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Ukrainian Fulbright Association promotes intellectual responsibility

by Zenon Zawada
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – Ukraine's Fulbright graduates commemorated the 10th anniversary of their alumni association at their annual conference held on October 19-20 in Kyiv.

Fulbright alumni in attendance renewed their contacts and presented their latest research.

"This is one of the important ways of supporting our alumni association as part of the Fulbright scholars network," said Myron Stachiw, the director of the Ukraine Fulbright Program. "Scholars from different disciplines have come together for friendly interchange."

The conference also marked the 15th year the Ukraine Fulbright Exchange Program has been independent of Moscow.

During the Soviet era, only 12 U.S. scholars studied in Ukraine during the program's 20 years, Mr. Stachiw said. Only a handful of Ukrainians studied in the U.S. Now 20 American scholars study in Ukraine annually, and 50 Ukrainians study in the U.S.

Perhaps the conference's biggest event was the presentation of the Ukrainian

Fulbright Association's first ever Code of Ethics, fulfilling a resolution to draft guidelines approved at last year's meeting.

The ethics code is significant because few professional or academic organizations in Ukraine have made any similar efforts, Mr. Stachiw said. It's a critical step in combating the corruption that engulfs Ukraine's academic and educational institutions, he said.

Among the many issues it addresses are plagiarism, access to information, openness in scholarship and intellectual property rights.

"We're not the first, but given the visibility of our organization nationally, it gives us a certain position and platform to promote these ideas of intellectual freedom and responsibility," Mr. Stachiw said.

In his remarks to open the conference, Mr. Stachiw called for the Fulbright alumni to direct their energies toward creating a new Ukrainian state broken out of the current social, political and cultural deadlock.

He repeated the views of former World Bank President James Wolfensohn, who spoke in Kyiv the prior week and declared that no country or institution can help

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Tensions surface among forces trying to create democratic coalition

by Zenon Zawada
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – As a court continued to review election appeals, tensions among the Orange forces surfaced, raising uncertainty as to their ability to remain cohesive and form a stable coalition government.

Former Prime Minister Yurii Yekhanurov, a close ally and advisor of President Viktor Yushchenko, said he would abandon the Our Ukraine People's Union party if the coalition leaders didn't take his proposals into account.

They address lifting the moratorium on agricultural land sales, passing a new law on stock companies, amending the government procurement law and altering the Cabinet of Ministers law passed in January that significantly reduced the president's authority.

In making his threat, Mr. Yekhanurov was speaking not only for himself, but also for the pragmatic, business wing of Our Ukraine that "is dead set against (Yulia) Tymoshenko becoming prime minister," said Ivan Lozowy, president of the Kyiv-based Institute of Statehood and Democracy, financed by Ukrainian businesses. "It's no question the strategy is

coordinated," he said. "It's a form of pressure on the president to battle against Tymoshenko's prime ministership."

Some of Mr. Yushchenko's closest advisors and allies have declared their preference for a wide coalition with the Party of the Regions of Ukraine, including Mr. Yekhanurov and National Security and Defense Council Secretary Ivan Pliusch.

Though not publicly declaring their opposition, others such as National Bank of Ukraine Council Chair Petro Poroshenko and Presidential Secretariat Chair Viktor Baloha are believed to be opposed to Ms. Tymoshenko, observers said.

The Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc is particularly vulnerable because its nine parties pledged to perform the unlikely task of merging and folding into a single party after the election. There are no signs that they're ready to do that, and more evidence points to ongoing internal strife.

Pora Civic Party Chair Vladyslav Kaskiv said he opposes any imperative mandate law, which would forbid politicians from switching parliamentary factions or even voting against their faction.

Mr. Yushchenko is among the biggest proponents of the imperative mandate and based his April 2 decree dismissing the Verkhovna Rada on that very principle.

Meanwhile, the Sobor Ukrainian Republican Party led by Anatolii Matviyenko released a statement on October 25 criticizing coalition leaders for conducting negotiations and drafting the coalition agreement in an opaque and "under the carpet" manner.

The party's leaders called for a round-table meeting to include all 12 parties that comprise the Tymoshenko and Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense blocs.

"The Sobor Ukrainian Republican Party is guarding against attempts to push through a giant package of poorly prepared bills that don't entirely conform to the Constitution," the statement said. "Under no conditions will our deputies vote for laws with doubtful constitutionality."

Specifically, the party is against any reforms moving toward Ukraine's federalization that would enable oblasts to create their own unique laws.

While tensions within Our Ukraine are bubbling, the president and his inner circle have given hints that they aren't particularly desperate to please Ms. Tymoshenko and her entourage.

On October 23 Mr. Yushchenko replaced two oblast state administration chairs, in Ternopil and Ivano-Frankivsk, without consulting or reaching any agreement with the Tymoshenko Bloc, his would-be coalition partner.

Ms. Tymoshenko had stated her wish to appoint a select number of oblast state administration chairs, which oversee the

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Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. holds 18th Regular Sobor

SOUTH BOUND BROOK, N.J. – The 18th Regular Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. convened on Wednesday, October 3, with the celebration of divine liturgy in St. Andrew Memorial Church. Metropolitan Constantine was principal celebrant of the liturgy with Metropolitan John and Archbishop Yurij, both from Canada, concelebrating along with Archbishop Antony. Clergy from all over the United States assisted.

Because of serious illness and hospitalization, Archbishop Vsevolod was unable to attend the Sobor, but prayers were offered during every liturgical service during the Sobor.

A highlight of the divine liturgy was the elevation of Hieromonk Daniel (Zelinsky) to the rank of archimandrite during the entrance with the Gospel.

Following brunch, the clergy and lay delegates, alternate and guest participants of the Sobor gathered in the rotunda and library of the Consistory building to prepare for the procession, with the icon of the Pochayiv Mother of God, into the Sobor meeting room in the Ukrainian Cultural Center.

During his "state of the Church" remarks, Metropolitan Constantine defined the Sobor theme – "The Light of Christ Illumines All" – and the extent to which that Light has illumined every aspect of the Church's life over the pre-



Bishop-elect Daniel (left) with Bishop Andriy of London and Western Europe, Archbishop Antony of Washington and New York, Metropolitan Constantine (primate of the UOC of the U.S.A.) and Archbishop Yurij of Toronto.

ceding three years.

He pointed to manifestations of the Light of Christ in the contemporary life of the UOC-U.S.A., singling out All Saints Camp in Emlenton, Pa.; the care provided to orphans in Ukraine through mission teams; the establishment and

growth of mission parishes in this country; the presence in parishes of laity and clergy; and the priestly vocation program that guided 13 seminarians through the portals of St. Sophia (Holy Wisdom)

ANALYSIS

Ukraine's Orange Revolution allies now have a crucial second chance

by Jan Maksymiuk

RFE/RL Newswire
October 22

Now that President Viktor Yushchenko has confirmed that he wants the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB) and the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense (OU-PSD) bloc to form a ruling coalition, the two Orange Revolution allies may have a second chance to deliver on the promises they solemnly made in 2004 and disappointingly failed to meet.

But while Mr. Yushchenko and Yulia Tymoshenko have already shown some public signs of unity – most recently in Lisbon on October 18, where both espoused the virtues of European values during a congress of the European People's Party – the question remains as to whether they have overcome their past differences sufficiently to run a new government.

After President Yushchenko backed the pairing on October 17, Ms. Tymoshenko and Viacheslav Kyrylenko, a leader of the pro-Yushchenko OU-PSD, presented the coalition deal they initialed on October 15. The entire 105-page document was subsequently published on the Internet.

The most important provisions of the deal state that Ms. Tymoshenko is to be proposed as prime minister, while the OU-PSD bloc will nominate a candidate for the post of Verkhovna Rada chairman. Cabinet portfolios are to be distributed on a 50-50 basis between the two blocs.

The deal makes room for a third “democratically oriented” participant in the coalition, although it does not mention it by

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name. It does, however, clearly stipulate that neither the Party of the Regions nor the Communist Party can be considered as a potential coalition partner, thus narrowing the field to only the Volodymyr Lytvyn Bloc, which has 20 lawmakers in the 450-seat Verkhovna Rada.

The overwhelming feeling of déjà vu that Ukraine observers may experience upon hearing such news is quite understandable. A similar, if somewhat shorter, coalition document was preliminarily signed by the YTB and Our Ukraine immediately after the March 2006 elections. At that time, the desired third coalition partner was the Socialist Party, which this year failed to win parliamentary seats.

After four months of futile coalition talks in 2006, the Socialists switched sides and formed a ruling majority with the Party of the Regions (PRU) and the Communists. President Yushchenko had no choice in August 2006 but to designate Viktor Yanukovich, his bitter political rival, as prime minister.

Could such a situation repeat itself this year? Could the OU-PSD bloc eventually abandon Ms. Tymoshenko and form a “broad” coalition with the PRU, thus uniting the west and the east of Ukraine politically, if not ideologically or emotionally? Such a turn of events cannot be ruled out.

Ms. Tymoshenko, for whom the regained post of prime minister could be a much-coveted springboard for launching a presidential bid in 2009, has already made many compromises in order to ensure President Yushchenko's support for her attempt to lead the government once again.

To begin with, she agreed to give the OU-PSD bloc half of the Cabinet portfolios, although her party won 156 parlia-

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New Orange coalition in the making

by Pavel Korduban

Eurasia Daily Monitor
October 17

The blocs of Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense (OU-PSD) and Yulia Tymoshenko (YTB) have agreed to form a majority coalition in Ukraine's newly elected Parliament. Ms. Tymoshenko should be the new prime minister, and the post of Parliament chairman should go to Viacheslav Kyrylenko, who is the leader of Our Ukraine – the biggest component of OU-PSD.

The Orange majority, however, will control just 228 seats in the 450-seat body, while 226 votes are needed to secure the appointment of Ms. Tymoshenko and her Cabinet of Ministers. It may not be an easy task for Ms. Tymoshenko and President Viktor Yushchenko, who is behind OU-PSD, to hold this slim majority together. The Party of the Regions (PRU) of the incumbent prime minister, Viktor Yanukovich, hopes the Orange majority will be short-lived.

Ms. Tymoshenko was prime minister from February to September 2005. Her Cabinet collapsed amid mutual accusations of corruption among several groups on the Orange team. Her opponents note that economic growth slowed during her tenure, and that she mishandled privatization. Ms. Tymoshenko, however,

insists that her first Cabinet was successful and stresses that her team fought corruption seriously.

In early October President Yushchenko suggested that the PRU should take part in coalition talks. This was widely interpreted as a hint that Ms. Tymoshenko might not return to the post of prime minister. Ms. Tymoshenko eventually had to accept several of Mr. Yushchenko's conditions to secure his approval of a coalition with her at the helm.

Ms. Tymoshenko told journalists in Kyiv on October 12 that she agreed with Mr. Yushchenko's demands that he, rather than the coalition, will offer a candidate for internal affairs minister; that a new law on the Cabinet of Ministers will be passed; and that a new Constitution should be approved by a popular referendum in 2008. Ms. Tymoshenko also said that the YTB and OU-PSD had agreed to push for the early ouster of the unpopular mayor of Kyiv, Leonid Chernovetskyi.

According to the constitutional amendments passed in 2004, the president picks the ministers of defense and foreign affairs. By also appointing the internal affairs minister, Mr. Yushchenko will secure control over the entire “power bloc” in the Cabinet.

As to the law on the Cabinet, President Yushchenko is unhappy with the current

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NEWSBRIEFS

Rada may convene in early November

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko told journalists in Kharkiv on October 23 that he wants the planned coalition of the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc to propose a “qualitatively new policy of relations” with the opposition after they form a new government, Ukrainian media reported, quoting the presidential press service. “I proceed from the assumption that the new Parliament will inaugurate its work in the first part of November, when it will form a democratic coalition and constructive relations between the majority and the minority,” Mr. Yushchenko said. It is not clear when the new Verkhovna Rada, elected on September 30, will be inaugurated. Its opening appears to be contingent on a decision of the Higher Administrative Court, which is currently reviewing complaints from five political parties against the official election results announced by the Central Election Commission. (RFE/RL Newswire)

President remembers Holodomor

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko, while on a visit to the Kharkiv region, laid flowers at the monument to 1932-1933 Holodomor victims in the village of Pokotylyvka. He stressed that historical truth should be restored about all the famines Ukraine has survived. The president also stressed that the Holodomor should be kept in the memory of every citizen and should be recalled in every village. He urged Ukrainians not to be indifferent to the Famine-Genocide as its 75th anniversary is commemorated. The Day of Remembrance of Holodomor Victims is marked annually on the fourth Saturday of November. (Ukrinform)

“Light a candle” for Holodomor

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko said that Ukraine will join the world action “Light a Candle” on November 24 in memory of the victims of the Holodomor and political repression. The president in Kharkiv was speaking at a sitting of the coordinating council on the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor. Mr.

Yushchenko appealed to heads of Churches in Ukraine to join the commemorative events. He also stressed that memorial plaques and monuments should be inaugurated throughout Ukraine to commemorate the Famine-Genocide's victims. Mr. Yushchenko also stressed the necessity to draft regional books of memory to form the National Book of Memory. Local authorities should do their best to prepare full registers of documentary sources on the Holodomor, he added. (Ukrinform)

2008 – year of memory

KYIV – 2008 will be declared the year of memory for the victims of the 1932-1933 Holodomor, President Viktor Yushchenko told a sitting of the coordinating council on the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor. The president expressed surprise that only 44 monuments to victims of the Holodomor have been inaugurated in the Kharkiv region, since as many as 2 million people died in that region of starvation during the Famine-Genocide. Mr. Yushchenko said that within a year memorial complexes will be built in Kyiv and Kharkiv, and the first museum of victims of the Holodomor will open in Kyiv. He also thanked the Security Service of Ukraine for declassifying files on the Holodomor. (Ukrinform)

President for Holodomor-denial law

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko will initiate a law on criminal responsibility for denying the 1932-1933 Holodomor in Ukraine. Speaking at a press conference in Kharkiv, he said, “We all have much to do with the Holodomor. The death toll was 10 million people, notably, Ukrainians, Russia, Jews, Greeks and Bulgarians, residing in Ukraine. We should renew these memories and respect them,” the president said. (Ukrinform)

Yekhanurov on coalition deal

KYIV – Former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yuriy Yekhanurov, who won a parliamentary seat on the ticket of the

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Steps toward recognition of UPA draw praise and condemnation

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KYIV – Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko's unprecedented steps toward recognizing the sacrifice of Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) veterans reverberated sharply throughout Ukraine and internationally, drawing praise and condemnation alike.

The staunchest criticism came from Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin, who directly attacked Estonians, Latvians and Ukrainians for what he deemed as their efforts to re-write history and honor Nazi German collaborators.

"Certain political forces in Ukraine are trying to white-wash members of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) who are guilty of mass extermination of Jews in Ukraine," Mr. Putin charged on October 10 before a gathering of the European Jewish Congress in Moscow. "I believe that is absolutely unacceptable."

On October 12 Mr. Yushchenko became the first Ukrainian president to issue a decree recognizing the Feast Day of the Protection of the Mother of God, October 14, as the holiday of the UPA's founding. He authorized local governments to plan commemorative events, honor veterans with awards and provide for education campaigns about the UPA, among other measures.

At the evening commemoration held on October 14 in the Ukrayina National Arts Palace, Mr. Yushchenko awarded a posthumous Hero of Ukraine award to UPA Commander-in-Chief Roman Shukhevych, which was accepted by his son, Yuri Shukhevych.

The most prominent Ukrainian historians have conclusively determined that the UPA was formed to fight the Nazi German occupation of Ukraine, as well as the Soviet Red Army and Polish occupiers.



Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) veterans hold a rushnyk (ritual cloth) at the UPA's 65th anniversary commemorations in Kyiv.

For more than four decades, Soviet propaganda falsely inculcated in the minds of its citizens that the UPA was a Nazi-collaborating army.

Much of the controversy surrounding the UPA stems from Gen. Shukhevych's earlier involvement with the Nachtigall battalion for several months in 1941. The battalion was formed in conjunction with middle-ranked German officers, largely to gain their military insights and expertise in the fight against the Soviet Red Army, said Mykola Posivnych, president of the Litopys UPA (UPA Chronicle) Charity Fund in Lviv. Shukhevych was the battalion's top OUN liaison officer.

Nachtigall soldiers were not part of the German army, wore their own uniforms and swore an oath to Ukraine, he said. Furthermore, the entire battalion consisted

of 300 soldiers. "They physically couldn't carry out everything they're accused of," Mr. Posivnych said.

Weeks after the Nazis imprisoned Yaroslav Stetsko and Stepan Bandera for declaring Ukrainian independence on June 30, 1941, Nachtigall was disbanded. Later, when Ukrainian officers in German-allied units were being arrested, Shukhevych escaped and joined the UPA.

A week after Mr. Putin's statement, European Jewish Congress President Moshe Kantor, a Russian chemical magnate, canceled a planned visit to Kyiv to accept a posthumous Hero of Ukraine award on behalf of Anatolii Shapiro, a Red Army officer who helped liberate Auschwitz.

Mr. Kantor cited rising anti-Semitism in

Ukraine, namely four attacks on rabbis in recent weeks that went unpunished, as well as "the Ukrainian government congratulating Nazi collaborators last Sunday," a direct reference to Kyiv commemorations of the 65th anniversary of the UPA's formation.

The Federation of Russian Jewish Communities released a statement on October 19 condemning the president's decision to grant Gen. Shukhevych the Hero of Ukraine award. "This is a provocative act which promotes the rehabilitation of Nazi crimes against humanity and insults the memory of the victims of these crimes," the statement said.

As commander of the Nachtigall battalion, Gen. Shukhevych led the massacre of Jews when the Nazis conquered Lviv in June 1941, the statement alleged. Contrary notions only strengthen the arguments of historical revisionists, the statement added.

"Throughout a whole series of European countries, extremist forces are rising that want to rehabilitate Nazi ideology," the statement said. "In such conditions, honoring a man who collaborated with the Nazis and bears guilt in genocide can't not lead to activating such forces."

The accusations made by the Federation of Russian Jewish Communists are all false, Mr. Posivnych said.

The UPA began emerging in 1942 and was officially recognized at the OUN's Third Extraordinary Grand Assembly in August 1943. By November 1943, Gen. Shukhevych was appointed commander-in-chief of the UPA, whose founding charter clearly stated it opposed any racial or religious persecution.

Gen. Shukhevych's soldiers – both those in Nachtigall and those in the UPA – never imprisoned or executed any Jewish civilians, Mr. Posivnych said.

Opinions are more diverse among the Jewish community in Ukraine, which dis-

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Vandals damage national symbols located on Ukraine's highest peak

Ukrinform

KYIV – Vandals in mid-October damaged Ukrainian national symbols located atop Mount Hoverlia, Ukraine's highest peak, located in the Carpathian Mountains in the Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast.

The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has established that the chief suspects are three young men, two Russians and one Ukrainian living in Moscow, who are members of the Eurasian Union of Youth (EUY), an organization that is banned in Ukraine, said Valentyn Nalyvaichenko, chief of the SBU, at a press briefing on October 20 in Kyiv.

Mr. Nalyvaichenko said the act was apparently masterminded by EUY leaders Pavel Zarifulin and Aleksandr Dugin, who were denied entry to Ukraine in June 2006. That prohibition was lifted earlier this year under a Ukrainian-Russian agreement on eliminating entry bans placed on nationals of both countries, reported RFE/RL. In the wake of the incident at Mount Hoverlia, the SBU has again imposed an entry ban on the two men.

The Eurasian Union of Youth is a Russian youth organization established in 2005 as an entity of the International Eurasian Movement headed by Mr. Dugin.

Mr. Nalyvaichenko said the SBU has established the identity of the vandals. They are Eurasian Union of Youth mem-

bers Leonid Saviv, a Ukrainian citizen currently residing in Moscow, and Aleksandr Bovdunov and Valeriy Mantrov, both Russians.

The suspects, who arrived in Ukraine on October 12, climbed Mount Hoverlia. There they pretended to saw the Ukrainian trident and painted an EUY emblem on the monument to the Constitution of Ukraine. When they returned home, they posted a cell phone recording of the act on the EUY website on October 18. The EUY claimed responsibility for the act of vandalism and declared that it had renamed the peak Mount Stalin.

The SBU has handed over evidence to the Procurator General's Office and informed the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Ukraine about the incident. Foreign Affairs Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said on October 19 that the ministry will apply drastic measures if indeed the Russian-based Eurasian Union of Youth is responsible for vandalism. It was later announced that criminal proceedings had been instituted against the organization.

The SBU has requested the assistance of the Russian Federal Security Service in apprehending the vandals, said the SBU's press secretary, Maryna Ostapenko. She added that thus far 71 people had been interrogated in connection with the case.

The national symbols and the monument to the Constitution of Ukraine atop Mount Hoverlia have been restored, according to the SBU.

Resolution introduced to congratulate Ukraine on free and fair elections

WASHINGTON – Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.), chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission) on October 4 introduced House Resolution 713, "congratulating the Ukrainian people for the holding of free, fair, open and transparent parliamentary elections on September 30."

The resolution noted that the elections were held "in a peaceful manner consistent with Ukraine's democratic values and national interest, in keeping with its commitments as a participating state of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe" (OSCE). In addition, it expresses congressional support for Ukraine.

Thus far, the resolution's co-sponsors are: Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.), Christopher H. Smith (R-N.J.), Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D-N.Y.), Joseph R. Pitts (R-Pa.), Robert B. Aderholt (R-Ala.), G.K. Butterfield (D-N.C.), Hilda L. Solis (D-Calif.), Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), Donald M. Payne (D-N.J.), Carolyn C. Kilpatrick (D-Mich.), Doris O. Matsui (D-Calif.), Gwen Moore (D-Wis.), Sander Levin (D-Mich.), Corinne Brown (D-Fla.), Allyson Schwartz (D-Pa.), Robert Wexler (D-Fla.), Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-Fla.), Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.) and Jim Gerlach (R-Pa.).

Excerpts of the resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, follow.

"...Whereas voting was conducted in an orderly and transparent manner and International Election Observation

Mission [led by the OSCE] observers assessed the voting process as good or very good in 98 percent of the nearly 3,000 polling stations visited, notwithstanding some shortcomings, notably with respect to the quality of voter lists;

"Whereas the vote count was assessed as good or very good in 94 percent of the International Election Observation Mission reports; ...

"Whereas the United States Congress has consistently demonstrated strong bipartisan support for an independent, democratic Ukraine: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, that the House of Representatives –

"(1) congratulates the people of Ukraine for holding free, fair, open and transparent parliamentary elections on September 30, 2007, in a peaceful manner consistent with Ukraine's democratic values and national interest, in keeping OSCE standards on democratic elections;

"(2) welcomes the strong relationship formed between the United States and Ukraine since the restoration of Ukraine's independence in 1991 and especially following the 2004 Orange Revolution;

"(3) expresses strong and continuing support for the efforts of the Ukrainian people to build upon the democratic gains of the Orange Revolution by strengthening respect for human rights and the rule of law, including an independent judiciary;

"(4) recognizes that the consolidation

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OBITUARY: Father Pavlo Hayda, 42, of Chicago

CHICAGO – Funeral services were held on Friday and Saturday, September 7-8, for Father Pavlo Hayda at St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chicago. Father Hayda, 42, was fatally injured on September 4 in a collision between his bicycle and an SUV exiting an apartment complex.

The first part of a funeral for a priest was celebrated on Friday evening by Bishop Richard Seminack and 30 other priests. A homily was delivered by Bishop Nicholas Samra of the Melkite Church.

Following the divine liturgy for the Nativity of the Mother of God on Saturday, the second part of a funeral for a priest was conducted, again with about two dozen priests celebrating. An estimated 2,000 people filled the church, many traveling cross-country and from beyond the borders of the state, country, continent and hemisphere – from all over the United States and Canada, as well as Australia – to be present. Burial was at St. Nicholas Cemetery.

Pavlo Denys Hayda was born on October 22, 1964, in Battle Creek, Mich., the fourth son of Ihor and Roma Hayda; his older brothers are Borys, Marko and Roman.

In his youth he was active in the Ukrainian community as a member of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization. He completed elementary school and Fairfield College Preparatory High School in Easton, Conn. In the summer of 1982, following graduation, he attended Harvard, studying Ukrainian and preparing for college studies in engineering.

However, reflecting on his 700-year-old family tradition of priestly ministry, he decided to pursue the priesthood. He enrolled that fall semester in St. Basil's College Seminary in Stamford, Conn., completing requirements for a bachelor



Father Pavlo Hayda during a liturgy celebrated at the International Plast Jamboree that was held in Canada in August.

of arts in philosophy. Subsequently he entered the St. Sophia Seminary for Priestly Formation and began his master's degree studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. It was during this time he met Christine Kopystynsky, who would later become his wife.

After meeting with Archbishop Volodymyr Sterniuk, who was visiting Chicago, he and his wife accepted an invitation to live and work in Ukraine.

On March 29, 1992, Pavlo Hayda was ordained by Major Archbishop Myroslav Ivan Lubachivsky in St. George Cathedral in Lviv, where 75 years earlier his grandfather, Father Jaroslav Kniahynkyj, had been ordained by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky.

Father Hayda's first parish assignment was St. Paraskevia in Kalynivka, Ukraine. After a brief tenure, Father Hayda returned to the United States, accepting an assignment to St. Josaphat Parish, Munster, Ind. By July 1995 he moved again, this time to St. Joseph Parish in Chicago, where he remained until his death.

Father Hayda was a man whose physical stature only hinted at the immense spirit that propelled him. His work and influence went beyond any limit. He served his family, his parish, his eparchy and the community at large – constantly seeking ways to make known to all the riches of the Ukrainian Church and its tradition.

He taught. He prepared numerous pew booklets for all the liturgical services in the parish. With bilingual presentations, including transliterations of the Cyrillic alphabet and concise annotation, an explanation of every prayer, action and purpose was available to parishioner and visitor alike.

He taught. Even outside the confines of parochial work he was involved in education. Through his efforts the parish hosts a webpage that is an instrument for informing worldwide readers. He spoke at conventions of clergy and laity. He, with his wife, was instrumental in arranging the Encounter of Eastern Catholic Bishops of Canada and the United States last October and November.

He taught. He was a member of the visiting faculty at DePaul University's

School of New Learning, Chicago. He continued to teach on the parish level. Never one to be lulled by the status quo, he answered challenges – and issued challenges – in the quest for ever-deepening Christian commitment for himself and for others.

Father Hayda was a member of the Presbyteral Council of the eparchy and one of the College of Consultors. He helped organize eparchial conferences and clergy retreats. It was at these retreats that his prior experience in singing in numerous choirs was evident. He was instrumental in arranging the liturgical services at these annual meetings, often leading his brothers in the clergy in singing the responses.

His efforts in the parish were also spent in revitalizing the Ss. Cyril and Methodius Youth Group. He oversaw the improvement of the physical properties of the parish: the interior of the building has been completed to express the iconographic reality of the Church; the exterior of the domes was redone to reflect the sublime nature of the building over which they sit.

Besides his wife, children Julian, Zachary, Elias and Dmytryj, parents and brothers, he is survived by many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

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Holocaust survivor praises Sheptytsky and Greek-Catholic leaders

by Matthew Matuszak

LVIV – Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church from 1901 to 1944, and his brother, Archimandrite (Abbot) Klymentii Sheptytsky, head of the Studite order, had “moral and emotional courage.” So said Dr. Leon Chameides, a Jewish cardiologist from the U.S. who survived World War II thanks to the two Sheptytskys. Dr. Chameides spoke on October 12 in Lviv to a group of students, staff and visitors at the Ukrainian Catholic University.

Dr. Chameides recounted how on August 14, 1942, Rabbi David Kahane and his own father, also a rabbi, approached Metropolitan Andrey and asked him to hide 1,000 Torah scrolls they had collected. At the end of the discussion, the metropolitan asked if he could help the rabbis and their families.

The possibility of hiding their children came up. Dr. Chameides said that the metropolitan “was hesitant to hide boys, for they would be obvious because of their circumcision.” But, after consulting with Klymentii, Metropolitan Andrey agreed to help.

In September or October Dr. Chameides recalled, that he, then 7 years old, and his older brother, Zwi Barnea, were hidden in a truck that took them to St. George Cathedral, where they briefly met the metropolitan, who was “in a wheelchair and partially covered with a blanket.” Soon they were sent outside Lviv to be hidden.

Dr. Chameides said he stayed briefly at a monastery in Briukhovychi, a suburb

of Lviv, “but the nuns there were afraid to have a Jewish child. I got sick and they couldn't call a doctor,” he said.

He was taken to the monastery of the Studite order in Univ, Lviv Region, sometime after Christmas, and he and two other Jewish boys lived at the orphanage run by the Studites there. One of the boys was Adam Daniel Rotfeld, who became foreign minister of Poland, the other was Oded Amarant, who became a textile engineer in Israel. Many years later Dr. Chameides found out that Roald Hoffman, now a professor at Cornell University, also had been hidden as a child in Univ, at the schoolmaster's house. Dr. Chameides' brother, sent to another monastery, also survived the war and is now living in Australia.

“I remember Univ with pleasure, the surroundings, fields, a self-sufficient farm,” said Dr. Chameides. He amused his listeners recounting how he “had never seen a cow in my life” and was asked to put some hay in a barn and found out “My God, this huge animal was there.” He somehow managed to get around the cow and to go up and down a ladder, which also he had never done before.

By 1944 “there was not much food left and we heard shooting all around us,” recalled Dr. Chameides. The Germans were retreating. The wounded were brought to Univ and he became a helper. “My job was to wash the bandages,” he said. When someone died, he washed bandages in order to use them again, because there was a great shortage.

Later in 1944, with the approach of the



Holocaust survivor Dr. Leon Chameides tells students and staff of the Ukrainian Catholic University how Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky saved his life.

Soviet Army, Dr. Chameides said he was sent to Lviv, where he was adopted by a Jewish woman who had lost all her family in the war. (Dr. Chameides' parents also did not survive the war.) Eventually he went to Poland and England before settling in America in 1949.

The two Sheptytskys and “generally all the brothers of the Studite order were a few shining lights that helped us in those dark times,” recalled Dr. Chameides.

“We have worked very hard to get

Metropolitan Sheptytsky named a righteous gentile by Yad Vashem,” said Dr. Chameides. Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial, honors non-Jews who, at a danger to their own lives, rescued Jews during the Holocaust. So far, those efforts have been unsuccessful. But Archimandrite Klymentii, who died in a Soviet prison in 1951, was declared a “righteous gentile” by Yad Vashem in 1996. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II during his visit to Lviv in 2001.

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THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FORUM

Young UNA'ers



Sadie Graysen Boggs, daughter of Josh and Niki (Krysalka) Boggs of Woodstock, Ga., is a new member of UNA Branch 53. She was enrolled by her great-grandparents the Rev. Stephen and Juanita Krysalka.



Brighton Katharine, Kiana Grace and Alexander Thomas Brown, children of Tom and Brandi (Krysalka) Brown of Wentzville, Mo., are new members of UNA Branch 53. They were enrolled by their great-grandparents the Rev. Stephen and Juanita Krysalka.



Alexander Juzeniw, son of Roman and Marta Juzeniw of Princeton Junction, N.J., is a new member of UNA Branch 194. He was enrolled by his parents.



Roman Marko Mazurets, son of Mark and Natalka Mazurets of Madison, N.J., is a new member of UNA Branch 130. He was enrolled by his grandparents Anna and Myron Barankewicz.



Alexander Roman Watson, son of Lana and Mark Watson of Gillette, N.J., is a new member of UNA Branch 172. He was enrolled by his grandparents Bohdan and Romana J. Fedasiuk.

Do you have a potential young UNA'er in your family?

Call the UNA Home Office, 973-292-9800, to find out how to enroll.

Soyuzivka update: it's an exciting time...

by Roma Lisovich
UNA Treasurer

The summer season has now come to a close at Soyuzivka. It was a wonderfully busy summer as we began to see the transition to a heritage foundation take front and center stage. With a renewed focus on the creation of a true, community-based educational and cultural center for all North Americans of Ukrainian descent, we worked diligently on the development and expansion of programs that will meet our mission: the creation of a center – a hub of Ukrainian American culture in the United States.

Soyuzivka, since its inception in 1952, has served as an important meeting place for Americans of Ukrainian descent, but it also provided a venue that allowed Ukrainian Americans to share and preserve their rich culture with their children, grandchildren and the general public. In the future, Soyuzivka will continue to be a place where pride in one's culture is fostered, cultivated and showcased. In order to preserve this cultural treasure in perpetuity, it was necessary to modify the way we operate in order to adapt to changing times. This is challenging, but provides us with an exciting opportunity.

As we restructure Soyuzivka, all of us are enthusiastic about these development plans and are looking forward to sharing them with you over the coming months. The plans, as many of you heard throughout the summer, include the renovation of existing buildings, new structures, a new housing component, the creation of a park preserve from the forested lands adjoining Minnewaska State Park and the transformation of the current operating entity to a non-profit community-based foundation. We are excited about these changes.

This summer, the fruits of our labors were evident as new camp programs were added, workshops and seminar offerings expanded and our first-ever, very successful Ukrainian Film and Cultural Festival took place. We were thrilled with the high level of activity Soyuzivka generated this summer and expect next summer to be another banner year.

Concentrating on our foundation's mission to preserve our rich heritage, Soyuzivka-sponsored camps offered a renewed focus on the cultural enrichment aspect of the camp experience. Even the youngest of campers tackled the creation of a Ukrainian ceramic piece with enthusiasm and made their own topirets (Hutsul walking stick) as part of this new innovative program. All this while learning how

to count to 10 in Ukrainian.

At one point in time this summer, with three diverse camps operating simultaneously, Soyuzivka was accommodating over 350 children. It was a logistical feat to feed them all, and our staff handled it remarkably well. We will continue to work on plans on how to accommodate these increasing numbers for the next season as we expect attendance to be even greater. Many more programs are being planned for the next season. Our valued partners – the Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Ukrainian Dance Workshop and Ukrainian Dance Camps, the Sitch Sports Camp, and Plast's "Tabir Ptashat" day camp – are all returning and new camp venues will be added. For example, as an outgrowth of the UNA-sponsored workshops specifically designed for adoptees from Ukraine and their American parents, Soyuzivka has plans for a special heritage camp just for these special children. Our second Ukrainian Cultural Festival, which promises to be better and bigger than 2007, is already being worked on and will be held on July 11-13, 2008. Please mark your calendars.

Partnering with other Ukrainian organizations is key to making our foundation a success. We all share the same mission, and certainly will be working closely with our partners to provide them the facilities they need to advance their own programs. Our mission is to serve the community.

Over the course of the next few months, we will share with you the large-scale development plans for Soyuzivka as each project phase is tackled. The end result, we believe, will be a four-season facility that is self-sustaining and community-based. We remain committed to this goal and invite you to become part of this effort.

In order to facilitate implementation of these project plans, Soyuzivka, as in years prior, will be closed during the off-season. Right after the last public event scheduled for November 10-11, 2007, Soyuzivka will be closing. It will reopen in the spring of 2008. Time is needed to complete the tasks we have delineated. There are a number of important capital improvement projects that will commence immediately after the seasonal closing.

The first much-needed renovation project is Veselka – Soyuzivka's main activity center. This is an integral part of our center. It is where zabavy (dances) are held, where the dance campers practice, where enchanting weddings, cultural programs

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UNA supports young election observers

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – The Ukrainian National Foundation – the charitable arm of the Ukrainian National Association – applauded the young Ukrainian Americans who traveled to Ukraine to serve as election observers during the September 30 pre-term parliamentary elections.

The UNA, through its foundation, donated stipends of \$500 to help cover the travel expenses of the five young UNA members who volunteered as election observers. They were: Daniel Koziupa, Ksenya Hentisz, Markian Hadzewycz,

Michael Dockhorn and Katrina Durbak.

Each of these observers, who were part of the election monitoring team organized by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, received a letter from the UNA, signed by Treasurer Roma Lisovich, which noted, in part: "The Ukrainian National Association Inc. applauds your efforts to be actively involved in the nation-building process of Ukraine, a fledgling democracy. Your participation promotes the ideals every American holds dear – democratic, free and fair elections."

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The soul of Ukraine

Just this week we had the opportunity to attend a concert of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus – part of the ensemble's current tour of the United States and Canada called "Bandura: The Soul of Ukraine." It was a remarkable experience that left the capacity audience uplifted, enriched, inspired and awed by the Ukrainian legacy of ultimate triumph over adversity.

The chorus sang of noble and fearless Kozak leaders; of serfdom; of the Holodomor – the Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933; of the necessity of saving Ukrainian song, language and culture; of love ... And the sounds of the bandura conveyed the sounds of Ukraine's steppes and its dances. Led by its conductor and artistic director, Oleh Mahlay, the Bandurist Chorus also performed the American spiritual hymn "Amazing Grace" and the beloved paean to their adopted country, "America the Beautiful."

The Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus tour, which began in Detroit, its home base, on October 19, and concludes in Toronto on October 28, is being held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Hryhory Kytasty, the chorus's renowned conductor, who passed away in 1984. Kytasty was known also as a bandurist, composer, educator and international promoter of bandura artistry. (Several of his exceptional compositions are being performed during the current tour.) Their longest serving conductor, he is revered by chorus members.

This unique ensemble was formed back in 1918 in Ukraine, at the time of independent Ukrainian statehood. In the 1920s the chorus developed into a professional touring troupe. However, during the 1930s and 1940s the chorus was exploited and persecuted, first by the Soviet authorities and later by the Nazis. It was thanks to the Allies that Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus members were able to emigrate to the United States as refugees in 1949.

Here in the United States, the chorus was reborn. It undertook its first tour in 1950. More tours of North America followed in the 1950s and 1960s, with the chorus reaching out to diverse Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian audiences, acquainting countless listeners with not only the beauty of Ukrainian music, but also the spirit of the Ukrainian nation. Its first tour of Europe was in 1958, with the chorus performing over a two-month period in Belgium, England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland. A tour of Australia came in 1980. Thus, these musicians and singers became true ambassadors of Ukraine.

And then, in the 1990s – first in 1991 and then again in 1994 – the chorus triumphantly returned to its roots: Ukraine. Indeed, in 1992 the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine awarded the Taras Shevchenko State Prize, the highest award for artistic achievement, to the ensemble. Another tour of Ukraine came in 2001, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the country's re-established independence. And the worldwide tours that give voice to the Ukrainian people continue.

The Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus is a Ukrainian national treasure. The power of its performances and Ukraine's national instrument, the bandura, is unmistakable. As chorus members pay tribute to their beloved Hryhory Kytasty on the centennial of his birth, we join them. At the same time we pay homage to the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, now several generations old, as it prepares to mark its own 90th anniversary in 2008.

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Turning the pages back...

Last year Ukraine's Minister of the Economy Volodymyr Makukha announced at a press conference that Ukraine could expect to join the World Trade Organization (WTO) no sooner than February 2007, which derailed President Viktor

Yushchenko's plan to join the WTO by late December 2006, as reported by The Ukrainian Weekly on November 5, 2006.

According to Mr. Makukha, even if Ukraine were to pass the necessary legislation and sign the agreements required by year's end, the legislative acts would still require extensive review by the WTO.

Four days prior to the press conference, Mr. Yushchenko announced that a scheduled meeting with the WTO on December 21, 2006, would decide Ukraine's membership in the international economic group. This was another example of the Ukrainian government's inability to agree upon a common foreign policy agenda and plan.

The week prior, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich signed a natural gas deal with the Russian Federation, which caused political observers to suspect that one of the unofficial conditions of the deal was the synchronization of Ukraine's WTO accession with Russia. The Russian fear of Ukraine gaining the upper hand in WTO membership would mean Ukraine would be able to leverage its position in resolving trade disputes with Russia.

Ukrainian officials assured the Russians that proper customs and border control would prevent a flood of alcohol and sugar products into Russia, Mr. Makukha said. "We aren't talking about any synchronization," he said. "We're consulting and removing concerns from our trade partners."

Other conditions for Ukraine's WTO accession include Ukraine's agreement on tariff proposals and requirements.

Mr. Yanukovich said on October 30, 2006, that he would submit all the necessary WTO legislation for Parliament's consideration by mid-December.

At the time, nearly 20 bills needed to be passed by the Verkhovna Rada for the WTO to consider Ukraine's membership, with 16 WTO-related bills to be considered at the November 2, 2006, session of the Rada.

Source: "Ukraine to join WTO no sooner than early 2007, says economy minister in rebuff to Yushchenko," by Zenon Zawada, *The Ukrainian Weekly*, November 5, 2006.

NEWS AND VIEWS

USAID's bizarre policies and Ukrainian Americans

by Orest Dubno

I can't say that I was entirely surprised to learn that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) plans to suspend funding for the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation. Throughout 16 years of Ukrainian independence, USAID has been remarkably tight-fisted, if not discriminatory in its reluctance to provide funding for qualified Ukrainian community-based organizations.

Its preference for the so-called "belt-way bandits" – colorless and dispassionate behemoths that flaunt large staffs and oversized overhead budgets but show little commitment to the countries where they work – is legendary.

What makes the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation unique is that it has broken through past barriers to federal funding and it has maintained a good relationship with USAID for many years. Against all odds, it has persuaded the bureaucrats in Washington that knowledge of Ukrainian culture and language, and an understanding of historical and political nuances might actually be an asset when working in Ukraine.

Perhaps I'm biased, or perhaps I write from bitter experience. Between 1993 and 2001, I served on the board of directors of the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund – four of those years as chairman. In 1994 CCRF received its first and only USAID grant for \$350,000. Through the tremendous efforts of our small staff and many dedicated volunteers, the fund leveraged these monies to secure over \$5.5 million worth of cancer medication, medical equipment and physician-training programs to help Ukrainian doctors combat the high rate of thyroid cancer and leukemia in children's hospitals.

Based on audited financial statements prepared by DeLoitte and Touche, CCRF achieved a multiplier effect of 16 to 1. In other words, for every dollar we received from USAID, the fund delivered \$16 worth of substantive aid and training to Ukraine. In the same year, DeLoitte and Touche certified an additional \$3 million worth of aid that we secured from sources other than USAID.

The impact of this aid was substantial: of the thousands of Ukrainian children stricken with thyroid cancer only eight died of the illness. Survival rates for leukemia in CCRF's partner hospital in Kharkiv continue to climb from a dismal 5 percent in 1992 to over 65 percent in 2006, and our partner hospitals in Kyiv, Lviv, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk and Lutsk continue to outperform many USAID-funded health programs in their treatment of children with life-threatening illnesses. The medical technology CCRF has installed in Ukraine is far superior to any provided by USAID contractors working on budgets that are often 10 times larger than CCRF's.

One would think that USAID would have rewarded this kind of diligence and cost-effectiveness by extending or increasing CCRF's funding. Corporate foundations including John Deere, Monsanto, UMC and Western Union were duly impressed with the fund's track

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record and have provided CCRF with generous grants since 1995. Despite numerous proposals, however, USAID has never given another penny in aid to CCRF, today known as the Children of Chernobyl Relief and Development Fund (CCRDF).

The agency's decision to select one bidder over another may have very little to do with merit, track record, cost efficiency or measurable results. In dealing with Ukrainian community-based organizations, USAID has behaved as if these virtues are somehow irrelevant or detrimental to its mission. For example, in 1997 Congress called on USAID to provide funding for thyroid cancer treatment and mental health programs for Chernobyl children in Ukraine. CCRF applied for a multi-year grant to USAID. The agency admitted that CCRF had a "very strong" proposal with extraordinary partners, including renowned international experts Dr. Simeon Gluzman and Dr. Evelyn Bronet. But it awarded the funds instead to Medical Services Corporation International – an agency with no experience in Ukraine, no experience in treating children's cancer, and no commitment to combat radiation health effects until it caught wind of millions of dollars that might be available. MSCI spent more than a year and more than \$1 million in taxpayer dollars on "fact-finding" and reinventing the wheel before it examined its first children for thyroid cancer.

CCRDF is by no means the only Ukrainian American organization given short shrift by USAID's strange funding practices. The North American Federation of Ukrainian Credit Unions has developed a sustainable network of community banks and credit unions in Ukraine. Yet, when it applied to USAID to help build on its successes, the federation was passed over in favor of another group of consultants with no experience in Ukraine.

Predictably, the USAID-preferred contractor lacked a basic understanding of Ukrainian banking laws and procedures, and a series of available errors and misjudgments doomed its project from the start. The diaspora-sponsored credit unions are still going strong, even in the absence of U.S. government support. It is heart-breaking to imagine how even a small infusion of federal funds could have helped to expand these community banks and changed public attitudes, especially in the eastern Ukrainian provinces that so desperately need exposure to fair lending and small business development.

By all accounts, the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation has built a distinguished record in developing civil society programs and sister-city partnerships. It is training a new generation of Ukrainian leaders to instill democratic values, professional business practices and systems of accountability that can help overcome the crippling legacy of Soviet corruption. USUF has earned the praise of Congressional leaders across the political spectrum and it enjoys widespread support in the Ukrainian community.

So, at a time when Ukraine is teetering between pro-Western democracy and the ham-fisted despotism of Vladimir Putin's Russia, it seems bizarre that USAID would cut funding to an organization that has played an essential role in what is arguably the most pivotal and strategically sensitive country in Europe.

The Ukrainian American community

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sucess, sort of, for Orange parties

Dear Editor:

For Orange parties, the results of the September parliamentary elections was a hard-won success of sorts. By a narrow margin, the Party of the Regions was removed from power. It was mainly the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc that did the heavy lifting to achieve this result.

And it is now up to President Viktor Yushchenko to wreck it, which he almost certainly will do – in the same way he undermined the Orange cause after the March 2006 elections. The president did so by stubbornly attempting to force his choice of prime minister, despite his party's poor showing in the elections.

An indication of what's coming is President Yushchenko's recent admonition to Ms. Tymoshenko, revealed in a press interview by Mr. Yushchenko during his visit in France on October 5. He laid it out that Ms. Tymoshenko would have to meet conditions A, B and C if she wants to be prime minister. One of the stated conditions is to include the Party of the Regions in the Cabinet of Ministers. The skimpy etiquette of such public "demarche" matches the slam-dunk diplomacy of the message. Mr. Yushchenko knows that his ultimatum will not be accepted.

The president's widely acknowledged animosity toward Ms. Tymoshenko cannot be explained in rational terms. His own tenuous position was almost literally rescued from an ignominious collapse (including loss of his remaining presidential prerogatives) by Ms. Tymoshenko's forceful argument for a special election and her subsequent large gains in these elections that provided the margin of an Orange victory.

Speculation about President Yushchenko's motives to keep Ms. Tymoshenko out of the prime minister's job centers on the "follow the money"

trail. It concerns his campaign financiers from among the oligarchs in the energy sector, and is consistent with the thesis that "Oligarchs United" are behind both Viktors' (the other being, of course, Mr. Yanukovich) campaigns. This would also explain why the Orange cause is not Mr. Yushchenko's top priority.

Boris Danik
North Caldwell, N.J.

Zawada's report most informative

Dear Editor:

In the October 14 issue of The Ukrainian Weekly, Kyiv Press Bureau Editor Zenon Zawada wrote about the present political scene in Kyiv. I found this article to be most informative – an excellent analysis and fine commentary on recent moves and strategies of key political players in post-election Kyiv.

It was a pleasure to read because of its clarity of style and documentation of facts. Mr. Zawada lucidly describes the complex strategies and steps open to the various factions. In fact, the author allows the readers to anticipate some future outcomes and happenings.

Mr. Zawada should be congratulated for the excellent story headlined "Yushchenko keeps his options open ..." I believe that Ukraine's friends in Washington will also find the article most informative. This is yet another example of how The Ukrainian Weekly serves the Ukrainian cause.

It is unfortunate that older Ukrainian Americans and some of the very latest immigrants might not be able to read Mr. Zawada's analysis. I recommend a translation into Ukrainian and its publication in Svoboda.

Bohdan Burachinsky
Florham Park, N.J.

Ukrainian World Congress to mark 40th anniversary

NEW YORK – On November 12-19, 1967, New York City was the venue of the first World Congress of Free Ukrainians. Among the highlights of this seminal event in the history of the Ukrainian diaspora was the coming together of Ukrainians from some 20 countries, the election of a coordinating body, a mass rally at Madison Square Garden, and a demonstration before the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations. The event was widely covered by international, national and local media.

Forty years have elapsed and the World Congress of Free Ukrainians has amended its name to the Ukrainian World Congress, amended some of its purposes in view of Ukraine's independence and has expanded its outreach to an additional 20 countries, which were previously closed or only recently became venues for Ukrainian settlements.

On Sunday, November 18, at 2 p.m. a conference will be held in New York City at The Ukrainian Museum on East Sixth Street. The keynote address, which will focus on how the WCFU was received within the USSR, will be delivered by the renowned Ukrainian poet, Dmytro Pavlychko. Comments will be offered by representatives of

those organizations or their successors which constituted the initial WCFU Presidium: Michael Sawkiw from the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and Ihor Gawdiak from the Ukrainian American Coordinating Council (formed after 1967 but representing a segment of the initial Presidium), Iryna Kurowyckyj from the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations and the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Slava Rubel from Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization; Bohdan Harhaj from the Ukrainian American Youth Organization; and Orest Popovych from the Shevchenko Scientific Society.

Additional remarks will be made by Myroslawa Rozdolska from the New Ukrainian Wave, representing people who resided in Ukraine at the time of the first congress and today are a vibrant part of the diaspora.

The conference will conclude with a film about the WCFU/UWC and a reception.

Seating is limited at The Ukrainian Museum. Tickets should be purchased in advance by mailing payment of \$25 per person to the Ukrainian World Congress, 225 E. 11th St., New York, NY 10003.

Faces and Places

by Myron B. Kuropas



Meet and greet

Guess who's coming from Ukraine! No, it's not President Viktor Yushchenko. And it's not Yulia Tymoshenko.

The person coming to the United States this November is in many ways far more important than either of them, in my opinion. Visiting us is an educator, a person committed to the intellectual and moral formation of Ukraine's future leaders.

The man I urge you to meet and greet is the rector of the National University of Ostroh Academy, the most dynamic, positive and inspiring person I know in Ukraine today. If you haven't met Ihor Pasichnyk, you should. He's definitely a gloom lifter.

Dr. Pasichnyk is the driving force at Ostroh. He has recruited top-notch teaching and administrative staff, and is always open to new ideas. Some 1,000 students have received higher degrees from Ostroh since Dr. Pasichnyk took over in 1994.

Rector Pasichnyk will arrive in Cleveland, on November 1. On the following evening he will speak at the Ukrainian Museum/Archives, 1202 Kenilworth, beginning at 6 p.m. Andrew Fedynsky, museum director and columnist for The Ukrainian Weekly, is in charge of the arrangements. You can reach him at fedynsky@sbcglobal.net.

Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), who has visited Ostroh and has sponsored family members for study at Ostroh, plans to attend. So do local luminaries such as Taras Szmagala Sr. (he is an honorary member of the UNA General Assembly), Taras Szmagala Jr. (another columnist for The Ukrainian Weekly) and Orest Nebesh.

On November 4 Rector Pasichnyk will be speaking at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Bloomingdale, Ill., at 1 p.m. John Jaresko, chair of the church council, is in charge of the arrangements. He can be reached at jjaresko@aol.com. Lesia and I will be at this event, as will Stefko Kuropas. Also planning to attend are Selfreliance CEO Bohdan Watral, as well as representatives from various churches in the Chicagoland area.

The rector will be spending time in DeKalb, Ill., where he will breakfast with Dr. Lemuel Watson, dean of the School of Education at Northern Illinois University, and in Chicago where he will visit the University of Chicago.

On November 9 Rector Pasichnyk will

be speaking at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall, 719 Sanford Ave., at 7 p.m., in Newark, N.J. Roman Rychok, chair of the Educational Foundation Rukh, is in charge of the arrangements. He can be reached at 973-762-9379. Local luminaries planning to attend are Stefan Kaczaraj, UNA president, and Lev Khmelkovsky, an editor at Svoboda.

On November 10 it's off to Glen Spey, N.Y., where Rector Pasichnyk will have an afternoon presentation at Verhovyna Mountainview Resort.

November 11 will find the rector speaking at 12:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Huntington Valley, 3470 Huntington Pike, Huntington Valley, Pa. The contact person for this event is Leonid Jacobchuk, 908-964-7114.

November 14 will find Rector Pasichnyk at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Cultural Center in North Port, Fla., at 6 p.m. In charge of the arrangements are Drs. Bohdan and Vira Bodnaruk, who can be reached at vira.bodnaruk@yahoo.com or 941-408-8125.

The final stop for Rector Pasichnyk on his whirlwind tour of the United States is Houston. He will be speaking at the L'Alliance Francaise, 427 Lovett Blvd., on Saturday, November 16, at 6 p.m. In charge of the arrangements is Bill Dijk, who can be reached at Dijk1@earthlink.com.

A native of Volyn, Dr. Pasichnyk has studied at the University of Kyiv, the University of Lviv and the Pedagogical Institute in Rivne, majoring in educational psychology and mathematics. He earned his Ph.D. in 1993. Prior to his appointment as rector of Ostroh, he served as department chair and docent at the Pedagogical Institute in Rivne. He has authored six books and numerous articles in scholarly publications.

If you live anywhere near Cleveland, Chicago, Newark, Glen Spey, Philadelphia, North Port or Houston, do yourself a favor and meet and greet Rector Pasichnyk. He doesn't disappoint. If your Ukrainian isn't the best, don't worry. Dr. Pasichnyk will be accompanied by Eduard M. Balashov, head of the Ostroh Foreign Relations Department, a graduate of Ostroh, who speaks fluent English.

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Rector Ihor Pasichnyk (center) with students from the National University of Ostroh Academy on the Maidan during the 2004 Orange Revolution.

Ukrainian Orthodox...

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Seminary.

Metropolitan Constantine spoke of his obligation before God to ensure that the ranks of the episcopacy are filled, and presented as candidate for the holy office of bishop the venerable Archimandrite Daniel. The Sobor body immediately arose and declared "Axios! Axios! Axios! – He is worthy!" Metropolitan Constantine called upon the Sobor participants to await the formal resolution of the Sobor to "officially" proclaim "Axios." He presented the qualifications of the archimandrite and all his accomplishments in the life of the UOC-U.S.A. and asked him if he would accept such a nomination.

Father Daniel's response reflected that often spoken in salvation history, "If this be God's will, then God's will be done."

Greetings to the Sobor were offered from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada by Metropolitan John and Archbishop Yuriy, who expressed gratitude for the opportunity to be present at the Sobor and to share in the discussions that would set the course for the next three years of Church life.

Metropolitan John is the archbishop of Winnipeg and metropolitan of all Canada, and Archbishop Yuriy is the archbishop of Toronto. They were present for the entire Sobor, participating in all general sessions and several of the Sobor committee meetings, offering their thoughts from the perspective of another branch of Ukrainian Orthodoxy.

In presenting his report as president of

the Consistory, Archbishop Antony opened with a concentration on all the accomplishments of the Consistory Offices of Ministry, in particular the Orphanage Adoption Program, All Saints Camp Chapel, the St. Sophia Seminary chapel consecration and building renovations, the enrollment of 13 seminarians in the 2007-2008 seminary academic program, the Mission Parish development and Parish Rebirth programs, and the History and Education Complex construction progress.

After expressing his thoughts and concerns about each of these "good things" about which we have much to praise and be proud of, the archbishop called on the directors of the Consistory Offices of Ministry, whose reports were already included in the Sobor reports packet sent to the delegates in advance of the Sobor.

A workshop/seminar titled "Does Understanding the Brain Mean the End of Free-Will?" was presented by Dr. Paul Micevych, member of the Metropolitan Council and professor of the School of Medicine at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA). Dr. Micevych presented the latest studies on brain activity in relation to spirituality and religious belief, and initiated a very lively discussion about belief, faith, Orthodox theology and many other topics. It was a fascinating topic for the audience and presented studies so new that they have not been fully – or possibly may never be – interpreted by scientists or theologians.

The entire day on Thursday, October 4, was devoted to Sobor committee meetings in various meeting rooms at the Holiday Inn and at the Ukrainian

Cultural Center. The evening program was conceived as a fund-raiser for the History and Education Complex. In conjunction with this, three hierarchs were honored on the anniversaries of their service to God: Metropolitan Constantine, celebrating 40 years of priesthood, 35 of them as bishop; Archbishop Antony, celebrating 35 years of priesthood, 22 of them as a bishop; and Archbishop Vsevolod, celebrating 20 years of priesthood and as bishop.

Dinner was followed by a musical program offered by four extremely talented individuals, Julian Kytasty, Natalia Honcharenko, Michael Andrec and Roman Turovsky, who presented "Saints and Sinners: Songs of Worship, Penitence and Celebration." The program consisted of traditional religious songs from Ukraine's "lirnyky" and "kobzari," the blind minstrel-bards and storytellers who traveled throughout Ukraine presenting her history and culture through song. The kobzari usually focused on the historical epic type of material, while the lirnyky presented the devotional and morality musical pieces, but the two often overlapped in their presentations.

The official program followed, and it was a lengthy one because of the number of celebrations. A special guest was Archbishop Demetrius, exarch of the Patriarchate of Constantinople, chairman of the Standing Conference of Orthodox Bishops of America (SCOBA), and head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of the U.S.A., who warmly and with much love greeted the honorees on behalf of Patriarch Bartholomew and all the hierarchs of the Orthodox Church in the U.S.A.

Metropolitan John of Canada spoke about Metropolitan Constantine, Archbishop Yuriy of Canada about Archbishop Antony, and Metropolitan Nicholas of the Carpatho-Rusyn Orthodox Archdiocese in America about Archbishop Vsevolod, as each of them has known and worked for decades with the individual they presented.

Metropolitan Constantine and Archbishop Antony both spoke of their love for the holy Church and thanked their fellow hierarchs and all present for the wonderful honor bestowed upon them.

Also present to honor the hierarchs were Bishop Basil Losten of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, who presented a letter from the Ukrainian Catholic World Synod of Bishops meeting in Washington and signed by Patriarch Lubomyr Husar; Oleh Shamshur, ambassador of Ukraine to the United States; Mykola Kyrychenko, consul general of Ukraine in New York City; representatives of Ukraine's Permanent Mission to the United Nations and representatives of Ukrainian community organizations and credit unions.

In addition to the United Sisterhood announcement, several organizations, parishes and individuals presented gifts to the History and Education Complex (HEC) project. Some prominent contributions were announced: Dr. Laryssa Zaika of St. Volodymyr Cathedral, Philadelphia, \$25,000; the Ukrainian Information Bureau Inc., \$58,500; Mary Kramarenko in memory of her husband, Petro, \$30,000.

Sviatoslav Lychyk of St. Volodymyr Cathedral, Chicago, executor of the estate of Attorney Sviatoslav (Gerard) Kybaluck, who left his estate worth \$800,000 to the Church, noted that a good portion of the estate would benefit the HEC.

The plenary session on Friday, October 5, began with the reports of deaneries and central Church organizations, all of which were included in the Sobor registration packet. Nadia Mirchuk reported as president of the United Ukrainian Orthodox Sisterhoods, emphasizing that the sisterhoods continue to raise funds for the History and Education Complex and that she was pleased to announce at the grand banquet that the amount to be turned over to the Consistory is \$300,000.

The Friday evening event of the Sobor was a 75th anniversary commemoration of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933. The participants of the Sobor entered the dining room to tables symbolically clothed in dark colors and set with white napkins and spoons. Archbishop Antony invited an individual from each table to come forth to light candles from the one he held and to light the memorial candles on the tables. He then called upon Archimandrite Daniel to read a poetic work in Ukrainian about the Famine called "Pamiatayemo" (We remember). This reading set the tone for the commemoration.

Archbishop Antony then spoke about the Famine in English, proclaiming that "We will never forget!" He stated it was not just the 10 million who starved to death that were lost. Demographers within and outside of Ukraine have estimated that had the Famine not been perpetrated against the Ukrainian nation, the population of Ukraine today would be between 70 million and 100 million – rather than 47 million (including those working outside of Ukraine's borders).

This means that, in addition to the 10 million who died in the Holodomor, another 28 million to 48 million unborn were lost and with them much of what the nation could have been today, Archbishop Antony continued. He underscored: "Who knows what great clergymen, scientists, political leaders, educators, artists, writers and others may have changed the

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The procession prior to the beginning of the Sobor.

Ukrainian Orthodox...

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course of history for Ukraine?"

At the conclusion of his remarks, the archbishop called for dinner to be served – the kind of “dinner” that those who perished in the Famine may have had – a “soup” made of grass and whatever else could be located to give at least a speck of nutrition, and “bread” that sometimes consisted of tree bark. Each individual was served a “bowl” of the soup – actually a few spoonfuls – and the archbishop asked that everyone eat in silence, thinking about what parents may have been thinking in 1933, unable to provide any more for their children. This “meal” was a very moving experience.

Ambassador Shamshur and Consul General Kyruchenko returned to the Metropolia Center for this Holodomor commemoration and Mr. Shamshur spoke next about the consequences of the Famine and the promise of the Ukrainian government to build an appropriate monument in Kyiv so that the nation will never forget.

He spoke also of the plans for the construction of a monument in Washington and noted that the National Committee to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933 and his office headed the successful drive to seek Congress's approval for it. Negotiations are currently taking place with the National Parks Commission to select an appropriate and well-located site. He urged all present to encourage the members of their parishes around the country to support this project.

The next to speak was an invited guest from the Chicago Committee to Remember the Famine, Katya Mischenko-Mycyk, a member of the board of the organization. She offered a



Delegates to the 18th Regular Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A.

very moving description of the conditions of the Famine and the long-term effects it has had on the Ukrainian nation. Her entire presentation can be found in the current edition of the Ukrainian Orthodox Word.

All the participants then lit individual candles from the central candle on their table and walked in a silent procession through the darkness and across the footbridge to the Memorial Church for a “panakhyda” (requiem service) on the deck before the entrance to the church.

All the hierarchs in attendance at the Sobor participated in this service, commemorating the innocent souls and victims of the Famine. Metropolitan Constantine spoke before the service, reminding the faithful that the very church before which they stood was built as a permanent memorial to the victims of the Famine-Genocide, who are remembered each time divine liturgy is celebrated therein.

On Saturday, October 6, the first item on the agenda was a presentation by the members of the 2007 College Student Mission Team to Ukrainian orphanages. Adam Kennedy, one of the members and a student of film production at Temple University, produced a brief video of the mission experience. It was only six minutes long, but had an enormous effect upon the Sobor audience.

A longer documentary version of the video was presented to Sobor participants on Saturday evening following dinner. The documentary elicited lengthy discussion and praise in the evening presentation, and the participants urged the immediate reproduction and distribution to the parishes of these very moving and informative records of the UOC-U.S.A.'s missionary work.

The Youth Sobor Report was a glimpse into the hearts and minds of young Church members and their vision of what the Church must be: focusing on Christ and our Faith, but not forgetting to honor

our heritage; a source of education; a place of peace; a place where worship takes place not only on Sundays; a welcoming place; a life-supporting place; and a place that reaches out into the community around it. The youth offered some very practical suggestions on how to implement this vision in local parishes.

On Sunday, October 7, a hierarchical divine liturgy was celebrated in St. Andrew Memorial Church with all the previously mentioned hierarchs concelebrating along with Bishop Andriy of London, Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora, who arrived at the Sobor on Wednesday evening. The responses for liturgy were beautifully and spiritually sung by the Memorial Church Choir under the direction of Michael Lev.

Following liturgy, Archbishop Antony conducted the rite of induction to office for the newly elected members of the Metropolitan Council, Consistory, Church Court and Audit Commission.

New Orange...

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one, drafted by the PRU team early this year and backed by Ms. Tymoshenko. That law diminished the president's authority vis-à-vis the prime minister regarding appointments to the Cabinet. It was probably easier for Ms. Tymoshenko to accept the condition regarding a new Constitution, as she agrees with Mr. Yushchenko that presidential powers should be beefed up in a new Constitution.

Ukrayinska Pravda reported that the YTB and OU-PSD had agreed with Mr. Yushchenko that the economic bloc in the Cabinet, including the key Ministry of Finance, will be filled by Ms. Tymoshenko's people, and other ministries will go to the team of Mr. Yushchenko and OU-PSD.

On October 15, following several hours of talks at President Yushchenko's office, YTB and OU-PSD initialed an accord to set up the Democratic Coalition. The accord's exact details were not known on October 16, but Ms. Tymoshenko and Mr. Kyrilenko made it clear that previous agreements are valid, so Ms. Tymoshenko should be prime minister and Mr. Kyrilenko Parliament chairman, while the post of internal affairs minister will go to somebody picked by Mr. Yushchenko.

The two blocs also agreed to pass a new version of the Cabinet law and a new law on the opposition. They also said that cancellation of the excessive privileges enjoyed by national deputies and an early mayoral election for Kyiv will be among the first issues that the new Parliament should tackle.

The PRU has not recognized its defeat. It issued a statement on October

15 insisting that it will form a majority coalition, as it is the party that scored the most votes in the September 30 election. Taras Chornovil of the PRU said at a press conference in Kyiv on October 16 that his party plans to launch talks to form a coalition with OU-PSD in November. He warned that the PRU might resort to blocking Parliament's work and forecast that a OU-PSD/YTB coalition would hardly last for more than a week.

The PRU's optimism is not entirely misplaced. The 228 seats controlled by the Democratic Coalition in the new Parliament may not be enough to secure Ms. Tymoshenko's appointment as prime minister. Several influential OU-PSD politicians, including Yuriy Yekhanurov, Ms. Tymoshenko's successor as prime minister, are skeptical of her ability to head the Cabinet. The PRU is reportedly not against giving the post of prime minister to Yekhanurov in a PRU/OU-PSD coalition. Just three dissenters would suffice to torpedo a new YTB/OU-PSD Cabinet, as 226 votes will be needed for its approval.

The YTB and OU-PSD want the Bloc of Volodymyr Lytvyn to join their coalition. The Lytvyn Bloc will have the smallest caucus in Parliament, just 20 deputies, but its support may be crucial for Ms. Tymoshenko's nomination. The Lytvyn Bloc, however, is in no hurry to join the coalition. Oleksander Turchynov, Ms. Tymoshenko's right-hand man, told journalists on October 10 that “no reply has been received” from the Lytvyn Bloc regarding an invitation to join.

Sources: ITAR-TASS, October 11; Ukrayinska Pravda, October 12, 15; Ukrayinski Novyny, UNIAN, October 16.

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UWC appeal: honor Holodomor's victims

In 1933, the Italian Consul in Kharkiv, then the capital of the Ukrainian SSR, wrote:

"A week ago, a special service was set up to protect children who have been abandoned. Along with the peasants who flock to the towns because there is no hope of survival in the countryside, there are also children who are simply brought here and abandoned by their parents, who then return to their village to die. Their hope is someone in their town will be able to look after their children. ... So for a week now the town has been patrolled by 'dworniki,' attendants in white uniforms who collect the children and take them to the nearest police station ... around midnight they are all transported in trucks to the freight station at Severodonetsk. That's where all the children who are found in stations and on trains, the peasant families, the old people and all the peasants who have been picked up during the day are gathered together ... A medical team does a sort of selection process ... anyone who is not yet swollen up and still has a chance of survival is directed to Kholodnaya Khora buildings, where a constant population of about 8,000 lies dying on straw beds ... Most of them are children. People who are already starting to swell up are moved out in good trains and abandoned about 40 miles out of town so that they can die out of sight. When they arrive at their destination, huge ditches are dug and the dead are carried out of the wagons."

This year we mark the 75th anniversary of the Great Famine of 1932-1933, referred to as the Holodomor, during which some 7 million to 10 million innocent Ukrainians perished. This great tragedy was genocide against the Ukrainian people perpetrated

by Stalin's regime in Moscow. In 1988 the United States Congress Commission on the Ukraine Famine concluded:

"The Genocide Convention defines genocide as one or more specified actions committed with intent to destroy a national, ethnic, racial or religious group wholly or partially as such ... One or more of the actions specified in the Genocide Convention was taken against the Ukrainians in order to destroy a substantial part of the Ukrainian people ... Overwhelming evidence indicates that Stalin was warned of impending famine in Ukraine and pressed for measures that could only ensure its occurrence and exacerbate its effects. Such policies not only came into conflict with his response to food supply difficulties elsewhere in the preceding year, but some of them were implemented with greater vigor in ethnically Ukrainian areas than elsewhere and were utilized in order to eliminate any manifestation of Ukrainian national self-assertion."

We urge Ukrainians everywhere to honor the victims by organizing solemn requiem services, processions, exhibits and conferences. We look to our neighbors in the world community of nations to recognize our pain and offer solace by passing parliamentary resolutions and denouncing, at international fora, the Holodomor as Genocide against the Ukrainian nation. We pray to God to protect us all from evil and grant us peace.

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Ukrainian-language bookstore Smoloskyp is launched in Kyiv



Former political prisoner Vasyl Osvienko speaks with Smoloskyp founder Osyp Zinkevych at the bookstore opening.

by Natalka Gawdiak

KYIV – The realization of Osyp Zinkevych's dream of over 15 years – the opening of a bookstore for his Ukrainian publishing enterprise – has at last come to pass.

On Thursday, August 30, in the trendy Podil section of Kyiv, the Smoloskyp Bookstore opened its doors to an overflow crowd of well-wishers, among whom was at least one former prisoner of conscience, Vasyl Osvienko, as well as students, poets, book lovers and the

many friends of the Zinkevyches both local and diasporan.

The event included dedicatory remarks, readings by young Ukrainian-language poets, music by Eduard Drach, elegant refreshments and door prizes.

In a hallway of the Smoloskyp office, a photo montage of numerous dissident Ukrainians was a nostalgic reminder of Ukraine's stoic past and of Mr. Zinkevych's role in secretly obtaining and then publishing works by and about those in the Soviet gulag.

Mr. Zinkevych is a man who puts his money where his mouth is. He and his lovely wife, Nadiya, have for years been selfless proponents of advancing the careers of Ukraine's talented youth. Noting that, "It is time for a younger team," Mr. Zinkevych praised the work of Rostyslav Semkiv, a young Ukrainian who has been in fact the director of Smoloskyp Publishing for the past three years, and of the bookstore's director of sales, Olha Pohynaiko.

The Smoloskyp Bookstore specializes in Ukrainian-language humanities. Opening-night attendees perused books in sections labeled "History," "Political Science," "Philosophy," "Humanities" and "Social Studies" – including sociology, law and economics. The store's inventory additionally includes "Ukrainian Literature," "Foreign Literature," "Children's Literature" and "Reference Books." Customers will also be able to find Ukrainian-language journals and works by other Ukrainian publishers occupying separate shelves, such as "Osnovy," "Fakt" and "KM Akademiya."

In addition to customer-service personnel, the Smoloskyp Bookstore employs professional consultants who can assist customers in locating what they are looking for among the store's stock of 3,000 publications.

The Smoloskyp Bookstore accepts orders from abroad. Its address is Ukraine 04071, m. Kyiv-71, vul. Mezhyhirska 21; telephone and fax, +425-23-93; +425-45-09; e-mail, mbf@smoloskyp.org.ua; website, www.smoloskyp.org.ua.



Poet Anna Protsuk, one of the many young Ukrainian poets who took part in the poetry reading in Smoloskyp's courtyard during the bookstore's opening night.



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St. Josaphat School in Parma: still making memories at 60 years

by Anizia Karmazyn

PARMA, Ohio – I stood corrected by my 7-year-old. At least, that is how things seemed at the time, and without any seemingly conclusive data that would disprove my position to my satisfaction.

“Babtsia is a teacher and she knows,” insisted my daughter, Marika, in a tone that precluded any possibility of debate. Not only was Babtsia the esteemed, all-knowing authority by virtue of wisdom of the aged, but now by the authority vested in the power of having been a teacher.

What ever happened to “mother knows best?” I thought as I rolled my eyes.

On the one hand, I was very pleased with the reverence for her teachers that came on the heels of enrolling my daughter in the kindergarten class of 2005 at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic School in Parma, Ohio. It meant that this formal education setting afforded solid role models and a positive and nurturing environment for learning. It also clearly affirmed for Marika that knowledge brings power. After all, Babtsia Lida had taught at the school in the early 1970s, and Marika’s father had graduated from the school in 1974. Even my father had taught history for a time at the school in the 1960s – a notion that seems to lend tangibility to the grandfather that Marika did not have the chance to know.

Fast forward a few years, and I find myself sitting around a table with four of my mother’s contemporaries – members of St. Josaphat’s first graduating class of 1955 and one from the class of 1957. The four of them, and they are not alone among their peers, are teachers – a popular choice of profession by this generation, that is an intriguing phenomenon in and of itself.

We are sitting around a table planning the alumni and friends reunion of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic School on the occasion of the school’s 60th anniversary, and I drift into the moment. Marika (Fur) Fedkiw, Marie (Kuzmyn) Malanchuk, Luba (Steciak) Mudra and my mother, Lidia (Tarczany) Karmazyn, have graciously volunteered to help sort through lists of former classmates from the earlier years.

They pour over photographs and know exactly where Ihor is. “Well, he goes by Donald, he has a business you know.” They know that Nestor lives in town and that his sister, Irene, is in

Sunnyside, N.Y. And, they go on. These relationships were formed how many years ago, I reflect with disbelief. I, on the other hand, have no clue about the whereabouts of my Green Valley Elementary School classmates or my fellow graduates of Normandy High School Class of 1978.

The gravity of what Marika stands to gain from her St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic School experience takes on a new dimension, as I spend time with these members of the classes of 1955 and 1957. In short, St. Josaphat School is paving for Marika in the 21st century a lifetime of lasting friendships, memories and a strong sense of community the way it did for many before her beginning 60 years ago.

Her St. Josaphat School experience is complemented with her day-to-day Ukrainian community experience through Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, Ukrainian dancing, our Pokrova Church children’s choir and Saturday Ukrainian school. We are indeed blessed to be part of a dynamic community with a Ukrainian faith-based day school and an abundance of cultural activities.

But, the school is not exactly as it was 60 years ago. Total enrollment is just over 100 students, affected over the years by demographic changes in the community and a diminished desire by Ukrainian families to make the commute from the newer and outlying suburbs where they are settling. And, while the total census at St. Josaphat School suggests intimate classroom sizes which can be desirable, it also points to challenges in meeting the annual operating expenses.

Presently, tuition is in keeping with rates throughout the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Consequently, significant tuition increases can have an impact on the ability of our families to send their children to our school. To be self-sustaining, increased enrollment is key for St. Josaphat School. Otherwise, enhancing programs or making up for reduced enrollment necessitates developing other resources for the school.

Fortunately, around this 60th anniversary year of the school, parent and community volunteers are enthusiastically jumping on the bandwagon to assist in promoting St. Josaphat School. They are working to encourage new enrollment, and they are helping to enhance the school’s resources, both programmatic and financial. For example, a new state-of-the-art computer lab was recently



Kindergarten graduation of May 10, 1956.



Members of the kindergarten class of 2007 during the spring concert.



St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic School Students in the new chapel (today Sheptytsky Hall) in 1959. The unveiling of the new St. Josaphat Chapel prompted the renaming of the school from its historical precursor, Ss. Peter and Paul School.

made possible by the Cleveland Selfreliance Credit Union and an anonymous individual donor.

Our work is made easier when you have a winner. The school and its students consistently demonstrate excellent academic performance against national and state benchmarks. In a recent accolade, the school was selected by the Ohio Academy of Science to receive the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities.

Another testament to the school’s excellence are the many former students located throughout the United States and beyond who have met academic and professional success. Many are working in positions that draw on their Ukrainian background and language skills, and, yes, many are teachers. Greater Cleveland is blessed to have many former alumni contributing their time and energy to the vitality of our Ukrainian community.

Identifying new students, and engaging alumni and new friends in the school’s ongoing success are pivotal in our efforts of preserving and fortifying the school’s future for the greater community benefit. We invite everyone to participate in these efforts, as the ultimate impact is felt not only on our local Ukrainian community, but nationally and beyond.

Greater Cleveland is only one in a

handful of communities remaining in the United States with a school like this in place. Our community’s history and its energy today would be very, very different had St. Josaphat School not existed for the last 60 years.

Donations to help ensure that memories continue to be made in connection with St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic School – well beyond its 60 years – may be directed to: St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral School, 5720 State Road, Parma, OH 44134-2594. (Please write “School Donation 60th Anniversary” on the memo line.)

The Alumni and Friends Reunion is being held on Friday, November 9, at 6:30-9:30 p.m. in St. Josaphat School’s Sheptytsky Hall in Parma, Ohio. The 60th anniversary banquet is being held on Saturday, November 10, beginning with cocktails at 5 p.m. in the St. Josaphat Astrodome located behind the school.

To provide your current contact information for the school’s alumni roster, e-mail Larisa Popadiuk at larisacp@wowway.com. For more information about the banquet call 216-886-2108. To receive detailed information about the two events by e-mail contact Anizia Karmazyn at anizia@anizia.com.

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'Ukrainian Stars in America' concert marks baritone's 25th anniversary



Jubilarian Oleg Chmyr, baritone, with soprano Oksana Krovytsky of the New York City Opera.

MADISON, N.J. – To mark the 25th anniversary of the performing career of opera and chamber singer Oleg Chmyr, a special concert dubbed "Ukrainian Stars in America" was presented on Sunday, October 14, at the Dorothy Young Arts Center at Drew University.

Mr. Chmyr, baritone, offered his audience "Opera Best Duets and More" as he performed with fellow Ukrainian Oksana Krovytsky, soprano, of the New York City Opera; Laura Zupa D'Avella, soprano, whose professional debut was last June with the New Jersey State Opera; and Anthony Daino, tenor. David Maiullo was the piano accompanist. (It was announced that Ms. D'Avella and Mr. Daino also filled in for Oleksandra Hrabova and Roman Tsymbala, who were unable to participate due to illness.)

Also on the program was the Leontovych String Quartet composed of Yuriy Kharenko, violin; Alexander Abayev, violin; Boris Deviatov, viola; and Volodymyr Panteleyev, cello.

Master of ceremonies Ihor Rakowsky provided informative and witty introductory remarks to each selection performed.

Ms. Krovytsky and Mr. Chmyr performed duets from "Don Giovanni" by Mozart, "Il Trovatore" by Verdi, and the much-loved duet of Odarka and Karas from Semen Hulak-Artemovsky's "Zaporozhets za Dunayem" (Kozak Beyond the Danube).

Together with Ms. D'Avella, Mr. Chmyr sang selections from Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor," Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" and Mozart's "Die Zauberflote."

Messrs. Daino and Chmyr teamed up

to perform duets from "'La Forza del Destino" and "Don Carlos," both by Verdi.

Interspersed between the operatic numbers was the Leontovych Quartet with excerpts of Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and Bizet's "Carmen," as well as "Melodia" by contemporary Ukrainian composer Myroslav Skoryk.

The final number of the program was the hauntingly beautiful Ukrainian folk song "Misiats na Nebi," sung by Ms. Krovytsky and Mr. Chmyr in an arrangement prepared specially for this event by Maestro Skoryk.

Mr. Chmyr's music career spans 25 years and countless venues in countries, from his native Ukraine and Russia, to numerous European countries, the United States and Israel. He has released two CDs, "European Vocal Miniatures" (2000) and "Songs of Love" (2006). Also a music educator, Mr. Chmyr currently teaches voice at the County College of Morris and Passaic County College, both in New Jersey. He is artistic director for OLCO international, an artist promotion company.

At the conclusion of the concert, congratulations to the jubilarian and his fellow performers were offered by Ukrainian National Association Treasurer Roma Lisovich, Michael Koziupa of Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union and Jaroslaw Fedun of the Self Reliance (N.J.) Federal Credit Union, on behalf of the concert's sponsors. Other sponsors were: the Ukrainian National Federal Credit Union, Selfreliance Association of Ukrainian Americans of Newark, N.J., and Meest U.S.



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pro-presidential Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense (OU-PSD) bloc, told journalists on October 22 that he would quit Our Ukraine if OU-PSD and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB) fail to consider his proposals concerning the creation of a ruling coalition, UNIAN reported. Last week OU-PSD and YTB initialed a deal to form a new government in Ukraine. According to Mr. Yekhanurov, the two blocs still need to coordinate and review their positions on such issues as a moratorium on land sale, state purchases, amendments to the law on the Cabinet of Ministers, returning lost Soviet-era savings to Ukrainians and reforming the Ukrainian armed forces. Mr. Yekhanurov, Ukraine's prime minister in 2005-2006, is widely believed to favor creating a ruling coalition between the OU-PSD and the Party of the Regions led by current Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich. (RFE/RL Newline)

Ukraine seeks support for NATO bid

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko on October 22 called on countries in the Council of Southeast European Defense Ministers to support Ukraine's bid to join the NATO Membership Action Plan, Ukrainian media reported. Mr. Yushchenko was speaking at a meeting of the defense ministers' council in Kyiv. The council, created in 1996 on Washington's initiative, comprises Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Macedonia, Italy, Slovenia, the United States, Ukraine, Romania, Turkey and Croatia. Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro have observer status in the grouping. The SEDM session was held in Kyiv for the first time ever. At the session Ukraine joined the Multinational Peacekeeping Force Agreement of the states of Southeastern Europe. Also, Southeastern Europe Defense Ministers voiced support for Ukraine in its bid to join NATO and integrate with the collective security system of the alliance. Meanwhile, the Party of the Regions led by Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich announced on October 19 that it has collected 5 million signatures in support of a referendum to ask Ukrainians whether their country should avoid participating in any military bloc. A referendum called on popular initiative must be supported by at least 3 million signatures, among other requirements. Such a referendum initiative has to be approved by the president. The referendum will also ask whether Russian should have official-language status and whether voters want to directly elect the heads of oblast and raion administrations. (RFE/RL Newline, Ukrinform)

Yushchenko meets with Gates

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko met with U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates on Monday, October 23, and thanked him for attending the session of the Southeastern Europe Defense Ministerial Council. President Yushchenko and Secretary Gates spoke about how to develop Ukraine's political and military ties with the United States, and especially its role in preserving stability in Iraq and Afghanistan. They also discussed plans by the United States to deploy missile defense systems in the Czech Republic and Poland. The president said Ukraine's new democratic coalition regards the country's cooperation and integration with the European Union and NATO as one of its priorities. Defense Minister Anatolii Hrytsenko, Foreign Affairs Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk, Deputy Chief of Staff of the

Presidential Secretariat Oleksander Chalyi, U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine William Taylor and Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli took part in the meeting. (Press Office of the President of Ukraine)

Court delays official publication

KYIV – Ukraine's Higher Administrative Court has postponed the official publication of the final election results announced by the Central Election Commission, Ukrainian media reported on October 17, quoting the court's press service. The postponement is reportedly due to a lawsuit filed by the Communist Party, which is seeking to contest the official election results because of alleged violations concerning voting abroad. Once the vote count is published in the Holos Ukrayiny and Uriadovyi Kurier newspapers or the official presidential bulletin, it is deemed final and is not subject to any change. (Ukrinform)

Orange allies publicize deal

KYIV – Yulia Tymoshenko, the head of the political bloc bearing her name, and Viacheslav Kyrilenko, a leader of the pro-presidential Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense (OU-PSD) bloc, presented the coalition deal they had initialed to journalists in Kyiv on October 17. The full 105-page document was made public on the Ukrayinska Pravda website later that same day (<http://www.pravda.com.ua>). The deal stipulates that Ms. Tymoshenko is to be proposed as prime minister, while the OU-PSD bloc will nominate a candidate for Verkhovna Rada chairman. Cabinet portfolios are to be distributed on a 50-50 basis between the two blocs. The potential coalition pledges to seek membership for Ukraine in the European Union and NATO, as well as partnership relations with Russia. (RFE/RL Newline)

Dnipropetrovsk death toll at 23

KYIV – The search and rescue operation at the site of the gas explosion that destroyed an apartment house in Dnipropetrovsk on October 13 was completed on October 19. The death toll was 23 persons. The household gas explosion occurred on October 13; its cause is believed to be defective equipment at the gas distribution station. On October 19 Dnipropetrovsk's Zhovtnevyi District Court resolved to arrest the director general of the public joint-stock company DniproGaz and two of his deputies. (Ukrinform)

PRU may form shadow Cabinet

KYIV – The Party of the Regions may form a shadow Cabinet of Ministers if it becomes the opposition, said Yuriy Miroschnyenko. "The idea is not new, it is partly implied by the draft law on the opposition which we adopted in the first reading. I don't rule out that the Party of the Regions will use this instrument of political activity in order to formulate an alternative program," he explained. The PRU considers itself the winner in the September 30 elections, in which it secured 175 mandates, and will not give up on the idea of forming a parliamentary coalition. Taras Chornovil of the PRU predicted that it will embark on formation of a "broad" coalition with the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense (OU-PSD) bloc in mid-November, when the OU-PSD and the Yulia Tymoshenko blocs' attempts at doing that "have failed without a doubt." (Ukrinform)

Putin slams Baltic nations

MOSCOW – President Vladimir Putin

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told members of the European Jewish Congress in the Kremlin on October 10 Estonia and Latvia "glorify" Nazism and the European Union does nothing about it, news agencies reported. He said that "the activities of the Latvian and Estonian authorities openly connive at the glorification of Nazis and their accomplices. But these facts remain unnoticed by the European Union." Mr. Putin also lashed out at Ukraine for allowing veterans of partisan groups that fought both the Nazis and the Soviet Army to hold war remembrances. He nonetheless admitted that there are acts of anti-Semitism in Russia, as well as "chauvinistic, xenophobic and nationalistic demonstrations." On October 2 in Brussels, Riina Kionka, who is personal representative on human rights to EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy Javier Solana, said that Moscow's criticisms of Tallinn and Riga are an attempt to ward off criticism of Russia by taking the offensive against two small neighboring states. She noted that the Kremlin's charges are backed by the youth group Nashi (Ours), which has close ties to the Kremlin and recently launched a week-long "anti-fascist marathon" protest outside the offices of the European Commission in Brussels. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Early elections for Kyiv, Kharkiv?

KYIV – Yulia Tymoshenko, the leader of the eponymous bloc, said on October 17 that she intends to initiate elections of mayors of Kyiv, Kharkiv and some other cities of Ukraine. According to Ms. Tymoshenko, as soon as a new chairman of the Verkhovna Rada is elected, the democratic coalition will vote a package of laws on early mayoral elections in Kyiv. After the snap election in Kyiv has been held, the majority will advance early election of the mayor of Kharkiv and perhaps some other mayors whose work is not considered effective. (Ukrinform)

Euro-2012 brings investments

KYIV – The Euro-2012 soccer championships to be co-hosted by Ukraine and Poland have already brought millions of dollars in both foreign and domestic investments to the Lviv region, according to the head of the region's state administration, Petro Oliinyk, who spoke during the seventh International Investment Forum "Euro-2012: Forward, Ukraine" in Lviv. Mr. Oliinyk noted that investments into various branches of the economy have totaled \$200 million (U.S.) since the start of 2007, topping last year's figure fourfold. Major transnational companies and industrial groups have expressed interest in the preparations for the championships. In particular, French, American, Finnish and German investors are already implementing projects in coal

mining, deep-freezing of fruit and vegetables, reconstruction of a ski resort, and with regard to changes in the energy supply for cement making. Mr. Oliinyk outlined plans that included construction of a new stadium, an airport, a modern train station and a high-speed railroad. (Ukrinform)

Rare Church documents uncovered

TERNOPIIL, Ukraine – Several thousand documents in Ukrainian, Latin and Polish, part of which were authored by Metropolitan Mykhailo Levytskyi, Metropolitan Sylvester Sembratovych and Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church (UGCC), were discovered by builders when repairing the church chancellery attic of the Church of the Nativity of Jesus Christ in Ternopil. The archive survived due to Hierarch Mefodii (Kudriakov), head of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church (UAOC), who sheltered the ancient documents and gave them to the regional archive. Some papers have ancient metropolitan and parochial stamps on them; many of them have Metropolitan Andrey's signature. "Work on the parish archive can open unknown pages and details of history of the Church and of Ternopil," commented Bohdan Khavariivskyi, director of the Ternopil Regional Archive. (Ukrinform)

Trafficking in human organs revealed

KYIV – Agents of the Department for Combating Crimes related to Traffic in Human Beings have detained a 36-year-old Ukrainian citizen who attempted to sell her 4-year-old son as a kidney donor, it was reported on October 2. According to the Internal Affairs Ministry, the woman was detained when obtaining \$45,000 (U.S.) from a client. Criminal proceedings have been instituted for the first time ever in Ukraine on charges of trafficking in human organs. (Ukrinform)

Ukrainians smoke most in Europe

KYIV – According to the official data, some 15.5 million people smoke in Ukraine, and the number of smokers is constantly increasing. This puts Ukraine in the forefront in Europe in terms of the number of smokers. At the same time, the Department of Domestic Trade of the Economy Ministry of Ukraine believes the situation may change for the better, as the law "On Measures to Prevent and Reduce the Consumption of Tobacco Products and Their Harmful Health Effects" has yielded its first results. According to the findings of the International Union Against Cancer, about 5 million people die annually from smoking-related diseases. (Ukrinform)

Ukraine to get its own 'Silicon Valley'

KYIV – The construction of a research and development center – already nicknamed Ukraine's "Silicon Valley" – near the town of Vinnytsia will cost \$2 billion

(U.S.). This estimate was given by the Vinnytsia region's State Oblast Administration Chair Oleksander Dombrovskyi in an interview with the VDT-6, a local TV channel. Mr. Dombrovskyi suggested stakeholder participation in the project to both foreign and domestic investors, and talks are in progress with a number of potential investors. A leading world company that specializes in designing such industrial parks is ready to prepare special marketing proposals for the Ukrainian "Silicon Valley," he said, adding that priority will be given to companies that specialize in energy-saving, alternative energy sources, information technologies and high-tech agriculture. The agreement on setting up the high-tech center, which is a spin-off of the National Technical University, was signed on May 22 in Vinnytsia. The high-tech hub is to occupy an area of almost 200 hectares on the outskirts of the town. (Ukrinform)

Klitschko ready to run for mayor

KYIV – World famous Ukrainian boxer and deputy of the Kyiv City Council Vitali Klitschko said on October 16 that he will run in pre-term elections for the post of Kyiv mayor if they are called. The Yulia Tymoshenko and Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense blocs, which intend to create a democratic coalition in Parliament, are for early elections of the Kyiv City Council and the Kyiv mayor, and are working jointly on amendments to legislation to bring the elections about. Mr. Klitschko first ran for mayor in 2006, collecting some 341,000 of Kyivites' votes. He was defeated by banker Leonid Chernovetskyi, who was supported by over 450,000 voters. (Ukrinform)

Ukraine's population down, again

KYIV – The State Statistics Committee has published updated data about the population of Ukraine as of September 1. According to the data, there are 46,460,251 people residing in Ukraine, which is 265,000 people less than in 2006. Some 31.66 million people live in cities and 14.79 million in rural

areas. The most populated areas are the Donetsk and Dnipropetrovsk regions, with 4.55 million people and 3.40 million people, respectively. There are nearly 2.72 million people living in Kyiv. (Ukrinform)

Labor migrants help GDP

KYIV – As much as \$8.4 million (U.S.) was sent to Ukraine in 2006 by labor migrants. This is 8 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) of Ukraine. Moreover, money transfers by labor migrants to Ukraine are twice as high as direct investments into the Ukrainian economy. The year 2006 saw direct investments of \$4.8 billion. According to a report of the International Fund of Agricultural Development, only Russian migrants transfer more money to their native land. According to Western Union, the transferred sum is much more and totals \$21 billion. Currently there are about 7 million Ukrainian labor migrants. (Ukrinform)

SBU to combat xenophobia

KYIV – The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU), upon the instructions of President Viktor Yushchenko, is creating special units to combat xenophobia and national intolerance, SBU spokesperson Maryna Ostapenko said. She noted that Ukraine thus far has managed to confront extremist groups, that are based on racism and religious hatred. On October 23 the Ukrainian president, while meeting with members of Jewish organizations, condemned xenophobia and promised to support the Jewish community. (Ukrinform)

Ukraine's armed forces: 183,000

KYIV – The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the number of armed forces personnel of Ukraine for 2008 at 183,000 persons, including 143,000 military servicemen. This provision was included in a draft resolution that was approved on October 24 and will be presented to the Verkhovna Rada. The program will need funding of 1.39 billion hrv. (Ukrinform)

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tinguishes its assessment of the UPA from that of Shukhevych.

Chief Kyiv Rabbi Yaakov Dov Bleich told the Kyiv Post that he views opponents of the UPA as extremists. Others don't agree.

"Heil UPA!" screamed the October 16 issue of the Stolichniye Novosti (Capital News) weekly newspaper published by multi-millionaire Vadym Rabinovych, president of the All-Ukrainian Jewish Congress.

The newspaper published more than a dozen snapshots of UPA veterans, their supporters and Nazi-admiring skinheads outstretching their right hands toward the sky, similar to Nazi salutes.

The UPA veterans and supporters weren't saluting, yet the newspaper's editors chose to misconstrue their gestures and smear them.

Although skinheads and supporters of the neo-Nazi Ukrainian National Labor Party attended the October 14 commemorative events, organizers said they numbered no more than a dozen. Furthermore, they were not invited or welcome, they underscored.

As proof of Nazi collaboration, the Stolichniye Novosti published excerpts from the June 30 Ukrainian Statehood Declaration Act issued by Stepan Bandera and the OUN.

"The newly emerged Ukrainian state will tightly act with the Great National Socialist Germany, which under the leadership of Adolf Hitler, will create a new order in Europe and the world, and will help the Ukrainian people free themselves from Muscovite occupation," stated the act's third clause.

The OUN leadership was naïve at the time, Mr. Posivnych said, and issued the act without even consulting the Nazis. In fact, the OUN leaders were subsequently arrested.

Stolichniye Novosti also published a letter from Ukraine's Jewish leadership condemning the commemoration on St. Sophia Square, stating that it disrupted interethnic peace in Ukraine and violated European democratic principles.

Participants shouted Nazi slogans and displayed Fascist symbols, stated the letter, signed by Mr. Rabinovych, Party of the Regions National Deputy-Elect Yan Tabachnyk and Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc National Deputy-Elect Oleksander Feldman.

"The Ukrainian capital – the heart of the country – was filled with people who were armed with clubs and even German



Yurii Shukhevych, son of UPA Commander-in-Chief Roman Shukhevych, speaks on St. Sophia Square during the anniversary commemorations of the army's founding.

'schmeissers' [guns], under the government's complete inactivity and permissiveness," the letter stated.

The Weekly's correspondent saw no clubs or guns at the October 14 event that attracted more than 15,000 Ukrainians. A few dozen pro-Nazi skinhead youths were seen.

Eastern Ukrainians appeared more unanimous than Jews in their rejection of the UPA.

The Luhansk Oblast Council voted 73-2 on October 12 to send an appeal to the Presidential Secretariat, the Cabinet of Ministers and the Verkhovna Rada to cancel the presidential decree to grant Gen. Shukhevych the Hero of Ukraine award, citing it as an insult to Soviet Red Army veterans.

Meanwhile, the Donetsk City Council is preparing to pass a resolution to appeal the presidential decree declaring October 14 a government-recognized holiday.

The petition will be passed on to oblast and city councils through the eastern and southern oblasts, said Mykola Levchenko, Donetsk City Council secretary.



UPA veterans tie a blue-and-yellow ribbon to a flagstaff during the commemorative meeting on St. Sophia Square.

Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation events to raise funds for UCU

CHICAGO – Fall 2007 events organized to benefit the Ukrainian Catholic University in Ukraine will begin in November this year, guided by the theme “Living Generously.” As in previous years, this year’s eight events are being organized by committees of volunteers that work together with staff from the Chicago-based Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation, as well as the foundation’s chapter in Canada.

“An education at the Ukrainian Catholic University is not simply an acquisition of information, or a checkmark on the path of life after which a student can say ‘I got a degree,’” said John Kurey, president of the UCEF, as he announced the fall schedule of events. “Rather, every aspect of the UCU is involved with the formation of students into individuals who will have the knowledge and skills to make choices in life that are respectful of themselves, and of others, to make decisions that are considerate and generous,” he continued. “The years at UCU allow students to become confident people, complete in their faith, who will then go on to be admirable and loving parents and spouses and good citizens. And some will go on to become

priests and sisters, and serve in America.”

“Each year the UCEF returns to the Ukrainian American community for support, since it is this community that fully understands the mission of UCU. It is this community that for decades has raised their own children in this way and now, finally, this mission can be continued in Ukraine,” he explained.

The eight events this fall include a luncheon at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, in New York at the Ukrainian National Home, 140 Second Ave.; a luncheon at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 11, in Chicago at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 2247 W. Chicago Ave.; a dinner at 7 p.m., following a divine liturgy at 5 p.m. and welcoming reception at 6 p.m., on Saturday, November 17, in Whippany, N.J., at the new Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 60C N. Jefferson Road; a luncheon at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, in Yonkers, N.Y. at the Ukrainian Youth Center, 301 Palisade Ave.; a rector’s dinner (time to be announced) on Tuesday, November 20, in Toronto; a “Holodnyi Obid” at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 22, in Edmonton at the Ukrainian Youth Association (SUM) Hall, 9615 153rd

Ave. NW; a luncheon at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 25, at the parish center of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 6175 10th Ave.; and an informational open house to be held at 1-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, in Warren, Mich., at St. Josaphat Banquet Center, 26440 Ryan Road.

For the first time the UCEF, working with local volunteers, will host events in Yonkers and Whippany. The luncheon in Yonkers is being held in conjunction with the St. Michael’s Feast Day celebration. The rector of the UCU, the Rev. Borys Gudziak, will speak at both events. On Saturday, November 17, during the afternoon prior to the dinner in Whippany, the Rev. Gudziak will attend the service at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Manhattan to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the 1932-1933 Holodomor in Ukraine.

On November 4 in New York and on November 11 in Chicago, the keynote speaker at the events will be Myroslav Marynovych, most recently the director of UCU’s Institute of Religion and Society and currently vice-rector of UCU. Mr. Marynovych, a scholar, a human-rights activist and a former Soviet prisoner of conscience, speaks eloquently

on the topic of the role of religion and the values imparted by a religious education in not only developing healthy individuals, but in a maintaining a healthy society.

On November 20 in Toronto, November 22 in Edmonton and November 25 in Montreal, the Rev. Gudziak will be the keynote speaker, and on December 2 special guest Bishop Hlib Lonchyna, apostolic visitor for Ukrainian Greek-Catholics in Italy, will speak in Warren, Mich., along with the keynote speaker the Rev. Gudziak.

Tickets are available for all events through the UCEF or through local representatives. To order tickets or to locate a local representative, contact Nell Andrzejewski at the UCEF office, 773-235-8462, or e-mail nell@ucef.org.

Donations for the UCU are always welcome. For those not able to attend an event, but interested in contributing to the UCU, tax-deductible donations can be sent to: Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation, 2247 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622. Please make checks payable to the UCEF. All donations are tax-deductible.

Ukrainian Fulbright...

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Ukraine – change must come from within.

Those sentiments were echoed by U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine William Taylor Jr., an ardent supporter of the Fulbright program.

He also drew upon the advice of Mr. Wolfensohn, who called upon Ukrainians to confront the corruption that corrodes the nation’s fabric.

“I encourage you to raise the ‘c-word,’” Mr. Taylor said, referring to how corruption was referred to when Mr. Wolfensohn first became president at the World Bank.

Mr. Taylor compared Ukraine’s years of

independence under its first three presidents with the experience of his own country.

Just like Ukraine, the U.S. in 1801 under its third president, Thomas Jefferson, was divided between two foreign powers, England and France, trying to determine its relationship between them. Both Jefferson and Yushchenko are romantics, Mr. Taylor said. At the time, the U.S. was geographically divided between the North and South and wealthy oligarchs dominated the economy, he said.

“Nationhood accelerated in 1812 in a war with a former colonial power,” Mr. Taylor said. “We don’t want to go that far. We need to stop short of that.”

The comment drew nervous laughter.

Soyuzivka...

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and concerts take place. Our campers and guests truly felt “the heat” this summer as the old air conditioning system could no longer handle the increased usage. The system can no longer simply be simply patched up, but requires a complete replacement and the installation of a modern, efficient cooling system.

The second capital improvement project involves the replacement and restoration of the Veselka floor, which is buckling in spots after years of constant use. The artwork of the late artist, Edward Kozak, which graces the walls of Veselka is in desperate need of restoration, and the artist’s son has generously agreed to begin the restoration process. As we commence the, literally, top-to-bottom improvements, the tired, age-worn Veselka interior and lavatories will get a cosmetic face-lift.

Another much-needed capital project is pool repair, and that too will commence off-season.

As always, Nestor Paslawsky, our general manager, and all of us at the Ukrainian National Association will work with all of our partner organizations to meet their needs to ensure that their Soyuzivka experience is an extraordinary one.

We will be turning to our membership, friends of Soyuzivka and the community for help with these and other capital projects. As we go forward, in order to make the foundation a success, donations will need to play an increasing role.

We are excited about these developments and thank all of our members and supporters for their devotion. We look forward to unveiling more development plans over the coming months.

We cannot thank you each one of you enough for your hard work and efforts, as well as your financial support. Please continue to be generous as we reach out to you over the next few months as our capital project campaign unfolds.

Together we will create an entity that will help preserve and perpetuate our Ukrainian traditions, language and values – a center for future generations to love and cherish. The Soyuzivka Heritage Center needs every one of us.

We thank you for making 2007 an extraordinary season, and we look forward to seeing you back at Soyuzivka in the spring of 2008.

Tensions surface...

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president’s bureaucracy in Ukraine’s regions.

After the replacements, Tymoshenko Bloc National Deputy-Elect Mykola Tomenko said at an October 24 press conference that the decision appears as though “Ivan Pliusch and Viktor Baloha formed some kind of an informal coalition with Viktor Yanukovych.” The coalition’s participants should be making such decisions, not those three politicians, he added.

Furthermore, the new Ternopil State Oblast Administration chair, Yurii Chyzhmaria, 33, is from the Zakarpattia Oblast, which is mostly controlled by Mr. Baloha, and the appointment reveals a hint of political intrigue, observers said.

“I understand that surely some in the Presidential Secretariat believe there aren’t qualified people in Ternopil,” Mr. Tomenko said. “But I believe it’s disrespectful to Ternopil to appoint young boys from Zakarpattia to govern the oblast.”

Meanwhile, the Higher Administrative Court continued reviewing election appeals filed by five parties, including the Socialist Party of Ukraine, the Communist Party of Ukraine and the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine.

After listening to arguments the court is supposed to reach a decision by the week’s end, after which the election results will be finalized with their publication in two official government daily newspapers.

In theory, the first session of the Verkhovna Rada could convene next week, although the Constitution of Ukraine stipulates that elected deputies have approximately a one-month deadline to convene the Rada’s first session.

Politicians from Ukraine’s major political forces said the appealing parties are stalling to prevent the Verkhovna Rada’s sixth convocation from emerging.

For example, the Socialist Party’s lawyer fell ill during the October 24 hearings, received treatment from paramedics and couldn’t continue. But he also asked the court not to begin listening to arguments without him.

Perhaps not coincidentally, the Socialist Party is most opposed to the sixth convocation convening because it lost all its seats following the September 30 parliamentary elections.



Ukraine Fulbright Program Director Myron Stachiw (left), former director Dr. Martha Bohachevsky-Chomiak and National Council for Cultural and Spiritual Issues Chair Mykola Zhulynskyi at the 10th annual Fulbright conference in Kyiv on October 19.

Resolution introduced...

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of democracy and the rule of law, and combating corruption, in Ukraine will further strengthen its independence and sovereignty, enhancing Ukraine’s aspirations for full integration with the West and serving as a positive role model for other post-Soviet countries;

“(5) calls for the timely formation of a

government that reflects the will of Ukrainian voters and advances political stability and democratic development, with a special focus on the constitutional framework, in order to address the important issues facing Ukraine; and

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Twin Cities present annual Ukrainian Heritage Day

by Michael J. Kozak

MINNEAPOLIS – Numerically not a very large Ukrainian community, the Twin Cities – Minneapolis and St. Paul – frequently demonstrate that they are as active as larger Ukrainian settlements. The annual Ukrainian Heritage Day is the best example of such activity. This year the event was held at the Ukrainian Events Center on September 16.

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Walter Anastas, Gov. Tim Pawlenty proclaimed the day of the festival as Ukrainian Heritage Day in Minnesota. In his proclamation the governor stressed that “Americans of Ukrainian descent compose a substantial portion of the Twin Cities metropolitan area and of the State of Minnesota and contribute significantly to the ethnic and cultural diversity. They contribute significantly to the educational and scientific fabric of the state by producing a significant number of educators, professionals and have enlarged the ranks of businesspeople and entrepreneurs.”

At the festival there were several tents and tables where one could obtain samples of all kinds of Ukrainian traditional foods or delicious pastry and bakery items. Inside the spacious auditorium, the Ukrainian emblem, the trident, and the national musical instrument, the bandura, formed the backdrop for the stage. On both sides of the auditorium there were tables with displays, as well as Ukrainian arts and crafts, jewelry and souvenirs that were available for purchase.

Other eye-catching tables had informative materials pertaining to the education of youth in Ukrainian subjects. The purpose of this campaign was to encourage parents to enroll their children in the Saturday Ukrainian schools. Thanks to the efforts of Dmytro Tataryn, his wife, Helen, and teacher Volodymyra Kramarchuk, one could see samples of the students' work and obtain information about St. Constantine School. Lidia Poletz represented Ss. Michael and George School. Her display included a number of children's and youth journals in the Ukrainian language.

At another table, Taras Megits, on behalf of the University of Minnesota Ukrainian Students Club, provided information about studying at the university or other institutions of higher education.

A representatives of the Ukrainian American Youth Association, with the help of a video, encouraged the young people to join the Ukrainian dance ensemble Cheremosh.

In a separate room, next to the auditorium, much interest was generated by the display of peasants' attire from the past as worn in various parts of Ukraine.

The festival was sponsored by: St. Constantine Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Katherine Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Ss. Michael and George Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Association of American Youth of Ukrainian Descent (ODUM), Ukrainian American Youth Association, Ukrainian Credit Union, Ukrainian Engineers' Society and the Ukrainian Event Center.

Each year, on a rotating basis, one of the parishes is in charge of organizing the festival. This year that function was carried out by St. Katherine's Parish.

The festival executive committee included Nina Chorewycz, chairman; Alex Poletz, vice-chairperson; Bob Kuczarskyj, secretary; Zenon Dawydowycz, treasurer; Mr. Anastas, Maria Odermann, Renee Bell, Valia Poletz, Oksana Bryn, Zina Poletz, Paul Jablonsky, Michaeline Raymond, Mykola Kramarevsky and Romanna Vasylevych, members.

The official opening of the program

was carried out by the past “kniahynia” (princess) and “kniiaz” (prince) of the festival, Daria Silvan and Mark Iwaskewycz. The entire program was conducted in Ukrainian and English, with Luba Lewytskyj and Romanna Wasylevych serving as mistresses of ceremony.

The first item on the program was a beautiful musical composition played by Ms. Wasylevych. A selection of Ukrainian songs was performed by Natalka Kramarevsky and Galina Gabriella, and a duet by Sviltlana Uniat and Julia Oparysta, accompanied by the Rev. Kumka on accordion, followed.

The vocal trio Ukrainochky – Stefania and Kristina Korsunsky and Daria Kushnir – performed with much energy and youthful vigor as they sang two happy songs. They were accompanied on the violin by Taras Umrysh, who during his own solo performance proved that he is not only a good violin player but a violin virtuoso.

A surprise performance by Juri Krynychenko, a young visitor from Ukraine, included two Ukrainian patriotic songs and a sample of Ukrainian rap music, accompanied on guitar by Mike Popadiuk.

A very pleasant impression was made by eight young men representing the Ukrainian Baptist congregation as they sang two songs with religious themes. Much sentimental feeling was generated among the audience when two songs “My Ukraine” and “Dola” (Fate) were performed by the Voronchak Family – a mother and her three young daughters, Maria, Ola and Hala.

The Iwaskewycz instrumental quartet presented of Ukrainian country wedding melodies, and Cheremosh, under the artistic direction of Ken Matlashevsky, performed superbly. Volodymyr Anastaziewsky eloquently provided explanations for the dances from different regions of Ukraine.

A young college student, Daria Silvan, performed a very important function: dressed in a Ukrainian costume, she appeared on stage four times during the entire program and delivered a short explanation of both glorious and sad episodes from the history of Ukraine.



Oleh Gregoret

The Iwaskewycz family instrumental group performs.



The Cheremosh Dancers present a lively number.

As the festival came to a close, the selection and crowning of the “kniahynia” and “kniiaz” was held. The winners were Maria Voronchak and Zenko Dawydowycz.

This year's Ukrainian Heritage Day festival was a huge success with a large

attendance by Ukrainians and non-Ukrainians alike. A special thank-you was extended to those who provided financial support: the family of Robert and Lydia Iwaskewycz, the Ukrainian Credit Union and a large number of business establishments where Ukrainians are employed.



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NOTES ON PEOPLE

City councillor seeks re-election

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. – City Councillor Adam Platosz, long active in Ukrainian American affairs in the Northeast, is seeking re-election to the City Council in this central Connecticut city of more than 70,000.

Mr. Platosz, the City Council liaison to the New Britain Chamber of Commerce, has been active in local politics and government for more than 30 years and has served three terms on the City Council, first on an at-large basis from 1989 to 1993 and over the last two years from his council district, where he has lived for 37 years. His council district is home to the Taras Shevchenko Highway (Route 9).

“My goal is to improve the quality of life for all city residents,” said Mr. Platosz. “I want to ensure that the neighborhoods of my district are safe and that residents have access to quality schools and city services. On the council Mr. Platosz, a computer operator and data processing professional, is working to lower electric rates, decrease blight and give support to job-creation policies tied to the downtown revitalization.

City Councillor Platosz’s political resume also includes 21 years of service on the City Democratic Town Committee. He is also an elected justice of the peace. He has been recognized by



Adam Platosz

his constituents with a public safety award.

Mr. Platosz, a widower and the father of two grown children, is proud of his ethnic heritage. He has served as secretary of Ukrainian National Association Branch 254. He formerly served as president of the local branch of the Ukrainian American Youth Association and has been a member of the Ukrainian National Home of Hartford. Mr. Platosz is a parishioner of St. Mary’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

“Notes on People” is a feature geared toward reporting on the achievements of members of the Ukrainian National Association and the Ukrainian community. All submissions should be concise due to space limitations and must include the person’s UNA branch number (if applicable). Items will be published as soon as possible after their receipt.

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Cook County official recognizes Ukrainian school



CHICAGO – Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas (right) presents Iryna Tsenglevich (second from right) with a certificate honoring the Ukrainian Youth Association Ridna Shkola for teaching the Ukrainian language. In a reception in her downtown Chicago office, Ms. Pappas honored schools that teach languages to 28 ethnic communities in Chicagoland. Such schools “honor their heritages and are a source of social richness for our community and our whole society,” Ms. Pappas said, adding that, “A child who has learned a foreign language well has an invaluable tool for the future.” At left is Pat Michalski, assistant to Ms. Pappas on ethnic affairs, with Kenneth Gunn, first deputy commissioner for Human Relations for the City of Chicago.

Newark Ukrainians meet with city officials

by Walter Bodnar

NEWARK, N.J. – On Thursday, September 20, at 6 p.m. Mayor Cory Booker, Police Director Garry McCarthy and West Ward Councilman Ronald C. Rice met with a group of Newarkers to apprise them on the progress made in the first year of Mr. Booker’s mayoralty.

The 70-strong audience was mainly from the west district, the Vailsburg/Ivy Hill section community of Newark where Ukrainians, East Europeans and other ethnics reside. However, the majority of the audience was black.

Mayor Booker reported much progress – especially in the police-related area – but stated that there is much more to be done. He appealed to the audience to help him.

The city of Newark is plagued by near insurmountable problems, such as by corruption related to the former administration, a shortage of funds, a high crime rate, unemployment, an excessive high school drop-out rate, teen pregnancies, teen gangs, welfare dependency, etc.

Many Ukrainians started their lives and careers in Newark and have since moved to more prestigious communities.

An experienced and seasoned crime fighter, Mr. McCarthy has 26 years’ experience in the New York City police administration. He prepared a blueprint for short- and long-term solutions of Newark’s major crime problems, the main thrust being cooperation with other law enforcement and security agencies like the FBI, the New Jersey State Police: Parole boards and the police departments of the adjacent cities

(Maplewood, Irvington and the Oranges).

Chief Campos and four other policemen also were present at the meeting and reported on the aftermath of multiple murders that occurred last summer in the Vailsburg area of Newark. They reported that the Mount Vernon School murderers and the Ellery Avenue murderers have been apprehended and arrested.

There is a continuous police patrol present at the school and the nearby Ivy Hill apartments where much crime is perpetrated. Ivy Hill is a large complex of affordable living quarters where many Ukrainians and other ethnics live. There is also a large number of elderly Jews who immigrated from the Soviet Union.

The Ivy Hill area is attractive to residents since it is a hub for many bus lines, providing inexpensive transportation for commuters to other New Jersey cities, New York City, rail and airport connections, and major shopping malls.

The meeting stimulated discussion and interest among participants. Many questions were presented to the main speakers.

Walter Bodnar and Bozhena Olshaniwsky of Americans for Human Rights in Ukraine (AHRU) attended this meeting and handed out bilingual articles written about activities of members of the city government.

The two activists also notified city officials about the upcoming annual Ukrainian Festival at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church on Sandford Avenue on Saturday, September 29, and the celebration of the 100th anniversary of this parish on Sunday, November 4.

Ukrainians of Southwest Florida elect officers, present scholarship



NORTH PORT, Fla. – The Ukrainian American Club of Southwest Florida recently elected its board of directors for 2007-2009. Over 100 members attended the luncheon meeting at Heron Creek Golf and Country Club, during which the club also honored its first scholarship recipient, Liliya Dzuga. Seen above are club officers (from left): Christyna Bodnar Sheldon, second vice-president; Lieda Boyko, first vice-president; Nancy Wosny, treasurer; Klara Szpiczka, member at large; Atanas Kobryn, public relations; Daria Tomashosky, president; Halyna Lisnyczyi, corresponding secretary; and Doris Horbachevsky, recording secretary. (Levko Klos, member at large, is missing from the photo.) Below, Mrs. Dzuga (holding plaque) is seen with members of the Scholarship Committee (from left): Ms. Sheldon, Gene Tomashosky, Victor Lisnyczyj, Vira Bodnaruk and Roxolana Yarymovich.



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Ukraine's Orange...

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mentary mandates versus OU-PSD's 72. Furthermore, she agreed to endorse a package of 12 bills ahead of the expected vote on her approval as prime minister in the newly elected Parliament. Some of the proposed bills, including one on the Cabinet of Ministers, significantly reinforce presidential powers at the expense of those of the prime minister.

But not even such concessions can guarantee that Ms. Tymoshenko will be vested with the powers she craves. YTB and OU-PSD together have 228 votes – just two more than the majority required to pass most legislation in the Verkhovna Rada, including the approval of a new Cabinet.

Ms. Tymoshenko can expect voting discipline within the YTB ranks, but the OU-PSD bloc is a motley collection of nine political groups. What if the interests of one of these groups are not duly taken into account in the distribution of post-election spoils? In such a situation, it would not appear to be difficult to persuade just three lawmakers from a dissatisfied OU-PSD component to skip or abstain from a crucial vote.

It also seems unlikely that the PRU will allow the Orange Revolution allies to adopt the 12 bills Ms. Tymoshenko has promised to endorse, which are sine qua non for starting the new government.

The PRU will almost certainly demand separate votes on each of the proposed bills in order to exhaust the combat spirit of the Orange allies and nip their coalition-building effort in the bud. Attempts to block the parliamentary rostrum and even fistfights among lawmakers are not out of the question – and are even likely – at the inauguration of a new Verkhovna Rada.

But even if the Orange coalition manages to pass the 12 bills to please Mr. Yushchenko, approves Ms. Tymoshenko as

prime minister and appeases the hunger of all the OU-PSD constituents for political jobs, the problem of how to mobilize 226 votes for each individual piece of legislation in the future will remain an issue.

The Lytvyn Bloc, which could stabilize the slim Orange majority, is not eager to reveal its political preferences or appetites. Perhaps it is just waiting for a worthy piece of post-election pie in exchange for its role of kingmaker. But what if the Lytvyn Bloc has decided not to meddle in what seems to be an unavoidable exchange of blows between the YTB and the PRU, and has chosen an observer role? In that case, the Orange allies will need a political miracle or two to get their ruling partnership going.

On the other hand, a restored Orange coalition appears to be the only way for Mr. Yushchenko to perpetuate hopes for launching his presidential bid in 2009. If the president were to again nominate Mr. Yanukovich as prime minister, he would stand to lose even the dramatically dwindled support he currently enjoys in western Ukraine. Ms. Tymoshenko has unequivocally declared that she would immediately start working on her presidential bid if she fails to get the post of prime minister.

It is easy to predict that, given the current distribution of political sympathies in Ukraine, Mr. Yushchenko has no chance of qualifying for the second round in the next presidential polls. But keeping Ms. Tymoshenko in the government would provide Mr. Yushchenko a glimmer of hope – either by satisfying her political appetite, or by tarnishing her image as a competent and efficient politician who can deliver on her promises.

Ms. Tymoshenko has made a lot of unworkable election promises during the campaign, including one on returning lost Soviet-era savings to Ukrainians within the next two years – an endeavor that would require a sum equal to Ukraine's annual budget.

Another apparently unrealistic pledge,

which was written down in the coalition deal, is to abolish the military draft in Ukraine as of the beginning of 2008 and switch to a fully professional army in 2009.

When asked about the plan on the sidelines of the October 18 congress in Lisbon, President Yushchenko told reporters that "I'd like to tell my political friends and colleagues: They may develop certain visions at their level or they may not, but today I'd advise them to follow the 'National Program for the Development of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.'" And Defense Minister Anatolii Hrytsenko, bewildered after reading the coalition-deal passage pertaining to the military draft, compared it with abolishing Newton's three laws of motion.

Thus, the birth of a new government in Ukraine is taking place on shaky ground and amid heightened expectations of economic and political wonders. Ukraine already has its fairy-tale heroine with a fetching blonde braid – now comes the time for her to work her magic.

USAID...

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should rally around the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation and insist that federal funding be continued for this organization. USUF's cost-effectiveness stands in marked contrast to the many USAID contractors that have received enormous amounts of money but failed to produce measurable results.

We cannot allow short-sighted bureaucrats to undermine U.S. national security interests in favor of rank cronyism and the ineptitude that operates under the slogan of "business as usual." Nor should we tolerate the implicit message that when it comes to federal contacts "Ukrainian Americans need not apply."

Holocaust...

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Dr. Chameides said that Yad Vashem points to a controversial letter welcoming the Germans that Metropolitan Sheptytsky wrote in 1941. But he said it's important to understand how many Ukrainians were killed by the Soviets in the decade before that, and how western Ukraine had been treated by the Soviets from 1939 to 1941. "It's what he did in 1942 that really counted," said Dr. Chameides.

According to the website of UCU's Institute of Church History (www.ichistory.org), in February 1942 the metropolitan wrote a letter to the head of the German SS, Heinrich Himmler, deploring the mass murder of the Jews. In November of that year he issued a pastoral letter on the same theme titled "Thou Shalt Not Kill."

"The Talmud says 'he who saves one life saves an entire world.' Metropolitan Andrey, Klymentii and the Studites saved a number of worlds," said Dr. Chameides. "We are eternally grateful."

Dr. Chameides, who had returned to Ukraine with his wife, Jean, to visit places from his childhood, was invited to speak by Myroslav Marynovych, president of the Institute of Religion and Society of the Ukrainian Catholic University.

Further information about the UCU in English and Ukrainian is available on the university's website at www.ucu.edu.ua. Readers may also contact the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation, 2247 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622; phone, 773-235-8462; e-mail, ucef@ucef.org; website, www.ucef.org. The phone number of the UCEF in Canada is 416-239-2495.

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November 3 Parma, OH	Graduation banquet and ball, Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies, 440-886-3223 or 330-554-6429	November 10-11 Bloomington, IL	20th anniversary of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, 630-202-5331
November 3 Chicago	Ephyra - Unplugged, performance to benefit the Hayda Education Fund, St. Joseph Hall, info@ephyra.com	November 11 Chicago	Fund-raiser for Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukrainian Cultural Center, nell@ucef.org
November 3 Washington	Okean Elzy concert, FUR Nightclub, www.to4ka.com or 301-793-1818 or 202-842-3401	November 14 New York	Photo exhibit "The Ukrainian Insurgent Army: A Historical Overview," The Ukrainian Museum, 212-228-0110
November 3 Baltimore	Pub night, Ukrainian American Sports Club Dnipro, 410-967-0501		
November 3 Houston, TX	Art exhibit featuring works by Lydia Bodnar-Balahuntrak, "The Innocents," M-Squared Gallery, 713-861-6070		
November 3 Yonkers, NY	Fall dance, featuring music by Halychany, Organization for the Defense of Lemko Western Ukraine, Ukrainian Youth Center, 914-478-0498 or 203-762-5912		
November 4 Bloomington, IL	Fund-raiser for the National University of Ostroh Academy, St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 630-202-5331		
November 4 New York	Fund-raiser for Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukrainian National Home, nell@ucef.org		
November 4 Edmonton, AB	35th anniversary of Ukrainian Music Society of Alberta, Ukrainian National Federation hall, 780-469-4890		
November 4 Middletown, CT	Presentation by Katja Kolcio, "History of Sound and Motion," The Green Street Arts Center, 860-685-7871		
November 4 Somerset, NJ	Ukrainian Fall Festival, United Ukrainian Orthodox Sisterhoods of the U.S.A., Ukrainian Cultural Center, 610-925-4772		
November 5 Cambridge, MA	Lecture by Olenka Pevny, "Breaking the Barriers of Princely Patronage: The Fresco Cycle of St. Cyril of Alexandria and Byzantine Religiosity in Medieval Kyiv," Harvard University, 617-495-4053		
November 10 Edmonton, AB	Shumka Ukrainian Dancers Gala, Jubilee Auditorium, 780-455-9559		
November 10	Book presentation of "Like Blood in Water" by		

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Cultural Center of New Jersey, 60 N. Jefferson Road. Music will be by Tempo. Tickets for the dance are \$25. Hotel rooms can be reserved at the nearby Ramada (Route 10, East Hanover) at a special rate, with bus shuttle service available before the dance and after.

Sunday, December 2

WARREN, Mich.: An open house and informative reception for the Ukrainian Catholic University will take place at St. Josephat's Banquet Center, 26440 Ryan Road. For more information contact UCEF, 773-235-8462.



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Saturday, November 3

NEW YORK: The Shevchenko Scientific Society invites all to a lecture by Elehie Natalie Skoczylas, vice-president and director of research, QEV Analytics, titled "Elections 2007: Political Parties, Electorate and the Future of Ukraine." The lecture will take place at the society's building, 63 Fourth Ave. (between Ninth and 10th streets), at 5 p.m. For additional information call 212-254-5130.

Sunday, November 4

SOMERSET, N.J.: A Ukrainian Fall Festival will be held at 11 a.m.-6 pm. at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 135 Davidson Ave. Performers include: Iskra Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Barvinok Dance Group and Kalynonka Bandura Duo. There will also be children's activities; a marketplace featuring jewelry, Ukrainian embroidery, ceramics, pysanky, scarves, Ukrainian crafts and souvenirs, CDs and DVDs, paintings; a food court; a raffle; and museum tours. Get your Christmas shopping done early by visiting our marketplace for unique gifts. Admission: adults, \$5; children, free. For information contact Sophia Bilinsky, 610-925-4775 or sophiabilinsky@cs.com.

NEW YORK: A benefit for the Ukrainian Catholic University, featuring Myroslav Marynovych and Bishop Dionisii Liakhovych, will be held at 2 p.m. at 140 Second Ave. Please RSVP to New York Self Reliance Association, 98 Second Ave., New York, NY 10003. For more information call Oksana Lopatynska, 212-777-1336.

Thursday, November 8

NEW YORK: As part of its series "Ukraine: A View from the West," the Ukrainian Film Club of Columbia University will screen "The Unknown" (La Sconosciuta), 2006, a drama by the world-acclaimed Italian filmmaker and Oscar-winner Giuseppe Tornatore. This is a story of Iryna, a Ukrainian woman ensnared and turned into a sex slave by Italian criminals. It focuses on the problem of human trafficking from Ukraine and Eastern Europe that has increasingly attracted the attention of Western filmmakers and the general public. "La Sconosciuta," is a first-class thriller, visually rich and supported by gripping music composed by Ennio Morricone. It is Italy's entry for the Oscar's best foreign language film award in 2008. The screening is at 7:30 p.m., in 702 Hamilton Hall, Columbia University, 1130 Amsterdam Ave. (subway No. 1 to 116th Street). The film is in the Italian language with English subtitles. A question-and-answer session and discussion after the screening will be

moderated by Yuri Shevchuk, the film club's director. The event is free and open to the public.

Friday, November 9

NEW YORK: A special Armistice Day edition of Bandura Downtown titled "Soldiers' Songs" is dedicated to the songs of the young Ukrainians who fought on the Eastern Front of the Great War (1914-1918) in the armies of the tsar and the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Bandura Downtown is produced by the New York Bandura Ensemble in collaboration with the Ukrainian Wave, a community cultural initiative of the Center for Traditional Music and Dance, and The Ukrainian Museum. The event takes place at the museum, 222 E. Sixth St. (between Second Avenue and the Bowery), at 7 p.m. Admission: \$15 (reception to follow). Call 212-228-0110 for reservations, or 212-995-2640 for additional information.

Saturday, November 10

WHIPPANY, N.J.: Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Branch 75, cordially invites you to our Zabava "Let's Dance" at 8:30 p.m. at the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 60 N. Jefferson Road. So, put on those dancing shoes, a gardenia in your hair (optional for gentlemen) and join us for a wonderful evening of music and dancing to the swaying sounds of Tempo, plus surprises. Advance-purchase tickets, \$30; student tickets, \$20; tickets at door, \$35; cash bar. For information, tickets and table reservations call Bozenna Polanskyj, 973-584-4080.

Sunday, November 11

CHICAGO: A benefit for the Ukrainian Catholic University, featuring Myroslav Marynovych and Bishop Dionisii Liakhovych, will be held at 1 p.m. at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 2247 W. Chicago Ave. For more information contact UCEF, 773-235-8462.

Saturday, November 17

WHIPPANY, N.J.: A benefit for the Ukrainian Catholic University, featuring Father Borys Gudziak, will begin with a divine liturgy at 5 p.m., followed by a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Venue: Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 60 N. Jefferson Road. For more information contact UCEF, 773-235-8462.

Friday, November 23

WHIPPANY, N.J.: The Chornomortsri fraternity of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization is having its annual dance, "Morskyi Ball," starting at 9:30 p.m. at the Ukrainian American

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