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Ohryzko as foreign minister: deal or no deal is the question

by Zenon Zawada
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KYIV – The Party of the Regions proposed on March 15 that Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko select a new candidate as Ukraine's next foreign affairs minister the morning after Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich reportedly agreed to support the nomination of Volodymyr Ohryzko.

To his detriment, the acting foreign affairs minister represents one foreign policy view, representing a particular political force and a particular branch of government, said Party of the Regions faction Vice-Chair Vasyl Kyseliov.

"First of all, he's supposed to learn the Russian language," he told the Verkhovna Rada television network. "When he is addressed in Russian, he stubbornly replies in Ukrainian. When he is questioned, he stubbornly holds his line."

The latest scandal surrounding Mr. Ohryzko's nomination, already once rejected by the Verkhovna Rada, escalates the battle over the next foreign affairs minister, a post pivotal in deciding whether Ukraine will have a pro-European or Russian-oriented foreign policy course.

After a three-hour meeting with Mr. Yanukovich and Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksander Moroz in the Presidential Secretariat on the evening of March 14, President Yushchenko announced he had reached a deal with the

coalition leaders to approve Mr. Ohryzko's nomination.

Mr. Yushchenko didn't state what he gave in exchange for Mr. Ohryzko's nomination, but the Kommersant daily newspaper reported that coalition members would obtain control of the Ukrspetseksport company.

During the parliamentary session the next day, Personnel Committee Chair Viktor Tykhonov requested that the Parliament delay voting on the nomination until March 20, strangely enough, at the direct request of Presidential Secretariat Chair Viktor Baloha. The proposal received 245 votes in favor.

In fact, coalition deputies offered different reasons for why the vote didn't take place – all of which were vague.

Certainly, Mr. Kyseliov's candid remarks offer a plausible reason as well, as suspected by Viacheslav Kyrylenko, the Our Ukraine parliamentary faction chair. "The coalition agreed in the evening, and in a single night backed off from voting, not having received the Kremlin's agreement," Mr. Kyrylenko suggested.

In response to the coalition's assertion, Mr. Baloha acknowledged that he suggested a delay in the vote because Mr. Ohryzko was scheduled to travel with the president on a two-day visit to Copenhagen, Denmark.

However, this proposal was deferred after the president reached his agreement

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Unified opposition walks out of Parliament, lists demands



Our Ukraine Faction Chair Viacheslav Kyrylenko and opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko led their factions in walking out of the parliamentary session on March 13 after placing 17 demands.

by Zenon Zawada
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KYIV – The risk of spring time political turmoil in Ukraine escalated as the unified opposition abandoned its participation in parliamentary sessions on March 13, with leader Yulia Tymoshenko declaring it would conduct itself as it had leading up to the 2004 elections, hinting at social unrest.

That same evening, President Viktor Yushchenko met with more than 200 national deputies at the Presidential Secretariat, urging them not to cave into attempts by the coalition government to buy their votes in a suspected plan to create a 300-vote bloc to override his vetoes.

"They are searching for who among you can be bought off," Mr. Yushchenko said, according to Kommersant, a leading daily newspaper in Ukraine. "I plead with you not to look for opportunities to take such steps. And I know, I believe, that there will never be 300 people in this Parliament who are ready to alter Ukraine."

With the tone of the president and Ms. Tymoshenko growing more radical with every passing week, as well as increasingly drastic acts such as walking out of Parliament and calls to revoke the December 2004 constitutional reforms, the likelihood of a spring tumult grew increasingly imminent.

Before abandoning Parliament, the opposition declared on March 13 a list of 17 demands it had of the coalition government, stating that Ukraine is in a systemic political and socio-economic crisis, "which the nation's history hadn't seen during its whole period of independence."

"It's absolutely necessary for all political forces and government institutions

today to dedicate themselves to immediate measures, without which we may lose the independence of the Ukrainian state in the nearest future," said the statement.

The demands included ceasing all natural gas purchases from intermediary firm RosUkrEnergo, which is half-owned by the Russian government, and a constitutional referendum to decide if Ukraine should have a presidential or parliamentary-presidential form of government.

Given that the coalition government isn't likely to support some of the demands, especially dismissing Minister of Internal Affairs Vasyl Tsushko and Procurator General Oleksander Medvedko, the ultimatum gave the opposition the pretext to resort to more drastic measures, observers said.

Coalition leaders were outraged that the president voiced support for the unified opposition's demands and particularly disturbed by Our Ukraine faction chair Viacheslav Kyrylenko's threat that the president would veto many of the laws passed by Parliament if the coalition didn't accept the ultimatum.

"Excuse me, but is he [Yushchenko] the president of Ukraine, or the president of the so-called opposition?" said Communist Party Chair Petro Symonenko. "If it's the opposition, then let him step down as the head of state."

In recent weeks, Ms. Tymoshenko has done her utmost to prepare and convince the public, both domestically and internationally, of the need for pre-term elections.

As with Mr. Yushchenko, she supports revoking the December 2004 constitutional reforms that established the parliamentary-presidential republic and led to

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Canadian researchers to release documentary on Galicia Division

by Oksana Zakydalsky

TORONTO – The first draft of the script outline of Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Center's documentary film "Between Hitler and Stalin – Ukraine in World War II" was written as a six-part series – one part of which was to deal with the history of the Ukrainian Galicia Division. But, due to financial and time constraints, the whole project was scaled down to a one-hour documentary and the history of the division was significantly condensed.

Much of the material collected – documents, photographs, film clips and about 43 audio and video interviews with division members – was not used in the film, which had its English-language premiere in Toronto in 2003 and Ukrainian-language premiere in Kyiv in 2005.

Documentation and interviews relat-

ing the Galicia Division are kept in the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Center's archives and the UCRDC has retained its intention to make a film about the division. In order to move this project forward, a separate fund, "Fond Dyviziynykiv" has been created, with the first contributions to the fund coming from the donations (\$2,500) collected in memory of former division member Roman Cholkan at his funeral last year.

The Cholkan family subsequently donated an additional \$5,000 to the fund. The UCRDC is now starting a wider fund-raising campaign for this project.

The subtitle of the film "Between Hitler and Stalin" is "The Untold Story." Of all the issues concerning Ukraine at the time of the second world war, that of the history and role

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ANALYSIS

Questionable rationales and drawbacks for Bohorodchany-Uzhhorod pipeline project

by Vladimir Socor
Eurasia Daily Monitor

The Ukrainian government is stepping up its efforts to form a consortium with Gazprom to construct a gas transit pipeline in Ukraine from Bohorodchany to Uzhhorod. The 230-kilometer line, with a projected annual capacity of up to 20 billion cubic meters, would provide an additional outlet from the main gas trunk line into European Union territory near Uzhhorod.

The project has been under discussion for several years in the context of proposals to form a Russia-Ukraine gas transport consortium that would own and/or operate Ukrainian pipelines. Ukraine officially takes the position that such a consortium could only be created for building new pipelines, particularly Bohorodchany-Uzhhorod; but it would not apply to the existing transit system, which is 100 percent Ukrainian state-owned.

This declarative position dates back to the final years of Leonid Kuchma's presidency and the first government of Viktor Yanukovich. However, Ukrainian officials during that time and at present have proposed various indirect methods for instituting "joint" Russian-Ukrainian control over Ukraine's gas transit system.

For its part, Moscow takes the position that a gas transport consortium would by definition involve establishing joint control over Ukraine's gas transit

system, with Gazprom investing in the system's modernization in return for shared ownership and/or management. Viewed in this light, a Bohorodchany-Uzhhorod pipeline in Ukrainian-Russian shared ownership looks less problematic to Ukraine than sharing control of its existing transit system with Russia.

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Apart from this questionable value, the Bohorodchany-Uzhhorod project involves serious drawbacks to Ukraine and Europe. First, it would render Ukraine even more dependent on Russian-delivered gas, pre-empting market niches that could otherwise be filled by gas from alternative supply sources.

Second, it would discourage existing plans and proposals to build gas

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Slovak detour would defeat Odesa-Brody oil transport project

by Vladimir Socor
Eurasia Daily Monitor

Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich's government seems to have abandoned a project to extend the Odesa-Brody pipeline into Poland for pumping Caspian oil outside Russian control. Instead, Mr. Yanukovich is negotiating with the government of Slovakia on a plan to transport both Caspian and Russian oil through a Russian-controlled pipeline.

On February 26 in Kyiv, a Ukrainian-Slovak intergovernmental meeting chaired by Mr. Yanukovich and Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico discussed the possibility of pumping oil from Kazakhstan as well as from Russia through the Druzhba pipeline system. The route would run from Ukraine to Slovakia and farther into European Union territory. The existing Odesa-Brody pipeline connects with the Druzhba system at Brody.

Instead of prolonging the line into Poland for Caspian oil, as originally intended, the modified plan would pump the oil into the Druzhba pipeline's Slovak section, Transpetrol, which is about to pass under de facto Russian control.

This plan, moreover, envisages a highly questionable way of using the pipeline for both the high-quality oil from Kazakhstan and the lower-quality Russian-Urals blend. In order to avoid mixing the two types, it is proposed to alternate the pumping of either type of oil, in a wave-by-wave process. This method is being billed as "experimental," its stated goal to preserve the quality of either oil brand "to the maximum extent possible."

The problem seems familiar from the Caspian Pipeline Consortium's (CPC) misadventures after 2001. There, light oil extracted mainly by U.S. companies in Kazakhstan was being mixed with inferior-quality Russian oil on the Russian stretch of the pipeline leading to the port of Novorossiysk. For several years, the Russian side refused to compensate the U.S. and Kazakh producers for the losses they incurred through the mixing of the two brands. The compensation mechanism, known as an "oil quality bank" and used in normal countries in such cases, does not seem to operate effectively on the CPC's Russian stretch.

Significantly, an oil quality bank is not being proposed for the Odesa-Brody-Slovakia oil transport project. According to Mr. Fico, Slovakia is eager to participate in the project, but any decisions must be made jointly with Russian interests, which seem set to extend their reach into Slovakia's energy systems. Slovakia "has no effective control over the transit pipeline," he stated in Kyiv (ITAR-TASS, February 26).

The Slovak transit pipeline, Transpetrol, has become a collateral casualty of the destruction of Yukos in Russia. Yukos owned a 49 percent stake as well as the operating rights in Transpetrol (technically through the Netherlands-registered Yukos Finance company); the Slovak government retained 51 percent and an option to buy the Yukos stake.

The Kremlin-controlled bankruptcy court in Moscow apparently intends to

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NEWSBRIEFS

Opposition walks out of Rada session

KYIV – The opposition parliamentary caucuses of the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB) and Our Ukraine on March 13 walked out of the parliamentary session, protesting against what they see as the parliamentary majority's reluctance to comply with their demands, Ukrainian media reported. "We are leaving this hall because honest politicians should not sanctify what is being done in Parliament," Yulia Tymoshenko told journalists. The previous day, in the presence of President Viktor Yushchenko, Ms. Tymoshenko and Our Ukraine parliamentary caucus head Viacheslav Kyrylenko signed a joint statement, in which they reportedly put forward 17 demands with regard to the ruling coalition and appealed to the president to veto "lobbyist and corruption-breeding" legislation. The two opposition forces propose holding a national referendum to determine the form of government in Ukraine and drafting a new version of the Constitution of Ukraine. The statement also includes demands that the Verkhovna Rada immediately confirm the presidential candidates for the post of foreign affairs minister and chief of the Security Service of Ukraine; that the Verkhovna Rada dismiss Internal Affairs Minister Vasyl Tsushko and Procurator General Oleksander Medvedko; and that the government sign direct contracts on gas deliveries with Russia, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, thus severing ties with the Swiss-based intermediary RosUkrEnergo. (RFE/RL Newline)

President for referendum on Constitution

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko said during a meeting with representatives of the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine in Kyiv on March 12 that he will support the idea of holding a nationwide plebiscite on amendments to the Constitution if the current conflict between power branches continues, Interfax-Ukraine reported. "I'm a supporter of asking people about the key points of constitutional amendments," Mr. Yushchenko said. The president said he believes that the 2004 constitutional reform has upset the balance between branches of power and he

urged the creation of a constitutional commission consisting of lawmakers, prominent public figures, journalists and lawyers to prepare constitutional amendments. During the meeting, President Yushchenko also called on opposition lawmakers to stay in their caucuses and not to join the ruling majority. "There will never be 300 votes [for the ruling coalition] in Parliament – there won't be so many traitors," he commented. Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksander Moroz predicted earlier this month that the ruling coalition would soon increase to include 300 legislators, that is, it would have a constitutional majority, which would give the government the right to amend the Constitution and override presidential vetoes. (RFE/RL Newline)

Lutsenko rally draws 18,000

LVIV – Yurii Lutsenko on March 9 held a rally in Lviv, which was attended by some 18,000 people, RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service and Interfax-Ukraine reported. Mr. Lutsenko, who is currently touring Ukrainian regions, called on demonstrators in Lviv to join the civic movement People's Self-Defense, which he launched following his dismissal from the post of internal affairs minister in December 2006. One of the first political actions of the People's Self-Defense is a march of provincial activists on Kyiv, called the March of Justice, at a yet unspecified date this coming spring. Mr. Lutsenko said the main goal of the march is to make politicians in Kyiv meet their electoral promises. The Kharkiv Oblast Council appealed last month to the procurator general to open a criminal case against Mr. Lutsenko for what it called his "attempt at destabilizing the constitutional system in the state." (RFE/RL Newline)

Moroz: pre-term elections absurd

KYIV – Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksander Moroz on March 7 called the idea of holding pre-term parliamentary elections absurd and unconstructive. He was speaking at the roundtable "Constitution Process in Ukraine: Dialogue Between Authorities and Society." According to Mr. Moroz, ideas

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NEWS ANALYSIS: Tymoshenko discusses EU, energy in Washington

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WASHINGTON – Yulia Tymoshenko, one of the most visible and dynamic symbols of the 2004 Orange Revolution in Ukraine, ended her first visit to the United States in 10 years by confidently proclaiming that she had garnered the support of the U.S. government to help her build democracy in Ukraine.

Her whirlwind tour of Washington began with an appearance at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington on February 28.

Her message to policy-makers in Washington, including meetings with

Vice-President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, was that she and her political party, the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc, remain the strongest democratic alternative in Ukraine to Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich's pro-Russian Party of the Regions.

EU ambitions

The former prime minister devoted much of her speech at the CSIS – and, indeed, her visit to Washington – to Ukraine's relations with Western institutions. In particular, she spoke about her party's objective of gaining European Union membership.

However, that same day, German

Chancellor Angela Merkel poured cold water on these aspirations, telling Mr. Yanukovich in Berlin that the best Ukraine could hope for in the foreseeable future would be a free economic zone between Ukraine and the EU. Ms. Merkel indicated that EU membership was not likely for the next 10 years.

For now, Ukraine looks likely to remain in the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP), an EU foreign-policy framework designed to increase integration of countries on the union's borders.

Even the most pro-Western Ukrainian politicians have rejected the ENP as being unfair and discriminatory – or as some have dubbed it, “the EU doctrine of separate but equal.”

There could be other options, though. Ms. Tymoshenko told the audience at the CSIS that Mr. Yanukovich's vice prime minister, Mykola Azarov, recently revived the old alternative plan to EU membership – that Ukraine join with Russia in the Single Economic Space. Ms. Tymoshenko said that she was opposed to this plan.

But with Belarus currently estranged from Moscow and the Central Asian states engaged in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, it is not clear what the Kremlin intends to do with the original Single Economic Space plan.

Energy security

The second major focus of Ms. Tymoshenko's message in Washington dealt with Ukrainian energy security and

her criticism of RosUkrEnergo, the Swiss-based gas intermediary company that is responsible for deliveries of natural gas to Ukraine from Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

Ms. Tymoshenko was openly hostile to the activities of RosUkrEnergo and warned her audiences that this company was intent upon establishing full control over the Ukrainian energy market.

An uncomfortable moment for Ms. Tymoshenko came during her briefing at the CSIS when a journalist asked her why she had not visited the United States in over 10 years, and whether this was in any way related to her relationship with former Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko, who was found guilty in a U.S. court on money-laundering charges. The journalist asked whether she was afraid of being arrested upon entering the United States. Ms. Tymoshenko parried the question, saying that her appearance in the United States was proof that all was well.

In the first indictment of Mr. Lazarenko by the U.S. Justice Department, Ms. Tymoshenko and her company, Unified Energy Systems of Ukraine, are named as co-conspirators of Mr. Lazarenko and she was accused of giving a substantial bribe to Mr. Lazarenko. The charges linking Ms. Tymoshenko to Mr. Lazarenko were later dropped from Mr. Lazarenko's indictment as they were not deemed to be within the jurisdiction of a U.S. federal court.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee approves bill endorsing NATO expansion

WASHINGTON – The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on March 6 approved U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar's bill that endorses further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and would facilitate the timely admission of new members, including Ukraine.

The bill must now be passed by the full Senate and the House of Representatives before it can become law.

Sen. Lugar (R-Ind.) introduced S. 494, the “NATO Freedom Consolidation Act of 2007” last year and again on February 6. Last year this legislation passed the Senate by unanimous consent. The House was unable to act prior to adjournment of the 109th Congress. “The goal of this bill is to reaffirm United States, support for continued enlargement of NATO to democracies that are able and willing to meet the responsibilities of membership. In particular, the legislation calls for the timely admission of Albania, Croatia, Georgia, Macedonia and Ukraine to NATO and authorizes security assistance for these countries in Fiscal Year 2008. Each of these countries has clearly stated its desire to join NATO and is working hard to meet the specified requirements for membership,” Sen. Lugar said.

“I believe that eventual NATO membership for these five countries would be a success for Europe, NATO and the United States by continuing to extend the zone of peace and security,” he stated.

The senator noted that Albania, Croatia and Macedonia have been making progress on reforms through their participation in the NATO Membership Action Plan since 2002. “Unfortunately, Georgia and Ukraine have not yet been granted a Membership Action Plan but nevertheless have made remarkable progress,” he said. “This legislation will provide important incentives and assistance to the countries to continue the implementation of democratic, defense and economic reforms.”

“Since the end of the Cold War, NATO has been evolving to meet the new security needs of the 21st century. In this era, the threats to NATO members are transnational and far from its geographic borders. There is strong support among members for NATO's operation in Afghanistan, and for its training mission in Iraq. NATO's viability as an effective defense and security alliance depends on flexible, creative leadership, as well as the willingness of members to improve capabilities and address common threats,” Sen. Lugar underscored.

UOC-KP Synod say it's ready to cooperate with UOC-U.S.A.

Religious Information Service of Ukraine

KYIV – The Synod of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyiv Patriarchate (UOC-KP) reported on February 28 that it is ready to cooperate with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. (UOC-U.S.A.).

This was in response to a recent statement from the UOC-U.S.A. deploring “the continued intrusion into the life of the [UOC] U.S.A. by the [UOC-KP].”

The Metropolitan Council of the UOC-U.S.A. recently stated that it “deplores the continued intrusion into the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyiv Patriarchate most recently manifested by the assignment of a bishop to the United States of America. We, the members of the Metropolitan Council of the UOC of the U.S.A., while remaining firm in our desire and endeavors to secure a resolution to the disunity which plagues Orthodox Christian Ukraine, condemn any and all such machinations designed to disrupt the Faith and Order of the

Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and in the Diaspora.”

According to the subsequent statement of the Synod of the UOC-KP, “By this appointment the Holy Synod did not interfere in the affairs of the UOC-U.S.A.; it only regulated the affairs of the UOC-KP in the U.S.A.”

The synod states that the ‘disrupt[ion of] the Faith and Order of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A.’ was not caused by the actions of the UOC-KP but by internal misunderstandings inside the UOC-U.S.A. and diaspora. Therefore, attempts to explain existing opposition in the Ukrainian Orthodox community in the U.S.A. by actions of the UOC-KP are attempts to distort the true reasons for the conflict, and, in this way, to delay its resolution for an indefinite period.” The Synod of the UOC-KP states that the UOC-KP is ready for constructive cooperation with the UOC-U.S.A., which is part of the Patriarchate of Constantinople, on the basis of brotherly love in Christ and mutual respect.

Presidents Saakashvili and Yushchenko unveil Shevchenko monument in Tbilisi



Official Website of the President of Ukraine

Presidents Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia and Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine before the newly unveiled monument to Taras Shevchenko in Tbilisi.

Press Office of Ukraine's President

TBILISI, Georgia – Accompanied by Georgia's President Mikheil Saakashvili and First Lady Sandra Roelofs, Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko and First Lady Kateryna Yushchenko attended a ceremony on March 2 to unveil a monument to the Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko in Tbilisi.

The president of Ukraine thanked the government of Georgia for erecting the monument in the Georgian capital's downtown.

“I would like to thank and pay my tribute to the people of Georgia and Georgia's government for joining the list of places where there are Shevchenko monuments,” Mr. Yushchenko said, describing the event as “another proof of friendly ties between Ukraine and

Georgia.”

Mr. Yushchenko said it was not only the past that united the two nations, “The future unites us, and this is more important. The two countries are advancing to strengthen their sovereignty and independence,” he said.

He expressed hope that Ukraine and Georgia will soon become full members of the European Union and will join NATO. He also praised the Georgian government's efforts to reform the country.

“The challenges both Ukraine and Georgia are facing are the price we have to pay for seeing our countries free and independent,” said President Yushchenko.

Georgian President Saakashvili recited Shevchenko's most famous poem, “Zapovit” (Testament), during the monument unveiling ceremony.

Metropolitan Council of UOC-U.S.A. convenes annual meeting

SOUTH BOUND BROOK, N.J. – Metropolitan Constantine of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. convened the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Council here at the Metropolia Center on February 1-3.

The Metropolitan Council is the highest administrative body of the Church between Sobors and serves as the Metropolia board of trustees. The council consists of 20 members: three hierarchs, 14 members – seven clergy and seven laity – elected by the Sobor for a three-

year term, and the presidents of the Church's three central organizations – the Ukrainian Orthodox League, the United Ukrainian Orthodox Sisterhoods and St. Andrew Society.

At least once each year the metropolitan convenes a session of the council; the council may meet as frequently as the metropolitan determines necessary. During the annual session the "state of the Church" is examined by the membership and all aspects of the work of the Consistory – the highest executive body

in Church administration – is reported on by the Consistory president and staff.

Metropolitan Constantine, in his opening remarks, expressed his confidence and trust in God concerning the present and future status of the UOC of the U.S.A. He was particularly effusive about the youth ministry programs that have been developed by the various Consistory offices of ministry, especially the camping program at All Saints Camp, and the generosity of two individuals who have contributed over \$500,000 for the construction of All Saints Chapel.

Metropolitan Constantine expressed the gratitude of all the faithful of the Church to the members and staff of the Consistory and to all central Church organizations for their continued efforts and support of the Church and all its educational, spiritual and missionary programs.

Archbishop Antony, president of the Consistory, presented a comprehensive report on the activity of all Consistory offices of ministry: Youth and Young Adult Ministry; Missions and Christian Charity; Family and Adult Ministry; Public Relations and Communications; External Affairs and Interchurch Relations; Publications; Financial Affairs; Cultural and Ethnic Affairs; Archive/Historical Information and Development. These offices have effectively fulfilled their obligations and accomplished much important and spiritually profitable work over the past year.

The archbishop placed much emphasis upon the Orphanage Adoption Program,

which is operated jointly with the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the Office of Missions and Christian Charity. The program of mission trips to two orphanages – in Znamianka and Zaluchia – have benefited enormously over the past six years of involvement with them, but have much to accomplish in the way of administration and particularly nutritional improvement for the children.

Archbishop Antony noted that a new orphanage may be added to the program this year and that the Church has joined a new effort being put forth by a group of American and Ukrainian physicians directed at improving the feeding programs at all 17 of the orphanages in Ukraine that are classified as Category 4 institutions – those caring for the most seriously mentally and physically handicapped children in the nation.

In addition to the All Saints Camp Chapel, the major project under progress is the construction of the new Church Historical and Educational Complex (HEC), which will house the museum, galleries, archives and educational facilities. Many programs are planned for this complex, which will benefit not only the Ukrainian Orthodox community but the general Ukrainian and American communities as well.

The Metropolitan Council, in its resolutions, urged all parishes, organizations and individuals to financially support these projects to the fullest extent.

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The Metropolitan Council of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A.

Ukrainian Catholic University's Ecumenical Studies Institute announces new projects

by Matthew Matuszak

LVIV – The Institute of Ecumenical Studies of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Lviv is full of new projects, including a new specialization in Christian ethics as part of its already established master's in ecumenical studies degree program and the publication of the first book in English about Patriarch Lubomyr Husar, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

In June 2006 Ukraine's Ministry of Education adopted a decision to have the subject of Christian ethics taught in public schools throughout Ukraine, "so now there is a big demand for teachers," explained Dr. Antoine Arjakovsky, director of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies. The institute started a master's degree program in ecumenical studies in February 2006, with specializations in journalism and ecumenical studies. The new specialization was ceremonially opened at Ivano Franko National University in Lviv on February 9, and the week of February 27 Dr. Arjakovsky was working on signing an agreement with the regional Institute for Post-Diploma Education so that students will have access to jobs upon graduation.

"Our partnership with Lviv National University is unique in Ukraine," said Dr. Arjakovsky. "The master's degree is recognized both by Catholic universities in Europe and also by the Ukrainian government."

The students in the institute's journalism specialization are preparing a film "Bootstraps: Saints Among Us," to be shown on Ukraine's NTR TV channel in April. "We are preparing a new generation of journalists who will know about religious issues," said Dr. Arjakovsky.

Students who pursue the third specialization, in ecumenical studies, can then do doctoral work at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland, run by

the World Council of Churches.

Throughout their studies, the institute's 40 students are exposed to teachers from various denominations. Dr. Arjakovsky himself is an Orthodox layman and teaches three courses. Evangelical Bishop Vasyl Boyechko teaches a course on the New Testament. There is also a Roman Catholic teacher and various guest lecturers. The president of the institute is Father Iwan Dacko, a Ukrainian Catholic.

The institute is now working on a distance-learning program "with no equivalent in the world," according to Dr. Arjakovsky. The Ukrainian-language version will be ready in September, and the English-language version in February 2008. "Students in America will be able to study for a degree over the Internet," he explained.

The institute is organizing a conference in Lviv in April, "Ecumenism, Interreligious Dialogue and Fundamentalisms." According to Dr. Arjakovsky, it is in some ways a response to the uproar regarding a speech given by Pope Benedict XVI on Islam in 2006. "The 'clash of civilizations' of historian Samuel Huntington is a false theory and quite dangerous," said Dr. Arjakovsky. "The Churches have to fight fundamentalism, whether Christian, Muslim or secular."

"How to answer?" asked Dr. Arjakovsky. "Ecumenism is the solution." He plans to get Ukrainian theologians involved with reflection on the document of the World Council of Churches titled "The Nature and Mission of the Church," which he thinks will help in the worldwide discussion.

Tamara Grzelidze of the Orthodox Church of Georgia, secretary of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, is scheduled to participate in the conference, as is the Rev. Milan Zust of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

In April the UCU's Institute of Ecumenical Studies, in conjunction with the Ukrainian Christian Academic Society, will organize a conference in Kharkiv on Ukrainian philosopher Hryhorii Skovoroda, and in November a conference in Kyiv on Orthodox St. Demetrius of Rostov. "He wrote on the lives of the saints and was very open to Western influence," explained Dr. Arjakovsky.

The institute is also organizing a conference in Velehrad, Czech Republic, in June to mark the 100th anniversary of the first Velehrad Conference, organized by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the first half of the 20th century. There will also be two conferences in France, including one in La Salette at which, among other

things, the French will learn about the Holodomor – the Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933 – because they don't know about it, said Dr. Arjakovsky, himself a French citizen.

In conjunction with the organization Christian Initiatives for Europe, the institute helped prepare a text publicized throughout the continent on February 28. "This is to mark the 50th anniversary on March 25 of the launching of the European Economic Community. We are insisting on social justice," explained Dr. Arjakovsky.

An ecumenical retreat for institute students and Catholic and Orthodox chaplains is planned for June, with the blessing of Ukrainian Catholic Bishop Hlib Lonchyna

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Dr. Antoine Arjakovsky, director of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies of the Ukrainian Catholic University (left), is seen with Andrii Vaskiv, a teacher at Ivan Franko National University in Lviv, with which the institute jointly runs its master's degree program.

THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FORUM

UNA extends a fond farewell to retiring Home Office employee



WHIPPANY, N.J. – Anna Malynovsky, who was employed at the Ukrainian National Association's Home Office for over 22 years, was bid a fond farewell on Friday, March 2, as she retired from her job. She was feted at a luncheon held at the new Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, which is located in Whippany, in close proximity to the UNA Corporate Headquarters based in Parsippany. During the luncheon, which was attended by UNA staff, as well as employees of Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly, Mrs. Malynovsky was presented with gifts and flowers from the UNA. Above, Mrs. Malynovsky is flanked by UNA National Secretary Christine Kozak and UNA President Stefan Kaczaraj.

UNA Branch 173 funds portraits of church leaders for Wilmington parish



WILMINGTON, Del. – Ukrainian National Association Branch 173 funded portraits of two prominent Ukrainian Catholic Church leaders – Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky and Patriarch Josyf Slipyj – for St. Nicholas Parish. A special ceremony during which the portraits were blessed by the Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka took place at the Wilmington church on Sunday, January 28, following the divine liturgy. During the liturgy, the pastor presented the biographies of the two leaders, especially their persecution for their faith and their work on behalf of the Ukrainian Church. The portraits of the two confessors of the faith now hang in the vestibule of St. Nicholas Church. The local UNA branch's sponsorship of the portraits was arranged by the father-son team of Peter Serba, branch secretary for 53 years, and UNA Advisor Eugene Serba. Seen above are participants of the portrait blessing ceremony inside St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Visit the UNA's website:
www.ukrainsnationalassociation.com

Svoboda Press releases 2007 Almanac of the UNA

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – The 2007 Almanac of the Ukrainian National Association, which is released annually by the Svoboda Press, is on its way to subscribers of the Ukrainian-language weekly Svoboda.

This year's almanac is dedicated to several historic anniversaries, first among them the 90th anniversary of the fall of the Russian Empire and the emergence of the Ukrainian Central Rada, which in 1918 proclaimed the independence of Ukraine.

The year 2007 also marks the 70th anniversary of the physical destruction of the Ukrainian intelligentsia, begun in 1937 at the time of Joseph Stalin's Great Terror.

Other chapters in the UNA Almanac are dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the birth of Roman Shukhevych – Taras Chuprynka, commander of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), as well as the 110th anniversary of the birth of poet Yevhen Malaniuk and the 120th anniversary of the birth of the world-renowned sculptor Alexander Archipenko.

Other anniversaries are noted as well, including the centennial of the birth of bandurist and composer Hryhory Kytasty and the centennial of the birth of pianist and founder of the Ukrainian Music Institute Roman Sawycky.

The Ukrainian-language volume also comprises chapters on politics and ecology, religious topics, travels, advice and humor.



The editor of the 2007 Almanac of the Ukrainian National Association is Petro Chasto, an editor on the staff of Svoboda. The cover design is by Stepan Slutsky.

Readers who would like to purchase a copy of the latest Almanac of the Ukrainian National Association may call 973-292-9800, ext. 3042. The price of the volume is \$15.

UNA SENIORS' CONFERENCE AT SOYUZIVKA

Sunday, June 10-15, 2007, during UNA Seniors' Week

Ladies and Gentlemen: 2007 is here!
 We wish you good health, good spirits and invite you to visit SOYUZIVKA!

On behalf of the UNA Seniors, we invite all senior citizens to participate in our annual UNA Seniors' Week which will be held from Sunday, June 10, to Friday, June 15, 2007.

The UNA Seniors were organized over 30 years ago for the purpose of supporting UNA endeavors, preserving and cultivating the Ukrainian heritage, promoting unity within the community, developing social activities and maintaining Ukrainian community life in America.

Thankfully, we have finally reached a time in our lives where Ukraine is independent and developing as a democratic state. Although Ukraine will always be in our thoughts and have our support, there is a time when we must concentrate on maintaining our own Ukrainian community here, beyond the borders of Ukraine. There is much that can be done, and we will discuss this and other matters during UNA Seniors' Week. We promise that the week will be interesting and enjoyable, with many fun activities.

As you may have read in the UNA's publications, last year's Seniors' Week had over 75 participants, seven interesting speakers and entertainment in the evenings. Fun was had by all. This year once again we have an interesting program scheduled.

We hope you will be able to join us. So, please save these dates for UNA Seniors' Week and follow the press for further information about the program.

Make your reservations now for the **UNA Seniors' Conference**, which will be held at our mountain resort **SOYUZIVKA**, from Sunday, June 10 (starting with a wine and cheese reception) through Friday, June 15 (including brunch). The package is all-inclusive: five nights of accommodations, all meals, including banquet, (taxes and gratuities included).



UNA members' package
 for five days: \$425 single occupancy;
 \$355 pp double occupancy
 or per night: \$100 single; \$82 pp double

Non-members' package
 for five days: \$475 single occupancy;
 \$373 pp double occupancy
 or per night: \$110 single; \$90 pp double

BANQUET & ENTERTAINMENT only: \$35 pp

Call SOYUZIVKA at 845-626-5641 and register early – space is limited!
 Organize a bus from your area and contact your local senior clubs!
 For further information please call Oksana Trytjak at 973-292-9800 ext. 3071
 Seniors' Week is FUN, AFFORDABLE AND INTERESTING
 WE WELCOME GUESTS – COME ONE COME ALL!

THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

Ottawa stalls, again

In August 2005 the Canadian government, then led by the Liberal Party, had announced an agreement in principle with Ukrainian Canadian groups that provided an initial payment of \$2.5 million to Canada's Ukrainian community for acknowledgment, commemoration and education regarding the 1914-1920 national internment operations that unjustly disenfranchised more than 5,000 Ukrainian Canadians and confiscated their property and possessions. These Ukrainian Canadians were treated as "enemy aliens" at the time of World War I because they had the back luck to be immigrants from Ukrainian lands then under the control of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

The \$2.5 million in funds was to go to the Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko, which was to coordinate commemorative projects in consultation with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association, which has long been in the forefront of redress efforts. It was reported that an additional \$10 million would be made available to Ukrainian Canadian groups.

Our editorial written after the signing of the agreement in principle was headlined "At long last, a wrong will be righted." It took two decades of lobbying, but, finally, Ukrainian Canadians seemed to have won their case.

At the signing ceremony of the agreement in principle on August 24, 2005, Prime Minister Paul Martin offered lofty words: "... it is not enough just to remember the past. We must actively learn from it. We must put in place the institutions, the laws, the mechanisms – as well as the education and the understanding – to ensure that we don't ever repeat the past."

A few months earlier, when MP Inky Mark's Bill C-331 (Internment of Persons of Ukrainian Origins Recognition Act) was being voted on, Conservative MP Stephen Harper – who today is prime minister – said: "... we know we cannot re-write history. We cannot change the fact that an injustice occurred. ... But, as heirs of our society and its institutions, we can acknowledge injustice, appreciate the lessons of history and make amends where appropriate." He underscored: "It is time to make amends."

Now, 19 months after the agreement in principle was signed, the Ukrainian Canadian community has yet to see a penny of the promised funds. And, Mr. Harper's government appears to be backtracking: it has agreed to honor only the initial \$2.5 million payment. Furthermore, his government now wants Ukrainian Canadians to apply for the funding that was already allocated to them.

The Ukrainian Canadian community insists that an endowment fund of \$12.5 million be created within the Shevchenko Foundation and that the community – not some federal government structure as is now being proposed by the government – is best able to determine project priorities.

It's time for the Canadian government to live up to its commitments – commitments made over and over by various leaders, various parties and successive governments.

The Canadian government should do the honorable thing: budget \$12.5 million for the Acknowledgement, Commemoration and Education Program on internment and let those funds be administered – as previously agreed – by the Shevchenko Foundation.

Recognition, restitution and reconciliation are all that the Ukrainian Canadian community wants. Recognition, restitution and reconciliation are what the community deserves – not more stalling by Ottawa.

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Turning the pages back...

Twenty years ago, The Ukrainian Weekly reported that the report of the Deschenes Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals in Canada was released. Along with the report was a response by the Canadian government on the best ways to

bring war criminals to justice.

Prepared in February 1985 by Jules Deschenes, a Quebec Superior Court justice, the \$3 million report's purpose was to determine the number of war criminals in Canada, to trace how they entered the country and determine how to bring them to justice.

The report was delivered in late December 1986 and was delayed by the government for editing purposes. It was divided into a 1,000-page public section released on March 12, 1987, and a confidential section, naming individuals against whom Judge Deschenes recommended further judicial action.

Three key recommendations made in the report included an amendment of the Canadian criminal code, a streamlining of denaturalization and deportation procedures, and the expansion of Canadian laws of extradition.

The "made-in-Canada solution" as it was called, concluded that war criminals could be tried in Canada, that funds be allocated to Canadian law enforcement to conduct investigations, and that more stringent immigration screening procedures be implemented.

Approximately 880 cases were opened, and over 600 of these were immediately recommended to be closed due to unsubstantiated evidence. Of this, 238 active cases remained open and 29 cases contained confidential names of suspects released to the Cabinet. Nine of these cases were recommended to be closed.

The Ukrainian community's reaction to the report was generally favorable, but representatives of the Simon Wiesenthal Center voiced serious reservations on the speed of the government's response. Two Ukrainian Canadian members of Parliament said it did not go far enough to protect the rights of innocent individuals. The report put the Canadian Jewish community at odds with the Baltic Canadian and Ukrainian Canadian communities, because the latter groups objected to the use of evidence from the Soviet Union that might be compromised.

The 600-member Brotherhood of Veterans of the 1st Division of the Ukrainian National Army (also known as the Galicia Division) was investigated by the Commission and they were fully exonerated by the probe.

Source: "Deschenes report is released, Government proposes 'Canadian' solution," by Michael Bociurkiw, *The Ukrainian Weekly*, March 15, 1987.

NEWS AND VIEWS

2007 marks 10th anniversary of Congressional Ukrainian Caucus

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

In 1997 the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) public affairs office in Washington of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), initiated the formation of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus as a vehicle to promote the development of U.S.-Ukraine relations and awareness about Ukraine in Congress.

Since its inception, the CUC has grown to include over 40 members and has evolved into a group active within the House of Representatives at the forefront of U.S. policy toward Ukraine.

Over the years, UNIS has maintained constant contact with the CUC and their projects for congressional action. One of the caucus's major initiatives is the Rada-Congress Parliamentary Exchange Videoconferencing program, which brings together members of Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada and the U.S. Congress to discuss issues of concern and interest. UNIS actively participates in these teleconferences, recommends topics of discussion and translates for the U.S. side.

In early February a videoconference was held to discuss renewable energy source production and gearing agriculture to ensure the energy independence of both Ukraine and the U.S. The Ukrainian side was represented by Ivan Bokii, leader of the Socialist faction; Ivan Kyrylenko of the Yulia Tymoshenko bloc; and Serhii Ryzhuk of the Party of the Regions, a former minister of agriculture of Ukraine. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), CUC co-chair; Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.), CUC co-chair; and Rep. Collin Peterson (D-Minn.), chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, represented the U.S. Congress. Such discussions help bolster mutual understanding and ties between the two legislatures.

The CUC has brought issues of importance to the Ukrainian American community before the entire House of Representatives by sponsoring such bills as HR 1053 to repeal the Jackson-Vanik Amendment for Ukraine and HR 562 to allocate a plot of federal land in the District of Columbia for a monument to the victims of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide. UNIS had advocated these

issues for many years and worked very closely with various congressional leaders and the Ukrainian community through action items and Ukrainian Days to achieve this goal.

Following the recent U.S. elections, the membership of the CUC is largely stable – of 43 CUC members, 39 members remain; two members were not re-elected and two members have become U.S. senators.

Moreover, several members of the CUC occupy influential positions, including: Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), the first woman speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.), chair of a subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee; Rep. Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D-N.Y.), chair of the Rules Committee; Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.), chair of the Helsinki Commission; and Rep. Robert Wexler (D-Fla.), chair of the Subcommittee on Europe of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Ukrainian American community needs to strengthen the ranks of the CUC, so that issues we care about remain in the forefront, especially during this crucial time for Ukraine and our community. Therefore, the UCCA calls upon community members to reacquire themselves with their respective representatives, especially the recently elected new members of Congress, and urge them to become members of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus. The work of the UCCA on behalf of our community relies heavily upon its contacts within Congress and cooperation with its members.

The UCCA would like to sincerely thank all the members of the CUC for their work on behalf of strengthening U.S.-Ukraine relations. We wish them much success in the future.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America is a not-for-profit educational institution that has provided authoritative information about the plight of Ukrainians and represented the interests of the Ukrainian American community since 1940.

Ukrainian Federation to host founders of Congressional Ukrainian Caucus

JENKINTOWN, Pa. – The Ukrainian Federation of America will host the Founders of the Ukrainian Congressional Caucus at their annual meeting here at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center on Saturday, March 24.

The membership will recognize the efforts made on behalf of a free and democratic Ukraine by two former Republican members of Congress from Pennsylvania, Jon D. Fox and Charles Dougherty.

Following his election to Congress in 1996 from the 13th Congressional District in suburban Philadelphia, Jon D. Fox, a long-time friend of the Ukrainian community, both as a state representative and county commissioner, attended a meeting in Washington arranged by Zenia Chernyk and Vera Andryczyk with Ukraine's then ambassador to the United

States, Dr. Yuri Shcherbak. At that meeting the ambassador discussed the need to create a greater presence for Ukraine on Capitol Hill and to address major concerns he had, including Jackson-Vanik legislation; requirements by Congress in the Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill that required the president to annually certify to Congress Ukraine's progress on anti-discrimination measures as a condition for receiving foreign assistance; and his desire as ambassador to meet with and develop relationships with key members of the House and Senate.

Rep. Fox responded to the ambassador by acknowledging his long time support for Ukraine, his personal friendship with Mmes. Chernyk and Andryczyk and the federation, and his willingness to work

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Double Exposure

by Khristina Lew

Seasons in the sun

A year ago Ukrainians were getting ready to vote in parliamentary elections. Hopes were high that the Orange forces would gain enough seats to form a majority in the new Parliament and carry Ukraine along the Euro-Atlantic path that was set after the Orange Revolution of 2004. It was a cold winter and the sidewalks in Ternopil were covered in six inches of ice.

After months of negotiation throughout the spring and into summer, the Orange alliance collapsed and Viktor Yanukovich was named prime minister. In the six months since his return to power he has repeatedly challenged the Ukrainian president's authority, already weakened by the constitutional reforms of January 2006, fired Foreign Affairs Minister Borys Tarasyuk and steered Ukraine toward Russia and away from its stated goal of joining NATO and integrating into Europe.

At the beginning of March, Yulia Tymoshenko, newly reunited with her Orange ally Our Ukraine into a single opposition in Parliament, traveled to Washington with the message that Ukraine must hold early parliamentary elections to stop the power struggle between President Viktor Yushchenko and Prime Minister Yanukovich.

"Ukraine is in deep constitutional crisis," she told a standing-room-only gathering at the Center for Strategic and International Studies on February 28. "The president has said it. The prime minister has said it. We can no longer ignore the fact that Ukraine is losing elements of stability every day, and the standoff between the two branches of government is ruining our well-being, the investment climate, and Ukraine's position as a stable partner."

She also said that the Yanukovich government does not have Ukraine's national interests at heart and that she fears the country's backslide into the Russian sphere. "I am afraid to wake up one morning to find that Ukraine has joined the Single Economic Space and the Soviet Union has been recreated."

Ms. Tymoshenko is passionate. She is well-spoken. She answers every question posed to her thoughtfully, fully, candidly. During her February 28-March 2 visit to Washington she made time to meet with the Ukrainian community, something Prime Minister Yanukovich, who traveled to Washington three months earlier, in December 2006, did not.

That meeting was held on Capitol Hill, in a large room in the Rayburn House Office Building. Over 300 members of the community attended. While many were impressed by her conviction, more than a few pointed out that she lacked prescriptions for the future. Andrew Bihun, director of the Business Development Forum of The Washington Group, said of her meeting with the Ukrainian American community, which he moderated, "She devoted a lot of time to talking about changing the power structure, but not what the changes would be if the democrats took over."



Ukraine's opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko answers reporters' questions in Washington.

Ms. Tymoshenko's impact on a crowd is tangible. "She is capable, very capable, of mobilizing the people, mobilizing their thoughts," said Mr. Bihun. "They want to be with her. They are looking for a leader or leading force to fulfill the promises of the 'maidan.' Those who look beyond that would like to know how that is going to be accomplished. How are the democratic forces going to be united? What are the steps that are necessary to permit early parliamentary elections? The goal is simple: to get the majority in Parliament and create a new government. But what will be the policy changes?"

Ms. Tymoshenko made her case for new elections at all her public speaking engagements – at CSIS on February 28, at the community meeting on March 1, at the National Press Club on March 2 – and in private meetings with Vice-President Dick Cheney, National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and members of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus.

Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), co-chair of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, said after her meeting with Ms. Tymoshenko, "if the Constitutional Court and Ukraine's leaders approve, then it's probably within reason" for Ukraine to hold new parliamentary elections.

Except that if you speak with the very Ukrainians who would go back to the polls in a new parliamentary election, they just don't want it. Channel 5 reported on March 12 that 57 percent of those surveyed were against early parliamentary elections. "People understand that nothing will change with new elections because the same forces will make up the new Parliament," said Viktoria Hubska, director of the Kyiv Office of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America.

The numbers don't lie: 29 percent would vote for the Party of the Regions, 23 percent for the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc, 8 percent for Our Ukraine and 4 percent for the Communist Party of Ukraine. Last March those numbers were 32 percent, 22 percent, 13.9 percent and 3.7 percent, respectively.

Time will tell whether Ms. Tymoshenko's call for early parliamentary elections will gain momentum, whether Ukrainians will go to the polls once again, whether the Orange team will in fact prevail. It's been an unusually mild spring.

Faces and Places

by Myron B. Kuropas



What's "nash" is ours

Have you heard of Nash Shliakh (Our Way)? Edited by Eugene Kruk, it was published in New York City in 1919 and 1920.

How about Nash Stiah (Our Banner)? Edited by Alexander Shapoval, it was published in Chicago during the 1930s.

All of these hard-to-find publications, as well as hundreds of others, are now available on microfilm thanks to the efforts of Halyna Myroniuk, senior assistant curator at the Immigration History Research Center (IHRC) at the University of Minnesota, and Dr. Alexander Lushnycky. They microfilmed and compiled them for use by immigration scholars. The list has recently been published by IHRC and the World Council of the Shevchenko Scientific Society in a 393-page book titled "A Research Guide to Ukrainian and Carpatho-Rusyn American Newspapers, Periodicals and Calendars-Almanacs on Microfilm (1886-1976)." It is a gold mine for serious researchers.

According to Dr. Osep Nazaruk, a prominent Ukrainian American journalist and editor in the 1920s and 1930s, "The press vastly influences all aspects of life – Church, politics, education, fine arts, literature, industry, business, and most importantly: the enlightenment of future generations – and in this way ensures the future of the nation." Wise words.

"The titles selected for microfilming," one reads in the research guide, "were very important in shaping Ukrainian-Ruthenian identity among the early immigrants who called themselves Rusyns and for laying the foundation of the Ukrainian press in America. Many of these titles were inaccessible, because they were fragile, lost or their existence was unknown." Two major institutions cooperated with the IHRC to make the project a reality: the Shevchenko Scientific Society in the United States (NTSh, USA) then headed by Leonid Rudnytsky, and its sister NTSh society in Lviv, then headed by Oleh Romaniv.

Similar projects published in Canada and the United States served as an inspiration to the present work including the UNA-funded IHRC publication titled "Svoboda: A Select Index," which covered the years 1893-1918. Volume I was compiled by Walter Anastas (Anastazievsky) and Maria Woroby, while the successive three volumes were compiled by Walter Anastazievsky and Roman Stepchuk.

A number of American repositories were tapped for the research guide, including the Ukrainian Museum-Archives Inc. in Cleveland, Ohio. Established by Alexander Fedynsky and Leonid Bachynsky, the museum "provided at least 15 percent of the Ukrainian American press that has been microfilmed." Alexander Fedynsky's son Andrew, a Ukrainian Weekly columnist, is now the director of the Cleveland museum.

Another exceptional repository was found at the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in New York City, established in 1950 by Wolodymyr Mijakowsky. "The academy, under its long time archivist Oksana Radysh, was fortunate to receive valuable periodicals and archives from noteworthy Ukrainian historians and political leaders of the pre-World War II era in the United States. About 15 percent of our 'fonds,' write the authors of the research guide, "were supplied by the academy."

Other important repositories visited for this ambitious project included the

Ukrainian National Museum in Chicago (which "possesses a multitude of special issues/titles founded nowhere else"); the Ukrainian Museum and Archives in Stamford, Conn., (which "is second to none in its Ukrainian religious press holdings in the United States"); the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Museum and Library in South Bound Brook, N.J. (where one finds "many missing issues of pre-World War II immigration materials ..."); and the Ukrainian American Archives and Museum in Detroit (which "houses an exceptional number of complete 'fonds' in the field of sports and Ukrainian youth organizations ...").

The most noteworthy repository in Canada was the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Winnipeg, Manitoba, which has "the most extensive holdings of leftist, that is, socialist/communist press published in Canada and the United States."

During the six years it took to bring this project to fruition, Dr. Lushnycky traveled to 12 different centers in Europe, including the Basilian Fathers' Library and Archives in Peremyshl, Poland; the Slovanska Knihovna in Prague, Czech Republic; the Ukrainian National Home Library in Edinburgh, Scotland; and the Schweizerische Landesbibliothek in Bern, Switzerland.

The lead sponsor of the project was John Hynansky, a successful Ukrainian American businessman, owner of 21 auto dealerships throughout Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Soon after Ukraine became independent, Mr. Hynansky became the exclusive importer and distributor for Ford automobiles in Ukraine. In 2005 he was involved with seven Winner Ford dealerships in that country.

Mr. Hynansky is truly "nash." "In addition to his sponsorship of the microfilm project," one reads in the research guide, "John, his Winner dealerships, and/or the Ford Motor Co. have contributed an ambulance in Lviv, donated police cars in several regions, supported children's hospitals and orphanages, assisted in organizing an environmental project and participated in many other community projects."

In speaking with Dr. Lushnycky, one gets the impression that looking for rare and discontinued Ukrainian and Rusyn publications is more than just a hobby. It's a mission, a life's work that still keeps him busy many days of the week. It's like working on a puzzle. "I'm always finding a missing piece, a missing publication," he explains. "It gives me such pleasure to be able to say 'we now have the complete set' of this or that publication. It drives me nuts when I discover that only one issue is still missing from a complete set. I've been very lucky to find all of the publications that I did," he concludes. "It's God's hand at work."

Dr. Lushnycky and his partner Ms. Myroniuk are community treasures. Both are quiet, unassuming workers committed to the preservation of our Ukrainian American past. Both have made what is "nashe" (ours) available to all. Both richly deserve our full support.

Copies of the Research Guide are available for \$69.95 from Halyna Myroniuk, IHRC, 311 Elmer Andersen Library, 222 21st Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN, 55455.

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Notes from Ukraine

Taras Kuzio's blog

February 19

A shameful decision

... Today, reading the Ukrainian news I thought I spotted a bad joke. I read that the Order of Yaroslav the Wise (third class), has been awarded to Mykhailo Potebenko for "his great personal contribution to the building of a law-abiding state, the strengthening of legality and law-abiding, and his long years of conscientious toil on the occasion of his 70th birthday."

I immediately thought of my own potential contributions to Ukraine's comedy: Yuriy Kravchenko should be awarded a posthumous medal for his dedicated contribution to transforming Ukraine's police force into a professional force, to the Party of the Regions for its incessant devotion to upholding the concept of free elections, to Viktor Medvedchuk for his single-handed contribution to expanding media freedom, to Volodymyr Lytvyn for his campaign to remove plagiarism, to Leonid Kuchma for his contribution to enriching Ukraine's language and, lest we forget, to Viktor Yushchenko for his contribution to stressing the importance of punctuality and decisiveness in the lives of Ukrainian citizens.

Joking aside, it is increasingly difficult to understand the policies undertaken by President Viktor Yushchenko as they are devoid of rationale, logic, vision and

explanation. This, by the way, is not just my own view but that of Ukrainians visiting Washington and of those who follow Ukraine in this city.

His decision to award Mr. Potebenko a state medal is a disgrace and an insult to murdered journalist Heorhii Gongadze and to Grand Prince Yaroslav the Wise, who introduced Ukraine's first book of laws, *Rus'ka Pravda*, in the 11th century.

Mr. Potebenko would be disgraced in any Western democracy for covering up widespread, high-level abuse of office when he was the country's top prosecutor. His actions as prosecutor during the investigation of the Gongadze murder were a sham meant only to deflect blame from President Kuchma.

In the 2002 elections, Mr. Potebenko was elected on the Communist Party list. He was quickly expelled because he was a Kuchma-loyalist Trojan horse who provided the additional vote that permitted Mr. Lytvyn to be elected parliamentary chairman with 226 votes. ...

Mr. Potebenko is now a state hero. Could somebody please remind me again who won the 2004 elections?

February 27

Luzhkov does it again

Ukraine and Russia are again at loggerheads over a visit last week by

Moscow Mayor Yuriy Luzhkov to Crimea. Acting Chairman of the Security Service Valentyn Nalyvaichenko complained about Mr. Luzhkov's inappropriate and undiplomatic comments in three areas: first, criticizing Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev for transferring Crimea to Ukraine in 1954; second, thanking Crimeans for opposing Ukraine's cooperation with NATO; third, promising support to Crimea's ethnic Russian population.

We should all be surprised that Ukrainian authorities are surprised at Mr. Luzhkov's remarks. My book titled "Ukraine-Crimea-Russia: Triangle of Conflict" will be published in the spring of this year. Mr. Luzhkov is prominently featured in the book as a member of the Russian elite who has persistently challenged Ukraine's sovereignty in Crimea and Sevastopol. On each occasion that Mr. Luzhkov has visited Crimea, including this month, he has used similar language that infringes on Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Why, then, is he allowed to continue to visit Crimea? Should there not be a permanent banning order on Mr. Luzhkov? I know what such banning orders mean in real life. In April 1990 I was expelled from the USSR after flying to Moscow en route to Kyiv to attend the first congress of the Ukrainian Republican Party. At Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport I was illegally searched and sent back to Warsaw. I found out from the Soviet press that I was on a KGB blacklist for my "bourgeois nationalist" activities. I eventually was able to travel to the USSR for the first time a month after the failed hard-line coup of August 1991.

It is not just totalitarian states, such as the USSR, that have banning lists. Democratic states also have a right to prevent individuals from entering if these persons are considered a threat to national security.

Over the last 15 years, Mr. Luzhkov has encouraged separatism in Crimea and intervened in Ukraine's internal affairs – both of which constitute a national security threat. Could you imagine the U.S. permitting the mayor of Mexico City to persistently visit Texas and encourage Hispanic separatists by decrying the transfer of the territory from Mexico to the U.S.?

Mr. Luzhkov is no ordinary Russian official as he has always held a senior place in President Vladimir Putin's Unified Russia. This party of power was officially registered on December 18, 2001, on the basis of the former Unity Party and Moscow Mayor Luzhkov's Fatherland movement. Mr. Luzhkov therefore, is not, an independent actor, but both a city mayor and a senior member of Mr. Putin's ruling party.

Will placing Mr. Luzhkov on a banning order be easy? Not if the Party of the Regions has its way. You might recall that Viktor Yanukovich invited Mr. Luzhkov to his own separatist congress in Severodonetsk on November 28, 2004. None of the organizers of this threat to Ukraine's territorial integrity were ever criminally charged.

The Party of the Regions also worked with Mr. Luzhkov and Crimean extremist groups to organize anti-NATO and anti-U.S. demonstrations in Crimea in 2005-2006. These prevented the holding of annual exercises with NATO that had taken place in Ukraine since 1997. Mr. Yanukovich likes to claim that he is "consistent," but the Party of the Regions has changed its position three times in four years on NATO from support for membership (2002-2004), opposition to anything to do with NATO (2005) to support for cooperation, but not membership (2006-2007).

A country that does not respect itself has no right to expect others to respect it. I vote for Mr. Luzhkov to be permanently barred from ever again entering Ukraine.

March 5

Washington is charmed by Yulia

...Yulia Tymoshenko arrived in Washington with a message of hope that the Orange Revolution was not finished. And this was perhaps a key message that she conveyed to Americans and Ukrainian Americans who have been disenchanted by developments. This was clearly visible in the meeting with the Ukrainian diaspora attended by 300 people. Ms. Tymoshenko refused to move on to another meeting until all of the questions were answered. She said that she felt like "I am in Lviv." The audience chanted "Yulia, Yulia!" and "Razom nas bahato!"

Ms. Tymoshenko also set out to prove that she was a "normal" politician who was pro-business. The U.S., without a left-wing tradition, had been her severest critic when she was in government in 2005. She obviously made an impression on her fiercest U.S. critic, Anders Aslund, who was photographed wearing a Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc scarf when he was talking to Ms. Tymoshenko. Ms. Tymoshenko, who has a very good sense of humor that most Ukrainian politicians lack, really laughed.

I have to confess that the scarf was placed on Dr. Aslund by this writer and so readers of this blog should not rush (as they already did in the Presidential Secretariat) to the conclusion that Dr. Aslund had defected to YTB. See <http://www.tymoshenko.com.ua/ukr/photo/?fid=1>

In Washington, Ms. Tymoshenko is now the symbol of the Orange Revolution. If President Viktor Yushchenko were to ever again travel to the U.S. his reception would be very different from the standing ovations he received in April 2005 in the U.S. Congress and at two receptions, all three events that I attended.

Ms. Tymoshenko's presentation skills are excellent. They wipe the floor of Mr. Yushchenko's incoherent mumblings and Viktor Yanukovich's choreographed stiffness and fear of questions (and Ukrainian American diaspora ladies). Ms. Tymoshenko fills the room with energy and determination, which has left an impression in Washington that wanted to hear that the Orange Revolution is not dead. A Georgian expert told me that, although she is similar to Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili, she was far more impressive and knowledgeable. Ms. Tymoshenko has a real doctorate and therefore can be called "Professor" with only one "f." (Remember "Professor" Yanukovich?)

During lunch with Ms. Tymoshenko at the Center for Strategic and International Studies following her talk, I began by saying, "I thought I would have special dispensation so that the two-question rule (I gave her a question also during her talk) did not apply to me because I am from Yorkshire, where your son-in-law is also from." Ms. Tymoshenko and her daughter, who joined us for lunch, both laughed.

Ms. Tymoshenko felt comfortable answering questions from Americans and Ukrainian Americans, which President Yushchenko and Prime Minister Yanukovich did not.

Two questions asked by a Radio Liberty correspondent were the only ones that were met with an icy response, one of which touched on Pavlo Lazarenko.

Following the signing of an opposition agreement a few days before her U.S. visit, Ms. Tymoshenko was reluctant to criticize President Yushchenko or Our Ukraine.

Ohryzko...

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with the coalition leaders and arranged for Mr. Ohryzko to remain in Kyiv, he said.

The embarrassing result was that Mr. Ohryzko didn't join the president on the Copenhagen trip, instead attending the parliamentary session only to find out that the vote was being delayed, Mr. Baloha said.

"The zealous announcements on readiness for understanding hadn't even subsided," Mr. Baloha told reporters in Copenhagen. "The coalition demonstrated today its latest political wriggling, showing society any agreements didn't and don't make sense."

Mr. Yushchenko's deal with his political rivals revealed that all it took was two weeks for the first cracks to emerge within the unified opposition.

As part of the agreement with the coalition leaders, the president agreed to have the Our Ukraine parliamentary faction end its boycott of parliamentary sessions that was declared on March 13 with the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc,

Kommersant reported.

He hadn't consulted Ms. Tymoshenko on this condition.

Almost immediately after the president announced his compromise, Ms. Tymoshenko appeared on the 1+1 television evening news upon returning from a trip to Zhytomyr to re-affirm the opposition's unity in spite of the agreement. She appeared visibly irritated with the president.

"It seems to me that while I left Kyiv for a half a day, the criminal government again entangled Viktor Andriyovych [Yushchenko] in its plans and again tried to pull him toward a road that doesn't have an end," Ms. Tymoshenko said.

Mr. Yushchenko's agreement also revealed his ongoing failure to form a consistent political policy with the leaders of the Our Ukraine bloc.

Just two days before the president's compromise, Mr. Kyrilenko said Our Ukraine would avoid working with the coalition, which it considered senseless.

It's unclear whether Mr. Kyrilenko's statement was meant to include the president himself.

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COMMENTARY: Kira Muratova to represent Ukraine at Tribeca 2007

by Yuri Shevchuk

Ukraine will be prominently featured at the Tribeca International Film Festival, which is slated to take place from April 25 through May 6 in New York City. "Two in One" (Dva v odnomu), the latest feature film by Kira Muratova, perhaps the most internationally celebrated and controversial Ukrainian film director, will have its world premiere in New York as a participant in the Tribeca International Film Festival's World Narrative Feature Competition.

The film's official selection by the festival's organizing committee, which was announced on March 12, will be welcome news for those who take to heart the cause of revival of the Ukrainian national cinema.

Since the surprise win of the highly prestigious Golden Palm for the best short (Palme d'or du court métrage) by Ihor Strembitsky's "Wayfarers" at the Cannes International Film Festival in France in 2005, Ukrainian cinema has had precious little to show for itself.

Ukrainian filmmaking has been plagued by an endless litany of paralyzing ailments: the indifference of the government, the pathetic ineptness of bureaucrats at the Ministry of Culture, the total domination of the distribution by Russian interests, the reluctance of national oligarchs to invest in Ukrainian films, hostility on the part of Ukrainian TV corporations, the lack of nationally conscious cinematographic cadre, continued Russification and feeble resistance to it by civil society, the dependence of the few talented Ukrainian filmmakers on state support and their inability to raise private money for their projects. The few films (five or six) that were produced in 2006 despite all the odds were either amateurish, or had nothing Ukrainian about them, or both the former and the latter.

Hardly anybody can accuse Ms. Muratova of amateurishness. She is a master of her métier – a great, original, puzzling master. Her originality and refusal to follow the dicta of socialist realism, the aesthetic orthodoxy of Russian Bolshevik ideology, got her into trouble with the Soviet regime, deprived her of work and almost destroyed her as a creative individual. She was perhaps the only Ukrainian film director for whom Ukraine's independence meant a true creative revival. While her colleagues complained of the lack of appreciation for their talent on the part of Ukrainian government and society, Ms. Muratova continued to make one critically acclaimed film after another: "The

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Sentimental Policeman," 1992; "Enthusiasms," 1994; "Three Stories," 1997; "Letter to America," 1999; "Minor People," 2001; "Chekhov's Motifs," 2002; "The Tuner," 2004.

In an important sense Ms. Muratova's personal history and oeuvre are deeply symbolic of Ukraine's fortunes under the Soviet occupation and the lingering Russian imperial legacies the country has wrestled with since independence.

Born Kira Georgievna Korotkova in 1934 in the village of Soroki (now in Moldova) she was reared in a Russian cultural environment. "My first language, my love of country, was Russian and Russia," she is quoted as saying in the authoritative and only English-language study of Ms. Muratova written by Jane Taubman, professor of Russian at Amherst College.

Ms. Muratova studied at the famous cinematographic school in Moscow known by its Russian acronym VGIK (All-Union State Institute of Cinematography). Its creation was the result of Stalin's idea of centralizing and controlling filmmaking on the entire territory of the former USSR. VGIK was to replace individual film schools for every national Soviet republic and thus to pre-empt the rise of nationally conscious filmmakers and to use cinematography as a tool of Russification and imperial subjugation. Existing film training schools in Ukraine and other national republics were either closed down or reduced to the level of a joke.

Ms. Muratova's creative history is evidence of how effective Stalin's imperial designs have proven to be, even today.

Her films are often marked by defiance of the Communist ideological orthodoxies that required a non-conflicted, positive and optimistic portrayal of Soviet life. To say that such a stance took a lot of courage would be an understatement. At the same time and in a more subtle way, Ms. Muratova has been an apologist of Russian imperial domination. As for many great representatives of Russian culture, the colonized have remained unworthy of her attention. She seems never to have entertained the idea that Ukrainians in their quest for freedom may deserve her support.

Upon graduation from VGIK, Ms. Muratova was assigned together with her first husband and film director Oleksander Muratov to the Odesa Film Studio. Since the early 1960s, she lived and worked in Odesa. Her first films "By the Steep Ravine," 1961; "Our Honest Bread," 1964; "Brief Encounters," 1967 – announced the arrival of a talented non-conformist filmmaker. The regime neutralized her by first shelving her films and then not allowing her to make films for long periods of time.

True domestic and international recognition came to Ms. Muratova with the release in 1989 of her picture "The

Asthenic Syndrom," a scathing and shockingly shrill criticism of Soviet society, which was allegedly the only Soviet motion picture banned by Soviet censors in the middle of Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika. At that point she was rescued from the replay of the same fate by the Berlin International Film Festival, which awarded "The Asthenic Syndrom" a Silver Bear.

Having become a celebrated auteur, Ms. Muratova also became a one-person battlefield of cultures: imperial Russian and post-colonial Ukrainian. Russia, ever reluctant to accept and put up with the loss of its dominions, has continued the policy of imperial appropriation in the cultural sphere directed at Ukraine as a former colony. Ms. Muratova with her personal history and culture was a lucrative target of such a policy and its conduit.

She is and has always been Russian linguistically and culturally, and she likes to use Russian literature as a source of inspiration and references for her films. Despite the fact that she has lived in Ukraine for more than 45 years, she has contrived to exclude Ukraine from her films or at best relegate it to the very margins, reduce the colonized to a perfect state of transparency and invisibility. That not a single of more than a dozen of Ms. Muratova's films is in Ukrainian is not really the point. Ousting the Ukrainian language from filmmaking



Filmmaker Kira Muratova of Ukraine.

was largely a fait accompli before Ms. Muratova even started.

The truly remarkable thing is how Ms. Muratova, who lives in the Ukrainian city of Odesa which is far from being exclusively Russian in terms of language and culture, has remained blind, indifferent, uninterested, some may say snobbish – to those who have for decades of the Soviet regime been brutally assimilated into the Great Russian culture.

Using her celebrity status, Ms. Muratova has successfully resisted the timid attempts of the Ukrainian government to make the funding of all films conditional on their use of the Ukrainian language and promotion of Ukrainian culture that, in the sphere of filmmaking, has been brutalized and reduced to the state of clinical death. At Ukraine's Ministry of Culture Ms. Muratova enjoyed the status of the most favored

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Lydia Artymiw's performance reviewed by New York Times

PARSIPPANY, N.J. — Ukrainian American pianist Lydia Artymiw performed works by Mozart, Schumann and others on February 28 at Weill Recital Hall in New York.

The 30-year veteran of the piano, who since 1989 has been a professor at the University of Minnesota School of Music in Minneapolis, included in her program Mozart's B-flat Sonata (K.333), and Schumann's "Arabeske," "Aufschwung" and "Fantasietuke." Also in the program were pieces by Gyrogy Kurtag, which included "Games," and Robert Capanna's five-movement piece "Magic Numbers II: Reflections."

Bernard Holland of The New York

Times called her interpretations "concentrated musicality tempered by good taste."

Ms. Artymiw performed under the auspices of Pro Musicis, an international organization that arranges such concert opportunities in exchange for artists to play at hospitals, clinics and other places where people in need would welcome music.

The recipient of many awards, Ms. Artymiw, who was born in Philadelphia, was awarded the Distinguished McKnight Professorship (2001), the Andrew Wolf Chamber Music Prize (1989), the Avery Fisher Career Grant (1987), and was the top prize winner at the Leeds (1978) and Leventritt (1976) international competitions.

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Unified opposition...

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the coalition government stripping the presidency of much of its authority.

The most likely scenario of political upheaval, if it does happen this spring, is that the Constitutional Court will declare the formation of the coalition government unconstitutional on technical grounds, giving President

Unified opposition's demands

The unified opposition on March 13 announced its 17 demands of the coalition government.

1. To define through a nationwide referendum the form of Ukraine's government; to develop and approve a new edition of the Constitution.
2. To defend Ukraine's foreign policy course.
3. To halt the attack against the Ukrainian language and culture.
4. To halt the politicization, criminalization and corruption of Ukraine's law enforcement structures.
5. To dissolve the criminal tie between business and government.
6. To switch to direct [without intermediaries] agreements with the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan on providing Ukraine with natural gas.
7. To significantly increase wages and pensions.
8. To overcome the "tariff" [utilities] crisis.
9. To halt corrupt schemes in the economy.
10. To halt the government's pressure on business.
11. To immediately stop [corporate] raiding.
12. To halt the destruction of the foundations of statehood and government systems in the country.
13. To remove all obstacles to conducting local referenda.
14. To hold corrupt judges responsible for illegitimate rulings.
15. To stop the Central Election Commission's decline into manipulation and corruption.
16. To approve the law "On the Parliamentary Opposition."
17. To implement non-delayable and non-exhaustible measures to overcome the catastrophic state of agriculture and the Ukrainian peasantry.

Yushchenko the legal basis to dismiss the Verkhovna Rada and call for pre-term elections. The court may also find the December 2004 reform unconstitutional.

The Constitutional Court is currently reviewing whether one of the clauses of the Cabinet of Ministers law is valid, namely the condition that all laws signed by the president must also be signed by the prime minister and executing minister.

Another scenario involves one-third of Parliament, or 150 national deputies, resigning their positions, thereby forcing pre-term elections.

While Ms. Tymoshenko has been mustering political support, Orange Revolution hero Yurii Lutsenko has organized a national, civic movement capable of leading protests and possible civil disobedience, especially in case pre-term elections are held and the coalition government revolts.

Since his dismissal as internal affairs minister in December 2006, Mr. Lutsenko has launched a movement called the People's Self-Defense (Narodna Samo-Oborona), holding nationwide rallies drawing tens of thousands of protesters throughout Ukraine.

Through People's Self-Defense, Mr. Lutsenko has been setting up local organizations and recruiting activists to lay the groundwork for a massive protest planned for the spring, consisting of a national march on Kyiv to demand that politicians keep their campaign promises.

The People's Self-Defense also intends to blockade Parliament should the president decide to dismiss the Verkhovna Rada and the coalition ignores his order, political observers said.

Evidence is emerging that the coalition government views Mr. Lutsenko as a legitimate threat. The Kharkiv City Executive Committee, which is controlled by the Party of the Regions, has asked a local district court to forbid a People's Self-Defense rally planned for March 16.

In what opposition leaders characterize as political persecution reminiscent of the administration of President Leonid Kuchma, the Procurator General's Office of Ukraine announced on March 14 that it has charged Mr. Lutsenko with illegally distributing firearms while serving as internal affairs minister.

As Ukraine's opposition forces intensified their struggle, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich criticized the president for lending them support.

"The president is supposed to be occupied with the nation's development, not hold khorovody (round dances) with the opposition," the prime minister said. "The president is responsible for the situation's stability,

not simply informing on it. Responsible?"

Ever since attaining power in August, the Anti-Crisis Coalition government led by Mr. Yanukovich has waged an aggressive campaign of usurping power, moving toward its goal of attaining absolute authority in Ukrainian government.

After passing the Cabinet of Ministers law that significantly reduced the president's authority, the coalition government's main obstacle to complete governmental control is the presidential veto.

Only once has a presidential veto been overridden so far – when the Tymoshenko Bloc joined the parliamentary majority coalition in voting for the Cabinet of Ministers law.

Among the purposes of the unified opposition pact reached on February 24 between the Our Ukraine and Tymoshenko blocs was to assure that Ms. Tymoshenko would not again help the coalition override a veto.

However, coalition leaders know there's more than one way to skin a cat.

Opposition leaders, as well as the president, warned that the coalition government will attempt to secure a 300-vote bloc in Parliament to override the president's vetoes, largely by attracting opposition deputies willing to sell their votes.

So far 10 national deputies have abandoned or been excluded from opposition factions for voting with the parliamentary coalition. Among them are former Our Ukraine Deputies Oleksander Volkov and Volodymyr Zaplatynskyi, who is the leader of the group. They are attempting to form their own parliamentary faction, Independent Ukraine, which is likely to support the coalition government.

Even if the Independent Ukraine faction is allowed to form, the coalition government still needs 54 votes to override a presidential veto.

Tymoshenko and Our Ukraine bloc deputies are confident the 10 deputies will have to resign their posts because the Ukrainian Constitution forbids deputies from serving in the Verkhovna Rada after they have been expelled from a faction. The law also forbids deputies from switching factions.

Ukraine stands on the brink of falling victim to a total usurpation of power by the coalition government, Ms. Tymoshenko warned.

"They have begun diligent work on deputies – scaring their children, proposing bribes and trying to gather a gang of 300 votes on this basis – then they will change the Constitution and approve all laws regardless of the president's veto," the opposition leader declared from the tribune. "This is practically a system of government overthrow."



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Boxing

• Wladimir Klitschko, 30, stunned Ray Austin to the canvas with a barrage of left hooks 87 seconds into the second round in a mandatory bout to maintain his IBF heavyweight title on March 10. Klitschko improved his record to 48-3 with 43 KO. Referee Eddie Cotton stopped the fight after Austin struggled to rise to his feet. Both fighters were listed at 6-foot-6 and 246 pounds, but the even size match-up had little to do with the outcome. Austin earned the title shot in a draw against unbeaten Russian Sultan Ibragimov in July. Klitschko, who earned the nickname "Dr. Steelhammer" for his devastating right hand, didn't even use it to bring down the challenger. Klitschko hopes that his next fight will be a unification fight against WBA champion Nikolai Valuev, a 7-foot Russian.

• Vitali Klitschko, WBC heavyweight champion, was awarded the ISPO Cup on February 7 for serving as a role model for young people. "It's an honor and responsibility for me, as my every step will be estimated due to the award," Klitschko noted. Other recipients of the award, which was established in 1971, include Pele, Franz Beckenbauer and Serhiy Bubka.

• Ukrainian boxers Rovshan Rzayev (60 kg), Serhiy Derevyanchenko (75 kg) and Dmytro Kucher (91kg) won bronze medals at the Bulgarian International Boxing Tournament "Stradja Cup" on February 19. The Stranja Cup is the oldest competition in Europe, and it determines who will qualify for the upcoming summer Olympic Games.

• Ukrainian Welterweight Yuri Nuzhenko, 30 (24-0-0, 13 KO) survived 12 rounds against previously unbeaten Farkhad "Masa" Bakirov, 34, (24-0-2, 14 KO) of Uzbekistan to retain the WBA Intercontinental title at the Sports Palace in Kyiv on February 27. Other fights on the bill included the EBU-EE light-heavyweight title bout between Ukrainian boxer Vyacheslav Uzelkov (13-0-0, 6 KO), who won over Artyom Vychkin (8-17-0, 2 KO) of Russia. In the heavyweight-class non-title match between Ukrainian Alexey Mazikin (9-1-0, 2 KO) and American Sedrick Fields (22-29-2, 16 KO), the Ukrainian was declared the winner after 8 rounds.

• Ukrainian boxer Andrei Kotelnik (27-2-1, 12 KO) squared off in a re-match against Souleymane M'baye (35-1-1, 20 KO) of France for the WBA light-welterweight title in Liverpool, England, on March 10. M'baye narrowly won the split decision in October 2004 and this match ended in another controversial draw, with M'baye retaining his belt. The first judge scored 117-112 for Kotelnik, the second scored 115-114 for M'baye, and the third called it a draw at 114-114. In a decision most spectators felt Kotelnik had won, the crowds responded with persistent

boos and whistles. Kotelnik's Universum Box-Promotion filed an immediate protest over the controversial decision, which some believed showed favoritism due to the champion's British promoter Frank Warren.

Martial arts

An international martial arts tournament titled "Face to Face" took place at the Sports Palace in Kyiv on February 23. Sponsored by The Liliya Pidkopayeva International Foundation "The Health of Generations," the event featured athletes from Ukraine, Belarus, Brazil, Germany, Lithuania, Russia, Thailand and Japan, demonstrating skills in boxing, karate, pride, Thai-box, sumo, kung fu and kick-boxing.

Diving

The Ukrainian National Team won the Arena Diving Champions Cup on February 17-18 in Stockholm, Sweden. Ukraine took the lead over Russia with three gold, one silver and two bronze medals. Ukrainian divers Olena Fedorova and Alevtyna Korolyova came in first in synchronized diving from the 3-meter springboard. Yulya Prokopchuk, the 2006 European champion, came in first in the 10-meter platform event and Anton Zakharov won gold in the same event in the men's division. Other noteworthy finishes included Dmytro Lysenko's fifth place finish in the men's 3-meter springboard, Dmytro Mezhenyky and Oleksandr Gorshkovozov's fifth place finish in the men's 10-meter synchronized platform dive, Olen Fedorova's fourth in the women's 3-meter springboard, Yulia Prokopchuk and Kateryna Zhuk's silver in the women's 10-meter synchronized platform dive, and Dmytro Lysenko and Anton Zakharov's bronze in the men's 3-meter synchronized dive.

Track and field

Ukrainian high jumper Yurii Krymarenko won the silver medal at an athletics tournament in Bydgoszcz, Poland, on February 18. Krymarenko cleared a height of 2.34-meters, the same height as that cleared by Linus Thornblom of Sweden, who came in first because he cleared the height in his first attempt.

Mountaineering

• Ukrainian mountain climbers Ihor Parchevskiy, Yuriy Kravchuk, Oleksander Shcherba and Oleksander Kalatukha planted the Ukrainian flag on Mount Kosciuszko (7,310 feet), the tallest peak of mainland Australia. Other achievements in the program "The Ukrainian flag on world peaks" include: Mount Elbrus (18,510 feet), Mont Blanc (15,774 feet), Mount Kilimanjaro (19,340 feet), and Aconcagua (22,841 feet). Next on the agenda, the Ukrainian

mountain climbers are scheduled to leave for New Zealand to ascend Aoraki/Mount Cook (12,316 feet).

• Ukrainian mountain climber Sergey Yevich, born in 1961, died while climbing the Free Korea Peak "Svobodnaya Korea" (4,740 meters) near Ala-Archa National Park in Kyrgyzstan on February 12-24. Two Russian climbers found the body on February 26 and turned the Ukrainian's documentation in to the Ukrainian Embassy. A representative of the Embassy said that the climber went up the mountain alone and did not even inform the local mountain climbers' association. The Kyrgyz Ministry of Emergency Situations arranged a search-and-rescue team, which found the body on March 4. An autopsy was ordered on March 6 and the transfer of the body to Ukraine is being managed by the Embassy of Ukraine in Kyrgyzstan and the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Biathlon

Ukrainian Oksana Yakovleva won gold at the European Biathlon Championships in Bulgaria on February 22. She hit all her targets and won the individual 15-km race.

Soccer

• Ukrainian striker Andriy Voronin, 27, was signed to a four-year contract with English Premier League club Liverpool on February 26. Voronin, who will be a free agent at the end of this season, has spent most of his career in Germany playing for Cologne, Mainz, Borussia Monchengladbach and his cur-

rent team, Bayer Leverkusen. Voronin, who was part of the Ukrainian team that reached the quarter-finals in last year's World Cup, is the first transfer under the new ownership of American tycoons George Gillett and Tom Hicks, who agreed to take over Liverpool earlier in February.

• Ukrainian club Shakhtar Donetsk advanced to the group of 16 stage in the UEFA Cup. However, the team's undisciplined playing left it without defender Olexandr Kucher, midfielder Mariusz Lewandowski and Ciprian Marcia, who served one-match suspensions. On March 8 Shakhtar tied (2-2) with Sevilla of Spain in the first leg of the group of 16 stage. Down a goal off a penalty kick by Sevilla, Tomas Hukschman equalized for Shakhtar in the 19th minute from close range. In another penalty shot, Matuzalem Francelino Da Silva scored the leading goal for Shakhtar in the 60th minute. But Sevilla came back to tie in the 88th minute with yet another penalty shot by Enzo Maresca. Shakhtar will have to face Sevilla again in the second leg, but without Russian striker Aleksandr Kerzhakov due to a heel injury.

• After 10 seasons with Shakhtar, captain Anatoliy Tymoschuk, 27, was signed to a four-year contract on February 28 to the Russian club Zenit St. Petersburg for a Russian Premier-Liga record cost exceeding 15 million euros, making him the lead annual wage earner at over 2.5 million euros.

• Shakhtar on March 6 signed 19-year-old Brazilian Luiz Adriano from SC Internacional de Porto Alegre to a five-year contract for 3 million euros.



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Carpathian Ski Club holds 53rd ski races in upstate New York

by Roma Hadzewycz

WINDHAM, N.Y. – The Carpathian Ski Club held its 53rd annual ski races here at Ski Windham on Saturday, February 24, with 82 athletes and aspiring athletes racing in age groups ranging from girls and boys age 5-6 to men age 60 and over.

The annual ski races organized by KLK (the Ukrainian-based acronym of the club's name) are a family event that attracts many parents and their children. This year's largest groups were boys age 9-10, a group that drew eight competitors, and men age 40-44 with seven competitors.



Competitors in the group of men age 40-44 (from left) Taras Odulak, Rostyslav Stepanenko, Oleh Slupchynskij, Victor Gorloff, Adrian Stasiuk, Michael Zawadiwsky and Peter Strutynsky.



Markian Hadzewycz

The winners among boys age 7-8, (from left) Stephan Stasiuk, Greg Lopatynsky and Matthew Gorloff, with Oles Hrabovsky, who has just presented them with their awards.

Eighty-one skiers signed up for the races – among them one telemark skier – plus a lone snowboarder. The races were held on a NASTAR-sanctioned course reserved that day for the Ukrainian skiers. (NASTAR, or National Standard Race, is the largest public recreational grassroots ski program in the world.)

In the evening, the athletes, their parents or children, siblings and friends, as well as stalwart supporters of KLK attended the awards banquet held at the

Hunter Mountain Ski Lodge. A total of 147 people attended the dinner.

There, KLK President Erko Palydowycz welcomed all to this annual gathering, thanking them for participating in the races. He took particular pleasure in introducing his counterpart from Ukraine, Olena Pankiv, who had traveled from the Lviv region to participate, and compete, in the U.S. races. KLK Ukraine is to hold its own ski races on March 16-18 at Drahobrat in the Carpathian Mountains.

KLK 2007 race results

Girls age 5-6

Juliana Paslawsky, 56.07

Girls age 7-8

Melania Stepanenko, 35.76

Maya Lopatynsky, 38.30

Diana Blyznak, 46.21

Girls age 9-10

Natalia Blyznak, 40.18

Stephanie Bitcon, 40.68

Larysa Iwaskiw, 43.42

Girls age 11-12

Katrina Kozak, 28.90

Ivanka Temnycky, 35.10

Katherine Lenchur, 35.37

Girls age 13-14

Natalie Hryhorowych, 31.43

Christina Fat, 54.23

Girls/women age 17-20

Tania Hryhorowych, 33.31

Lydia Doll, 34.21

Larissa Kobziar, 39.24

Women age 21-29

Laryssa Rybak, 34.64

Melanie Doll, 34.86

Dianna Shmerykowsky, 41.81

Women age 30-39

Marta Dubyk, 39.00

Olena Pankiv, 40.47

Chris Stasiuk, 55.20

Women age 40-49

Christa Kozak, 33.35

Natalia Fedun-Wojcickij, 36.22

Ruth Lenchur, 40.05

Boys age 5-6

Mark Blyznak, 49.20

Omelyan Shuhan, 1:21.68

Boys age 7-8

Matthew Gorloff, 40.12

Greg Lopatynsky, 41.24

Stephan Stasiuk, 48.24

Boys age 9-10

Damian Kozak, 29.11

Adrian Temnycky, 35.77

Peter D. Lenchuk, 35.77

Alexander Gorloff, 37.52

Boys age 11-12

Yevhen Dubyk, 41.79

Boys age 13-14

Severin Palydowycz, 32.08

Roman Schorniy, 36.06

Adrian Iwaskiw, 36.39

Boys age 15-16

Alex Hryhorowycz, 30.74

Paul Hadzewycz, 33.41

Boys/men age 17-20

Adrian Rybak, 28.96

Alex Mykyta, 32.00

Men age 21-29

Markian Hadzewycz, 33.33

Darian Fedash, 34.39

Men age 30-39

Marco Shmerykowsky, 33.25

Taras Ferencevych, 34.61

Men age 40-44

Peter Strutynsky, 30.12

Rostyslav Stepanenko, 31.07

Michael Zawadiwsky, 33.52

Men age 46-49

Andy Kozak, 27.09

Peter M. Lenchur, 30.65

George Temnycky, 32.05

Men age 50-59

Walter Temnycky, 33.40

Slavko Tysiak, 39.35

Nestor Blyznak, 39.50

Men age 60-69

Zenon Stakhiv, 35.02

Alexander Berest, 37.29

John Shmerykowsky, 41.93

Special Award for Participation

Adriana Wojcickij



Winners of silver medals from NASTAR in all female age groups.



The KLK skiers wait in line to race down the NASTAR course at Ski Windham.



Two KLK presidents: Erko Palydowycz of the U.S. and Olena Pankiv of Ukraine.

Ms. Pankiv, president of KLK in Ukraine, offered greetings to the American racers from Ukraine's skiers and expressed her excitement at being able to see how KLK's U.S. ski races take place.

Mr. Palydowycz also welcomed two founders of the Carpathian Ski Club who were present that evening: George "Kuba" Kupchynsky and Orest "Gogo" Slupchynskyj.

The mistress of ceremonies for the highlight of the evening's program – the awards presentations – was Vira Popel, assisted by Orest Fedash. Trophies were awarded for first place in each age group; while second- and third-place finishers received medals. The youngest skiers all received medals for their participation in the races.

Special traveling trophies were presented to the male and female skiers who posted the fastest race times: Andy

Kozak, 49, who turned in a remarkable time of 27.09, and 13-year-old Natalia Hryhorowych, who finished in 31.43. These large trophies are passed on from year to year to each successive winner (no repeat winners are allowed).

Many of the KLK ski racers also received gold, silver and bronze medals awarded by NASTAR based on the course time posted by pacesetters, as well as the gender and age of each racer.

The Carpathian Ski Club's history of holding ski races in the United States dates back to 1954, when the first such event was held at Whiteface, near Lake Placid, N.Y. KLK was founded in Ukraine in 1924. As they emigrated in the years following World War II, enthusiasts took the organization with them to Europe and the United States, where it grew and flourished. KLK was re-established in Ukraine in 1989.



Christine Klufas (left) congratulates the top skiers among young women age 21-29 (from left): Laryssa Rybak, Dianna Shmerykowsky and Melanie Doll.



Natalia Hryhorowych (right) receives the trophy for fastest female skier from Vira Popel, KLK vice-president.



Orest Fedash, KLK's skiing coordinator, congratulates the fastest male skier, Andy Kozak (right).

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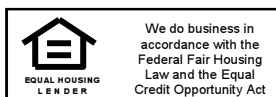
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Lviv Art Gallery celebrates centennial with exhibit at Potocki Palace

by Larysa Marchuk

Special to *The Ukrainian Weekly*

LIVIV – As part of the 100th anniversary of the Lviv Art Gallery, its European collection is now permanently on display at the Potocki Palace in central Lviv.

At a February 14 unveiling of the palace's 300 canvases, 50 paintings – the works of 16th and 18th century French and Italian painters that had been stored in the gallery's reserves for a century – were made public for the first time.

The works of French, German, Italian, Polish artists, as well as other nationalities, are represented in the Potocki exhibit. "Although the painters represent different nationalities, they all lived in Lviv as a result of their life circumstances," said Oksana Kozinkevych, curator of the European art collection.

During the Soviet era, the works were stored in the basement reserves of the nearby Lviv Art Gallery, Ukraine's largest art museum.

The gallery, located on Stefanyk Street, had been open to the public for decades, but it contains so much artwork (8,000 paintings and 6,000 statues) that only 10 percent of the gallery's holdings are able to be on display.

In the Potocki exhibit, the second-floor chambers are each distinguished by a particular collection of artwork: the first chamber showcases antiques, the second chamber Ukrainian art, the third Austrian, the fourth Central and Eastern European, the fifth German, the sixth Finnish and Dutch paintings, the seventh and eighth Italian, the ninth Dutch and the 10th Spanish.

Among the unique highlights of the Ukrainian collection is a 15th century icon of St. Paraskeva Pianytsia, the patron saint and protectress of bazaars.

Many centuries ago, churches, chapels or sculptures dedicated to St. Paraskeva were a mandatory fixture near the loud, bustling bazaars of Halychyna towns and cities.

The Potocki Palace completed in 1889 in classical baroque style, imitating the residence of French King Louis XIV, is a creative masterpiece in and of itself.

Polish Count Alfred Potocki II, the

viceroy who governed all of Halychyna for the Austro-Hungarian Empire, built the palace at his own cost and lived barely long enough to see its completion, dying that same year.

The palace's interior was designed in French Renaissance style – its walls trimmed with silk and lacquered stucco and white marble, and ornamented with bronze-framed mirrors. Black and white marble fills the halls.

Much of its interior luxuriousness was lost during the 20th century's battering of Lviv.

During World War I a plane crashed into the palace's left wing, igniting a fire. Rather than preserve the treasures inside, looters took advantage of the situation and cleaned out several rooms before firefighters arrived.

Later, the Soviets ransacked the palace when they invaded in September 1939.

"On the façade of the baroque balcony next to the second-floor windows, a course linen hung with the words, 'People's Culture Palace,'" recalled 80-year-old Mykhailo Yavorskyi, an American of Ukrainian descent who witnessed the Soviets' arrival.

Afterwards, looters insolently sprawled out amongst the rose bushes and trampled the nasturtium flower beds, he said. "Broken bottles lay everywhere," Mr. Yavorskyi said. "The Potocki basement was emptied."

Aside from the interior decorations, tiled stoves and furniture were hauled off, and the viceroy's desk eventually ended up in an apartment of high elites in Kyiv, Ms. Kozinkevych said.

During the Soviet era, the palace became the place where many Lviv couples sealed their matrimonial fates in ceremonious civil marriages.

Only in 2001 was the Potocki Palace transferred to the Lviv Art Gallery's administration and restoration began of 102 chambers within the magnificent architectural structure.

Simultaneously, the palace became the Lviv residence of the Ukrainian president, thus ensuring a significant amount of financing for a six-year renewal project, though restoration architect Mykola Haida has repeatedly declined to state how much the project cost.

First to be renovated were the first



Oleksander Doroshenko

19th century furniture is part of the display at the Potocki Palace.

floor's halls: the ceremonial ballroom hall, the Red Hall, the Banquet Hall and the chapel. Restorers renewed the lost luxury of the interiors in the style of King Louis XVI's palaces.

Once the first floor's renewal was complete, it became a popular filming site.

Three years ago, Japanese filmmakers chose the palace to shoot the "Ovod" series based on the novel by Lilian Voynych, and last summer Ukrainians

shot a film about composer Maksym Berezovskyi.

President Viktor Yushchenko has demonstrated a fondness for the palace, selecting the Banquet Hall to host the Polish and Lithuanian presidents during the celebration of Lviv's 750th anniversary last year.

Soon many thousands of tourists will be drawn to the palace by the European artwork on exhibit.

"Our Polish colleagues from the Wawel Royal Museum were impressed when they learned that we have a preserved painting which no one has seen or been reproduced anywhere, depicting a visit of Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria to Krakow," Ms. Kozinkevych said.

Numerous portraits of aristocrats are on display in the museum's Austrian art hall.

The commissioned paintings capture with exceptional clarity the Hapsburg aristocratic family, so much so that defects were evident in their faces, such as the top jaw with a characteristic overbite.

"This defect is quite noticeable when observing the portraits of Austrians Constance and Eleonora – the wives of the Polish king Mikhal Korybut Wisniowiecki," Ms. Kozinkevych said.

In fact, the Potocki Palace's new museum gives visitors the opportunity to not only become acquainted with European brush paintings, but also listen to the captivating histories of monarchical legacies.

"By the way, this king had an immense passion for eating," Ms. Kozinkevych said. "He especially liked to indulge in mushrooms. And somehow after one of his banquets with mushrooms, the king suffered poisoning and died while at Lviv's Market Square."



The entrance to Lviv's historic Potocki Palace.

Photographer Burtynsky's work now a film, "Manufactured Landscapes"

by Roman Zakaluzny

OTTAWA – Many want him to be more of an activist, in the same vein perhaps as Canadian environmentalist David Suzuki or former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore.

Photographer Edward Burtynsky, however, maintains it's not up to him to stop environmental mismanagement of the planet. His job is to capture examples of it worldwide on film by visiting some of Earth's most visually stunning industrial wastelands. It's up to others to witness it through his photographs, in art galleries and cinemas worldwide, and to come up with the solutions.

The famous St. Catharines, Ontario, photographer came to Ottawa recently for a screening of his film and to answer questions from a packed house.

They came to see the 2006 film "Manufactured Landscapes," based mostly on a recent photographic journey to China, the world's fastest-growing and, some critics might say, the world's most reckless, economy.

"Manufactured Landscapes" is set for release later this year in the United States, but has been out in Canada for about a year. Nevertheless, more than 300 filmgoers filled the Ottawa theater for the free screening, while more than 100 others who did not reserve seats were turned away at the door.

Mr. Burtynsky's star in Canada is large and growing: many who came were drawn



Three Gorges Dam Project, Yangtze River, China.

secure permission to photograph construction of the Three Gorges Dam with anything beyond a simple point-and-shoot 35mm, and also shot the effects of the dam's construction on the millions of Chinese villagers forced out of their homes from the evacuation of the countryside.

messages did not sit well with some people.

"This is a film that's taking over the blogosphere," said Gerry Flahive of the National Film Board of Canada, which co-sponsored the film, "and the word I keep hearing is 'awesome.'"

But Mr. Flahive, however, related the online opinion of at least one angry blogger in Australia. "I'm very upset with the film, because it didn't provide all the solutions," Mr. Flahive reiterated. The reviewer ended by cursing Ms. Baichwal and Mr. Burtynsky.

"I've known Ed's work for about 10 years, and I am completely bowled over by how . . . these photographs allowed us to enter a complex world without providing simplistic solutions," replied Ms. Baichwal. "I hope that the photographs move you in the same way they moved me."

Mr. Burtynsky said he did not want Ms. Baichwal to produce a didactic by creating a list of what's wrong, then providing answers. Instead, he said viewers were

smart enough to do that on their own.

Ms. Baichwal agreed, and said viewers should not look at the film as singling out China. "It's not about China, it's about all of us," said Ms. Baichwal, referring specifically to a scene in a landfill for recycled computers from the West. Millions of them fill the horizon, and hundreds of Chinese residents are filmed walking amid the rejected equipment, opening up the monitors to access valuable yet toxic metals, like lead and mercury, found inside.

"It's all about our cycles of consumption and waste," she continued. While on the surface, the film may appear to be critical of China's headlong rush to develop at the expense of its poor and its environment, both Ms. Baichwal and Mr. Burtynsky said China's not the only country to do this, but simply the most recent.

"It's not an indictment of China," said Ms. Baichwal. "It's just the last in a long line of countries that developed, got dirty, cleaned up and sent their waste somewhere else."

Viewers remained afterwards to ask questions and to give comments. One questioned Mr. Burtynsky on one scene in particular, where a man is paid for being in a Burtynsky photo. Aides were seen directing villagers where to walk and while waiting for Mr. Burtynsky to patiently prepare his equipment.

Mr. Burtynsky said he never creates a scene that did not already occur. At most, he might ask someone to retrace the steps he or she just took. "The only way I could capture the fleeting moment was to recreate the moment," he answered.

"I'm shooting with a large-format camera," he continued. "It takes three to four minutes alone just to set up the tripod. (It) slows you down; makes you consider point of view, light, time of day . . . all those things. Sometimes, I spent three days to make one image."

Besides, he said, "you're not going to get anybody in China to do anything without paying them. For me, a buck meant nothing, and for them, it was half a day's wage."



Shipbreaking in Chittagong, Bangladesh.

to the fact that Mr. Burtynsky, the subject of the film, and Jennifer Baichwal, the film's director, were to be on hand afterwards for a question-and-answer session.

Most, however, came because Mr. Burtynsky's subject matter – man-made industrial hells rendered beautiful but frightening in poster-sized photographs – have become trendy causes lately. Globalization, the environment, rapid growth in China – all are top-of-mind issues in North America today.

Ms. Baichwal's movie focuses almost entirely on China. Its opening sequence takes viewers on one long, slow, seemingly never-ending 750-meter pan of a massive factory, with workers manufacturing nearly every kind of widget and gadget the West could ever dream it needed.

Thereafter, the film alternates between showing Mr. Burtynsky's preparation for each shot, then showing the resultant photographs. He arranged unprecedented access to a variety of sites, including 18-square-kilometer coal distribution facilities, massive factories, garbage dumps and shipyards. He was the first Westerner to

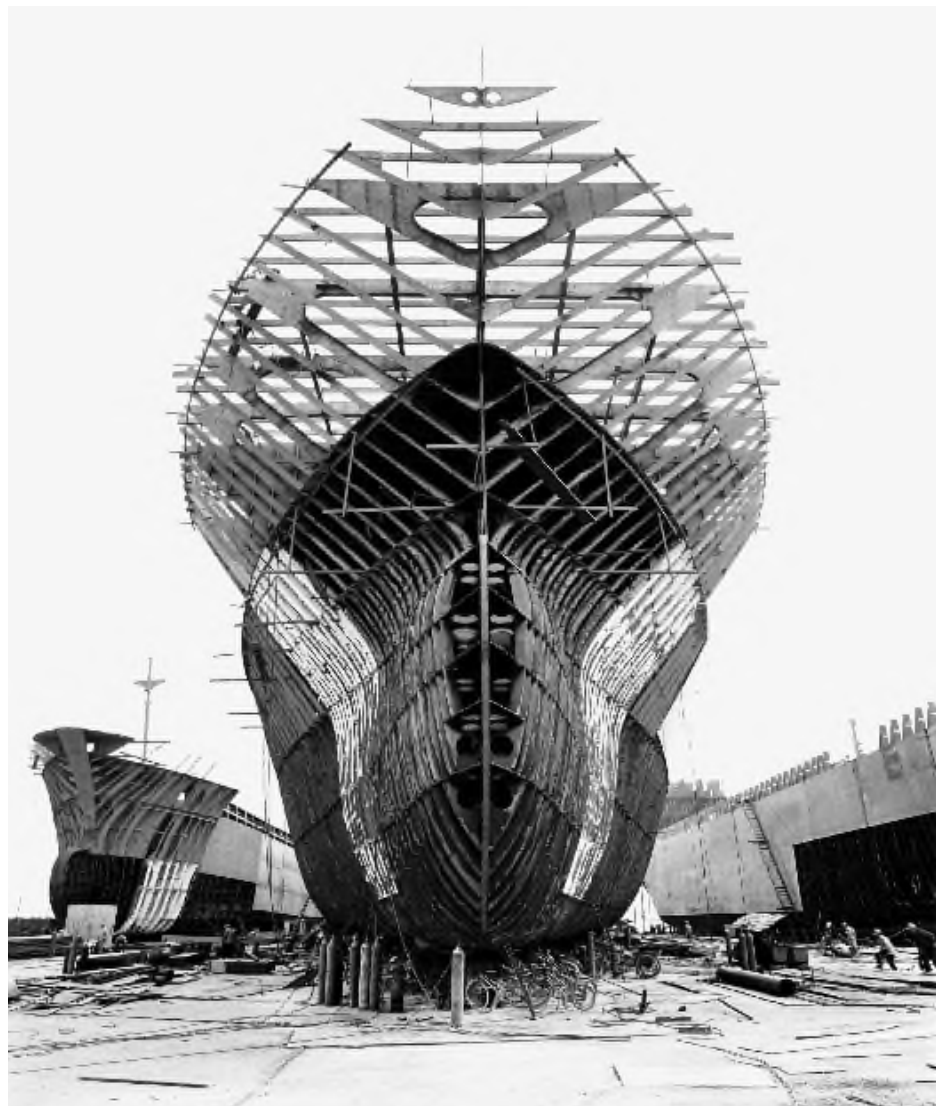
In China, he explained, a white man with a camera is usually cause for a raised eyebrow at the very least, and the film documents a few of Mr. Burtynsky's bureaucratic difficulties, often before he even removed the camera's lens cap.

"Every time we turned on our cameras, we had issues," said Ms. Baichwal. "If you are anywhere near people who are unhappy, or have been displaced, you run the risk of having your camera taken away," related Mr. Burtynsky, adding that he was chaperoned the entire time by government officials, who daily asked him his "intentions" once he returned home.

Through his translators, Mr. Burtynsky tried explaining that he was an artist. He wasn't in China to embarrass the country or its government, but simply to take pictures with an artistic significance.

His work was not political, he would insist, at least not overtly, and he or his aides would show Mr. Burtynsky's previously published books as proof.

The fact that neither Mr. Burtynsky through his photos, nor Ms. Baichwal through her film, spoonfeed viewers overt



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pipelines that bypass Russia. Those could include pipelines originating in the Caspian basin, such as the Nabucco project, which Kyiv recently declared its interest to join via Romania, or the proposed trans-Black Sea gas pipeline from Georgia, or the proposals for a liquefied-natural-gas import terminal on the Black Sea to supply the region, whether in Romania's port of Constanta (where ample port installations are available) or in Odesa or Pivdennyi (as Ukraine prefers despite the less developed infrastructure there).

Third, a jointly owned Bohorodchany-Uzhhorod pipeline (presumably on a parity basis) would mean that Ukraine is forfeiting half the transit revenue for Russian gas en route to points west.

From a European perspective, a Bohorodchany-Uzhhorod pipeline would enable Gazprom to increase its market share in Europe even further and faster, thereby setting back the European Union's declared goals of supply diversification. Building this pipeline would only be consistent with the peculiar diversification concept entertained by a large part of Germany's political and big business establishment: namely, "diversifying" the supply routes from a single source, Russia.

Moreover, building that pipeline would give Russia an additional incentive to strengthen and expand its monopoly on the transit and marketing of Central Asian gas to Europe. With Gazprom's extraction and existing fields insufficient to meet its massive contractual commitments in Europe after 2010-2011, Moscow relies on cheaply bought Central Asian gas to sell expensively in Europe and fill that looming Russian deficit.

Most of the volume to be pumped through Bohorodchany-Uzhhorod to the EU would almost certainly originate in Central Asia. Thus, this project would help perpetuate an exploitative arrangement (with windfall rents to the Kremlin). By the same token, it would pre-empt those very volumes of Central Asian gas that EU countries need in order to reduce dependence on Russia.

During his February 27-28 visit to Berlin, Prime Minister Yanukovich sought to interest the German government in the Bohorodchany-Uzhhorod project. Within Ukraine as well, Mr. Yanukovich concedes that Russian offi-

cialists give ambiguous answers when asked whether Russia can provide an additional 20 billion cubic meters per year for this pipeline project.

From this he concludes that Ukraine cannot alone bear the risk of investing in this project, but should launch it together with Russia in order to share the risks and give Russia an incentive to pump gas through Ukraine to Europe's lucrative markets (Radio Deutsche Welle cited by Interfax-Ukraine, February 24; ICTV Television [Kyiv], February 25; Handelsblatt, February 26).

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Gazprom most recently reiterated offers to allow Ukraine "access" to Russian extractive deposits in return for Russian takeovers of transit assets in Ukraine. In response, Ukrainian opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko initiated and the Verkhovna Rada adopted legislation banning the alienation of such assets (February 6), and President Viktor Yushchenko wasted no time in signing that law (February 20).

The move has infuriated Russian officials. On February 21 Gazprom Vice-President Alexander Medvedev on video-conference link from Moscow to Brussels attacked "Ukrainian politicians who seek to politicize [sic] the bilateral relationship ... by adopting strange laws that ban the alienation of Ukraine's gas transport system" - obviously a swipe at Ms. Tymoshenko.

On February 21 and 26, Gazprom President Alexei Miller made clear to Ukrainian Fuel and Energy Minister Yurii Boiko in Moscow that the Russian side still seeks joint management of Ukraine's transit system in return for Ukrainian access to extractive project in Russia (Interfax-Ukraine, February 21, 26).

And on February 27, Valery Yazev, the Russian Duma's Energy Committee chairman, declared that Russia could only offer "a small, unimportant gas field" to Ukraine in return for Russian-shared control of the Bohorodchany-Uzhhorod project (Inform Newsletter, February 27).

With the exchange value of this project thus deprecated, and its strategic drawbacks plain to Ukraine and Europe, there is ample reason in Kyiv and Brussels to promote pipeline projects that aim for supply diversification, instead of continuing Russian monopolization.

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closely with the Embassy and the federation to address these concerns. During the discussions it was decided that the most important first initiative would be the reinstatement of a Congressional Caucus on Ukraine to create a critical and visible presence for Ukraine in the Congress and to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to show their support for a free and democratic Ukraine.

Thus in 1997 the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus was established with Rep. Fox as its first chairman, joined by other members of Congress, including Chris Smith of New Jersey, Marcy Kaptur of Ohio and Robert Schaffer of Colorado.

In honoring their former congressman on the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, the Ukrainian Federation of America is also acknowledging the long and difficult path taken from those days in early 1997 and the

efforts and commitments made by Rep. Fox, Ambassador Shcherbak, Ms. Chernyk, Ms. Andryczyk and the federation.

The meeting will also acknowledge the founding and cooperative efforts of Action Ukraine, Nadia McConnell and the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, and Ihor Gawdiak and the Ukrainian American Coordinating Council that has led to the repeal of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment last year, the end of conditional foreign assistance programs for Ukraine, and a viable and active presence by the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus on Capitol Hill. Members of Action Ukraine played a key role in the founding of the Jackson-Vanik Graduation Coalition.

The Ukrainian Federation of America will also host former Rep. Dougherty (R-Pa.) who, in the dark days of the Soviet occupation of Ukraine, working with the Ukrainian Federation of America and its late founder, Dr. Alex Chernyk, in 1979 founded the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee on the Baltic States and Ukraine, the predecessor of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus.

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regarding a referendum, pre-term parliamentary and presidential elections and impeachment of the president are absurd and will not be implemented. In regard to amending the Constitution of Ukraine, Mr. Moroz stated his conviction that a body, headed by the president, should be formed to consider these issues. The Rada chairman stressed that rumors about holding an assembly and a referendum on amendments to the Constitution are a reckless scheme. Pre-term parliamentary elections are strongly advocated by the BYUT and Our Ukraine, who have united into an opposition. Meanwhile, Party of the Regions representative Vasyl Kyseliov asserted that pre-term parliamentary elections should coincide with a pre-term presidential election. (Ukrinform)

Court rules in favor of Moroz

MUKACHIV, Ukraine – The Zakarpattia Court of Appeals on March 7 recognized the ruling of the Mukachiv City Court to ban the Verkhovna Rada chairman from signing the law on the Cabinet of Ministers as illegal, reported the press service of the Procurator General's Office (PGO). According to the report, the court has thus confirmed the argument of the PGO that activity of the Verkhovna Rada in adopting laws is not a governing function and the code of administrative proceedings doesn't include norms that would refer a dispute about challenging Rada activities to the competence of district courts. On January 22 the Mukachiv City Court banned the Rada chairman from signing the law on the Cabinet of Ministers. The PGO then appealed against the ruling. On December 21, 2006, the

Verkhovna Rada adopted the government-drafted version of the law on the Cabinet of Ministers, having rejected the president's proposal. On January 11 President Viktor Yushchenko vetoed the law, and the next day the Verkhovna Rada overcame the veto. The Parliament supported none of the president's 42 proposals regarding the law. On January 18 Mr. Yushchenko said he would veto the law again, as its text, which was passed on January 12 and sent for signing, differed from the version passed on December 21, 2006, and signed by the Rada chairman. On January 19 the Parliament announced there are no grounds for the veto and Mr. Moroz sent a letter to the president urging him to sign the law. On the same day President Yushchenko returned the law to the Verkhovna Rada for repeated consideration. Nevertheless, the law was published and took effect. (Ukrinform)

Yushchenko discusses new deal with EU

BRUSSELS, Belgium – Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko visited Brussels on March 8, where he met with European Parliament President Hans-Gert Poettering, European Union High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy Javier Solana, and European Commissioner for External Relations Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Ukrainian and international media reported. Mr. Yushchenko's talks with these officials focused on the new cooperation agreement between Ukraine and the EU, talks on which were opened earlier that week. After his meeting with Mr. Solana, the Ukrainian president acknowledged continuing domestic political problems but vowed that, "None of the political victories of the Orange Revolution will be lost," adding, "I'm sure that the European Union's institutions can play an extremely important

and large role today in the normalization of relations between Ukraine's institutions of power." Oleksander Chalyi, deputy head of the Presidential Secretariat, told journalists in Brussels on March 8, "Today we are witnessing the beginning of Yushchenko's new European breakthrough." Mr. Yushchenko agreed in Brussels that the EU and Ukraine will hold a summit in Kyiv on September 14. (RFE/RL Newswire)

Ukraine, Poland plan energy summit

PLOCK, Poland – Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko and his Polish counterpart, Lech Kaczynski, told journalists after their talks in Plock, Poland, on March 7 that they are planning to hold an energy summit in May with the participation of the presidents of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Georgia, international media reported. The summit is to be devoted to bringing Caspian oil to Poland and further to Europe via Ukraine and Georgia. President Kaczynski said both countries are strongly committed to the extension of the Odesa-Brody oil pipeline to Plock in order to ship Caspian oil to Europe. "I would like to emphasize with great satisfaction that we confirmed the practical implementation of this project. We see the logic of continuing political working contacts connected with this project," Polish Radio quoted President Yushchenko as saying in Plock. (RFE/RL Newswire)

EU declares \$650 M in aid to Ukraine

BRUSSELS, Belgium – The European Commission said on March 7 that it will give Ukraine 494 million euros (\$650 million U.S.) in 2007-2010 in an aid package to push political reforms in the country and make it adapt its energy market to European energy needs, the dpa news service reported. In particular, the funds are intended to strengthen good governance and democratic institutions as well as improve the judiciary system in Ukraine. The aid package is

meant for the implementation of a new European Union-Ukraine cooperation deal, talks on which were launched on March 5. (RFE/RL Newswire)

President proclaims 'key theses'

LVIV – Speaking at Ivan Franko National University in Lviv on March 6, President Viktor Yushchenko voiced what he described as two "key theses" for the Ukrainian nation, UNIAN reported. First, Mr. Yushchenko stressed that Ukraine needs changes to its Constitution because the 2004 political reform has upset the balance between branches of power. Second, the president said that Ukraine's authorities need to formulate a system of priorities for themselves. According to Mr. Yushchenko, such priorities should include supporting Ukrainian as the state language, forming a competitive market in the country, pursuing European integration, making Ukraine's national security a part of European security, and uniting the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. (RFE/RL Newswire)

Museum of Soviet occupation proposed

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko spoke out on March 2 in support of a museum of the Soviet occupation in Ukraine. He did so after touring such a museum in Georgia. "Without a doubt, it is necessary for us to adopt a vow and do this in Ukraine. This is an unforgettable page in Ukrainian history, but today it is inadequately represented not only in our memories, but also, unfortunately, in our state policies," Mr. Yushchenko commented. The president noted that it will be difficult to realize such a project since he will not have political support. "I know this will be difficult since certain forces ... never had the mission to serve our nation. But, for the sake of our grandfathers, great-grandfathers and grandchildren, we need to do this. The Ukrainian president was on a state visit to Georgia. (Ukrayinski Novyny)

Kira Muratova...

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director: most of her films were either fully or in part funded by the Ukrainian government money. Yet she seems to have felt no obligation to reciprocate.

Ukrainian viewers can identify with Ms. Muratova's films on the condition that they assume the point of view, the language and culture of the colonizer as their own, only if they give up their identity, only when they negate their own humanity. By this logic she, intentionally or not, works as an agent of the empire. This is the cruel irony and the fascinating moral ambivalence of Ms. Muratova's cultural posture. "Cruel" is the epithet that time and again resurfaces in critical reviews of Ms. Muratova's oeuvre.

A citizen of Ukraine, Ms. Muratova does not like to be presented as a Ukrainian director. To the question where she belongs as director Ms. Muratova would respond something along the lines of "I belong to the world" – a pronouncement echoing the increasingly anachronistic, some would say ominous, Russian messianism that refuses to stay in the past. Her stature as the mouthpiece of creative freedom, champion of human individuality in all, even the oddest of its manifestations, finds itself in open conflict with what seemed to be old imperial Russian snobbery towards the colonized.

As if feeling the increasing moral untenability of her position, Ms. Muratova has finally invited to star in her latest film, "Two in One," the celebrated Ukrainian actor Bohdan Stupka, considered by many an archetype of Ukrainian identity on screen. There was also talk of Ms. Muratova making two language versions of the film – Russian and, for the first time, Ukrainian.

All this will give the world premiere of her film at the Tribeca IFF International Film Festival added intrigue, particularly if her producer Oleh Kokhan (also known

as Oleg Kohan) succeeds in convincing her to come to New York. Ms. Muratova is known to loath airplanes and long flights; she turned down an invitation by the Lincoln Center Film Society of New York to come to the retrospective honoring her on the occasion of her 70th birthday in spring 2005. The Lincoln Center Film Society presented her and her films as Russian only.

"Two in One" will compete with 17 other films by both renowned and new filmmakers from the United States, France, China, Lebanon, Iran, Israel, Russia, Turkey, Panama, Mexico, Germany and other countries.

The synopsis of her film issued by the Tribeca Film Festival should provoke even the most inveterate couch potatoes to come to the screening: " 'Two in One' (Dva v odnom), directed by Kira Muratova, written by Evgenii Golubenko and Renata Litvinova. (Ukraine) International Premiere. This celebrated director's 'exquisite cruelty' appears front and center when the death of a stage actor turns a theatrical drama into a real one. 'Two in One's' two parts, 'Stagehands' and 'Woman of a Lifetime' celebrate the psychological richness that lurks just beneath the surface of banal reality – if murderous stagehands, lascivious fathers, and vengeful daughters can be described as banal."

The Ukrainian Film Club of Columbia University has been in contact with both Ms. Muratova and the film's producer, Mr. Kokhan, and is trying to arrange for their appearance at Columbia University during the Tribeca festival. While it is unclear whether Ms. Muratova will come to New York, Mr. Kokhan expressed his interest in coming to Columbia and speaking about this latest film by Mr. Muratova. It is possible that the actor Mr. Stupka may also come.



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BOOK NOTE: Commemorative volume about literary evenings at Chicago's UIMA

CHICAGO – A commemorative book about literary evenings held at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art in Chicago has been published. The book

contains comprehensive biographies of authors of Ukrainian heritage who shared their works through presentations at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art between 1973 and 2006.

Published in Donetsk, Ukraine, the book offers information on these Ukrainian authors, who live all over the world and write in both Ukrainian and in English. The success of this project was realized through a partnership with the Organization of Ukrainian Language in Chicago, the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art in Chicago, the Ukrainian Cultural Institute in Donetsk and the Donetsk Organization of Ukrainian Language.

The book was edited by Vira Bodnaruk and Volodymyr Biletskij; the cover design is by artist Lialia Kuchma.

Books may be ordered for \$15 (plus \$3 shipping) from the Ukrainian Language Society by contacting Ms. Bodnaruk at the following address: Ukrainian Language Society, 5050 Seagrass Drive, Venice, FL 34293.

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Orysia Paszczak Tracz (front row, center) is flanked by her sister, Anna Denysyk (left), and Christine Demidowich; in the background (from left) are Orest Kucyna (UACCNJ project construction chairman), Victor Hatala (chairman of the board of directors of the UACCNJ) and Oleh Denysyk.

WHIPPANY, N.J. – Orysia Paszczak Tracz, author of the popular column in The Ukrainian Weekly titled “The things we do ...,” took her show on the road on Friday, February 2, when she spoke about the erotic symbolism hidden in Ukrainian folk songs.

“Songs your mother should never have taught you?” was the title of her presentation at the newly opened Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey.

“Remember all those old Ukrainian folk songs you’ve been singing all these years – the ones you learned from your Mama and Baba? Do you really know what they’re about? The love song lyrics have special meanings, and are rich in deep ancient symbolism of a most interesting kind,” Ms. Tracz stated.

The guest speaker from Winnipeg, who works in collections management at the University of Manitoba Libraries,

also revealed how she came to uncover the meaning of some of Ukrainians’ best-loved songs.

Her talk was received warmly by an audience gathered in the UACCNJ’s Social Club for the first of a series of events organized by the UACCNJ’s Arts, Culture and Education Committee chaired by Marta Lopatynsky.

Metropolitan Council...

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The Ukrainian Orthodox League has taken on the responsibility for raising funds for the completion of the interior of the camp chapel and the United Sisterhoods has been conducting a major fund-raising campaign for the HEC.

Emil Skocypiec, Consistory treasurer and director of the Office of Financial Affairs, presented the financial report for the past year and the budget for the current year. The Very Rev. Bazyl Zawierucha, rector of St. Sophia Theological Seminary, presented the seminary report and detailed the plans for bringing students from Ukraine who will be enrolled in the seminary beginning in the fall of 2007. These students will concentrate on pastoral theology and ministry with the hope that they will, in turn, teach students in Ukraine the pastoral skills necessary to effective parish ministry.

• Deplores the continued intrusion into the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyiv Patriarchate

most recently manifested by the assignment of a bishop to the United States of America. We, the members of the Metropolitan Council of the UOC of the U.S.A., while remaining firm in our desire and endeavors to secure a resolution to the disunity which plagues Orthodox Christian Ukraine, condemn any and all such machinations designed to disrupt the faith and order of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and in the diaspora.

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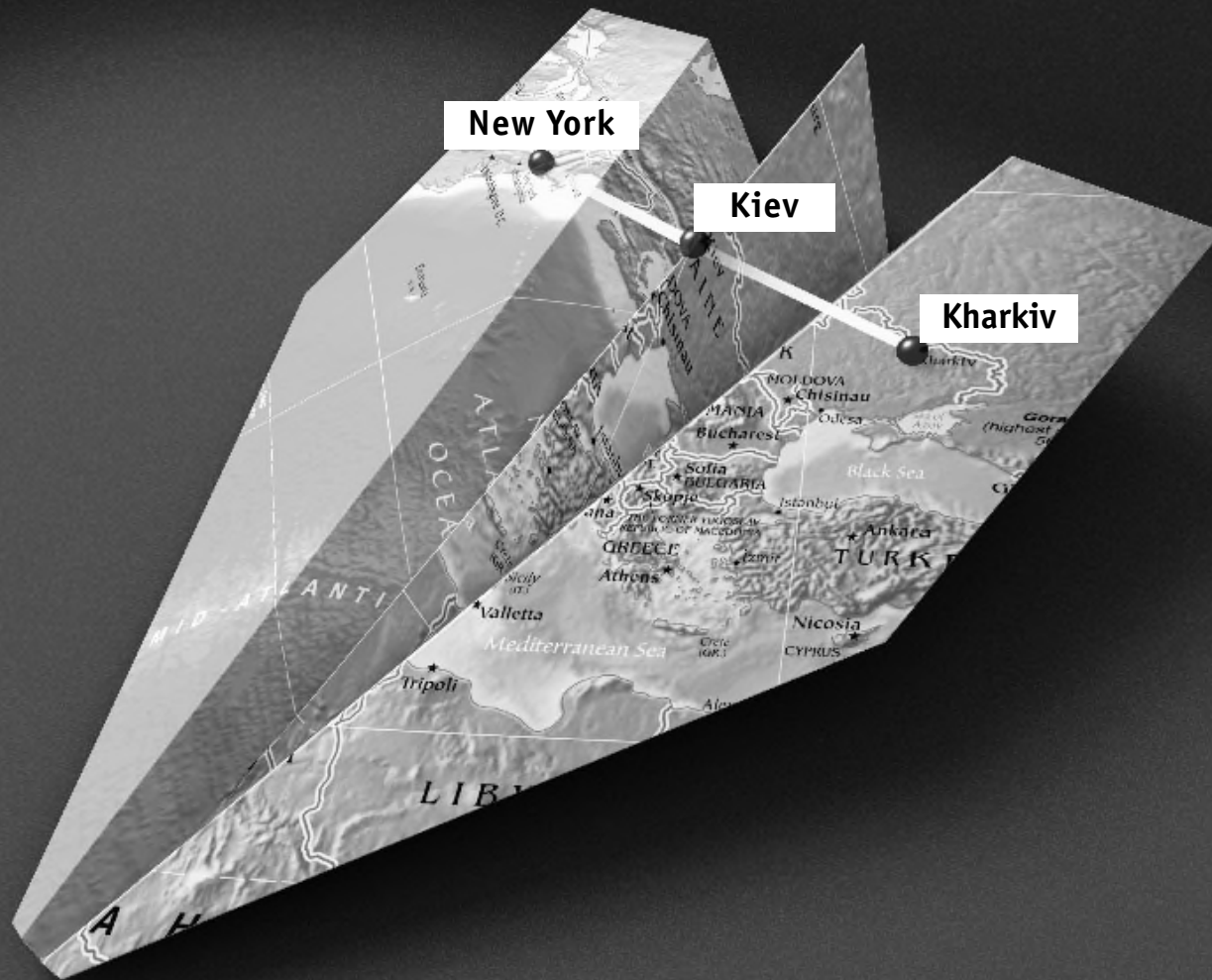
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“Chornomortsi” fraternity members, friends participate in 31st annual ski clinic

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Vancouver to host World Golf Challenge

VANCOUVER, British Columbia – The Ukrainian World Golf Challenge 5 will be held on Saturday, July 26, through Sunday, August 2, 2008, in Vancouver, Canada.

Prior tournaments have been played in Noosa, Australia; Kapalua, Hawaii; Marbella, Spain; and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. These tournaments have attracted participants from Australia, the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Germany and even Ukraine.

This fifth weeklong event will include receptions, barbecues and a gala award banquet and dance, where participants can meet new friends, rekindle old friendships, and enjoy camaraderie among Ukrainians from various countries and Ukrainian communities.

To be hosted on the lush Pacific coast in a setting of majestic mountains, the tournament will be played at: University Golf Club; Northview Golf and Country Club, Ridge Course; Nicklaus North Golf Course, Whistler; Redwoods Golf Course; and Westwood Plateau Golf and Country Club.

Registration is now ongoing. For information readers may refer to the Ukrainian Golf Association of Canada website at www.ugolf.ca.

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PROFILE: Roman Cholkan, a member of the Galicia Division

Roman Cholkan was born on May 29, 1923, in the village of Bilche-Zolete, Ternopil Oblast. In 1943, when the call went out for volunteers to the Galicia Division, he signed up. His younger brother Myroslav stayed home to look after the homestead and their parents. But when the Soviets returned to western Ukraine, Myroslav was conscripted into the Soviet army – and thus the Cholkan brothers found themselves on opposite sides of the war front.

At the end of the war, when the Galicia Division surrendered to the Allies, Roman Cholkan spent three years as a prisoner of war in Rimini, Italy, and then in England. He had family in Canada, where he arrived in 1951.

In Canada, he established his own firm, R. Cholkan Real Estate. By the 1970s the firm had 22 branches and over 200 employees across southern Ontario. Mr. Cholkan died on February 24, 2006, leaving a daughter and a son with his family. His younger brother in Ukraine had died three months earlier.

Roman Cholkan's life centered on the things that were important to him – his family, his business and his friends, mostly former division members. Left a widower in 1972, he became the sole parent to his 16-year-old son and 14-

year-old daughter. He worked to bring them up to be proud Ukrainians. In 1973 he took them to Ukraine so that they could see where he was born and meet their mother's family.

He provided work for many division friends. He was generous in supporting newly arrived immigrants – he found them employment, put them up in his home and paid for their education.

One of the most unpleasant events in Mr. Cholkan's life occurred in 1971 when he was nominated for a position as director of the Toronto Real Estate Board. On the date of the election, voters received a letter pointing out Mr. Cholkan's service in the Galicia Division and accusing him of war crimes. He sued the accuser and, although the court awarded him a \$20,000 payment, he never saw the money. Significantly, an injunction spared him similar accusations.

Mr. Cholkan was always interested in what was being written about the Galicia Division. A few years before his death he helped Michael Melnyk, who had come from the United Kingdom to do research for his book "To Battle! The Formation and History of the 14th Galician Waffen-SS Division."

– Oksana Zakydalsky



Roman Cholkan (left) and his relative Ivan Witushynskyi in the autumn of 1943, when both were members of the Galicia Division. Mr. Cholkan died in Canada in 2006; Mr. Witushynskyi was wounded at the battle of Brody, captured and sent to the gulag, where he died in 1947.

Canadian researchers...

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of the Galicia Division is least known and, hence, most often distorted.

The directors of the UCRDC say they feel an obligation to the persons who shared their recollections and materials about World War II. They believe that the resources and the means exist in Canada and the United States to make a documentary film about the division that will present the its true story and role, and will be interesting to viewers both in the West and in Ukraine.

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Roman Cholkan at age 80 in a photo from 2003.

Ukrainian Catholic...

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and Bishop Makarii Meletych of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church.

Among the institute's publications is the first book to appear in English on Cardinal Husar, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Based on an English-language interview that Dr. Arjakovsky conducted, "Conversations with Cardinal Husar: Towards a Post-Confessional Christianity" will be published in March. "Many in the West think the Greek-Catholics in Ukraine are fighting the Orthodox, and it's important to show that they are not," emphasized Dr. Arjakovsky. "Orthodoxy, Identity and Modernity," a collection of Dr. Arjakovsky's essays, will also be published this month.

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Dr. Arjakovsky will be joined by Prof. Jeffrey Wills of the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation (UCEF) at a luncheon presentation about the UCU on Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m. at the

Ukrainian Cultural Center, 700 Cedar Road, Jenkintown, PA, 19046. Tickets for the event are \$40 and may be purchased at the UCC, at Ukrainian Self Reliance Federal Credit Union branches in Philadelphia and in Trenton, or at the Byzantine Church Supplies store.

For further information, contact Ihor Shust at 215-947-2795, or the UCEF at 2247 West Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL, 60622; telephone, 773-235-8462.

For further information on the institute and the UCU in English and Ukrainian, visit the university's website at www.ucu.edu.ua and www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua, or contact the UCEF.

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Slovak detour...

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award that Yukos stake with the operating rights to a Russian company. A prime claimant, Russneft, now seems to be in retreat since its chief, Mikhail Gutseryev, lost out in some obscure political and business infighting in Russia. During the third week of February, Slovak Economics Minister Lubomir Jahnotek discussed with Gazprom and Gazpromneft the possibility of their taking over the Yukos stake (Vedomosti, February 21).

Transpetrol, 515 kilometers long and with direct connections to the Czech, Hungarian and Croatian transit pipelines, has a design throughput capacity of 21 million tons annually. Currently operating at somewhat over 50 percent of that capacity, it delivers more than 5 million tons annually to the Czech Republic refineries at Kralupy and Litvinov and some 6 million tons to the national Slovnaft refinery; and it could take additional volumes of oil destined for Germany, where the Druzhba system terminates.

Unsurprisingly, the Russian government seeks control over this strategic pipeline. Loss of national control over Transpetrol could expose Slovakia as well as Hungary to full dependence on Russian oil by precluding the import option from the Adriatic Sea. That long-discussed option envisages pumping oil from Croatia's supertanker port Omisalj, through the existing Adria pipeline northward into Hungary and Slovakia and potentially farther afield. For its part, Russia wants to "integrate" the Druzhba pipeline system with the Adria pipeline, aiming to use it for pumping Russian oil to Adriatic port terminals.

The move would be similar to Russia's use of the Odesa-Brody pipeline since 2004 "in reverse," north-south for Russian oil, instead of south-north for

non-Russian oil that would diversify Europe's supply sources. Just as the reverse-use of Odesa-Brody required cooperation by the Ukrainian government, so would the Russian reverse-use of the Adria pipeline and its "integration" with the Druzhba pipeline via Slovakia.

The first government of Prime Minister Yanukovich delivered politically on the first reverse-use in 2004, and his second government now seems inclined to deliver on the other reverse-use. In this case, however, the outcome depends on Slovakia's decision as well.

Since October 2006 both Mr. Yanukovich and President Viktor Yushchenko have aired the idea of using the Slovak route instead of the Polish route, in essence freezing the Odesa-Brody-Poland extension project. The Polish option has the advantage of being immune to Russian control.

For its part, Poland seeks assurances that the existing Odesa-Brody pipeline be also rendered immune to a Russian takeover, as a precondition to extending it into Poland for Caspian oil. To that end, Poland seeks a pre-emptive right for its PERN company to buy a 100 percent stake in that pipeline from the Ukrainian government, in the event that the latter decides to sell it. On that condition, Poland wishes to go ahead with the Odesa-Brody extension project. Deputy Minister of the Economy Piotr Naimski, responsible for energy, discussed oil supplies to that project with the KazMunayGaz management in Astana on February 21 in preparation for Polish President Lech Kaczynski's visit to Kazakhstan in March (Interfax-Ukraine, February 19, 21, 26).

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Lviv opens children's diabetic center

by Sofia Sodol

LVIV – The Children's Diabetic Teaching Center has begun to function on the premises of the Lviv Regional Specialized Children's Hospital. More than 100 Lviv children and adolescents will have the possibility to study here free of charge.

Today more than 300 children with diabetes – a disease that is the main cause of acquired blindness and the fourth leading cause of death in developed countries – reside in the Lviv region of Ukraine. The project to establish the Children's Diabetic Teaching Center was spearheaded by the Lviv Lions Club and supported by the Netherlands Foundation for Central and Eastern Europe and the Communities of Corning-Elmira, N.Y., represented by the Sisters Cities Association, Lviv Committee.

"Every year about 30 children are admitted to the hospital with severe decompensation of Diabetes," said Dr. Ihor Hrytsiuk, pediatric endocrinologist and coordinator of the project. "Such facts indicate that we were not able so far to appropriately teach children and their parents how to deal with this disease. The center will work toward teaching them how to control the disease – and not to be ruled by it. We aim to make the lives of these children easier."

The physician noted also that in his practice he is often confronted by the fact that children with diabetes have psychological problems in communicating with their peers when they suddenly appear to be "different" from others. Psychological support can help them to cope better with this problem.

The teaching sessions will take place in small groups of five to six persons. It is planned that over the course of a year every child with diabetes will go through the teaching course. "Constant and quality teaching of children and their families

may significantly change the prognosis for this chronic disease and improve by threefold or fourfold the control of diabetes," explained Dr. Hrytsiuk.

Svitlana Buchynska, whose 10-year-old daughter is suffering from diabetes considers the creation of such a center immensely important. "We, as parents, know very little, she said. "And here, we hope, the combination of professional support and psychological help will enable us to keep diabetes under control. We feel that it is very important to teach our children to adapt better and to deal with the disease in many different situations."

The initiators of the project explained that the process of creation lasted several years. One of the principal goals of Lions Clubs activities all over the world is supporting blind people, and diabetes is one of the main causes of blindness. The opening of such a school is a link in the chain of the worldwide Project "Understanding Diabetes."

Corning representatives Gloria and William (Vasyl) Misnick, U.S. citizens, have been helping the hospital for many years. This time they collected within their community \$5,400 in donations. In addition, the Corning Rotary Club and Christ Episcopal Church donated \$2,000 each for the center.

"We were working for the realization of this project over several years, and we are really happy that we finally have made it possible," said Mrs. Misnick. "We hope that every Lviv citizen will be able to come here."

This article by Sofia Sodol was originally published in Ukrainian in the newspaper Lvivska Gazeta on October 9, 2006. It was translated into English by Dr. Ihor Hryniak.

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- March 21
Washington
Lecture by Taras Kuzio, "Ukraine: Political Crisis or Normal Politics?," George Washington University, 703-548-8534
- March 22
Buffalo, NY
Pysanka class by Judie Hawryluk, West Seneca Community Education Center, 716-674-5185
- March 22
Winnipeg, MB
Tarnawecky Distinguished Lecture by Myrna Kostash, "How I lost my hyphen and found my groove," University of Manitoba, 204-474-8905
- March 22
Athabasca, AB
Concert, "Paris to Kyiv - Live Fragmenti," Nancy Appleby Theater, 780-525-2161 or 780-916-6871
- March 23
Toronto
Lecture by Serhii Plokhii, "Remembering Yalta: The Politics of International History," University of Toronto, 416-946-8113
- March 23
Bonnyville, AB
Concert, "Paris to Kyiv - Live Fragmenti," Lyle Victor Albert Center, 780-526-3986
- March 24
Burlington, ON
Concert, "Songs of Ukraine," featuring the Canadian Bandurist Capella, Music at St. Luke's 2007, 905-639-7643
- March 24
Edmonton, AB
Concert, "Paris to Kyiv - Live Fragmenti," Maclab Theater, 780-424-2915 or 780-916-6871
- March 25
Washington
Presentation by Iryna Kowal, "Afternoon at the Theater," Embassy of Ukraine, 202-349-2937 or 202-244-8836
- March 25
Windsor, ON
Concert, "Bandura - The Soul of Ukraine," Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, St. Joseph Secondary School, 519-256-2955
- March 25
Whippany, NJ
Dinner and a Movie, featuring "Cars" in Ukrainian, sponsored by Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 75, Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 973-376-4829
- March 25
Leighton, PA
Pysanka Workshop, Ukrainian Homestead, 215-235-3709 or 610-377-4621
- March 25
Jenkintown, PA
Banquet fund-raiser to benefit Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukrainian Educational Cultural Center, 215-663-1166
- March 25
New York
Yara Arts Group presents "Janyl," La MaMa Theater, 212-475-7710 or www.lamama.org
- March 26-29
Detroit
"Ukraine Week," featuring lectures and workshops, Wayne State University, 313-577-3266
- March 27
Lawrenceville, NJ
Art exhibit, featuring sculpture by Petro Kapschutschenko, "Life's Journey Through Sculpture," Rider University, 215-364-1799
- March 30
Washington
Lecture by Dr. Eugene Stakhiv, "Hurricane Katrina - What Went Wrong (and How to Fix It) - Lessons Learned," Embassy of Ukraine, 202-349-2977 or olex@ukremb.com
- March 31
Chicago
Women's World Music Festival, featuring the Kitka women's vocal ensemble, Chicago Cultural Center, www.ccchoir.org
- March 31
Port Charlotte, FL
Ukrainian Heritage Day Celebration, Ukrainian American Club of Southwest Florida, Mid-County Regional Library, 941-613-5923
- March 31
New York
Pysanka writing demonstration, featuring Anna Gbur and Sophia Zielyk, The Ukrainian Museum, 212-228-0110
- March 31
Horsham, PA
Wine tasting seminar and dinner, Ukrainian American Sports Center Tryzub, 215-362-5331 or 215-860-8384
- March 31
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- March 31
Jenkintown, PA
Easter bazaar, Ukrainian Educational Cultural Center, 215-663-1166
- March 31
Syracuse, NY
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- March 31
New York
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- March 31-April 1
Silver Spring, MD
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- April 2
Buffalo, NY
Easter bazaar, Women's Association for the Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine, Ukrainian Home Dnipro, 716-847-6655
- April 2
Cambridge, MA
Lecture by Johannes Remy, "Censorship of Ukrainian Publications in the Russian Empire, 1847-1876," Harvard University, 617-495-4053

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April 20-22, 2007

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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 22

NEW YORK: The March program of the Ukrainian Film Club of Columbia University will feature "Arsenal" (director Oleksander Dovzhenko, 1929). This silent film, based on the events of the Bolshevik uprising in January 1918 in Kyiv, against the Ukrainian National Republic, was initially meant as an apotheosis of the Communist cause. Contrary to its deceptively unwavering pro-Bolshevik orientation, Dovzhenko's picture outlines, in a subtly coded form, some of the dilemmas and conflicts that would rip the Soviet empire apart 60 years later. The 73-minute film will be shown, with English inter-titles, at 7:30 p.m. in 503 Hamilton Hall, Columbia University, 1130 Amsterdam Ave. The program, free and open to the public, will be introduced by Yuri Shevchuk, director of the Ukrainian Film Club, and will be followed by a discussion.

Saturday, March 24

NEW YORK: The Shevchenko Scientific Society invites all to a lecture by Dr. Marta Bohachevsky-Chomiak, former director of the Fulbright Program in Ukraine, on the subject "Higher Education in Ukraine." This complex subject encompassed proposals of educational reform over the period of 15 years of independence that have encountered resistance from the post-Communist system, which turned out to be especially resilient. The reforms, however, are needed, a fact acknowledged not only by Western experts, but also by Ukrainian officials and educators. Among the questions posed: Does the level of higher education in Ukraine correspond to modern times and Western standards? The lecture will be held at the society's building, 63 Fourth Ave. (between Ninth and 10th streets) at 5 p.m. For additional information call 212-254-5130.

Through Sunday, March 25

NEW YORK: Yara Arts Group has created "Janyl," an original theater piece based on a Kyrgyz epic about a woman warrior, with the Sakhna Theater of Bishkek, and will present the show at La MaMa Theater in New York. "Janyl" is directed by Virlana Tkacz, designed by Watoku Ueno, with movement by Shigeo Suga, photography by Margaret Morton, video by Andrea Odezynska and translation by Ms. Tkacz, Roza Mukasheva and Wanda Phipps. "Janyl" features a cast of Yara and Sakhna artists, as well as Kyrgyz epic singing and music. Show times: March 9-11, Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; March 15-18 and 22-25, Thursday-Saturday, 9 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Venue: La MaMa Theater, 74a E. Fourth St. (at Second Avenue). Tickets at \$15 may be purchased at the box office, 212-475-7710 or www.lamama.org.

Saturday, March 31

NEW YORK: The "Music at the Institute" chamber music series invites the public to a concert by the highly acclaimed Maia String Quartet. The program will feature the world premiere of distinguished Ukrainian composer Virko Baley's String Quartet No. 1 ("Dreamtime" Suite No. 5), Beethoven's String Quartet in G Major, Op. 18, No. 2,

and Edvard Grieg's String Quartet in G Minor, Op. 27. A reception will follow the program. The concert will be held at the Ukrainian Institute of America, 2 E. 79th St., at 8 p.m. Donation: \$30; UIA members and senior citizens, \$25; students, \$20. For additional information and reservations call 212-288-8660 or visit www.ukrainianinstitute.org.

NEW YORK: The Ukrainian Art and Literary Club, in conjunction with Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 64, invites the public to a literary evening celebrating the 95th anniversary of Ulana Starosolska-Liubovych, author, journalist and former editor of Our Life magazine. The program will include an introduction by Olha Kuzmowycz, formerly of the Svoboda editorial staff, readings by actress Larysa Kukrytska and members of UNWLA Branch 64, as well as celebratory greetings. Donation: \$10; students, \$5. The event will take place at 7 p.m. at the UCCA, 203 Second Ave., second floor, New York, NY 10003. For more information, call 212-260-4490, log on to www.geocities.com/ukrartlitclub/ or e-mail ukrartlitclub@yahoo.com

HORSHAM, PA.: The Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub, County Line and Lower State roads, in Horsham, Pa. (Philadelphia area), invites you to a wine tasting, seminar and dinner. Learn a sommelier's secrets of food and wine pairing; enjoy the company of good friends. The seminar and wine tasting will be presented by Old Wines LLC of Philadelphia. (For information and a demo video see www.MarnieOld.com.) Doors open at 7 p.m.; the seminar and wine tasting will commence at 7:30 p.m., and will be followed by a bountiful buffet banquet, elegant sweets, coffee and tea. The seminar, dinner and wine are all included in the price: \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. Reservations and advance ticket purchases are highly recommended, as seating will be limited. Call Nika Chajkowsky, 215-860-8384, or Natalia Luciw, 215-362-5331. Information is also available at www.tryzub.org.

Saturday, March 31-Sunday, April 1

Silver Spring, Md.: The "Pershi Stezhi" Plast sorority, Washington, D.C., branch, will host an art exhibit featuring paintings by Bohdan Soroka that form the Hetman Series. The exhibit will open with a reception at 4-8 p.m. on Saturday at the Cultural Hall, Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church, 16631 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Md. On Sunday the exhibit will be on view at 2-4 p.m. Admission is free. A Lviv native, Mr. Soroka is a graphic artist and painter-monumentalist. His works have been exhibited widely in Ukraine, throughout Europe and North America. For more information call 703-819-9783 or e-mail mpereyma@aol.com.

Sunday, April 29

NEW YORK: The Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Ukrainian Dance Foundation presents "Spring Dances - A Concert of Ukrainian Youth" at Washington Irving High School. The program features performances by students of the dance schools sponsored by the foundation with a guest performance by the Syzkryli Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. For further information e-mail syzkryli@yahoo.com.

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