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This is the inaugural issue of TWGW NEWS, sponsored by THE WASHINGTON GROUP, Inc., An Association of Ukrainian-American Professionals. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you, the members of TWGW (pronounced twig), informed of activities, events, and news in and around Washington.

Since communications is the most important aspect of any organization, the Board of Directors of TWGW decided to publish a regular newsletter to facilitate contact among members. But, communications is a two-way street. Your help is needed if this newsletter is to become a good source of information.

You can help by letting us know of any events (Ukrainian or non-Ukrainian) which may be of interest to the membership of TWGW. These events may be conferences, meetings of professional organizations, etc.

Another feature of TWGW NEWS will be an effort to provide job information. If you know of any job opportunities, please provide that information to us so we can include it in the next issue of TWGW NEWS.

Keep in mind that many students look for internships during both the summer and the school year. If you are aware of any internship programs, let us know and we will make sure that the information is made available to Ukrainian-American students throughout the United States.

The only limit to what TWGW NEWS will be is your imagination. We shall try to make it interesting as well as informative. We do, however, need your input and your ideas. If you are interested in working

on TWGW NEWS, please let us know and we will add your name to the Public Relations Committee, which puts the newsletter together.

We all look forward to an exciting year for TWGW and TWGW NEWS.

UUARC ELIGIBLE FOR CFC FUNDS

The United Ukrainian-American Relief Committee (UUARC) has become eligible to receive Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) contributions. A Federal Appeals Court for the District of Columbia ruled on February 17, 1984 that all charitable organizations registered as such with the IRS are eligible for designation on the CFC contribution form.

The UUARC is an organization that has a long history of providing assistance to needy Ukrainians in the United States and worldwide. It played a key role in the resettlement of many Ukrainian refugees during the post-war period. To this day, it is active in helping Ukrainian refugees and victims of natural disasters.

Since many Ukrainian-American federal employees already participate in the CFC, by designating the UUARC as the recipient organization, some funds can be channeled back into Ukrainian-American charities. When you receive your CFC form, simply designate as recipient:

United Ukrainian-American Relief
Committee
131A West Lindley Avenue
Philadelphia, PA. 19141

For further information about the UUARC, contact Ihor Vitkovitsky at 439-9123.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 22 - The Annual Ukrainian TURKEY BOWL will take place at 10:00 a.m. at Patterson Park in Baltimore. The TURKEY BOWL is a traditional football game between the Ukrainians in Washington and Baltimore. It is open to anyone who shows up and there is no age limit. It is an enjoyable event and a tradition worth supporting. For further information, contact: Orest Petrenko at 301-7254320.

DECEMBER 1-2 - The Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies is conducting a fieldtrip to New York and Philadelphia.

DECEMBER 2 - Ukrainian Women's League of North America is sponsoring a children's ball.

DECEMBER 4 - The Aerospace Education Center is sponsoring a "roundtable" discussion entitled "Focus on SDI -- Opening a New Era of Strategic Deterrence?" at 5:30 p.m. at the Air Force Association Headquarters, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA. For information on the program and to secure an invitation, contact: Bonnie Meyers at 247-5800, extension 4881.

DECEMBER 6 - THE WASHINGTON GROUP is sponsoring the first luncheon in a "Distinguished Speakers Series". The guest speaker at the luncheon will be the Honorable Edward Derwinski, Counselor of the Department of State and former 12-term Congressman from Illinois. The luncheon will take place at the Monocle, 107 D Street, N.E., Washington at 11:45 a.m. Further details are provided elsewhere in this issue of TWG NEWS. Reservations required.

DECEMBER 8 - The Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies is sponsoring a book sale at the Ukrainian school.

DECEMBER 13 - A CHRISTMAS PARTY is being sponsored by THE WASHINGTON GROUP at the Social Room (first floor) of the Van Ness East Building at 2939 Van Ness Street, N.W. Washington. It is located two blocks from the Van Ness Metro Station and "no fee" valet parking is available at the door. Daria Stec is the hostess for the party which begins at 6:00 p.m. Food, beer, and wine will be provided for the admission price of \$3.00 for TWG members and \$7.00 for non-members.

DECEMBER 22 - Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church is sponsoring a Christmas Bazaar.

JANUARY 12 - The Ukrainian Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area is sponsoring its annual "Malanka Ball" at the Indian Springs Country Club. For further information, write to: Ukrainian Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area, P.O. Box 713, Washington, D.C. 20044.

JANUARY 31 - THE WASHINGTON GROUP and the Ukrainian-American U.S. Army Officers will co-sponsor the third annual Ukrainian Independence Day Commemoration Dinner. This dinner will be the second in the TWG "Distinguished Speakers Series" and will take place at the Fort Myer Officers Club. Further details will be provided in the next issue of TWG NEWS.

MAY 18 - The Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies is sponsoring a graduation dance featuring the band "Tempo".

NBC Television is producing a 10-hour miniseries entitled "Peter the Great" which will star Maximilian Schell in the title role. Plans call for broadcast during the 1985-86 season. The miniseries is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography by Robert K. Massie.

The series will be filmed in Europe and the Soviet Union, according to the Los Angeles Times, but a spokesman at NBC told one Ukrainian that the film is "...in production in Russia".

Also starring in the film are Vanessa Redgrave, Laurence Olivier, Omar Sharif, John Mills, Trevor Howard, and Lilli Palmer. It will chronicle the life of the Russian leader (1672-1725).

Since the book and the TV miniseries encompass the time of Mazeppa, Poltava, and other historical matters relating to Ukraine, it would be useful for Ukrainian-Americans to contact NBC-TV urging accurate portrayal of Ukrainians. Protesting after the airing of this film will not correct the impressions that are left. Contacting NBC-TV beforehand, however, may serve to raise their consciousness about accuracy.

Informed, constructive input, including letters, copies of articles, brochures, and historical references, should be sent to:

Mr. Perry Lafferty
Sr. Vice President (Movies, Miniseries,
and Specials)
NBC-TV Network
3000 West Alameda Avenue
Burbank, Calif. 91523
(818) 840-4444, ext. 3487

Copies of letters to Mr. Lafferty should be sent to:

Mr. Grant Tinker
Chairman, NBC
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020

Every Thursday, the "PENTAGRAM" is published by The Alexandria Gazette for the personnel of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington. One of the features of the newspaper is a listing of available positions for civilian employees for the U.S. Army. The positions are all in the Washington area, including Ft. Myer, Ft. McNair, the Pentagon, and Ft. Belvoir.

The types of jobs available range from clerk-typist and secretarial to historian and electronics engineer. The pay grades range from GS-3/4 up to GS 13. The November 8th issue of "PENTAGRAM" had listings for 100 positions with basic information provided including title, contact point, required forms, and pay grade.

Information about the "PENTAGRAM", which can be picked up at the Pentagon, is available from the Public Affairs Office, Building 41, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. 20319. The telephone number is 693-1173.

If you know of any other regular publications that give job listings in the government, please contact Eugene Iwanciw (237-0428) or send a sample to THE WASHINGTON GROUP and we will provide that information in the next TWG NEWS.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are many activities already being planned for THE WASHINGTON GROUP. Each activity requires people to help out. The Board of Directors includes only seven people so volunteers from the membership to work on various committees is encouraged and welcomed. The three standing committees and their Directors are:

- MEMBERSHIP - Orest Deychakiwsky (937-0492)
- PUBLIC RELATIONS - Eugene Iwanciw (237-0428)
- SPECIAL PROJECTS - Wolodymyr Sulzynsky (360-5924)

In addition to the standing committees, ad hoc committees will be created from time to time for certain projects. If you are interested in organizing an activity or working on a committee, please let the Director of the relevant committee know.

If TWG is pronounced "twig", then what are the members of TWG called - twigs or twiggies?

JOB HOTLINE

THE WASHINGTON GROUP plans to establish a "JOB HOTLINE" and is looking for a volunteer to help out. The purpose of the hotline is to assist individuals looking for employment in the Washington area. Since many jobs are filled soon after they become available, it would be helpful to have an individual to be a contact point, in addition to announcements in TWG NEWS.

The way it would work is quite simple. Anyone hearing about a job would contact the individual serving as the "JOB HOTLINE" with all the relevant information and a contact person at the department or agency where the job is available. That individual would keep a mini-file on available positions.

Anyone looking for a job would contact the "JOB HOTLINE" and find out what type of jobs are available. Once it is setup, it would run quite smoothly.

TWG is looking for someone who would be willing to take on this responsibility. If you are interested or have any other ideas of how it should be setup, contact Eugene Iwanciw at 237-0428.

UKRAINIAN TRIVIA

As Trivial Pursuit and other trivia games sweep the nation, we are adding our own version of trivia to TWG NEWS. In each issue we will ask a Ukrainian trivia question. The earliest postmark on the correct answer will be awarded a prize. The answer will appear in the next TWG NEWS.

"What is the time record for a hat-trick (3 goals in one game) for the National Hockey League and who is the Ukrainian player who set it?"

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

By the close of the Organizational Meeting of THE WASHINGTON GROUP, there were 54 members of TWG. As we go to print, there have been 8 new members to bring the total to 62 members. The goal of the Membership Committee is to 100 members by April, six months after the creation of TWG.

You can help by joining the Membership Committee and/or forwarding names of possible members to the Membership Director, Orest Deychakivsky, c/o TWG or call him at 937-0492.

The success of TWG depends on having as many members as possible from as diverse a background as possible. The only requirements are that the person either be a Ukrainian-American or is married to a Ukrainian-American and be employed in a professional position.

Help us find the many Ukrainian-American professionals in the Washington area who do not yet know about TWG!

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Plans are being formulated for a variety of activities during the winter and spring months. Your ideas for activities are welcome. Some of the proposals being considered in addition to the "Distinguished Speaker Series" are a ski trip, a golf tournament, a political workshop, a career day symposium, and a forum on "Ukrainian-American Professional Old Boy Network - Why? How?".

If any of the above activities interest you, please let us know (especially if you are willing to help organize it). You can contact Natalie Sluzar (363-8083) or Wolodymyr Sulzynsky (360-5924) if you are interested.

Do You Know Someone Not Receiving "TWG NEWS"?

If so, then please let us know. TWG NEWS is for all Ukrainian-American professionals in the Washington area. It's purpose is to inform about what is going on. Just send the name of anyone you know who is not on our mailing list to: TWG NEWS, The Washington Group, Post Office Box 11248, Washington, D.C. 20008. Better yet, get them to fill out the membership application on the back page.