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MILLENNIUM OF CHRISTIANITY: HARVARD PROJECT LAUNCHED IN D.C.

by Ihor Vitkovitsky
and
Martha Mostovych

Americans of Ukrainian descent join with other Ukrainians to commemorate the most important event in their history -- the millennium of Christianity in Ukraine. The commemoration will take various forms. The Harvard Project - Millennium Ukraine Sacrum stands out as the major contribution with permanent value. As such, it deserves the support of all Ukrainian-Americans. Ukrainian Church leaders in the U.S., Canada and Europe recognized this and with their own generous donations, encourage Ukrainian communities to back the Project's ambitious program.

The Project, which has four main elements, was initiated by the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute in 1983.

** The first deals with the compilation and publication in the original language, English and modern Ukrainian of some 40 volumes of Ukrainian pre-secular literature (i.e., from the Kievan Rus' period up to Kotljarevskyj's Eneida [1798]) -- a legacy of ours which depicts the significant impact of Christianity on the development of Ukrainian culture and thinking. Ultimately, 122 volumes will be

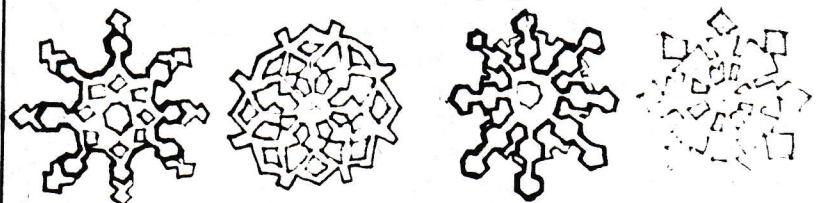
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MIROSLAV MEDVID BRIGGED UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY PROTESTS

by Roman Golash

On Oct. 27, the story of Miroslav Medvid, the young Ukrainian sailor who attempted to defect, broke. The Ukrainian community in Chicago, like many others, mobilized for action. The Ukrainian American Justice Committee (UAJC), a Chicago-based organization headed by Rev. Peter Galadza, set up phone banks. The local UCCA organized the first demonstration at noon Nov. 1, and the UAJC turned a previously scheduled seminar into a demonstration that same evening. The demonstrations continued non-stop every day for the next week, resulting in extensive local and national press coverage. Nevertheless, some of us felt we had to do more.

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editorial

STORM OF PROTEST

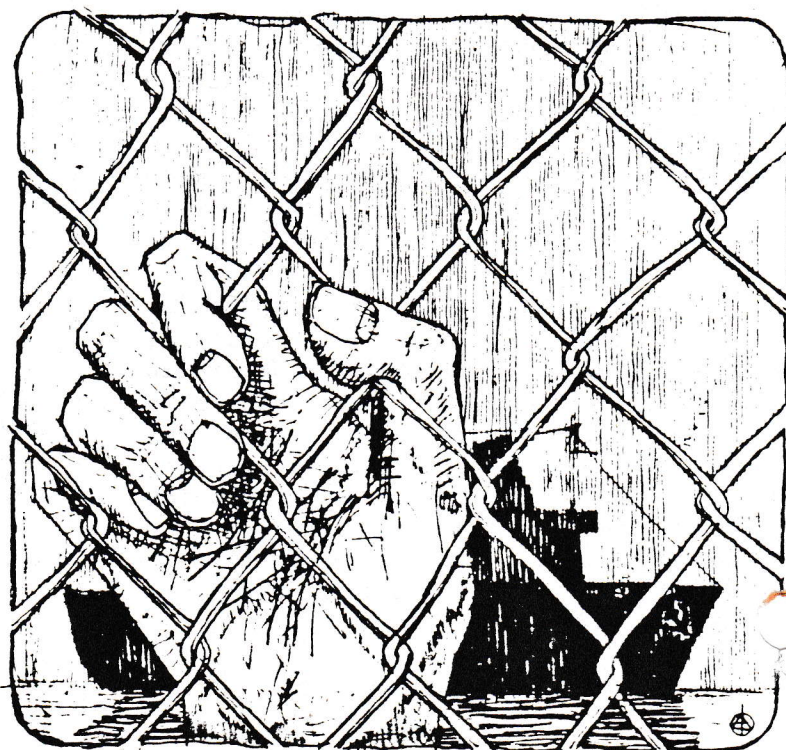
The Medvid Affair will long stay with us. This issue of TWG News carries an eyewitness account about the incident, which for Ukrainians and like-minded U.S. citizens, will be forever a blotch on our national conscience.

Is there anything left to do? YES. Sens. Gordon Humphrey (R-N.H.), Alan Dixon (D-Ill.), Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) are hoping to introduce a resolution mandating an investigation of U.S. asylum policies and the Medvid case in particular. They would like the resolution to be co-sponsored by as many Senators as possible. Call yours and ask them to back the measure. In Maryland, call Sen. Charles Mathias (R.), 224-4654 and Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D.), 224-4524. Virginia residents, please contact Sen. Paul Trible (R.), 224-4024 and Sen. John Warner (R.), 224-2023. (All area codes are 202.) As of early December, 52 Senators had informally said they would co-sponsor.

A possible obstacle may arise in Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.), who has objections to some procedural aspects of the resolution and may try to thwart it.

We must keep the Medvid issue before the public. One way is to write letters to the editor of Washington newspapers. Among those whose letters have appeared are TWG President Natalie Sluzar and members Roksolana Armstrong, Andrew Hruszkewycz and Yaromyr Oryshkevych. George Woloshyn's letter was also printed as were letters from the following Medvid supporters: Victor Buksbazen, Marga Ratnik, Mary Anne Rikken, of the Coalition for Constitutional Justice and Security, John Ruseckas and George Sopko.

And recognition also belongs to Congressmen such as Fred Eckert (R-N.Y.), who had a major piece on the U.S. government's shameful handling of the Medvid Affair in the Wall Street Journal. Other legislators who raised their voices in defense of Medvid were Sens. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), and Rep. Don Ritte (R-Pa.). The TWG Board urges TWG members and all Ukrainians to express thanks to these men by writing letters, offering assistance -- in general, letting them know that we appreciate what they do.



SO CLOSE... AND YET SO FAR

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

TWG is definitely very promising as an organization. Whatever you do -- don't become like the rest of the Ukie organizations. It has the potential to become very influential in D.C. circles. The language you use is immaterial -- it's the quality and effects that you produce that are of primary importance.

Respectfully,
O. Redchuk
Takoma Park, Md.

Dear Editor,

Noted with interest Mlle. Sluzar's recipe for "Pot au Creme de Chocolat" in the November issue. However, I don't see pot listed among ingredients. Is this an oversight, or perhaps (Ne Day Bozhe!) Natalka never learned to harvest her konopli?

Sincerely,
Orest Hawryluk
Silver Spring, Md.

Sluzar replies:

Mon cher! You do not parlez francais. Pot au Creme de Chocolat translates as a "custard dish of chocolate creme." Konopli - ALAS!

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Нова Група Професіоналістів розвинула широкі пляни на будуче - з новими мріями та завзяттям взялись до праці - ті молоді люди з вірою - що вони будуть і мусять бути світлом нашої української спільноти.

Коли переглянемо перший рік їхньої діяльності - то варто б звернути увагу на проєкт, котрий є дуже на часі - а саме - значок поштовий в Америці з нашим великим поетом і малярем Тарасом Шевченком.

Ігор Процінський, Віце-Президент першого проводу Групи Професіоналістів дуже влучно піддав думку - якою дорогою треба було б продовжувати борбу за поштовий значок - аж до досягнення цілі.

Шкода, що Пан Р.Л. Ломяк пишучи свої рефлексії з Виборів Нової Управи не підчеркнув цього - щоби Група Професіоналістів зачала Кампанію за Український Значок.

Щоби досягнути якусь ціль - мусимо демократичною дорогою собі взаємно помагати.

З великою пошаною
до Вас

Емілія Процінська

(MEDVID DEFENDED, from page 1)

Nine left for New Orleans on Nov. 5; four more followed two days later. New Orleans was also the destination for three from New York State, four from Detroit, and one from Atlanta. All of us went believing we had done all we could to help Miroslav in our towns, and with an obligation to see if we could have a greater impact on the scene.

In New Orleans, we concentrated our efforts in the area where the Marshal Konev was taking on American grain. We rented a boat and approached the Konev. It is difficult to describe the emotions one goes through when you finally approach an object seen many times on TV. There it was -- a huge boat with cyrillic lettering. We started chanting and asking the captain of the ship to allow us to see Miroslav. The crew taunted us, took photographs of us with high-powered cameras, and accused us of being paid (by whom?) to demonstrate. Miroslav's family, from Cleveland, appealed to the captain to let us see Miroslav, but to no avail.

We felt our actions had an effect after we heard that on Thursday, Nov. 7, the U.S. Senate might issue a subpoena for Medvid. Our hopes soared after Mr. Sullivan, an aide of Sen. Jesse Helms' (R-N.C.), arrived in New Orleans and told us of the Agriculture Committee's plan to do just that.

We still hoped that Miroslav would be released even after Sullivan failed to deliver the subpoena. It would be accepted at 2 p.m. Friday after Soviet officials arrived, we were told. The press and members of Congress implied that President Reagan would not allow the ship to leave unless Medvid came to Washington to answer questions.

That night, no one could sleep. We stayed up discussing the day's events and what to do next. We were proud that America, through the Senate, stood up to the Soviets. I felt that the U.S. had finally regained its resolve and determined not to lose credibility.

On Friday, Nov. 8, we followed U.S. and Soviet officials to the building where they were meeting. We were asked to leave. We used the opportunity to give interviews to the press. After the meetings, Sullivan said the U.S. Coast Guard would not allow the boat to leave. We were elated.

Unfortunately, the situation began to unravel that evening. Someone got word that the ship would be allowed to leave regardless of the subpoena. I didn't believe it. We, and the American people, had received all those guarantees.

I think it was at that moment that we felt that Miroslav was not alive, and perhaps had not been for a while. We decided to press on, knowing that we had in all likelihood already lost our case.

On Saturday, we discovered that an American river pilot would navigate the Marshal Konev into the river. I appealed to the seaman and to other Americans, to their sense of justice and humanity, not to assist the Soviets in escaping justice. Nevertheless, the Konev, assisted by the river pilot and U.S. Coast Guard, was down river. We were left on the river bank; we were all crying.

One of the participants was quoted on camera saying what we all felt -- the Statue of Liberty wept while looking at the ship leaving. Another said that when one man is not allowed to gain his freedom, we all lose ours. Another said -- as a Ukrainian, I am angry, as an American, ashamed.

What went wrong? There are many theories, many unresolved questions. We knew the State Department had botched it from the start. What we don't know is whether Miroslav is still alive. Could an imposter have taken his place during the interviews? After all the assurances from the President, why the change of heart? Did State consider it more important to appease the Soviets than allow Medvid a chance for freedom? Why didn't the Coast Guard facilitate enforcement of the Senate subpoena? Why was "national security" cited as the reason for ruling against Miroslav's freedom?

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Miroslav Medvid was undoubtedly a courageous man. All of us in New Orleans harbored a deep bond to a man we had never met, and were committed to help him. Throughout the ordeal we tried to communicate with Miroslav through a bullhorn. We have no way of knowing whether any of our messages got to him, but hope another sailor may have passed the word to him. I miss Miroslav, although I never met him.

Returning to Chicago, we reflected on our experience. We were all changed by what had transpired. The Ukrainian and East European response to the crisis was massive, but the rest of America was largely silent. We realized that we cannot take our freedoms here for granted. We cannot become complacent. What we don't maintain, we risk losing. The Ukrainian community in Chicago is revitalized with a new energy; people of all backgrounds and political persuasions are uniting. Some say Miroslav gave us more press coverage than we've had in 50 years. Perhaps. But we were not able to stop his ship from leaving.

SPOTLIGHT ON

CHRYSTIA ORYSHKEVYCH

If you are a Senator or a Senate aide assigned to foreign affairs, you've probably spoken recently to this month's spotlight. You've also likely received a concise education on issues of concern to the Ukrainian community. Chrystia Anna Shashkevych Oryshkevych, along with other members of the "kitchen cabinet," has spent alot of time on the phone lobbying Congress during the Medvid incident and now in its aftermath.

While these activities are not new for Chrystia, some wonder how a mother with two young children has the time for them. "I call during the mornings when Adrian [four years old] is in school, and Oles [Alexander, eight months] is sleeping," Chrystia says. "I don't think congressional staff would appreciate hearing my sons on the phone."

Chrystia has the requisite background and calling for such work. She was active in SUMA and went to Ukrainian school in Yonkers, where she grew up with her parents and an older brother. At Marymount Manhattan College, Chrystia majored in political science and economics; she received her degree in 1975. She attributes her political activism to her education and experience in Ukrainian community and political undertakings.

During a college internship, she served on Rep. Peter Peyser's (23rd district, N.Y.) staff. She also worked with the New York State attorney general, in the N.Y. State Bureau of Consumer Frauds and with the Legal Aid Society of New York.

By the time Chrystia graduated from college, however, she had been smitten with Potomac fever. During her internship, she met Dr. Yaromyr Oryshkevych. Chrystia joined the Washington Ukrainian community after she and Yarko were married. She then worked with UNIS. In 1979, Chrystia and Yarko together developed and expanded his private dental practice in Waldorf, Md. Yarko started this practice "cold turkey" -- without buying out a retiring dentist's practice, equipment and patients. Chrystia and Yarko designed the office space, ordered and installed equipment and established the practice. Chrystia managed the office for several years. The practice took off, as did Chrystia, just before the birth of Adrian. Chrystia describes herself now as a domestic engineer.

The Oryshkevychs are avid travelers who, besides visits with Chrystia's family in New York, vacation several times a year. They began their joint travels by honeymooning in Ukraine; Chrystia has since been back. Together they've visited various Caribbean hideaways and traveled through Europe. Chrystia also toured South America during her "single" treks. A recent trip to Cancun, Mexico, included Adrian, who had a great time. Chrystia's fantasy vacation would be with Yarko and the kids, on an uninhabited island, not dressed up, without TV, telephone or newspaper. Many of us would probably want to join them.

CAREERS FOR STUDENTS OF SOVIET-AREA STUDIES, RUSSIAN AND NON-RUSSIAN SOVIET LANGUAGES

by Al Kapusta

Many college graduates with degrees in Soviet languages or area studies do not find employment in the private sector easily. But there is an employer constantly on the lookout for just such individuals. The U.S. government hires linguists, translators, editors and analysts as well as field officers who work in the Foreign Service, and as intelligence officers and military attaches. More information on where to find the jobs, and what the government is looking for, in the January TWG News. Kapusta will also offer some personal observations on working in this field.

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NEW MEMBERS

During November, the TWG Board of Directors approved the following people as full members of TWG, bringing the membership total to 231.

FULL MEMBERS

Orest Diachok (Oakton, Va.)
Paula Dobrianski (Washington, D.C.)
Walter Dziuba (Great Falls, Va.)
Roman Ferencevych (Annandale, Va.)
Vera Garber (Alexandria, Va.)
Vitaly Garber (Alexandria, Va.)
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Oleksa Bilaniuk (Wallingford, Pa.)
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Yarema Harabatch (Cleveland, Ohio)
Steve Hontar (Rocher, N.Y.)
Mary Motyl (Sunnyside, N.Y.)
Anastasia Petryczka (New York, N.Y.)
George Stecenko (Smithtown, N.Y.)
George Switnicki (New York, N.Y.)
Walter Szeliga (Inverness, Fla.)
Marta Tyshynsky (Passaic, N.J.)

STUDENT

Therese Diachok (Oakton, Va.)

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published to create the first comprehensive compilation of these works under non-Russian edition.

** Second, a three-volume "History of Christianity in Ukraine" will appear in Ukrainian and eight other languages.

** Third, an international scholarly conference devoted to the millennium is scheduled for 1987 at one of Italy's cultural-academic centers with a strong Byzantine tradition.

** Fourth, an interdenominational chair of Ukrainian Religious Thought will be endowed at the Harvard School of Divinity.

Obviously, this Project is an ambitious one. Its estimated cost is \$5 million, which organizers hope to raise over five years. Work on the various elements is well under way but can progress only to the extent that funding is obtained.

Americans of Ukrainian descent, as well as their friends and all those with an interest in U.S./Soviet relations, should find it worthwhile to commemorate

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the millennium by supporting the Harvard Project. The perceptive mind readily recognizes that the Project's objectives are very relevant to the 20th century's turbulent times, and to the problems, challenges and opportunities facing Ukrainian-Americans.

By creating a living, enduring monument to Ukraine's Christianity and establishing Ukraine's rightful place in world history, we will make an essential statement that Ukraine and its people are part of Western civilization, that Ukraine's Christian history with its literary, cultural and philosophical influences on its neighbors constitutes an undeniable contribution to that civilization.

Secondly, participation in the Harvard Project can have a personal objective: It reminds us that the ideas and principles by which we guide our lives today stem from a long tradition that has passed the test of time.

As Americans, the millennium has a particular appeal. By memorializing the 1,000-year-old heritage of one segment of America -- a country whose history is but a few hundred years old -- we demonstrate the cultural richness of American, the historical depth of its people.

In addition, our association with a grand-scale event that transformed Eastern Europe 1,000 years ago reminds American decision-makers that our roots are in a place in the world which today mortally threatens the Earth's democracies.

We have an unparalleled understanding of the Soviet government's mind and practices -- its foundation on distortions and disinformation, its ambition for world domination and the strategy that the U.S. should adopt to preserve the democratic traditions of freedom and individualism, as well as world peace.

Personally, we can choose to support the Project for any of these reasons, or for reasons of our own. The millennium will generate a flurry of activities and responsibilities for us, calling for our contribution of time and money (always scarce resources). Perhaps some of us fear being overwhelmed.

Trying to juggle these demands, we should try to balance our personal convictions or objectives between the efforts that celebrate the millennium with the grandeur and recognition it merits now, and efforts aimed at leaving a permanent record of Ukraine's Christian history and literary heritage for future generations. Clearly, both are needed.

A group from the Washington area has decided that their convictions dictate bolstering the Harvard Project through the fundraising effort of the national committee on the Millennium of Rus'-Ukraine's Christianity - Harvard Project."

They recently created a Washington branch of the fundraising committee which, together with TWG, is sponsoring the Dec. 7 informational meeting with Andrew Sorokowski (for details, see the calendar). Those interested in supporting the Harvard Project, call Martha Mostovych, 301/589-0411.

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GREET THE NEW YEAR WITH MNOHAYA LITA!

by Michelle Prytula

It's that time again! The traditional New Year's Dance will be held at the Holy Family Parish Center on Dec. 31. It not only provides a night of fun and entertainment, but also serves as an ideal way for friends to bring in the New Year together. Plan to attend! Reserved seating is available. The Roland Stransky Band will provide the music that promises to keep you dancing long after midnight (details in the calendar).

THE TWG SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

by Martha Mostovych

A year of TWG activities has passed and certain regular events have been set on our calendar: Friday Evening Forums, Distinguished Speaker Series, Christmas Party, Ukrainian Independence Day Dinner, summer picnic, perhaps the benefit gala, and various sport and entertainment outings.

But in what we might call "special projects," there is no established program yet. This area is still wide open and most projects spoken of thus far are in the conception or early development phase.

What we refer to as "projects" are long-term undertakings, as well as one-time events with a purpose beyond socializing, entertainment or professional presentations. In both cases, the activity should preferably serve one or more of TWG's basic organizational objectives. According to our bylaws, these are:

- ** to foster closer professional ties and contacts among Ukrainian-Americans (e.g. networking);
- ** to promote the human and civil rights of Ukrainians, along with striving to eliminate discrimination and prejudice aimed at Ukrainian-Americans;
- ** to cultivate a greater understanding of Ukrainian history and culture among Americans; and
- ** to encourage active participation by Ukrainian-Americans in promoting the welfare of the community.

Projects now evolving include the TWG Scholarship Fund Program, Ukrainian language classes for adults and a public showing of "Harvest of Despair" with a promotional campaign. Several other projects have been discussed but not yet initiated.

Some TWG members have voiced the opinion that for TWG to be a viable organization in the long run, it needs to sponsor "serious" projects which address concerns, needs or interests of Ukrainian-American professionals in new and creative ways -- it should do things with a lasting impact.

An organizational agenda of this nature requires the ideas, hard work and creativity of a very broad section of TWG's membership. It needs the involvement of every member in one sense or another -- at least to the extent of communicating his or her views and ideas.

This issue of TWG News has a survey designed to give you a chance to express your opinions and provide your ideas. Only a full membership response to this survey will allow the organization's activities to be representative of all its members.

As Special Projects Director, I urge those of you interested in how TWG achieves a lasting impact to participate in the Special Projects Committee. Please call me, 301/589-0411, or indicate your interest on the survey form on the next page.

There is room and flexibility on the Committee for involvement in different degrees -- from leadership of a specific project, to occasional assistance, such as making a few follow-up calls as part of the promotional campaign for "Harvest of Despair."

NOTES ON MEMBERS

TWG President NATALIE SLUZAR spoke with about 20 students at the Ukrainian Restaurant on Second Avenue in New York City Nov. 10 about TWG and its work with students in the Washington area and nationwide. The gathering had been called by Mykhajlo Bociurkiw who is trying to revitalize the Ukrainian student movement.

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What projects do YOU think TWG should be involved in?

The only way that TWG's activities can become representative of all the organization's members is for each of you to make your views and needs known. The following survey is a starting point for such a communication. Fill it out and mail it to the address indicated on the back. Results will be outlined in the December issue of TWG News.

As a TWG member, my views regarding the organization's activities are as follows:

1. From my own perspective, "networking" has:
____the greatest/ ____the least/ ____an equal importance
compared to the other organizational goals outlined in TWG's by-laws
(see synopsis of TWG's organization goals in "What is the Special
Projects Committee?", this issue).
2. I think the networking objective can best be served in the following
way(s)/ via the following projects:
3. I think TWG ____is/ ____isn't overly "closed-knit" in its operations/
activities. (Explain)
4. I feel TWG ____should/ ____shouldn't reach out more to the non-Ukrainian
public and decision-makers because:
5. TWG ____should/ ____shouldn't become involved in projects/activities
dealing with the Millenium of Ukrainian Christianity. I would
recommend the following approach/focus:
6. I think that some kind of community facility in the Washington area
____is/ ____isn't essential in order to serve multiple community needs
such as
____social gathering place
____meeting accommodations for various organizations
____business office space
____Ukrainian school for children and adult classes
(other)_____

I believe TWG ____should/ ____shouldn't take an active rôle in pursuing
the acquisition of such a facility.

7. In my view, TWG ___should/ ___shouldn't make donations to Ukrainian organizations or endeavors. In making contributions, it should focus on the following types of causes:

8. A program ___should/ ___shouldn't be developed for activities of an income-producing nature (e.g., record sales, etc.). My ideas on possible income-producing activities are:

9. There ___is/ ___isn't a need for more activities or projects that serve the needs of Associate Members living outside the Washington area. As an Associate Member, I would like to see:

10. I ___am/ ___am not interested in participating on the Special Projects Committee. My level of desired involvement would be ___minor/ ___moderate/ ___heavy. (Name and phone number is provided below.)

11. I would like to see TWG involved in the following specific projects:

(Name and telephone number - optional)

Please send to: THE WASHINGTON GROUP
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TWG Secretary MARTA PEREYMA met informally Oct. 28 with Ukrainian Technological Society of Pittsburgh officers. At the meeting were Eugene Manasterski, president; Irene Grimm, scholarship chairman; Slavko Hodowanec, vice president; and NICKOLAS KOTOW, editor of the society's newsletter and also a TWG associate member. The group discussed preparations for the society's annual dinner dance, which benefits its scholarship fund. To date, the society has awarded 120 scholarships totalling \$37,850. The society's leaders urged its members to consider joining TWG. TWG members who receive complimentary copies of the society's newsletter are heartened by the various activities sponsored by UTS, wish them well in their undertakings and welcome future cooperation. We look forward to meeting UTS members on their travels to D.C.

GREETINGS!

The Washington Group salutes the Ukrainian Fraternal Assn. on its 75th anniversary. We wish the association much continued success in its endeavors for the Ukrainian community.

FROM THE BOARD ROOM.

** To keep our members better informed, the Board of Directors will provide a brief summary of discussions during its meetings. **

The Nov. 19 meeting was chaired by Ihor Gawdiak, attended by Yaro Bihun, Halyna Breslawec, Rostyk Chomiak, Pat Filipov, Martha Mostovych, Marta Pereyma and Maria Rudensky. No other members attended the meeting (as observers).

Mostovych reviewed the successful outcome of the Fall Ball/Gala Benefit. October seems to be a good month to hold such an annual event. A chairperson for the 1986 Gala is being sought. Any volunteers?

Bihun, Chomiak and Pereyma reported on the status of the Nov. 26 screening of "Harvest of Despair," co-sponsored with the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, at the Biograph.

Some 300 press kits were sent to local media, almost 25 volunteers from TWG and UNWLA industriously called media representatives with follow-up invitations to the screenings. Director Slavko Nowytski was set to be at the theatre and available for interviews and meetings on Nov. 26 and 27.

The Medvid Affair has highlighted the human resources available in the Ukrainian-American community in D.C., but a more organized approach to any similar future crisis is needed. Breslawec will try to coordinate a community forum in the near future, with panel workshop to discuss what happened and how we should better prepare ourselves.

Chomiak presented a tentative proposal for a TWG brochure to be used as a public relations tool.

The "Ukrainian cities of the world" series in TWG News was discussed. TWG members are encouraged to provide information -- however brief -- about places of interest to Ukrainians.

Filipov reported that TWG and Harvard Millennium Project Committee will co-sponsor an informational meeting with Andrew Sorokowski of Keston College, U.K. and Roman Procyk, Harvard, on issues concerning the Millennium celebration.

On another topic, she called for more volunteers to help with the Dec. 13 TWG Christmas party. And Richard Spotswood will address the Jan. 24 Friday Evening Forum on Ukrainian record production in the U.S.

Breslawec reported she hopes the TWG membership directory will be mailed out by the end of December.

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Bihun reported that sales of the Ukrainian Encyclopedia are brisk, as are sales of TWG's collection of records and tapes. Managers for each sales category still needed. Please contact Ihor Gawdiak, 202/287-5675 (day), 301/622-2338 (evening).

Regarding TWG's policy of making donations, the Board issued this statement: All proposals and requests for donations will be discussed by the Board prior to committing any funds. Donations to the Ukrainian-American Bar Assn.'s Medvid Defense Effort and the Plast pre-summit advertisement on human rights in Ukraine in the New York Times were approved.

A chairperson for the TWG Elections Committee is still needed. Please contact Ihor Gawdiak, 202/287-5675 (day), 301/622-2338 (evening).

Pereyma reported on her meeting with Richard Ahlborn, Smithsonian Institution curator, who is preparing a proposal for an exhibition of Kievan icons for the Millennium celebration. We will need to raise about \$20,000 for brochure, research, scholarly catalogue, opening event and full-day symposium on Kievan cultural history and icons.

Russian-American groups have already indicated their support of this exhibit highlighting "the introduction of Christianity to 'Russia'." The curator is sensitive to Ukrainian-American concerns and wishes to give an accurate historical context.

The next TWG Board meeting was set for 7 p.m., Dec. 17 at Holy Family Parish Center.

UKRAINIAN TRIVIA

The answer to last month's question -- what is the title of the Mark Twain book on his European travels -- is The Innocents Abroad. The three Ukrainian cities visited were Odessa, Sevastopol and Yalta. The first correct answer was supplied by Don Wyncyczok. This month's question is supplied again, as was last month's, by Ingerter Kuzych.

Apiculture (raising and care of bees) has been practiced continuously in Ukraine for at least 1,000 years. But which Ukrainian is known as the founder of cultural beekeeping? The correct answer with the earliest postmark, to be announced in the January TWG News, wins the prize -- a Ukrainian vase.

UKRAINIAN GOURMET

A VERY GOOD COOK'S KUTIA

1 lb. shelled wheat kernels
1/4 lb. poppy seeds
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup chopped raisins
several tablespoons honey, to taste

Instant kutia has not yet been invented. Soak the kernels in water six hours. Put in pot and if necessary, add water to cover. Bring to boil. Simmer about 45 minutes or until tender.

Separately, steam the poppy seeds, drain and put through food mill or mash by hand. Add to the cooked kernels. Mix in chopped walnuts, raisins and honey. Serves 12.

"HARVEST OF DESPAIR" IN D.C. (RANDOM NOTES ON A MEDIA PROJECT BY TWG AND UNWLA)

by R.L. Chomiak

During two weeks of November many Washingtonians heard about the 1932-33 artificial famine -- starvation politics -- in Ukraine. This was the result of a media campaign organized as a joint venture by The Washington Group and Branch 78 of the Ukrainian National Women's League.

The campaign's primary goal was to publicize the Washington premiere of Slavko Nowytski and Yuriy Luhovy's film, "Harvest of Despair." Among the gold medalists in the overall "TV Entertainment Programs and Specials" group, Harvest walked away with the Grand Award Trophy Bowl, beating 837 entries at the 28th annual International Film and TV Festival of New York.

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Unexpected help for the media campaign came from the Geneva summit, held one week before the Nov. 26 screening at the Biograph, as well as from the bungled Medvid incident. All this heightened media interest in the U.S.S.R. and Ukraine. The campaign developed along the lines prescribed by TWG member Andrij Bilyk -- most recently in Boston last summer.

About 10 members of TWG and UNWLA (some with dual memberships) stuffed nearly 300 envelopes with information about the film and famine. They affixed pre-printed address labels with names of reporters, editors and critics, culled from several directories. The real work began when 23 volunteers equipped by TWG Board Secretary Marta Pereyma with a list of a portion of the media contacts, began calling them with a message about the importance and timeliness of the film.

The phone callers were: Halyna Breslawec, Pat Filipov, Andrew Futey, Larissa Fontana, Natalka Gawdiak, Irene Ilchyshyn, Natalia Kormeluk, Irene Kost, Ksenia Kuzmych, Victoria Malik, Martha Mostovych, Chrystia Oryshkevych, Kvitka Paschyn, Marta Prociński, Anastasia Prystay, Maria Rudensky, George Sajewych, Daria Stec, Christine Sulzynsky, Tatiana Terlecky, Marta Ulane, Mary Waris and Zenia Yaworsky.

Those were the people on the front line of the project: they not only had to make repeated calls to get through to busy individuals, but also to convince them of the project's value, to force them to think or learn something about the famine. They also substituted new names for outdated ones, which will be useful for a future drives.

Meanwhile, Washington was blanketed with some 30,000 copies of the Biograph's regular monthly schedule, which included "Harvest of Despair." How did we do? Quite well, both in immediate and follow-up results.

The first showing (7 p.m.) on a rainy night was seen by a standing-room-only crowd. The 9 p.m. show filled most of the seats and there was a respectable audience for the 10:30.

The project organizers, under the leadership of TWG President Natalie Sluzar and UNWLA Branch President Marta Terleckyj, had decided to fly Slavko Nowytski in from St. Paul, Minn. He was introduced to the audience after each showing and answered questions. Repeatedly, questioners asked when the film would be on TV and were told that PBS is considering it. Nowytski also gave a press conference to half a dozen medial representatives.

National Public Radio producer Alex van Oss, who works on the daily evening news program, "All Things Considered," saw the film because a Ukrainian friend had recommended Miron Dolot's Execution by Hunger: The Hidden Holocaust to him. (In a separate development, a day before the showings the Christian Science Monitor reviewed the book.)

"I was halfway through the book," van Oss told us, "when I received information about the film being shown in Washington." He was impressed by the film, he said, and invited Nowytski to the NPR studio the next day to tape an interview to be used at a later date.

Syndicated columnist George F. Will, out of town the day of the screening, requested and is getting a video of it. Gregg Turner, who published the Samizdat Bulletin in Washington, said he would like to carry a schedule of future screenings of "Harvest of Despair" around the United States.

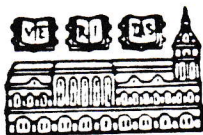
Some filmgoers asked about renting the film; others bought Dolot's book, which was available in the Biograph lobby.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The U.S. Department of State will hire temporary employees under the 1986 summer clerical program. Most slots are for clerk/typists and clerk/stenographers, with a few openings for clerks. Submit a SF-171 (U.S. government personal qualifications statement) and certificate of proficiency to Brenda Evenski, Summer Program Coordinator, Department of State, PER/REE/REC, Room 7524A, SA-15; or P.O. Box 9317, Rosslyn Station, Arlington, Va., 22209, or call 703/235-9376. Applications due Dec. 31.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 7
Saturday



THE WASHINGTON BRANCH OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MILLENNIUM OF UKRAINE'S CHRISTIANITY - HARVARD PROJECT AND THE WASHINGTON GROUP SPONSOR INFORMATIONAL MEETING WITH ANDREW SOROKOWSKI, ESQ., KESTON COLLEGE, U.K., AND DR. ROMAN PROCYK, HARVARD UKRAINIAN STUDIES FUND. GOALS AND SCOPE OF THE HARVARD PROJECT - MILLENNIUM OF UKRAINIAN CHRISTIANITY TO BE DISCUSSED. 7 P.M. AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTER, 4250 HAREWOOD RD., N.E. ADMISSION, \$5; STUDENTS, SENIOR CITIZENS, \$3. REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED. CONTACT: MARTHA MOSTOVYCH, 301/589-0411.

DECEMBER 7-8
Saturday-Sunday

Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, 4250 Harewood Rd., N.E. Crafts, books, food, ornaments. Tables for rent. Donations welcome. Sat.: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun.: 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Contact Mary Dubik, 526-3737. Also, a Book Sale, featuring books, cards and posters. Call Jurij Dobczansky, 301/649-6558. Ukrainian folk art exhibit, sale of Christmas cards, Ukrainian records, cassettes organized by the Marian Sodality of the Holy Family. Contact Stephanie Diachok, 301/891-3660. THE WASHINGTON GROUP will have a table with Ukrainian records, tapes and the Ukrainian Encyclopedia, available to members at a discount. Contact Natalie Sluzar, 363-8083.

DECEMBER 8, 15, 22

Christmas Bazaar sponsored by Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church parish after each 11 a.m. Liturgy at St. Sophia Religious Center, 2615 30th ST., N.W. (off Calvert and 29th Sts., Woodley Park-Zoo Metro stop.) Ukrainian crafts, books, tree decorations, traditional foods. (Orders for food also taken.) Also jewelry, Peruvian gourd art. Call Natalka Gawdiak, 301/622-2338 or Anya Hawryluk, 301/445-1456.

DECEMBER 13
Friday

THE WASHINGTON GROUP'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. CALL PAT FILIPOV, 301/622-0838.

DECEMBER 14
Saturday

UNWLA Branch 78 sponsors pre-Christmas gathering for members and spouses. Contact: Martha Terlecky, 703/521-3048.

DECEMBER 14
Saturday

Ukrainian Book Bazaar sponsored by the Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Subjects, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at Lee Jr. High School, 11800 Monticello Ave., Silver Spring, Md. Call Bohdan Yasinsky, 301/593-8132.

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DECEMBER 15
Sunday

Patron Saint Holyday of St. Andrij's Ukrainian Orthodox Church to be celebrated with Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. and dinner at Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 N. Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park, Md. For information, contact Rev. Hryhorij Podhurec, 301/681-3431.

DECEMBER 17
Tuesday

THE WASHINGTON GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOLDS ITS MONTHLY MEETING, HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTER, 4250 HAREWOOD RD., N.E. TWG MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AS OBSERVERS. FOR INFORMATION, CALL R.L. CHOMIAK, 485-2082, or IHOR GAWDIAK, 287-5675.

DECEMBER 21
Saturday

St. Nicholas is scheduled to visit all the "chemni" children attending the Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Subjects at noon at Lee Jr. High School, 11800 Monticello Ave., Silver Spring, Md. Call Bohdan Yasinsky, 301/593-8132.

DECEMBER 21
Saturday

Christmas Bazaar, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., with baked goods, Christmas tree ornaments, holiday handicrafts, sponsored by Plast at Lee Jr. High School, 11800 Monticello Ave., Silver Spring, Md. Call Ulana Sos, 301/622-0911 or Kvitka Paschyn, 301/622-1432.

DECEMBER 24
Tuesday

Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Vespers and Christmas caroling, 10 p.m. Solemn Christmas Divine Liturgy at 11 p.m.

DECEMBER 25
Wednesday

Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church holds 9:30 a.m. Christmas Divine Liturgy (English), 11:15 a.m. (Ukrainian).

DECEMBER 26
Thursday

Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Sobor of the B.V. Mary and St. Joseph, 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 26
Friday

Young Professionals of the Ukrainian Institute of America, New York celebrate their traditional New Year's Gala to the sounds of Iskra, beginning at 9 p.m. For more information, call the Institute, 212/288-8660.

DECEMBER 27
Friday

Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Divine Liturgy of St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr, 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 31

Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Divine Liturgy, 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 31
Tuesday

Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church sponsors its annual New Year's Dance at Holy Family Parish Center, 4250 Harewood Rd., N.E. from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music by Roland Stransky. Admission: \$15, adults; \$10, students, senior citizens; includes buffet, beverages, noisemakers, hats, balloons, etc. Children accompanied by parents free. Contact Mary Dubik, 526-3737, or Michelle Prytula, 301/864-8309.

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JANUARY

Students of the Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Subjects will be bringing greetings and Christmas carols to homes in the community. Please support this time-honored Ukrainian tradition. Contact M. Bartoszyk, 301/559-4473 or Andrij Bihun, 301/871-8086.

JANUARY 1
Wednesday

Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church holds New Year's Day, St. Basil the Great Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. (English), 11:15 a.m. (Ukrainian), and 7 p.m.

JANUARY 5
Sunday

Svichechka, traditional Plast Christmas gathering, at 1 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Center, 4250 Harewood Rd., N.E. Call Andrew Bihun, 301/871-8086.





- JANU.
Sunday Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Epiphany Eve Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Also 7:30 p.m. Liturgy with blessing of water.
- JANUARY 6
Sunday Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Epiphany Divine Liturgy, 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Ukrainian), both with blessing of water.
- JANUARY 7
Tuesday St. Andriy's Ukrainian Orthodox Church holds Christmas Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m., Burnt Mills 7th Day Adventist Church, 10915 Lockwood Dr., Silver Spring, Md. Call Rev. H. Podhurec, 301/681-3431.
- JANUARY 7
Tuesday Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Christmas Divine Liturgy, 8:30 a.m.
- JANUARY 8
Wednesday Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Divine Liturgy, 7:30 a.m.
- JANUARY 9
Thursday Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Divine Liturgy, 7:30 a.m.
- JANUARY 11
Saturday The Ukrainian Assn. of the Washington Metropolitan Area sponsors its annual Malanka Ball, with presentation of debutantes by Anya Dydyk and Alex, music by Chervona Kalyna, at Indian Springs Country Club, 13501 Layhill Rd., Silver Spring, Md. Dinner for \$40, \$35, senior citizens, and \$25 for students, \$15 for students, dance only. Contact Eugene Iwanciw, 703/237-0428.
- JANUARY 14
Tuesday Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds New Year's Day Divine Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.
- JANUARY 18
Saturday Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church and St. Andriy's Ukrainian Orthodox Church sponsor joint "Shchedrij Vechir/Holodna Kutia," with blessing of water in the evening at a location to be announced. Contact Natalka Gawdiak, 301/622-2338 or Rev. H. Podhurec, 301/681-3431.
- JANUARY 19
Sunday Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church sponsors annual "Prosphora" at Holy Family Parish Center, 4250 Harewood Rd., N.E., after the 11:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Contact Mary Dubik, 526-3737.
- JANUARY 19
Sunday St. Andriy's Ukrainian Orthodox Church holds Epiphany Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m., Burnt Mills 7th Day Adventist Church, 10915 Lockwood Dr., Silver Spring, Md. Call Rev. H. Podhurec, 301/681-3431.
- JANUARY 22
Wednesday THE WASHINGTON GROUP SPONSORS UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMEMORATION DINNER, PART OF TWG'S DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES, AT FT. McNAIR IN SOUTHEAST D.C. COCKTAILS, 6 P.M., DINNER, 7 P.M. TICKETS, ABOUT \$16. GUEST SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED. CONTACT NATALIE SLUZAR, 363-8083.
- JANUARY 24
THE WASHINGTON GROUP PRESENTS A "FRIDAY EVENING FORUM," AT 7:30 P.M. AT ST. SOPHIA'S RELIGIOUS CENTER, 2615 30th ST., N.W. FEATURING RICHARD SPOTSWOOD ON UKRAINIAN RECORD-MAKING IN THE U.S. WINE AND CHEESE SERVED. TWG MEMBERS FREE, NON-MEMBERS, \$5. CALL PAT FILIPOV, 301/622-0838.



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