance with the law. But the Verkhovna Rada is now controlled by Viktor Yushchenko's opponents, who are attempting to restrict his powers. At the very least, they will impose reforms which could deprive the head of state of influence on the governance of regional territories."

"[The Orangists] have been their own perpetrators at great length. The maidan guild fought each other rabidly from the Orange Revolution onwards. The greatest fault lies with President Viktor Yushchenko himself. He, as the rest of our elites, does not know how to lead politics in a contemporary and European fashion. Like his predecessor, Leonid Kuchma, Yushchenko wishes to be above the parties. Kuchma succeeded because he was a bandit. But since Yushchenko does not engage in ruthless banditry, he gradually lost influence over the course of events.

"Yushchenko essentially governed like a former Ukrainian hetman, i.e., with the assistance of his closest friends, since he trusts only them. And in the crucial moment, it was they who urged him to consent to Yulia Tymoshenko's appointment as prime minister, while the candidacy for the Rada chairman was given to Petro Poroshenko, Yushchenko's sponsor. Politics are always highly controversial. Yushchenko's entourage was counting on ongoing clashes between the erstwhile rivalries of Poroshenko and Tymoshenko in order to bolster the president's authority. And then they pushed the highly ambitious leader of the Socialist Party, Oleksander Moroz, to join the Party of the Regions. Thus, the Socialists broke off from the Orangists, which led to the government's demise. Moroz is the chairman, but as the ally of [Viktor] Yanukovich, who will most likely become prime minister.

– Myroslav Popovych, director of the Institute of Philosophy at the Ukrainian Academy of Science, in an interview with Wacław Radziwinowicz of Gazeta Wyborcza of Poland on July 9 (translated for The Ukraine List by Jakub Krolczyk).

FOR THE RECORD: U.S. statement on 2006 Sea Breeze maritime exercise

The following statement on Sea Breeze 2006 was released by the Embassy of the United States in Ukraine on July 19.

The maritime portion of Sea Breeze 2006 was to commence today, July 19, as planned. Naval forces from Ukraine, Georgia, Greece, Turkey and the United States were to participate in this scenario-based maritime exercise in the Black Sea.

World events changed these plans. The U.S. naval vessel that was to have participated in Exercise Sea Breeze, the USS Barry, has been sent to the Eastern Mediterranean to assist with the evacuation of civilians from Lebanon. Due to this new operational requirement, the

United States is unable to participate in Sea Breeze 2006, and the U.S. and Ukraine have agreed to cancel this year's training exercise.

The U.S. remains committed to cooperation with Ukraine, and enhancing regional security cooperation and joint force capabilities in the Black Sea region. The U.S. looks forward to Sea Breeze 2007.

Sea Breeze exercises have been conducted in Ukraine since 1997. U.S. military personnel have operated in a number of joint exercises at the invitation of the Ukrainian government each year since then. These exercises benefit Ukraine's armed forces through training and improve cooperation and coordination between partner countries.

CEEC meets with national security advisors on the eve of Group of Eight summit

Joint Baltic American National Committee

WASHINGTON – Members of the Central and East European Coalition (CEEC) met on July 11 with national security advisors to President George W. Bush and Vice-President Dick Cheney to discuss their concerns on the eve of the Group of Eight summit being held on July 15-17 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

CEEC members expressed apprehension about Russia's presence in the G-8, which includes the Group of Seven of the world's leading economic powers (U.S., Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Canada, Japan) and Russia as the eighth member. Russia has shown a marked reversal in its path to democracy, with the current Moscow regime increasingly tightening civil and press freedoms, while ramping up economic pressures on its neighbors, especially regarding energy security.

Issues discussed at the meeting centered on worries about the Russian Federation's internal democratization, economic pressures and energy security; the situation in Belarus; "frozen conflicts" in Georgia and Moldova; and NATO enlargement. The CEEC also keyed in on Vice-President Cheney's May 4 speech in Vilnius, in which Mr. Cheney strongly promoted a "Freedom Agenda" and expressed the Bush Administration's worries about aforementioned issues, along with the corruption still pervasive in much of the region.

The CEEC emphasized that it is not an anti-Russia organization and supports U.S. engagement with the Russian Federation. At the same time, the CEEC emphasized that the Russian regime needs to act responsibly if it wants to be treated as a partner. It should be held to the same standards as the other members.

This is also important as Moscow strives for WTO membership. Until November of this year Russia also chairs the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers. In operating according to acceptable standards, Moscow cannot pressure its neighbors and intervene in their internal affairs, CEEC members understand.

At the same time, the CEEC articulated concerns that neighboring countries have the right to be nervous about Russia's behavior. For instance, Moscow hasn't been able to come to honest terms with its Soviet past, including admitting that the Soviet occupation of the Baltic countries was illegal.

Questions to the National Security Council were posed by Frank Koszorus (American Hungarian Federation), Asta Banionis (Lithuanian American Community), Michael Sawkiw Jr. (Ukrainian Congress Committee of America), Ramunas Kondratas (Lithuanian American Council and Joint Baltic American National Committee – JBANC), and Karl Altai of JBANC. Mati Kõiva, of the Estonian American National Council, also participated.

Administration officials at the meeting were Damon Wilson, director of Central, Eastern and Northern European affairs at the National Security Council, and Eugene Fishel, special advisor to the vice-president for national security affairs.

The CEEC is an umbrella organization composed of 19 U.S. national ethnic organizations. It was founded about 15 years ago to bring together those communities in the United States as the Soviet Union and its empire collapsed and the U.S. was developing new relations with the Russian Federation.



Seen during a meeting between representatives of the Central and East European Coalition and U.S. national security advisors (from left) are: Asta Banionis, Michael Sawkiw Jr., Cas Lenard, Ellen King, John Karch, Frank Koszorus, Damon Wilson, Ramunas Kondratas, Laszlo Pasztor, Bryan Ardouny, Nino Japaridze, Alice Kipel, Juraj Slavik, Mati Koiva, Les Megyeri and Eugene Fishel.

Study notes higher thyroid cancer rate from Chernobyl

PARSIPPANY, N.J. — A new study confirms a substantially increased risk of thyroid cancer among people exposed to radiation during childhood and adolescence after the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident, as reported by Reuters on July 7, citing a study in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The study by Dr. Geoffrey R. Howe of Columbia University in New York, which took place between 1998 and 2000, screened over 13,000 of the 32,000 individuals living in the most contaminated area of Ukraine during the nuclear power plant meltdown and who were under the age of 18 at the time of the accident. The report found that 45 cases of thyroid cancer occurred compared to 11.2 cases that would have been expected in the absence

of radiation exposure.

According to the report by Dr. Howe and his team, this was the first study to measure the risk of thyroid cancer associated with specific radiation dosage. The researchers noted that increased rates of screening for thyroid cancer and a low dietary iodine intake, which increases the intake of radioactive iodine by the thyroid gland, "almost certainly" were factors in this increase.

"We estimate that 75 percent of the thyroid cancer cases would have been avoided in the absence of radiation," the researchers concluded. "This estimate demonstrates a substantial contribution of radioactive iodine to the excess of thyroid cancer that followed the Chernobyl accident."

Ukrainian avant-garde art presented in major exhibition in Chicago

CHICAGO – The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs has announced that the first major exhibition of early 20th century Ukrainian art in the United States, “Crossroads: Modernism in Ukraine, 1910-1930,” is on display at the Chicago Cultural Center from July 22 through October 15. Admission to the exhibition is free.

This exhibit of 21 Ukrainian avant-garde artists includes approximately over 70 works gathered by Prof. Dmitrii Dmytro Horbachov, an international expert on this period, and Nikita Lobanov-Rostovsky from private collections, the National Art Museum of Ukraine, the Theater Museum, the Museum of Folk Art of Ukraine, and the Art Museum of Dnipropetrovsk.

Anatolii Melnyk, general director of the National Art Museum of Ukraine, provided organizational assistance in Ukraine and John Bowlt, professor at the University of Southern California, served as editor of the exhibition catalogue.

The exhibition has been organized by the Foundation for International Arts and Education with the National Art Museum of Ukraine. It is presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Kyiv Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program.

The national tour is sponsored by The Boeing Company, the Trust for Mutual Understanding, Nour USA Ltd., Konstantin Grigorishin and Aerosvit Airlines. Additional financial support has been provided by Oleksandr Tabalov, Mykola M. Shymone, Dean Buntrock and Chadbourne and Park, LLP.

“‘Crossroads’ explores the role of Ukraine in the development of the avant-garde movement,” said Gregory Knight, deputy commissioner/visual arts of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

“It includes works by well-known artists like Kazimir Malevich, Alexandra Exter and David Burliuk, and introduces American audiences to previously unknown Ukrainian artists including Yasyi Yermilov and Oleksandr Bohomazov.”

The international avant-garde movement that reached its peak during the first three decades of the 20th century included many influential and innovative artists from Ukraine. As elsewhere in the former Soviet Union, these artists were persecuted and executed in the 1930s, and their works were banned or destroyed.

According to local experts, nearly 2,000 of these works were confiscated by the government during the late 1930s and only 300 remain today. This exhibition presents the best of these works, many of which have only recently been viewed outside of Ukraine.

Writing in the exhibition catalogue, Mr. Lobanov-Rostovsky noted: “This exhibit is designed to show an American audience the talent and unique nature of Ukrainian avant-garde art and to help understand that the artists are, indeed, Ukrainian, not Russian, a difference not always appreciated in the West. Moreover, the exhibition is equally important because it will also help Ukrainians acquaint themselves with their own cultural heritage.”

The public is invited to learn more about the exhibition with a full schedule of events listed below that have been organized to accompany the exhibition. All are free, unless otherwise noted.

•Lunchbreak: Classical Mondays – Monday, July 31, 12:15 p.m., Preston Bradley Hall, Chicago Cultural Center. The MAverick Ensemble presents a classical program inspired by the exhibition, featuring the music of Boris



“Repairing Saws” (1927, 54 3/8 by 61 inches, oil on canvas) by Oleksandr Bohomazov.

Liatoshynsky and Virko Baley.

•Gallery Talk, Thursday, August 17, 12:15 p.m., Exhibit Hall, Chicago Cultural Center, with Jane Friedman, Chicago-based independent scholar.

•Contemporary Ukrainian Cinema Festival, Wednesday, August 23 to Friday, August 25, 7:30 p.m., Gallery 37 Rooftop, 66 E. Randolph. This festival features a selection of some of the best works by Ukrainian filmmakers produced over the last five years with film introductions by Dr. Yuri Shevchuk, lecturer of Ukrainian language and culture at Columbia University and founder and director of the university’s Ukrainian Film Club. The festival is organized by the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Kyiv Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program, with participation of the Ukrainian Film Club and the Ukrainian Studies Program of Columbia University.

Tickets to the opening night of the film festival, catered by Fox and Obel, are \$15. The remaining nights of the film festival are free, but tickets are required. To order tickets, please call 312-742-TIXS (8497) or visit www.ticketweb.com.

•Discussion: Ukrainian Modernism, Identity, and Nationhood: “Then and Now,” Wednesday, September 27, 6 p.m., Exhibit Hall, Chicago Cultural Center. This discussion explores the parallels in Ukrainian art and culture during two pivotal eras, the effects of the nation’s recently achieved sovereignty and dueling influences from Western Europe and Russia.

•Gallery Talk, Thursday, October 5, 12:15 p.m., Exhibit Hall, Chicago Cultural Center, with Gregory Knight, deputy commissioner/visual arts, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

•Special lunchbreak performance, Thursday, October 5, 12:15 p.m., Claudia Cassidy Theater, Chicago Cultural Center. Ukrainian pianist Alex Slobodyanik performs Chopin’s Scherzo Op. 10 in B Flat Minor, Lev Revutsky’s Five Preludes and Prokofiev’s Sonata No. 7.

“Crossroads: Modernism in Ukraine, 1910-1930” is accompanied by a four-color catalogue, which will be available for sale at the Shop at the Cultural Center. A complimentary brochure will be on hand at the exhibition. Teachers’ materials are offered for local educators, and school groups are encouraged to visit (call 312-744-8032 to make arrangements).

Following its premiere in Chicago, the exhibition will travel to The Ukrainian

Museum in New York. After concluding its American tour, the exhibition will be displayed at the National Art Museum of Ukraine in Kyiv.

Expanded hours for summer at the Chicago Cultural Center began on April 1 and run through October 31. Viewing hours for “Crossroads: Modernism in Ukraine, 1910-1930” at the Chicago Cultural Center are Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Chicago Cultural Center is closed on holidays.

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The Chicago Cultural Center is located at 78 E. Washington St. “Crossroads” is on view in the fourth floor Exhibit Hall.

For more information about “Crossroads: Modernism in Ukraine, 1910-1930,” call 312-744-6630 or visit www.chicagoculturalcenter.org. For information about the Chicago Sister Cities International Program visit www.chicagosistercities.com.

Correction

Due to a production error, the last phrase of the last sentence in the story headlined “President tries to stay above the fray, wants Rada to resume legitimate work” (July 16) was missing. The complete sentence reads:

Various news sources reported that the negotiations between the Regions and Our Ukraine had taken place but noted that the talks were being conducted in secret.

Dear Readers!



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THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FORUM

NFCA honors "Fraternalists in Action" for volunteerism

OAK BROOK, Ill. – The National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) recognized five Fraternal MVPs (Most Valuable Participants) in Washington, on June 20-21. These fraternalists, honored for their outstanding fraternal service, met with Members of Congress representing their home states and congressional districts.

Fraternal MVPs are "Fraternalists in Action" who volunteer their time and energy to strengthen their communities through participation in local lodge activities and other charitable endeavors.

The Fraternal MVPs of May were:

- Gerald J. Collins, Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society, Woodmen of the World Lodge 308, Houma, La.;
- Coral Grout, Catholic Family Life Insurance, Pelletier Chapter MA-84, Gardner, Mass.;
- Rose Marie Ruth, National Catholic Society of Foresters, St. Anne's Court 1161, Iowa City, Iowa;
- Mark Albin, Polish Falcons of America, Nest No. 564, La Porte, Ind.; and
- Margaret (Peggy) Fabri, Hungarian Reformed Federation, Branch No. 151, Beaver Falls, Pa.

The following legislators met with the honorees: Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), Rep. Chris Chocola (R-Ind.), Sen. David Vitter (R-La.), Rep. Charlie Melancon (D-La.), Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), Rep. Jim Leach (R-Iowa), Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.), Rep. Melissa Hart (R-Pa.), and Rep. John Oliver (D-Mass.).

The purpose of the "Fraternalists in Action" program is to recognize and honor individual fraternalists from around the country, while creating fraternal awareness in Congress, as well as reminding Members of Congress that fraternal benefit societies and the volunteer efforts of their members contribute in countless ways to their states and congressional districts.

Implicit in this message is the reality that if the federal tax-exemption were taken away, these good works would be

greatly diminished or eliminated altogether. In fact, any revenue gained by taxing fraternalists is seriously outweighed by what fraternalists put back into society.

"Fraternalists have a great story to tell, and no one can tell it better than these individuals who devote their time to making their communities a better place by helping their neighbors and friends," said NFCA Chair of the Board Michael J. Wade. "The five Fraternal MVPs who traveled to Washington were excellent good-will ambassadors for the fraternal benefit system and, through their stories, demonstrated to members of Congress the good works performed by fraternalists."

While most of the Congressional visits were brief, in all cases the members of Congress were very interested in learning what fraternalists are accomplishing in their states and districts and expressed support for fraternal contributions to local communities. In addition, the honorees raised the tax-exemption issue and urged their elected representatives to help preserve the exemption.

"The NFCA would like to congratulate and thank all who were involved in making this happen," said NFCA President and CEO Frederick H. Grubbe. "In particular, I want to express our gratitude to the five Fraternal MVPs who represented well their societies, their states and the fraternal benefit system."

Fraternal MVPs are part of the NFCA's Fraternalists-in-Action program, which recognizes individuals whose unique stories best represent 21st century fraternalism. These fraternalists demonstrate exceptional compassion and fraternal pride through their volunteer activities.

The 120-year-old NFCA unites 76 not-for-profit fraternal benefit societies operating in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. It represents 10 million people in 36,000 local chapters, making it one of the largest member networks in the U.S.

For more information, visit the NFCA website, www.nfcenet.org.

IN MEMORIAM

ANDREW KEYBIDA

March 3, 1917 - July 5, 2006

The Executive Committee of the Ukrainian National Association regrets to announce to the members of the General Assembly, to members of former Branch 322 and to the UNA membership at large that Andrew Keybida died July 5, 2006. Andrew Keybida held the position of branch secretary for over 35 years, and was UNA supreme advisor for 16 years.

The Executive Committee and the entire UNA membership express their deepest sympathy to Evelyn, Mr. Keybida's wife of 63 years and the entire Keybida family.

Mr. Keybida will be remembered as one of the major forces in the UNA, for his loyalty, dedication and many, many years of service.

Vicha Yomu Pamiat!

Father's Day celebrated at Soyuzivka



Stephan Welhasch

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – In keeping with the Ukrainian National Association's tradition, Father's Day was celebrated at Soyuzivka with a luncheon and entertainment program that was attended by many families from near and far. Seen above is a group of guests who came to Soyuzivka on Father's Day. Among them (first on the left) is Taras Mischuk, a credit union employee from Rochester, N.Y., who won a free weekend at Soyuzivka in a UNA drawing held at the estate.

Young UNA'ers



Roxolana Nadia Bilyk, daughter of Petrusia Howansky-Bilyk and Andre Bilyk of Phoenix, Ariz., is a new member of UNA Branch 16. She was enrolled by her grandparents Peter and Nadia Howansky.



Elias A. Matiash, son of Nicholas and Jodi Matiash of Oshkosh, Wis., is a new member of UNA Branch 120. He was enrolled by his great-grandmother Ann Matiash.

Mission Statement

The Ukrainian National Association exists:

- to promote the principles of fraternalism;
- to preserve the Ukrainian, Ukrainian American and Ukrainian Canadian heritage and culture; and
- to provide quality financial services and products to its members.

As a fraternal insurance society, the Ukrainian National Association reinvests its earnings for the benefit of its members and the Ukrainian community.

THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

Putin's democracy

The annual summit of the Group of Eight leading industrial countries was held in St. Petersburg, founded in 1703 by Tsar Peter I, who aimed to modernize Russia and decided to build a new capital that would serve as the Russian empire's "window on Europe." It is worth noting, as the Encyclopedia of Ukraine writes, that "The development of the city was costly in human lives ... In Ukraine it became common knowledge that 'St. Petersburg was built on Kozak bones.' " Thousands of Ukrainian conscripts died during the city's construction.

It is no accident that St. Petersburg, built as an imperial showcase, was chosen as the site of the G-8 summit to serve as Russian President Vladimir Putin's showpiece. Mr. Putin was eager to show the great powers of the G-8 that Russia is one of them and that its president, too, is a powerful leader. The entire show was meant to enhance Russia's image worldwide, and Mr. Putin even hired a U.S. public relations firm to see to it that the summit exuded "Western-style openness," as The Washington Post put it.

But something funny happened on the way to the summit. And it almost seemed like the bad old days of the USSR. On the eve of the event, a conference dubbed "The Other Russia" was held in Moscow to focus on the Kremlin's abuses, including suppression of dissent, control of the news media, and curtailment of the powers of Parliament and the independence of the judiciary. Some conference participants were arrested; and some who had intended to travel to St. Petersburg to stage a protest were detained en route. Rights activists in other cities were harassed, beaten, intimidated.

At the summit itself, there was scant talk about the state of Russian democracy since the conflict in the Mideast took center stage. Some leaders tried to broach the subject, but "Mr. Putin batted them away with contempt," The Post editorialized. Mr. Bush, apparently sensitive to ol' Vlad's feelings, adopted a gentler approach, saying he would speak frankly, but privately, about regressive policies. To his credit, Mr. Bush met with Russian activists who are speaking out against Mr. Putin's policies, but at the summit the U.S. president spoke of some sort of "Russian-style democracy" – whatever that is.

In the past, Mr. Putin had referred to Russia as a "managed democracy"; now the Kremlin put out the concept of "sovereign democracy," apparently meant to convey the idea that Russia is democratic and that its democratic nature must not be questioned.

But no amount of PR will hide the truth. Human Rights Watch got it exactly right when it referred to Russia's "Potemkin democracy."

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Turning the pages back...

It was 30 years ago that The Weekly on July 18, 1976, published a special issue dedicated to the Olympic Games held in Montreal. The front page article was on Ukraine's exclusion from the 21st Summer Olympic Games and how Ukrainian athletes were forced to compete under the Soviet banner.

According to the article, Ukrainian athletes had competed under the Soviet banner since the Games were held in Helsinki, Finland, in 1952. That was the first time the Soviet team was admitted to the Olympics; prior to this, the team was known as the Tsarist Russian Olympic group.

The article underlined that Ukraine had a legitimate right to have a separate representation under its own flag at the Games. The reasons given were as follows: first, Ukraine's constitutional position in the Soviet Union gave it an autonomous nature, albeit on paper; second, Ukraine's membership in the United Nations and various other international organizations in which it takes part and is recognized as an independent state; third, provisions in the Charter of the Olympic Games that recognized the individual competitor, not the country, but stipulated that a National Olympic Committee must be established and be recognized by the International Olympic Committee (the Soviet government never allowed for the establishment of a Ukrainian Olympic Committee). Plus, there was the success of Ukrainian athletes in previous Games.

However, even with all of these legitimate arguments for Ukraine's separate participation in the Games, the Soviet government would never allow a non-Russian republic to participate independently in the Olympics. According to the article, this was due to Russian chauvinism and Russia's need to reaffirm its role as "master nation" of the USSR.

Montreal newspapers reported that the "Ukrainian Olympic Committee," a group formed by Canadian and American Ukrainians to bring awareness to the concerns of Ukraine at the Games, organized protests and demonstrations with members from the SUM, Plast and ODUM youth organizations.

In a show of support for a free Ukraine, protesters wore T-shirts, each emblazoned with one letter, to the venues where Ukrainians were competing. They would sit in sequence to spell out "Svoboda Ukraini" (Freedom for Ukraine). In another instance, a Ukrainian spectator was arrested for waving the Ukrainian flag and taunting the Soviet coaches, calling them propagandists. Similarly, an Ontario man was charged with disturbing the peace after he waved the Ukrainian flag and briefly performed some traditional Ukrainian dance steps for his fellow countrymen on the Soviet team, before resigning himself to the custody of the local police.

In another show of unity against the Soviets, the Ukrainian Olympic Committee held a demonstration with over 250 participants outside the Velodrome in Montreal. One of the protesters climbed the flag pole, removed and burned the Soviet flag. Other demonstrators handed out pamphlets titled "Colonialism in Sports" and "Ukrainian Olympic Medal Winners" to spectators, focusing the spotlight on Ukrainian athletes.

To remind the Ukrainian athletes on the Soviet team of the diaspora's support, members of the Ukrainian Olympic Committee threw Ukrainian-language leaflets at various events. However, according to Montreal newspapers, the athletes feared picking up the leaflets.

Source: "Olympic Games and Ukraine's Exclusion," *The Ukrainian Weekly*, July 18, 1976.

FOR THE RECORD: Letters on the eve of the G-8 summit

Congressional Ukrainian Caucus

Following is the text of a letter sent by the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus to President George W. Bush on July 11 before the president left for the Group of Eight summit in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Dear Mr. President:

As you prepare for your trip to St. Petersburg and your meetings there with G-8 leaders, the bipartisan Congressional Ukrainian Congress greatly appreciates the support that you have shown for Ukraine's development as a modern, democratic, European state. We ask that you take the opportunity of those meetings to make several points regarding Ukraine with your G-8 counterparts.

In bilateral meetings with West European and Canadian leaders, we hope that you will underscore your support for Ukraine's integration into the Euro-Atlantic community. The Orange Revolution and the March parliamentary elections demonstrate that Ukrainians have firmly chosen the path of democracy. While that path may be bumpy, as it is in all democratizing countries, it is in our interest and Europe's to encourage Ukraine to follow the examples set by the Central European and Baltic countries that have made the transition to democratic, market economies over the past 10 years.

We believe that the West should send two important signals now to Ukraine which you might discuss with your Western counterparts. First, Ukraine has made considerable progress over the past 18 months in meeting the standards for membership in NATO. If the new Ukrainian Cabinet supports President Yushchenko's desire to draw closer to and ultimately join NATO, the Alliance should also be prepared to support that desire.

Second, there will likely be renewed negotiations between Ukraine and Russia over the price of natural gas; Europe has a direct interest in those talks, as the bulk of Russian natural gas to Europe transits Ukraine. The United States and Europe should make clear that, while Ukraine should pay market prices for energy, those prices should be phased in gradually to avoid harmful disruptions to the Ukrainian economy. The United States and Europe should strongly encourage Ukraine and Russia to reach an open and transparent agreement on that basis.

We hope that you will make parallel points in your discussion with President [Vladimir] Putin. In particular, Russia should avoid the temptation to exploit Ukraine's dependence on Russian gas supplies for political purposes. That will

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Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

Following is the text of a letter sent by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America to President George W. Bush on July 10 in reference to the G-8 summit.

Dear Mr. President:

In 1932-1933, in what is now a well-documented act of genocide, the USSR's Russian-dominated government headed by Joseph Stalin, under the guise of communism's war against the middle-class peasants, withheld food from Ukraine, starving to death 20 percent of Ukraine's population – more than 7 million Ukrainian farmers and their families – including 3 million women and children.

Nearly 75 years later, another Russian government, headed by Vladimir Putin, now under the guise of capitalism, is again threatening to withhold another vital commodity from Ukraine – energy in the forms of petroleum and natural gas that

are needed to heat the people's homes and run the country's economic engine.

Mr. President, the Russian-instigated natural gas crisis in Ukraine at the beginning of 2006 brought devastating effects to the Ukrainian economy. The sudden and inexplicable increase in natural gas prices affected not just Ukraine but many of our European allies, as well. Moreover, President Vladimir Putin shamelessly has been trying to blame Ukraine for the consequences on Europe of his withholding gas to Ukraine.

With this year's confrontation still fresh in everyone's memory, yet another storm is brewing. On July 1, 2006, the current gas deal between Russia and Ukraine supposedly expired, whereby Russia will be pushing for further increases in prices. Any new increases will inevitably damage Ukraine's economy and stem its economic growth.

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Participants of scholarly conference appeal to Yushchenko regarding Ukrainian language

Following is the full text of a letter sent electronically to President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine from the participants of the 25th annual Conference on Ukrainian Subjects at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The letter is dated June 24; it was received by The Weekly on July 7.

Dear Mr. President:

We the participants in the 25th annual Conference on Ukrainian Subjects at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (U.S.A.) are deeply disturbed by the threat that hovers over the Ukrainian language in Ukraine. Numerous attempts to grant the official regional status to the Russian language disseminates discord and hostility among Ukrainians and thus weakens the very foundation of Ukrainian statehood.

Those anti-Ukrainian groups in

Ukraine which aim at making Russian the second official language rely upon the European Charter of Languages which, by the way, contradicts Article 10 of the Constitution of Ukraine. Besides, minority languages – and especially the Russian language in Ukraine – are not in any danger of extinction. On the contrary, it is the Ukrainian language that is in dire need of support and protection.

The current state of the Ukrainian language is ominous. Russian language dominates in radio, television, the press and literature, and this arouses great anxiety in us.

We ask you, Mr. President, to protect the Constitution of Ukraine and not allow the country to dissect itself into small regional linguistic pieces since Ukraine happens to be one and indivisible for

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yushchenko's intransigence

Dear Editor:

There you have it. President Viktor Yushchenko's intransigence and sabotage of Yulia Tymoshenko's attempts to become prime minister after she had won most of the Orange vote last March have produced a result that should not have surprised Ukraine watchers.

In the absence of cooperation within the on-again, off-again Orange coalition, its slim parliamentary majority became a minority when Oleksander Moroz, ever-active Socialist Party leader, decided that he has had enough of the president's bafoonery. Apparently offered the chairmanship of the Verkhovna Rada – a post he has been angling for since losing it years ago – if he switched sides, he did just that with some of his party colleagues, to tip the scale toward the pro-Russian Party of the Regions.

If Mr. Yushchenko were not a political rank amateur, he would have, as his first act after the March election, shored up the shaky Socialist flank of the coalition by supporting the bid of Mr. Moroz to become Rada's chairman. He could then relax in his presidential mantle and let Ms. Tymoshenko take the lead role in marshaling and smoothing the road to what should have been a mere formality in the Verkhovna Rada to become prime minister. Most likely, she would not have hesitated to brush off, politely or not, the unlawful blockade of the Verkhovna Rada premises by the Party of the Regions farce.

Mr. Yushchenko, instead, was stacking up the deck with his cronies and played the farce of a fictitious "presidential agenda" with an empty hand.

What actually happened defies understanding, unless one admits two possibilities. One possibility is that Mr. Yushchenko's behavior is symptomatic of some personality disorder. The other possibility is that he simply is not the person that many Ukrainians, especially in the diaspora, had imagined. In a Kyiv Post article on June 15, Taras Kuzio debunked some myths about Mr. Yushchenko's attributes. Exerpts of that same article, in a condensed format, appeared in The Ukrainian Weekly on July 2, as part of an "In the Press" overview.

The misgivings which I expressed all along about the staying power of the Orange Revolution's legacy appear to be valid while the predictions made by some at a happier time fell flat, including "The pro-Russian forces have zero chance to gain power." The percentages from the elections, close to 50-50, suggested otherwise.

It did not take long to see that the Ukrainians have a problem governing themselves. This can no longer be blamed on the outside world. Ukraine has been getting political support from the West in recent years, especially from the United States, vis-à-vis Russia. This may not last long, as an agonizing reappraisal is sure to follow.

In retrospect, even a cursory look at the purported coalition agreement of June 22 suggests that it was designed to fail, although not quite the way it actually did on July 6. The proposal of Mr. Poroshenko for the Rada chair, coupled with Our Ukraine's intent to link it, via a package vote, with Ms. Tymoshenko's nomination for prime minister, was a maneuver to stall the process and prolong the stalemate. The end game then would be the retention of the Yekhanurov government. Something had to snap in the real world, and it was Mr. Moroz.

Boris Danik
North Caldwell, N.J.

About speaking "Ukraienglish"

Dear Editor:

I roared with delight at Orysia Paszczak Tracz's column of July 2, titled "Taim-aut needed, indeed." My mother, who came to the United States in 1914 from a town near Berezhany, had that Ukraienglish down pat by the time I was born in 1926.

I had always thought it was a peculiarity of her own, until I listened to her talking with other women from other cities over the course of a visit to Soyuzivka. They were all putting English into an identical Ukrainian grammar pattern, and understood each other perfectly.

However, when my mother's sister came here after World War II to see if her husband, nicely ensconced in Montreal after escaping the war in the late 1930's would take her in (he didn't), she had a very hard time understanding my mother. My mother could not understand why she understood everything her sister said, while her sister insisted that my mother wasn't speaking Ukrainian.

I have enjoyed Ms. Tracz's column since she began. Although my parents were constantly painting in the background of Ukrainian foods, history and customs, I have learned a great deal from her. I'm looking forward to her next column.

Stephanie (Chopek) Sydoriak
Los Alamos, N.M.

Re: "Stepping up to the plate ..."

Dear Editor:

In his column, "Faces and Places," in the May 28 issue, Myron B. Kuropas proposed reasons why the Ukrainian National Association has seemingly declined.

I believe Dr. Kuropas has run way off base.

Dr. Kuropas wrote, in part:

"A second reason we're losing our edge is the apathy of the Ukrainian generation born in the 1950s and 1960s, those who today are in their 40s and 50s. The children of parents who fled the Soviets are not coming up to the plate. They don't even acknowledge the existence of a 'plate.'"

"Once they went away to college, many stayed away."

Everyone that I know from the generation born in the 1950s and 1960s is an outstanding achiever. Of those who achieved a university education or better but did not return to their local community, the overwhelming majority did so for the advancement of their professional careers, which required that they pursue opportunities elsewhere.

Yet, many in this majority married Ukrainian American spouses, and have raised their children within proximate distance of a local Ukrainian community, which included participation of the children in either Plast or SUM and Ridna Shkola.

In that sense, these Ukrainian Americans have stepped up to the plate and hit home runs because they are passing on the Ukrainian heritage to their own children.

Dr. Kuropas writes further:

"The attitude seems to be: 'The Ukrainian community didn't help me when I needed it, so why should I help the community now?' Others were simply

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Faces and Places

by Myron B. Kuropas



Send in the clowns!

Remember "Send in the Clowns"? A great song from the past that could have been written by Viktor Yushchenko.

The fourth verse goes like this:

"Don't you love farce?
"My fault I fear,
"I thought you'd want what I want,
"Sorry my dear.
"But where are the clowns?
"Send in the clowns.
"Don't bother, they're here."

Yes, they're here. The clowns, many of them, jumping up and down, yelling, shouting, doing somersaults, running in circles, smacking each other, falling on their faces, sneaking up on each other from behind, locking doors.

Can't you just hear the circus ringmaster shouting: Laaa-dies and Gentlemen, I give you the Parr-lia-ment of Ukraine."

The world laughs. Ukraine weeps.

When did it all go wrong? What happened to the Orange Revolution? Why was Ukraine's moment in the sun so short?

For me, it all began in the Parliament the day Viktor Yushchenko was inaugurated. I was there. I heard his acceptance speech. I was bothered, but I didn't know why. Now I know. Viktor sounded like Calvin Coolidge. He had a golden opportunity to describe his vision passionately and convincingly. He didn't.

Viktor had a second chance on the maidan. Thousands of people were yelling "Yushchenko! Yushchenko! Viktor spoke about unity, one Ukraine, working together. Good stuff. His delivery? Lifeless. This kind of opportunity comes once in a lifetime and Viktor, poor fellow, blew it.

I walked around the maidan hours before the ceremony. People were coming from all regions of Ukraine. Many had signs. I talked with people from Zhytomyr, Kharkiv, Lviv. They seemed to be saying, "Today, Ukraine is one."

How can you mess up when, for a brief moment in time, the people, the nation, are right there with you? They were excited, hopeful, passionate, ready to storm the heavens if necessary. It was an instant in time that will never return, and Viktor wasted it. Instead of whipping up the crowd with unforgettable rhetoric, Viktor's delivery seemed to be saying, "slow down, don't get too excited." I observed the faces of the crowd. The smiles were gone. No one moved. If Viktor's goal was to bring the people down to earth, he succeeded.

As I left the maidan, I was nonplused. It's my problem, I thought, it's not important. So Viktor isn't Winston Churchill. Big deal. Viktor is an accountant, a financial whiz, a nuts-and-bolts kind of guy. Things will get better, I told myself. I returned to the United States and forgot about Ukraine. And then it happened. Viktor dismissed his entire Cabinet? What? The entire Cabinet? Wow!

Why? I asked. What happened? No one could give me a straight answer. There were theories, of course. Viktor was honest, his team was corrupt. Viktor was afraid of Yulia. Viktor was under the thumb of Petro Poroshenko, his "kum," a millionaire aching to become billionaire. Yulia is Lucretia Borgia, Eva Peron, Hillary Clinton, take your pick. Yulia is on a power trip. Viktor is afraid of her.

Viktor is inept, a gutless wonder. Viktor is being manipulated by Petro.

Did Viktor take bold steps against corruption? No. Did he go after those who poisoned him? No. (His inaction led conspiracy theorists to suggest Viktor poisoned himself.) Did Viktor demand immediate justice for Heorhii Gongadze's murderers? No. Did he introduce one initiative, make one move, one action, that would demonstrate his commitment to justice, honesty and the Orange way?

Viktor came to America and appeared on "The Larry King Show." Larry asked softball questions that even an alderman could answer easily. Viktor, however, stumbled, mumbled and seemed distracted. When Larry asked about Viktor's son tooling around Kyiv in a BMW and having money to burn while many people in Ukraine were hurting financially, a polished politician would have said something like: "My son and I had a long, heart-to-heart talk about that and I believe he now understands his responsibilities as the son of Ukraine's president." End of discussion! Did Viktor say that? Not even close. He rambled on and on about the car not being his son's, his son sharing an apartment with his buddy, his buddy loaning his son money ..." Sad. Another golden opportunity squandered.

As we know, things went from bad to worse.

Elections were held, and Our Ukraine came in third. Yulia's party came in second. Did Viktor make nice-nice with Yulia? No.

The new game in town is musical chairs. Viktor held consensus meetings. He had an agreement. He didn't have an agreement. He had come to terms with Yulia and, yes, she would be prime minister again. But Petro would be Verkhovna Rada chairman. Wrong again. Oleksander Moroz defects and forms his own coalition. Now Oleksander heads the Rada. The Communists, marginalized before, are players again. The other Viktor, Yanukovich, will be prime minister. And so it goes ... back to the maidan. This time, however, Orange isn't the color of choice. Think blue, the color of the other Viktor's Regions Party.

As I write this, Yulia and many in Our Ukraine are calling for new elections. Given the level of disillusionment with President Yushchenko, people fear that the Orange coalition will get a worse drubbing than the last time.

Russia, of course, is a major player in all of this. As before, Russians will dump money into the opposition because they want Ukraine back. They don't want NATO on their doorstep and they're afraid of Yulia because, despite her deficiencies, as James Sherr of the United Kingdom Defense Academy writes, she is "an astute and courageous politician with the ability and determination to oppose them ... they fear that Tymoshenko ... will purge the energy sector and security services of people aligned with or suborned by the Kremlin."

The clock is ticking, Mr. Yushchenko. Once again, Yulia can save your shaky coalition. You need each other. Swallow your pride and go to her, hat in hand.

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The Carpathian Ski Club of New York
under the auspices of the
Ukrainian Sports Federation of USA and Canada (USCAK)
will hold

THE 50TH ANNUAL
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
SWIMMING COMPETITION

at Soyuzivka, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2006

Swim meet

Saturday, September 2, 2006, 10 a.m.
for individual and team championships of USCAK
and Ukrainian National Association trophies
Warm-up at 9 a.m.

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51	15 & over	4 x 50m medley	15 & over	52

Swimmers can compete in three (3) individual and one (1) relay events. Relay teams will be established by team coaches or representatives.
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Mykola Soroka

“New Parliament for Ukraine!” reads a banner hung by Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc activists alongside Kyiv’s Independence Square.

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join the Anti-Crisis Coalition.

“I saw in the president’s ‘yes’ a large desire to unite our efforts,” Mr. Yanukovych said afterwards. “We’ll do everything to find understanding with Our Ukraine in the soonest time and unite to resolve many issues.”

Another option is for Our Ukraine to remain in the opposition yet tacitly support the Anti-Crisis Coalition’s policies.

The new majority coalition announced on July 18 that it would assign 12 committee chairmanships to the Tymoshenko and Our Ukraine blocs – an impressive political development considering that the previously formed democratic coalition planned to give no positions to the Party of the Regions and the Communists.

Among the Our Ukraine politicians to receive committee chairmanships, the coalition gave Petro Poroshenko the Committee for Financial Issues and Banking Activit;, Mykola Martynenko the Committee for Fuel and Energy Issues, Nuclear Politics and Safety; Borys Tarasyuk the Committee for Euro-Integration Issue; and Volodymyr Stretovych the Committee for Law Enforcement Activities.

“That they gave Poroshenko and Martynenko committees shows the Party of the Regions is trying to assimilate the opposition,” said Oles Doniy, chair of the Kyiv-based Center for Political Values Research and a member of the Socialist Party. “Now people are wondering whether the so-called ‘democratic coalition’ was truly that way.”

As regards Tymoshenko Bloc politicians, the coalition gave Mykola Tomenko the Committee for Family, Youth and Sports Issues; Andrii Shevchenko the Committee for Freedom of Speech Issues; and Volodymyr Yavorivskyi the Committee for Cultural and Spiritual Issues.

The coalition also announced it was allowing Ms. Tymoshenko’s close confidante Oleksander Turchynov to become vice-chairman of the Verkhovna Rada.

Party of the Regions National Deputy Mykola Azarov pointed out that the opposition members should chair their assigned committees with the understanding that they wouldn’t obstruct the Anti-Crisis Coalition’s political agenda.

The next day, Mr. Tomenko announced that the Tymoshenko Bloc national deputies would reject all the committee chairs offered by the Anti-Crisis Coalition and remain firmly in the opposition.

Ms. Tymoshenko then said Mr. Turchynov wouldn’t accept the Rada’s vice-chairmanship. “We don’t need to divide up positions,” she said. “We need

to save Ukraine. Oleksander Turchynov will bring more benefit working in the committee halls rather than sitting like a mannequin in the presidium.”

Our Ukraine, on the other hand, may end up taking its committee chairmanships and working in tandem with the Anti-Crisis Coalition without formally joining it, she said.

“This would mean surrendering those principles for which people rose up at the barricades,” Ms. Tymoshenko said. “For 10 or so positions, they’d actually be surrendering Ukraine.”

Kyiv’s central district remains besieged by supporters of the Party of the Regions, who have set up their camp across from the Verkhovna Rada, and their rivals from the Tymoshenko Bloc and the Pora Party, who have settled Independence Square and Mariyivskyi Park across from the Cabinet of Ministers building.

Pora and Party of Regions held a friendly soccer match in the afternoon of July 17 on Trukhaniv Island in Kyiv. Among those playing were Pora leader Viacheslav Kaskiv and Party of Regions National Deputy Vitalii Khomutynnyk. More than 100 spectators watched as Pora handed the Regions players a 4-1 defeat.

In explaining his team’s poor performance, Mr. Khomutynnyk said it was put together at the last minute, suggesting a rematch. He also commended the strong performance of Pora’s goalie – after Mr. Kaskiv noted that he was a Donetsk native.

After the match, the two leaders shook hands and acknowledged the game was fair; players exchanged jerseys.

Party of the Regions supporters had arrived from cities throughout Ukraine to join the well-organized camp at the Parliament, which provides them with food, tents, friends and even makeshift places of worship.

Most agree with 70-year-old Luhansk resident Viktor Bezkrivnyi, who said the Orange Revolution was a coup staged by Mr. Yushchenko with American support, in which the Orange forces falsified the presidential vote.

Many said they were anticipating Mr. Yanukovych’s return to power.

“I have been waiting for this day for a year and a half,” said Andrii Diadyk, 37, who arrived from Odesa. “The Orange Revolution was a show – a public relations stunt to switch the political elites.”

Among the Tymoshenko supporters were Orange Revolutionaries who have returned to their old stomping grounds.

Andrii Ostrozhnyi, 40, said he was camped in Tent B26 of the Orange Republic at the corner of Prorizna Street and the Khreschatyk from November 25, 2004, to January 21, 2005.

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He couldn't have imagined that he'd have to come out on the maidan again.

"Lenin said every revolution has value if you know how to defend it," Mr. Ostrozhnyi said. "So I came to defend the democracy we achieved."

Like many Orange supporters, Roman Cherneha, 27, of Vinnytsia said he fears the Party of the Regions will exact revenge when retaking power. "Democratic values will be disgraced," he said. "We can lose everything we gained."

The Tymoshenko Bloc will refuse to participate in a parliamentary session until July 25, the day when the president has to decide whether to accept Mr. Yanukovich's candidacy or dismiss Parliament. The bloc leader called on Ukrainian patriots to prevent Mr. Yanukovich from becoming prime minister.

It has also begun to gather signatures of those national deputies willing to resign their positions with the goal of forcing a dismissal of Parliament, given that it needs a two-thirds majority to function.

The Tymoshenko Bloc, with 125 deputies, needs the help of Our Ukraine deputies in order to gain the critical number of 151 national deputies who could resign and thereby force Parliament's dismissal.

Meanwhile, the Party of the Regions has allocated for itself nine Verkhovna Rada committee chairmanships, including the powerful Budget Committee, to be headed by Mykola Azarov; the Regulations Committee, chaired by Anton Pryhodskyi; the Committee for Legal Policy, chaired by Mr. Kushnariov; and the Committee for Judicial Affairs, chaired by Serhii Kivalov, the discredited chairman of the Central Elections Committee at the time of the fraudulent 2004 presidential election.

Anti-Crisis deputies will also have a majority on virtually all the Parliament's committees, even those chaired by opposition deputies, Mr. Doniy said.

Through its formation of the government coalition, the Party of the Regions has demonstrated to the public it is effective at management, he said. What took the democratic coalition three months and 120 pages, the Anti-Crisis partners did in three weeks and 12 pages.

"For the democratic coalition, the agreement was a pretext for dragging out the process," Mr. Doniy said. "Yushchenko desperately didn't want to see Tymoshenko as prime minister, so the process was prolonged to the maximum. Now there is a 120-page agreement in the garbage, while these 12 pages enabled a new coalition to form."

The emergence of the Anti-Crisis Coalition is yet another immense failure of the Yushchenko presidency, many political experts said.

"Without a doubt, the Regions have emerged from the crisis looking stronger," said Mr. Doniy. "The Orange coalition showed ineffective manage-

ment and an inability to resolve personal ambitions."

The Orange Revolution's leaders weren't able to put aside their personal ambitions and party agendas in order to pursue political policies furthering the Ukrainian nation's interest, Dr. Taran said.

"Ukrainian politics has a crisis for one reason – personalities and ambitions rather than policies and agendas," he added.

The Party of the Regions also demonstrated its newfound ability to deal with embarrassing scandals.

At the party's tent city established outside the Verkhovna Rada on July 12, Regions National Deputy Oleh Kalashnikov led a group in approaching an STB television reporter and cameraman, demanding they surrender videotape of recorded materials.

When the cameraman attempted to flee, the Regions group threw him to the ground and forcibly seized the tape from him.

More than 800 members of the Ukrainian media signed a petition demanding, among other things, that the Party of the Regions return the videotape, exclude Mr. Kalashnikov from the parlia-

mentary faction and agree to criminal charges brought against him.

On July 20 Mr. Yanukovich gave the order removing Mr. Kalashnikov from the Party of the Regions parliamentary faction.

"They're showing that they want to be democratic and open, whether or not that's truly the case," Mr. Doniy said.

However, not everyone is at ease with the Regions' response.

Tymoshenko supporter Mr. Ostrozhnyi believes Mr. Kalashnikov's actions are a sign of things to come. "Freedom of speech will be destroyed," he said. "We can already see it happening with what Yanukovich's deputies did to the STB reporters."

Meanwhile, the U.S. government continued to maintain a neutral position on Ukrainian politics, without indicating whether it favors one parliamentary coalition over another.

It's unclear at this point how much oriented toward the Russian Federation the Anti-Crisis Coalition will be.

While the new coalition is admittedly oriented along Russian political and cultural lines, it is not Moscow-centric, Mr. Doniy said.

Both the Party of the Regions and the

Socialists have Euro-integration policies in their party platforms, he said.

However, the Anti-Crisis Coalition will firmly oppose Ukrainian membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Dr. Taran said.

It's also not likely to be proactive in initiating the necessary political efforts to draw Ukraine closer to the European Union, experts said.

Acting Minister of the Economy Arsenii Yatseniuk has already voiced his concern that the new coalition government won't approve the few remaining international trade agreements Ukraine needs for World Trade Organization membership. These include agreements with Colombia, Kyrgyzstan and Taiwan.

The Socialists and Communists are fervently against Ukraine's membership in the WTO.

In a meeting this week with Mr. Moroz, U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine William Taylor said the U.S. supports Russia and Ukraine entering the WTO simultaneously, according to Viktoriya Shvedova, the director the Verkhovna Rada's press office.

Translator Mykola Soroka contributed to this report.

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the Ukraine's National Academy of Sciences.

"The OUN-UPA was that military-political factor that directly influenced the Ukrainian people's struggle for a sovereign state," the report stated.

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PHOTO JOURNAL: Team Ukraine fanatics in Germany at the World Cup

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – This summer, the World Cup brought Ukrainians from all over the globe to Germany to cheer on their countrymen. Some fans dressed in traditional fashion, some loud and proud, while others mixed their home country style with Ukrainian motifs.

Team Ukraine, in its debut performance at the World Cup, advanced to the quarter-finals. Ukraine lost to Italy,

which went on to defeat France to win the soccer championship.

If you’ve got a blue-and-yellow wig, save it for the next World Cup scheduled for South Africa in 2010.

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Seen on this page are some of the highlights of the World Cup, most seen through the eyes of our readers who sent in photographs.



Ukrainian fans in Berlin for the Ukraine-Tunisia match.



Team Ukraine arrives; in the center is Andriy Shevchenko.



The Yushchenkos in Hamburg for the quarterfinal between Ukraine and Italy.



The official welcome at Team Ukraine’s headquarters.



Kathy Klufas of the U.S. with a fan from Scotland.



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Andrew Futey (center) and blue-and-yellow friends.

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Soyuzivka's Discovery Camp offers fun Ukrainian-style



Roma Lisovich



KERHONKSON, N.Y. – Soyuzivka's unique Discovery Camp gives children and teens between the ages of 8 and 15 a chance to become acquainted with their Ukrainian heritage while learning about the environment and the beautiful nature all around them. Campers this year came from all corners of the United States, including Florida and California; one camper traveled to the Ukrainian National Association's estate in upstate New York from France. The photos on this page show the campers and some of their activities (clockwise from top left): counselor Bohdanna Puzyk teaches campers how to make pysanky; some of the campers' finished products; camper Carly Hawrylko with counselor Kira Myskiw; the Lviv villa, where campers are accommodated; some of the boys taking a break between activities; campers after swimming in the Soyuzivka pool. The camp program also includes hiking, scuba diving, bonfires, organized sports and games, and overnight campouts for older participants. Discovery Camp is held in two sessions: July 9-15 and July 16-22.



There's no place like Soyuzivka!

‘Tabir Ptashat’ camp for pre-schoolers focuses on nature, music, crafts and games



Children listen raptly to George Hrab’s presentation on music.



One of the groups with the planter they made as a gift to Soyuzivka.

by Lesia Naumenko

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – “Rain, rain, go away! Come again another day!” That was the refrain often repeated during the first week of “Tabir Ptashat” at the Ukrainian National Association estate, Soyuzivka. Run by the Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization’s “Pershi Stezhi” sorority under the guidance of Neonila Sochan, this is an introductory camp for Ukrainian-speaking children age 4-6, most of whom join Plast when they turn 7.

As for the rainy refrain, it seemed as if never in the history of Soyuzivka had so much water fallen from the skies as it did during the week of June 25 to July 1. Umbrellas became the new appendage. Wet hair, wet socks, wet sneakers, drippy raincoats and rivers running through the estate became the norm. However, the deluge did not stop the 49 campers from having a terrific week.

The camp, under “komendantka” Lesia Naumenko, was divided by age into five “royi,” or small groups. Each had a bird designation. This year’s theme was domesticated fowl: geese, turkeys, roosters, hens and ducks. Children made hats representing their group’s respective birds and learned an “obriad,” or short

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The participants – campers and counselors – of the first session of “Tabir Ptashat” at Soyuzivka.



Campers in their distinctive bird hats during the morning assembly. On the left is the camp’s director, Lesia Naumenko.



“Tabir Ptashat” campers learn about nature during a group activity led by Adrian Hewryk.

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announced on July 18 from the parliamentary rostrum that her bloc is prepared to give up seats in order to dissolve the Parliament, the Ukrayinska Pravda website reported. Tymoshenko called on Our Ukraine to do the same. "There are two options to change the situation in the Parliament: either the president dissolves the Parliament or 150 lawmakers vacate their seats, thus making the Parliament illegitimate," Ms. Tymoshenko said. However, Verkhovna Rada speaker Moroz countered that such a move would not result in the dissolution of the Parliament because "another 150 lawmakers will arrive courtesy of a decision by the Central Election Committee" replacing the lawmakers with others on the party list. Supporters of Ms. Tymoshenko and of the youth organization Pora attempted on July 18 to block access to the Parliament building, but the effort failed to disrupt the proceedings. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Yanukovych expects to be PM soon

KYIV – Viktor Yanukovych, the leader of the Party of the Regions, has said he objects to the possible dissolution of Parliament, and hopes that President Viktor Yushchenko will endorse his bid for the prime ministership within 15 days, Interfax reported on July 17. Mr. Yanukovych also said he fully trusts Oleksander Moroz, whose Socialist Party was part of the Orange coalition before abruptly switching sides and joining the Anti-Crisis Coalition after Mr. Moroz was elected Verkhovna Rada chairman. "We have no doubts about him. He shares our point of view that the coalition should be expanded," Mr. Yanukovych said. (RFE/RL Newsline)

President vows to counter anarchy

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko said in a July 15 address to the Verkhovna Rada that he will not allow anarchy, chaos or a national split in Ukraine, Interfax reported. "I am aware that there are political forces that would prefer a radical turn in the situation and are interested in confrontation for the sole aim of gaining absolute power," Mr. Yushchenko said, adding he hopes the political forces in the Parliament will reach consensus before July 25, when he will have the authority to dissolve the Parliament. The president described the possibility of dissolution of the Verkhovna Rada and early parliamentary elections as "a costly luxury for Ukraine." (RFE/RL Newsline)

Yekhanurov against Rada's dissolution

KYIV – Prime Minister Yuriy Yekhanurov, who is a key official of Our Ukraine, has said that dissolving the Verkhovna Rada will not settle the political crisis in Ukraine, Interfax reported on July 14. "I have always been for a broad coalition involving political forces that support President [Viktor] Yushchenko's program," Mr. Yekhanurov said, adding that some politicians' ambitions have prevented the creation of such a coalition. "Instead of assuming solidarity ... some politicians started the process of confrontation," he said. (RFE/RL Newsline)

New coalition for EU and SES

KYIV – The Anti-Crisis Coalition created by the Party of the Regions, the Socialist Party, and the Communist Party announced on July 14 that its main goals are Ukraine's full membership in the European Union and the completion of the Single Economic Space, Interfax reported, citing the coalition agreement. The agreement reads that joining NATO would only come following a nationwide referendum. The agreement also provides for mandato-

ry consultations with the Ukrainian president on nominations of key posts in the government. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Ukraine's Jews pray for Israel

KYIV – A collective prayer service for the rescue of Israel was held on July 17 in Kyiv's Central Synagogue. Israeli Ambassador to Ukraine Naomi Ben-Ami thanked the people who came to express their solidarity with the people of Israel in difficult days. The envoy said: "Today, when an unprecedented war is being waged against Israel, we have seen the world's support for the first time in many years. At the G-8 summit in St. Petersburg, Israel was supported by all the heads of the member-states of the summit. We need your moral support and participation here in Ukraine today as never before." Chief Rabbi of Ukraine Moshe-Reuven Asman said prayers for the rescue of the people of Israel. Speaking in the prayer hall of the synagogue, the rabbi also stressed spiritual unity with the people of Israel and "desire to win a victory in a just war." (Religious Information Service of Ukraine)

Vandals deface Babyn Yar memorial

KYIV – Unidentified vandals damaged the Menorah memorial at the former Jewish cemetery in Babyn Yar, Kyiv, during the night on July 18. Some connect the incident with the fighting that has recently begun in Lebanon, though local guards attribute it to drug addicts or skinheads. The vandals nearly destroyed one of the large tiles set on the steps of the pedestal and broke glass. The bronze, seven-candle Menorah monument was placed in Babyn Yar in Kyiv in the 1990s in memory of the 100,000 residents of Kyiv who were killed by the Nazis in 1941-1943. In September 1941 approximately 35,000 Jews were shot dead in a two-day period. (Religious Information Service of Ukraine)

Putin warns outsiders about Ukraine

MOSCOW – President Vladimir Putin told journalists from countries belonging to the Group of Eight (G-8) industrialized countries in Moscow on July 13 that outsiders should not attempt to engage in power politics in Ukraine, Russian television reported. He said that "you can't bet on any particular force [in Ukraine], painting it in a pro-Western color. I'm telling you again, there are neither pro-Western, nor pro-Russian forces [in Ukraine]. All of them are pro-Ukrainian, first and foremost. And this should be understood, just as our interests there should be respected, because almost 17 million ethnic Russians live there, and almost every second family in Ukraine has ties with the Russian Federation." (RFE/RL Newsline)

Yavlinsky has no political hopes for G-8

MOSCOW – Grigory Yavlinsky of the liberal opposition Yabloko party wrote in Nezavisimaya Gazeta of July 14 that "it's impossible to ignore that Russia is moving further and further away from democracy, and that an authoritarian system has been established here." He argued that "Russia has no independent Parliament, free speech or independent judiciary. Elections are manipulated, and business is subordinated to government. The authorities don't respect civil rights or civil liberties. Laws are applied selectively, on a politically motivated basis. This also has a direct impact on foreign policy, which bears little resemblance to strategic partnership with the West." Mr. Yavlinsky added, however, that one should not expect the Western leaders to be tough with President Vladimir Putin on internal Russian political issues at the G-8 summit because they themselves "have too many sins on their own records" to do so. Mr. Yavlinsky said he believes that "the G-8 summit is primarily a stability factor, a

face-to-face meeting for the leaders of the states on which global security depends." (RFE/RL Newsline)

Putin: U.S. and Russia not opponents

STRELNA, Russia – President Vladimir Putin told reporters in Strelna on July 17 that "our relations [with the United States] have changed fundamentally" since the end of the Cold War, Russian and international news agencies reported. He added that "not only have we ceased to be enemies, but we don't consider each other opponents, either. And by the way, the course of discussions yesterday and today showed that our positions are very close in many respects." He said that the two countries "should simply know how to work in a frank and professional way and, while defending our own [respective] national interests, we can always find a way to solve issues that doesn't lead to a confrontation, but to a compromise." Mr. Putin noted that "not all people in our two countries are ready to take a look anew into the future. Unfortunately, there are such structures and forces ... that still rely on concepts of confrontation. We see that all too often." Asked by a reporter whether he was offended that U.S. President George W. Bush met with Russian human rights activists, Mr. Putin elicited laughter among his audience by admitting that he himself has "met with representatives of non-governmental

organizations, too ... It's good. The more we work with civil society, the better." (RFE/RL Newsline)

Russians take stock of G-8

STRELNA, Russia – President Vladimir Putin told reporters in Strelna at the close of the Group of Eight summit on July 17 that "we are satisfied that our partners received with understanding Russia's ideas and proposals for the summit," Russian and international news agencies reported. He added that "it is also obvious that Russia's growing economic potential allows it to play a more significant role in global development, and we are ready to participate actively in implementing all of the proposed initiatives." Deputy Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov noted that, prior to the summit, Moscow "faced a lot of criticism from different parts of the world, but in the end we managed to show that Russia's place in the G-8 is quite natural, that it's impossible to tackle vital problems without Russia." An unnamed Western diplomat was quoted by The Washington Times on July 18 as saying that the "Russians have clearly had a recovery of confidence." The Moscow daily Nezavisimaya Gazeta noted on July 17, however, that Russian plans for the gathering were overshadowed by the Middle East crisis and by Iran's refusal to agree to the Russian-backed proposal to halt uranium enrichment. (RFE/RL Newsline)

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turned off by the incessant 'guilt-tripping' and 'obligation-mongering' of their parents. Saturday school, Plast and SUM may have enhanced their cognitive Ukrainianism, but failed in the affective arena. They don't view our community with affection, let alone love."

No one in my generation expected anything from the community other than the respect and affection that ordinarily should accrue to any human being.

Although my generation may not have endured the quality and quantity of hardships suffered by earlier Ukrainian generations, my generation's experience in the Ukrainian American community was not devoid of abuses.

There were verbal and emotional abuses growing up Ukrainian American during the 1950s and 1960s at all levels, whether from the nuns at the Catholic grade school, the Plast camp staff, or the teachers at Ridna Shkola. No one from my generation can legitimately say they did not witness any such abuses.

Considering the amount of abuse heaped upon those growing up Ukrainian in America during the 1950s and 1960s by those leading things Ukrainian, it's a miracle that so many of that generation have cared enough to pass on the heritage to their progeny.

On the other hand, most local united organizations' chiefs have been in office continuously for over 40 years. The argument has been that no one from the younger generation has emerged to qualify for the positions. Unfortunately, the united organizations never developed or implemented a protocol by which someone from the 1950s or 1960s generation could have been groomed for leadership.

Under that type of local leadership and participatory democracy, it's difficult to imagine how anyone born in the 1950s and 1960s could have emerged to step up to Dr. Kuropas' plate.

If the UNA has declined, it's not because the generation of the 1950s and 1960s hasn't stepped up to the plate or because they're apathetic or disaffected. It's because the UNA has failed to offer an updated mix of products and services relevant to the continued growth and prosperity of the community at large.

Eugene I. Apostoluk
Parma, Ohio

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Hartford chapter of CCRDF raises funds for hospitals in Ukraine



HARTFORD, Conn. – The local Ukrainian National Home was the venue on Sunday, November 20, 2005, for the fund-raiser called "Benefit 2005: Silent Auction and Showcase of Young Talent" organized by the Great Hartford Chapter of the Children of Chernobyl Relief and Development Fund. The goal was to raise money for the purchase of equipment for the neonatal unit of Ivano-Frankivsk Hospital in Ukraine. Featured was a cornucopia of performance art, art and crafts. Instrumental, vocal and dance performances by local children and youth, who donated their time and talent in the service of young people less fortunate than themselves. Among the performing groups was the Zoloty Promin dance troupe (seen above), which is directed by Orlando Pagan with the assistance of Adrienne Fil. About 150 people attended the event, which raised nearly \$6,000, according to Julie Nesteruk, chairperson of the Greater Hartford Chapter of the CCRDF.

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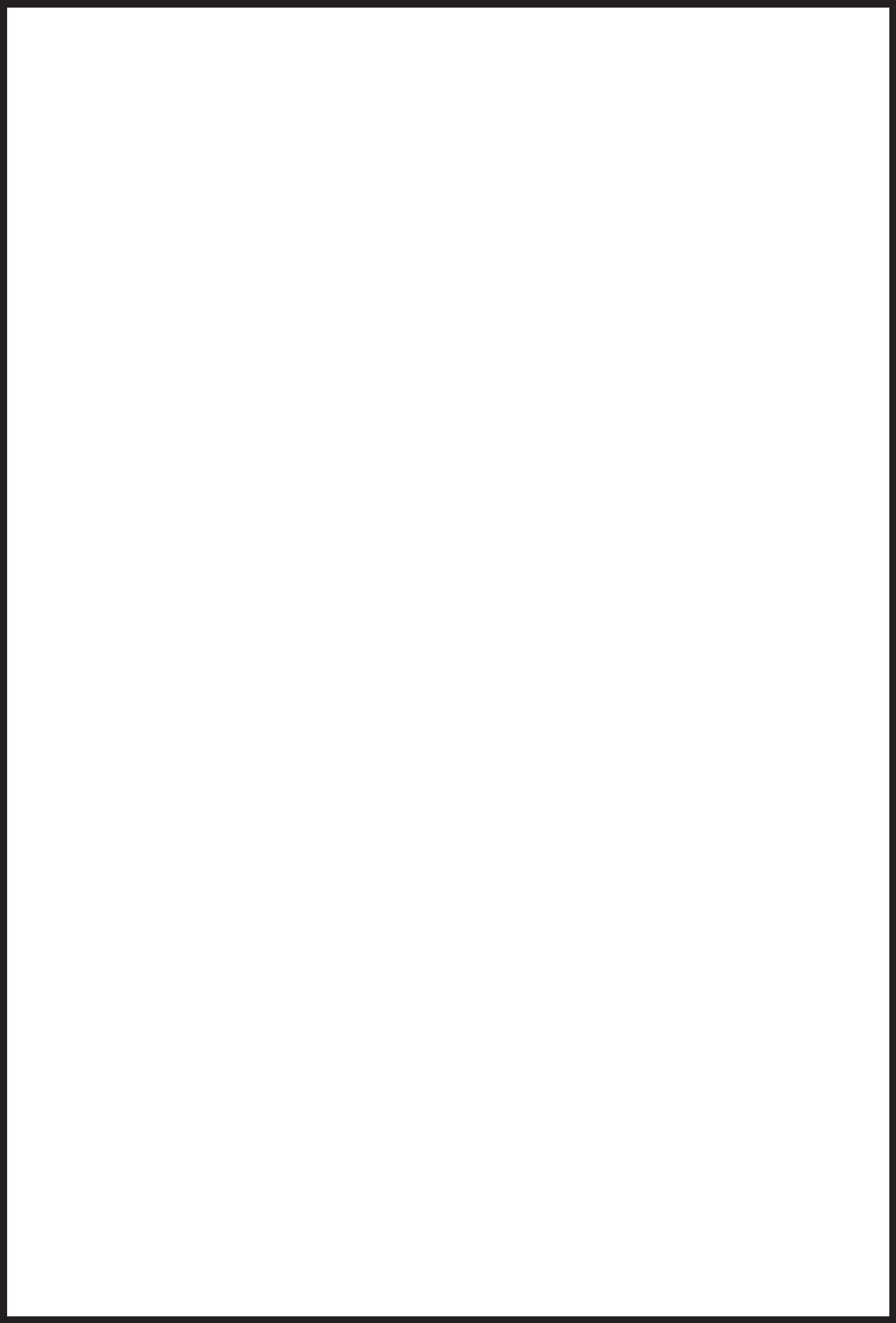
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of all of BUG's attributes; it does not fall under the aegis of any other organization, but is completely autonomous. Although many of its members are in Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, the Ukrainian American Youth Association (SUM), or any of a number of Ukrainian organizations, the Brooklyn Ukrainian Group is not guided by anything other than the goal of supporting and promoting of Ukrainian artists.

"We wanted to be a general group that

was out there to promote Ukrainian artists and arts," said Ruta Lew. We are involved with "people who are Ukrainian or of Ukrainian descent who work in the arts, to help support them. So that you don't have to be a Ukrainian who only draws on Ukrainian themes, we want to support everyone," she added.

To this end, BUG's mission statement also reads that it is "a voluntary group that was founded in 2003 to support Ukrainian arts." BUG members include visual artists, musicians, filmmakers, craftspeople, photographers, culinary artists (co-founder Olesia Lew is a chef), dancers, actors, as well as those interested in Ukrainian culture.

It is also interesting to note that BUG has several members who are not Ukrainian, but who are friends, neighbors and colleagues of Ukrainians.

"BUG is also about having fun," noted Maya Lew, who works as a recruiter in Manhattan. "We wanted to create a cooperative, a club of sorts, to help support artists and to have a good time doing it." The first event that BUG held was a lot of fun indeed. Dressed in traditional Ukrainian costumes, members went around New York's East Village, Union Square and individuals' homes in the area in December 2003 and January 2004 singing Ukrainian Christmas carols to raise funds for "Folk!" (a film by filmmaker Roxy Toporowych) and Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in Brooklyn.

This was soon followed by the first annual Soyuzivka spring clean-up event in April 2004, which saved the Ukrainian National Association's estate thousands of dollars and allowed BUG members to give back to their beloved getaway. The third such endeavor took place just a few weekends ago where BUG members got their hands dirty for the benefit of the community.

In fact, BUG managed to assemble a solid cast of 12 volunteers who successfully cleaned, arranged and prepared many areas of Soyuzivka's grounds and rooms this April. Such seemingly small projects go a very long way at a place as big as Soyuzivka.

Another favorite event of the Brooklyn Ukrainian Group is the St. George Ukrainian Street Festival in Manhattan. BUG has had a booth on Seventh Street for the last three years, including this year's installment, selling artwork, promoting their members and spreading the word about the group and



Some of the members of the Brooklyn Ukrainian Group at this year's spring clean-up event at the Soyuzivka estate in Kerhonkson, N.Y.

ritual – a song with movements – about their bird.

Morning activities included a group meeting, during which the children had daily themes such as bugs, birds, camping and nature. After a short break, there were round-robin activities consisting of nature knowledge, games and sports, and singing, all led in Ukrainian. Families were given a long afternoon break to rest, swim (when the sun came out) and enjoy Soyuzivka.

Then, at 4 p.m., the campers participated in various camp-wide activities. Highlights included a visit from musician George Hrab of Bethlehem, Pa., who gave the children a rousing and creative presentation about music. The children loved learning about the three parts that make up music: pitch, speed and volume. They even made their own tambourines and drums earlier in the day, which they played enthusiastically for Mr. Hrab.

Halyna Shepko of Shawangunk Ridge Farm brought her chickens, roosters, ducks and turkeys for the children to see, hear and pet.

During Wednesday's science fair the children went from station to station and made baking-soda volcanoes, mixed colors, created "goop," played with magnets, saw if objects sank or floated, and constructed marshmallow-and-toothpick sculptures, among other things.

During one day's meeting, the children planted flowers into designated baskets, which were later presented to Soyuzivka via the estate's general manager, Nestor Paslawsky.

Thursday was the annual favorite: the "Olimpiyada" (Olympiad). Squeezed in between two torrential storms, the children ran, kicked, tossed, threw and raced their way to gold medals for all.

Another favorite, the campfire, unfortunately had to be held in the Main House lobby due to poor conditions outdoors. Nonetheless, a real fire blazed in the fireplace and all enjoyed hearing the obriady again, singing beloved songs, and laughing at a special guest, the silly Farmer Ivan Olen, who led the kids in an Old MacDonald-type song.

Friday brought treasure maps, hikes and gold doubloons. Each group was sent on a hunt in search of treasure. When the ptashata returned, gold and candies in tow, a small carnival awaited them. Children got to play games, win prizes, eat popcorn and cotton candy, and even have their faces painted.

On Friday night after dinner, on the Veselka auditorium stage, each age group of children performed songs with movements they had learned during the week to the delight of their family members.

Camp ended on Saturday morning under glorious sunshine with the handing out of certificates to all campers who participated. Camp T-shirts were proudly donned for the group photo.

Despite the awful weather, the children, their dedicated and caring counselors, and their families had a wonderful time at Soyuzivka.

its mission.

The name Brooklyn Ukrainian Group is something that the members are quick to qualify as not a limiting standard. One does not have to reside or visit Brooklyn to become or remain a member of BUG. It just happened to be where the co-founders were all from and was perfect for an acronym. "I always tell people that we are all over the place not just in Brooklyn," said Maya Lew. Evidence of the group's membership seems to suggest BUG has gotten over this small identity crisis.

The future seems to be very bright for the artistic group, which has been grow-

ing exponentially since its inception. BUG's involvement in diverse events and at various places seems to show that the group is here to stay. This not only bodes well for BUG, but also for the Ukrainian community as a whole.

Artists and all interested in art now have an organization devoted to their field and to the advancement of Ukrainian artists' endeavors, as well as the Ukrainian community as a whole.

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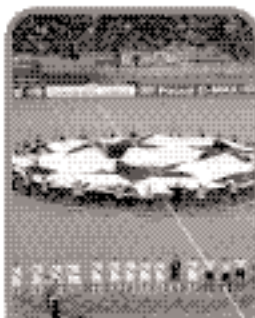


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Ukrainian Congress...

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If Russia were today a normal democratically oriented society, its claim to what it calls a fair market price for gas might be considered legitimate. While in Vilnius earlier this year, Vice-President Dick Cheney acknowledged the back-sliding of democratic tendencies in the Russian Federation: "Yet in Russia today, opponents of reform are seeking to reverse the gains of the last decade ... Other actions by the Russian government have been counterproductive, and could begin to affect relations with other countries. No legitimate interest is served when oil and gas become the tools of intimidation or blackmail, either by supply manipulation or attempts to monopolize transportation." Today, while the Ukrainian nation has demonstrated clearly that it wants democracy, Russia is doing its best to undermine the country in all possible means.

Mr. President, we ask you to express to President Putin that given Russia's historical attempts to subjugate Ukraine and its people, including by Stalin's man-made famine, the United States will not permit energy to be used as a weapon against Ukraine. Aside from the objective economic reasons that are involved in these recent gas negotiations, the Russian Federation, as stated recently by its ambassador to Ukraine Viktor Chernomyrdin, will put up obstacles in the negotiations because of Ukraine's recent declaration of its intent to join NATO. "Where there are bad political relations, good economic [affairs] just don't happen," stated Ambassador Chernomyrdin, hinting at this issue.

Moreover, as political pundits have observed recently, the West fears that Mr. Putin will use the venue of the G-8 meeting to promote his policies, isolate

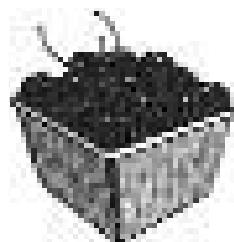
Ukraine and punish those member-countries that are supporters of Ukraine. Jackson Diehl of The Washington Post recently wrote: "In the past few weeks, however, the Western will to stand up to Putin has crumbled. At a NATO ministerial meeting 10 days ago, France and several other European governments rejected U.S. talk of an 'enhanced dialogue' with Georgia or a membership action plan for Ukraine - even as Russian-backed demonstrations in the Ukrainian Crimea forced NATO to withdraw U.S. Marines who had deployed there for an exercise."

Mr. President, there are numerous examples of Russia's covert and open attempts to sabotage Ukrainian democracy and independence, and force the world to accept its vision of world affairs. As a representative organization of the Ukrainian American community, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) respectfully requests that the United States, as a strategic partner of Ukraine, an ardent supporter of Ukraine's NATO membership and the defender of democracies worldwide, does not waver in its open support for Ukraine. We ask that the United States assist Ukraine in resolving this and other issues that could hamper its evolution into a country worthy of being America's ally and a member of NATO, the WTO and the global community. Although price increases are inevitable for a number of reasons, they need to be implemented gradually, allowing Ukraine's economy time to adjust and increase energy efficiency. Speedy and efficient resolution of this issue would also ensure stable supplies of energy to Europe through Ukraine's pipelines.

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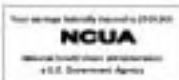
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- July 20-Oct 15
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- July 23
Ellenville, NY

USCAK East Coast Cup soccer tournament Oselia SUM, 845-647-7230
- July 27-30
McKees Rocks, PA

Ukrainian Food and Fun Festival, St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 412-331-2362
- July 30
Uniondale, NY

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church annual parish picnic, St. Vladimir Parish Center, 516-481-7717
- July 31
Chicago

The MAVerick Ensemble presents works by Ukrainian modernist composers, Chicago Cultural Center, 312-744-6630
- August 4-6
Dauphin, MB

Dauphin Ukrainian Festival, Selo Ukraina, 204-622-4600 or toll free, 877-474-2683
- August 4-6
Parma, OH

Ukrainian Festival, St. Mary the Protectress Parish hall, 216-524-6870
- August 4-6
Glen Spey, NY

Carnival at Verkhovyna, Mountainview Resort, 845-856-1323
- August 5
Jewett, NY

"European Vocal Miniatures," Oleh Chmyr, Grazhda, Music and Art Center of Greene County, 518-989-6479

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Through August 28, 2006
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Through August 30, 2006
Every Wednesday: Hutsul Night with music by Soyuzivka's House Band

Through September 1, 2006
Every Friday: Odessa Seafood Night with music by Soyuzivka's House Band

July 28-30, 2006
Ducia Hanushevsky Exhibit featuring Ukrainian ceramics

July 29, 2006
Zabava with band Lviviany

July 30-August 5, 2006
Ukrainian Sitch Sports Camp, Session #2

July 31-August 4, 2006
Golf Day Camp and Beach Volleyball Day Camp

August 4, 2006
Band Zahrava performs at the Tiki Bar, 10 p.m.

August 4-6, 2006
Kozak exhibit

August 5, 2006
Dance Camp performance 2 p.m., Auction Fund-Raiser sponsored by Chornomorski Khvyli and Soyuzivka's Heritage Foundation Golf Tournament
Zabava with band Zahrava, 10 p.m.

August 6-19, 2006
Ukrainian Folk Dance Camp, Session #2

August 12, 2006
Miss Soyuzivka Weekend and zabava with Tempo

August 13, 2006
Musical concert sponsored by UNWLA Regional Council of NY

August 12-19, 2006
Club Suzie-Q Week

August 18, 2006
"Pete and Vlod – unplugged" perform at the Tiki Bar, 10 p.m.

August 19, 2006
Dance Camp performance followed by zabava with Fata Morgana

August 26, 2006
Zabava with band Vidlunnia

September 1-3, 2006 Labor Day Weekend
September 1, Band Zahrava performs at Tiki Bar, 10 p.m.

September 2, Afternoon performance by band Hrim; performance by Yavir School of Ukrainian Dance, 8 p.m.; zabavas with bands Luna and Zahrava, 10 p.m.

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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 20

HORSHAM, Pa.: The 15th Annual Ukrainian Folk Festival, celebrating Ukraine's Independence Day, will be held at the Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub, County Line and Lower State roads, beginning at noon. The stage show will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will feature: the Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble (Philadelphia); Bandurna Rozmova, the bandurist duo of Oleh Sozhansky and Taras Lazurkevich (Lviv); Svitanya Eastern European Women's Folk Ensemble (Philadelphia); Sisters Oros (New York); Jednist Folk Ensemble (Lansdale, Pa.); and the Promin chorus (New York). The Voloshky Dance Academy will present a dance recital after completing an intensive dance camp under the direction of professional dance masters and soloists from Kyiv. There will be a polka dance at 4:30-9 p.m. featuring the Harmonia Orchestra (New York). The center's Majors Division Ukrainian Nationals will also play an exhibition soccer match against a select opponent. Ukrainian foods (such as varenyky, holubtsi and

kovbasa), baked goods, picnic fare and cool refreshments will be plentiful. An arts and crafts bazaar and a children's fun area will be open all day. Proceeds of the festival benefit cultural programming and youth soccer.

Friday, August 25

WILDWOOD CREST, N.J.: The Khmelnychenky Plast fraternity is sponsoring an all-ages dance at the Wildwood Crest Pier Recreation Center, across the street from the Pan Am Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. with dance music at 7-8 p.m. The "Party Ptashat" kids' dance will be held at 8-9:30 p.m., followed by the youth "Vechirka" beginning at 10 p.m. Live music will be provided by Hrim from 8 p.m. to midnight. CD dance mixes are welcome at midnight. Admission: kids and students, \$5; adults age 23 and over, \$10. A portion of the proceeds go toward the Vovcha Tropa Plast campground's improvement fund. Donations will be accepted. For information and suggestions, contact Adrian Horodecky, adrian@telligys.com, or log on to www.xmel.org.

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