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SOROKOWSKI, PROCYK URGE ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF MILLENNIUM

Ukrainians should work to expose as historically untenable the claim of the Russian Orthodox Church that it is the sole legitimate heir to the Christian tradition born in Kiev 1,000 years ago, according to Andrew Sorokowski, an expert on religion in the Soviet Union.

But they should also avoid going to the other extreme, he advises, by claiming that the Millennium celebration can only be an exclusively Ukrainian event. The truth is not quite so simple, he told a Washington audience Dec. 7.

What Ukrainians should emphasize is that "we are the direct cultural heirs of Kievan Rus'. We should demonstrate... the continuity of the Kievan Church tradition," Sorokowski said. "It would behoove us to take a reasonable and moderate position which we can defend in a scholarly manner."

In 1984, Sorokowski began a four-year Harvard Ukrainian Studies Institute fellowship at Keston College, in England, a leading center for the study of religion in the USSR.

He was the keynote speaker at an evening that also featured Dr. Roman Procyk of the Harvard Ukrainian Studies Fund, who explained the "Harvard Project," a multi-year program of events and publications tied to the Millennium (see December TWG News, page 1.) The evening was sponsored by the Washington branch

of the Committee on the Millennium of Ukraine's Christianity and TWG. The major contenders in the Millennium tug-of-war are the Moscow Russian Orthodox Church Patriarchate, which enjoys the full backing of the Soviet government, and Ukrainians in the free world, most of whom belong to the Ukrainian Orthodox and Catholic churches, now banned in the Soviet Union.

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THE NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK

The Medvid Affair highlighted some weaknesses in the Ukrainian community, most notably the lack of a national network to:

- ** convey and exchange information;
- ** monitor situations;
- ** inform about actions needed, i.e., telephone calls, letters, contribution of articles to the press, personal visits, demonstrations, rallies, etc.

Although individual and local responses to Miroslav Medvid's plight were spontaneous and very effective, he was not saved. We must learn from these experiences and benefit from them. Since TWG already has a large number of members outside the D.C. area, the Board of Directors invites all members and supporters to join us in creating a calling network -- an information chain.

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editorial

LET'S TRY TO KEEP THE SHEVCHENKO PLAZA CLEAN

Depending what day you happen to pass by, the plaza surrounding the statue of Taras Shevchenko at 22nd and P Sts., N.W., can look either like a lovely island of calm, with the center of focus an imposing figure on a pedestal, or a littered inner city lot. Isn't there something we TWG members can do?

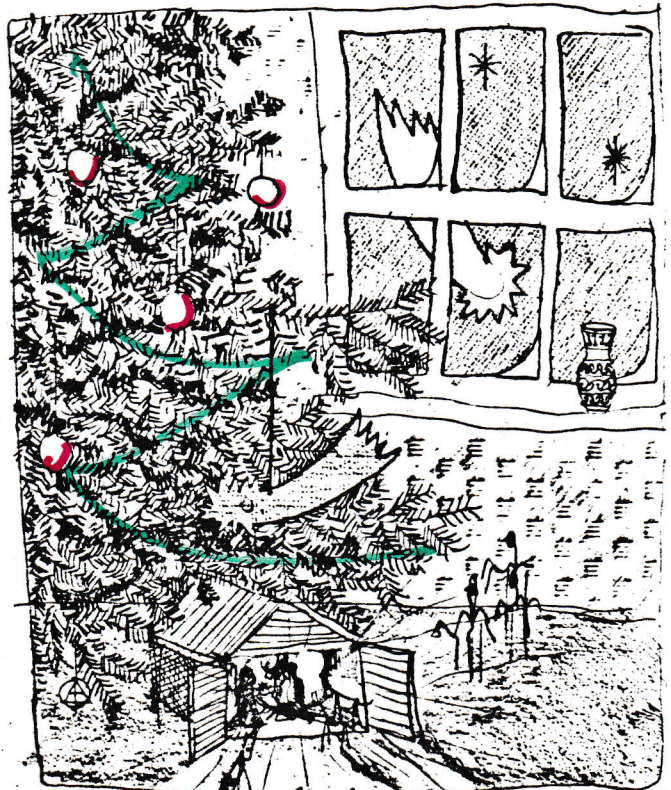
George Powstenko, Andrij Bilyk and the Mazepa Foundation are picking up the ball. Their efforts to raise money to maintain and upgrade the statue and its plaza deserve our support. (Details — page 7). But perhaps there is another role we can play. Here's my suggestion. I envision citizens'

clean-up crews. About 10 TWG members could make what sounds like a dirty chore into an afternoon of fun. The undertaking would enable us all to give ourselves a pat on the back.

Beautification should not be done exclusively the week before a big demonstration or memorial program. The plaza's condition should not be one we have to justify and make excuses for to out-of-towners who inevitably want to see it. If we maintain, or pressure those in authority to maintain, certain standards around the statue, that will demand respect from those who use it every day.

More than once I found myself explaining to visitors that the overflowing garbage cans, crumbling masonry, dry fountain and poorly lit plaza at night were the result of one or another government budget cut. I do think that we should demand major improvements be done by government officials.

But the impact of a citizens' clean-up crew, appearing at regular intervals, is bound to have an effect on the decisions made by the U.S. Park Service. These people will put a higher priority on an area that they see gets attention.



THE COMET COMETH

AN OPEN LETTER
TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS
OF THE WASHINGTON GROUP AND
THE UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

On Oct. 19, you jointly hosted a Gala Banquet/Ball as a scholarship benefit. You are both to be congratulated for this worthy effort. It is my understanding that financially the benefit was a success with more than \$3,000 raised for scholarships. Prior to the Gala, there were no definitive plans for the administration of the proceeds -- though many ideas were put forward. Let me take this opportunity to make a suggestion that, I feel, would be the most beneficial use of the scholarship money.

Often we in the United States judge wealth and poverty, opportunity and lack of opportunity by an artificial standard -- one that applies only to the U.S. This nation is truly one of opportunity, especially in the area of education. Virtually every U.S. student can attend institutions of higher education without regard to their financial status. Through scholarships, grants, and loans by private and public organizations as well as by government, money is available for education.

Unfortunately, this is not the case in most other nations in the world, including many countries where our fellow Ukrainians reside. The nations of South America, for example, lack the finances to offer the opportunities we in the U.S. often take for granted. Our fellow Ukrainians in many South American countries live in true poverty. Many of our organizations have recognized this fact and have, over the years, attempted to help through gifts, donations of clothing and academic scholarships.

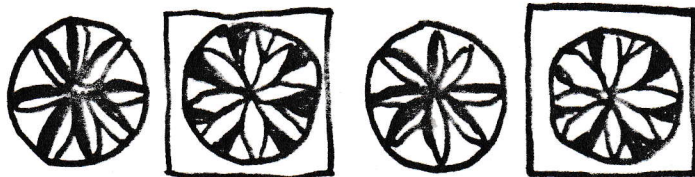
The Ukrainian Women's League of America administers a scholarship program for Ukrainians in countries such as Brazil and Argentina. The program, in existence for many years, has been very successful. Only through this program do many young Ukrainians find a chance to advance themselves beyond the poverty

level -- poverty by international standards and not U.S. standards.

It costs \$250 to put one student through one year of higher education in these countries. The proceeds of the Gala would provide for the education of a dozen young Ukrainians and give them hope for the future. For them, it is not the difference between attending a private school or a state university, between having their parents pay for their education or taking a loan. For them, it is the difference between an education and the future an education offers, and no education and the poverty associated with that.

I appeal to the Boards of TWG and UABA to seriously consider donating the proceeds of the Gala to the UNWLA's program, and to sponsor a dozen students in South America.

Eugene Iwanciw
Arlington, Va.



REMINDER

Please remember to fill out the TWG Special Projects Committee survey found in the December TWG News. Only with full participation in the survey can we learn what you think is worthwhile and what projects you would like to pursue. We hope to meet everyone's needs, but can only do so with your help. If you need a copy of the survey, or would like more information, please call TWG Special Projects Director Martha Mostovych, 301/589-0411.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to space limitations, this issue of TWG News will not carry the second part of Al Kapusta's article on careers for students of Soviet-area studies (first part in December TWG News). We hope to have it in the February issue.

OUR CREDIT UNION

One of the "ecumenical" organizations in Ukrainian-American Washington that we don't read about often is the Ukrainian Washington Federal Credit Union (UWFCU). Now in its fourth year, the credit union's main goal is to serve the community by providing financial self-help. It draws on membership from the diverse Ukrainian-American population of the metropolitan area.

With total accounts exceeding 160, the credit union boasts assets of about \$150,000. It provides loans to members who have a minimum of \$100 in share deposits, at these rates:

- * secured loans (for new autos only) at 13% (up to \$10,000 if the loan is not more than 80% of car value);
- * share-secured loans at 10% (limited to 100% of shares on deposit);
- * unsecured loans at 13.5%, with two provisos:
 - limited to \$2,500 on borrower's signature,
 - limited to \$5,000 with a UWFCU co-signer.

Repayment can take as long as three years. The loan policy is especially attractive for refinancing, at lower rates, credit card debts, which carry very high interest rates and penalties.

UWFCU savings accounts return interest dictated by economic conditions. For the quarter from July through October 1985 for example, accounts under \$1,000 paid dividends of 5.5%. Accounts with more than \$1,000 paid 6.5%. Accounts under \$100 pay no dividends.

Despite the difficulty experienced by some savings & loans in Maryland in 1985, UWFCU was not affected. As a federal credit union, it is regulated, audited, inspected and insured by an agency of the federal government.

With TWG membership nearing the 250 mark, it is obvious that a large pool of individuals who can take advantage of the credit union's services exists. Why not find out more? Join UWFCU. In the

process, support a community organization whose forerunners were often the Ukrainian immigrants' sole source of financial aid in their first days in America.

For more information on the credit union, please call in the evening hours, Maria Cooley, 301/384-4238 or Ihor Vitkovitsky, 301/439-9123, or write P.O. Box 4376, Silver Spring, Md. 20904.

NEW MEMBERS

During December, the TWG Board of Directors approved the following people as full members of TWG, bringing the membership total to 246.

FULL MEMBERS

Larysa Kurylas, Washington, D.C.
Valentina Limonchenko, Arlington, Va.
Taras Lonchyna, Silver Spring, Md.
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Christine Zynjuk, Silver Spring, Md.

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George Saj, Montclair, N.J.
Alicia Szendiuch, Watertown, Mass.
Roman Wolchuk, Jersey City, N.J.

STUDENTS

Victor Hushcha, Minneapolis, Minn.
Oksana Romanyk, Arlington, Va.
Thais Sielecki, Annapolis, Md.

C-O-R-R-E-C-T-I-O-N

Steve Hontar, a new TWG associate member, lives in Rochester, N.Y., which was misspelled in the December TWG News.

UKRAINIAN TRIVIA

The answer to last month's question -- which Ukrainian is known as the founder of cultural beekeeping? -- stumped all you trivia buffs out there. The answer is: Petro Prokopovich.

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This month's question comes from Eugene Iwanciw. The Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America (SUSTA) was formed at the first Congress of Ukrainian Students in America which took place April 10-12, 1953, at Columbia U. Who was elected president of SUSTA at that Congress?

The correct answer with the earliest postmark wins a Ukrainian vase. The winner and answer will be announced in the February TWG News.

FROM THE BOARD ROOM.

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

The Dec. 17 meeting was attended by Natalie Sluzar, Yaro Bihun, Rostyk Chomiak, Daria Stec, Orest Deychakiwsky, Marta Pereyma, Martha Mostovych and Maria Rudensky.

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Everyone commented on how well organized the annual Christmas Party was. Pat Filipov is to be commended for her efforts. Many thanks to all members who cooked, baked, decorated and helped put it together -- not to mention the clean-up squad. Special thanks to Bohdan Dombchewskyj for making his party room available. (It is unfortunate that the invitations mailing was delayed; however, the Party itself had been advertised in TWG News since November.)

Mostovych reported that the Jan. 22 Independence Day Dinner is being co-sponsored with the Ukrainian-American Army Officers.

TWG is exploring the possibility of showing a photo exhibit on Ukrainian churches of Lemkivshchyna.

The annual Benefit/Gala Ball is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 18, 1986. Sluzar suggested that the Ball be tied to a leadership conference in D.C. during that weekend.

Halyna Breslawec will continue to work on a possible panel presentation on the Medvid Affair with participation of persons directly involved in various aspects of this tragedy.

The 20th of each month is the deadline for submission of articles and materials to the TWG News editor. This will facilitate a more timely and efficient production process.

The Membership Directory continues to be updated, with high hope for imminent distribution to all members.

Pereyma reported on her recent conversation with George Soltys, of the National Millennium of Ukrainian Christianity Committee. The National Committee fully supports TWG's efforts on the potential Kievan icon exhibition at the Smithsonian in 1988. The collection is to undergo authentication by Sviatoslav Hordynsky and Rev. Serhii Kindzeriavyyi-Pastuchiv. Once the collection is verified, TWG hopes to open this project to community participation and begin fundraising immediately.

Sluzar summarized the outcome of the Nov. 26 showings of "Harvest of Despair," co-sponsored TWG and the Ukrainian National Women's League of America. The joint working committee met earlier to discuss results of its efforts. Despite poor weather and mid-week screenings, almost 500 viewers, plus representatives of the press, attended. Slavko Nowytski's presence at the theater and meetings with the press and audience enhanced the film itself. Pending separate organizational board

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approvals, the working committee wishes to send the modest profit (much to our surprise there was one) to the Ukrainian Famine Research Committee in Canada which produced the film. The TWG board approved this action and also okayed the purchase of two "Harvest of Despair" videotapes for local screening requests.

In the aftermath of the Medvid Affair, Sluzar proposed establishment of a national action network. This would create a far-reaching, quick response mechanism on matters pertaining to the Ukrainian-American community.

Sluzar reported on her frustrations in trying to put "Harvest of Despair" on WETA, the local D.C. Public Broadcasting System station. TWG members who also belong to WETA, or are about to join during the current membership drive, should use the opportunity to press their request for a showing of "Harvest of Despair." WETA's phone number: 202/998-2600.

The next TWG board meeting was set for Jan. 15 at St. Sophia's Religious Center, 2615 30th ST., N.W.

(Action Network, from page 1)

We hope it will work like this: People participating in the network will be notified of a particular action/piece of

C-O-R-R-E-C-T-I-O-N

Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church (at St. Sophia Religious Association House) will celebrate its Divine Liturgy for the second and third days of Christmas in the evenings, not in the morning, as incorrectly stated in the December TWG News calendar. Correct times are:

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| JANUARY 8
Wednesday | Divine Liturgy
7:30 p.m. |
| JANUARY 9
Thursday | Divine Liturgy
7:30 p.m. |

information, or will initiate a certain action. Each network link is then requested to pass this information to 10 people. Each recipient of the information will, in turn, notify 10 other people, who will perpetuate this chain. If the chain is not broken, it is possible that 10 calls can generate 100,000 recipients of information, and therefore 100,000 actions.

Please let us know if you are willing to participate. Fill in the form below and return it to TWG, P.O. Box 11248, Washington, D.C. 20008 as soon as possible.

I wish to participate in the TWG network, pledging to convey information, etc. to ten people in my area, who will pledge to continue the chain.

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION (optional) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE (day) _____ (evening) _____

SPOTLIGHT on

OREST DIACHOK

MARCH 9 KENNEDY CENTER CONCERT TO CREATE PUBLICITY FOR UKRAINE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR SHEVCHENKO MONUMENT

Dr. Zenon Matkiwsky, chairman of the board of The Mazepa Foundation, announces that the Foundation is sponsoring **An American Tribute to Taras Shevchenko** at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9 at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall.

He said the Foundation looks forward to working with all organizations and individuals in the Washington metropolitan area in a united Ukrainian effort to raise the money necessary for the U.S. Park Service to properly renovate, clean and maintain the Shevchenko Monument and its park and to create PR for the Ukrainian cause.

"We all know we need to act quickly to begin counteracting the propaganda the Soviet Union is reaping from the cultural exchange programs just getting under way," Dr. Matkiwsky said. The Kennedy Center Shevchenko concert is our vehicle to remind a world mesmerized by the possibility of seeing Russian performers, that Ukrainian culture is again getting the short end of the stick, he said.

According to Dr. Matkiwsky, complete details about the concert, its performers and the public relations strategy will soon be published in the Ukrainian-American press. "The Mazepa Foundation's only ambition is to showcase Ukrainian culture. We look forward to your support."

Concert tickets are now on sale **by mail** on a first-come best seat basis and are priced at \$30 and \$25 for orchestra seats; at \$20 for the first tier and \$15 for the second tier. Because all performers have agreed to perform gratis, all donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to the Mazepa Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 1988, Alexandria, VA, 22313.

To appreciate the work being done by Orest Diachok, you should first read Tom Clancy's, "The Hunt for the Red October," a superthriller about a runaway Soviet submarine.

The book is about the "silent service" -- the modern submarines of the U.S. and Soviet navies that try to move around virtually without making any noise, while hunting their adversaries with supersensitive instruments that analyze and identify the minimal sound that a submarine produces.

Diachok heads a research team that studies underwater "non-noise" for our side. He is the chief of the Applied Ocean Acoustics Branch at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) in Washington. A feature about him in a recent issue of "Labstracts," the NRL house organ, said that Diachok's branch "exploits the detailed characteristics of underwater acoustic signal and noise fields for advanced antisubmarine warfare (ASW) systems. The prime thrust is directed toward formulating and testing advanced signal processing methods and potential hydrophone configuration for tactical surveillance."

"ASW," "signal processing," and "tactical surveillance" are the elements that have made "Red October" a bestseller. To Diachok and his 30-member team of scientists, they are part of a day's work.

Unlike President Kennedy, who said it for effect, Orest Diachok can truthfully say, "Ich bin ein Berliner." He was born in Berlin in 1940. But he is no Prussian. His Ukrainian parents happened to be living there at the time. He came to the United States as a nine-year-old and has lived in the Washington area most of his life. He received a B.S. in physics from the U. of Maryland and a doctorate in physics and acoustics from Georgetown U. More than 50 articles in scientific

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journals bear his byline. Among his important contributions to the science of acoustics, according to "Labstracts," are the discovery of the phenomenon of ice edge noise created by ocean swells washing the underside of ice caps, and the theory of under-ice scattering. He also has done research on ocean bottom reflectivity of noise.

"When I started working in the Arctic," he recalls, "there were only five of us; now it's a big deal with a lot of activity and a lot of new people."

As head of the acoustics branch, Diachok has to devote most of his time to management, but he likes to keep his hand in research and says he sets aside about 15% of his schedule for it, so that he does not "lose touch with what is going on." He has been with NRL for almost 10 years. Before that, he headed the Arctic acoustic program at the Naval Oceanographic Office.

Orest is married to the former Therese Boyko, also a TWG member, who has returned to the life of a student now that their two sons, Andrew and Mark, are almost teenagers. The Diachoks live in Oakton, Va.

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THE HUMPHREY-DIXON RESOLUTION

Repeated efforts by the entire Ukrainian community notwithstanding, the Humphrey-Dixon resolution was shelved by the U.S. Senate until the second session of the 99th Congress, which begins in late January. The resolution, sponsored by Sens. Gordon Humphrey (R-N.H.) and Alan Dixon (D-Ill.), calls for a Congressional investigation of the

Administration's handling of the Medvid Affair and a review of the entire U.S. immigration policy.

Senator Robert Dole (R-Kan.) put the resolution on the daily calendar in December, but it was withdrawn when it became clear that the Senate was not going to take action on any issues other than the federal budget. Humphrey added the resolution on as an amendment, but then Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.) added an amendment of his own which totally nullified Humphrey's. The game went on -- all to the detriment of Miroslav Medvid and the Ukrainian community.

We must seize this lull in the action to try to influence our legislators.

1. All Ukrainians should write letters (personal handwritten letters are very impressive) to their Senators.
2. Delegations of individuals and organizations should make a point of visiting their Senators' home office when they are in their home state. Talk to aides, or even the Senator.
3. Ukrainian organizations are requested to write letters to Senators asking them to: a.) stand behind the resolution, b.) co-sponsor it if they have not already done so, and c.) press to get it to the Senate floor.

Address for all Senators: U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. Capitol switchboard, which connects callers to all Congressional offices: 202/224-3121.

A LITTLE ENCOURAGING NEWS

The Dec. 6 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Assn., in its letters to the editor section, has several submissions under the heading "nuclear threat: what about the Russians?" One, from John Nernoff III, M.D., of Lancaster, Pa., deserves mention in TWG News. The author notes some previous contributor's "ignorance and gullibility" concerning the U.S.S.R. He goes on to say:

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"Noteworthy is [the] goofy proposal of an involuntary exchange of hostages between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. Amazingly, [the previous author] ignores or is simply unaware of the Soviet Union's largely bloody history, from the more than six million Ukrainians starved to death by Stalin's forced collectivization in the 1930s (a holocaust given little press these days) to their latest perverse obliteration of human rights activism (just in time for the 10th anniversary of the Helsinki accords.)" Nernoff has the right idea.

SEASONAL POSTSCRIPT

THE WASHINGTON GROUP received holiday greetings from President and Mrs. Reagan. The wishes came in the form of the official Presidential Christmas card. Return address: The White House, period.

TWG MEMBER VISITS BUDAPEST OUTPOST

by Orest Deychakiwsky

The last place you'd expect to see a fellow TWG member is in Budapest, Hungary. Yet I had the pleasure of meeting Stephan Wasylko, a bona fide TWG member, at this faraway TWG outpost (my God, we're everywhere!). Stephan, a commercial attache at the U.S. Embassy, told me that he is delighted at the success TWG seems to be enjoying. But I did not go to Hungary just to socialize.

I was in Budapest recently as a member of the U.S. delegation to the Cultural Forum, part of the work of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe -- the Helsinki Commission.

The Budapest Cultural Forum is one of the subsidiary meetings mandated in 1983 by the Madrid Review Meeting of the Helsinki Accords, signed in 1975 by the 35-nation conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. The mandate for the meeting called on participants, some 600 cultural figures and official

government representatives, to discuss cultural creation, dissemination and cooperation.

Like previous meetings held under the rubric of the Helsinki Accords, the Budapest Cultural Forum was characterized from time to time by sharp East-West differences on such issues as censorship, jamming of radio broadcasts, access to cultural works, preservation of cultural and historical monuments, the right of national minorities to preserve and develop their cultures, and the issue of imprisoned writers.

The U.S. and other Western delegates addressed these problems throughout the formal sessions, acting on the belief that true cultural cooperation between the nations who signed the Helsinki Accords can only exist when obstacles to freedom are removed.

U.S. cultural personalities spoke on behalf of imprisoned cultural activists in the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe. Of special interest to Ukrainians were the words of William Least Heat Moon, author of the bestselling "Blue Highways." Bill, a writer of Native American ancestry, often cited the cases of persecuted national rights activists in the Soviet Union, among them imprisoned Ukrainian writers and poets.

At one point, Bill gave a moving tribute to Ukrainian poet Vasyl Stus, who died recently in a Soviet labor camp. "This man's death touches me," Bill said. "Vasyl Stus was my age. He wrote about his homeland as I write about mine. In this lovely singer I see myself. In him I see, but for the chance of birth, all of us writers here."

Not surprisingly, diplomats from East and West were unable to agree on language for a concluding document from the Forum.

As far as Budapest goes, the atmosphere is noticeably freer than in other Warsaw Pact countries. The city sports an almost Western look. The best way to

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get to know it is, as with all big cities, walk. Strolling the streets is walking through history. Since the 5th century B.C., when the Ilyrians and Celts settled there, Budapest has been a part of Roman, Turkish, Hapsburg and now, Hungarian history. Its architecture reflects this. Budapest is definitely worth a visit -- especially by a tourist with lots of time, which I lacked. And the food is fantastic and surprisingly inexpensive, even at the better restaurants.

UKRAINIAN GOURMET

Want to perform miracles in the kitchen? Try this delight which appeared recently in the New York Times. Total preparation time, including baking, is 30 minutes.

2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup flour
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
2 tablespoons butter
s squirt of lemon juice
dusting of confectioner's sugar

Beat eggs until light, add milk, flour and nutmeg. Mix well, but batter should be a little lumpy. In skillet with heatproof handle, melt butter on top of stove. When melted but not brown, add batter and place in preheated 425° oven for 15-20 minutes. Pancake will fluff up. Top with confectioner's sugar and lemon, add your topping, or eat plain. Serves one hungry breakfaster, or two figure-conscious brunch guests.

NOTES ON MEMBERS

OREST and KAREN DEYCHAKIWSKY were married Dec. 14. Orest, now serving his second year on the TWG Board, reports that they are settling in slowly but surely into their new house in Beltsville, Md. The Washington Group congratulates Orest and Karen and wishes them all the best.

Nov. 4 will be an important day for TWG Associate Member MICHAEL KOSTIW of Plantation, Fla. He is running for Congress, challenging Larry Smith in Florida's 16th Congressional District. The district's major city is Hollywood, but it also includes part of Miami. Kostiw, a Republican, is running on a pro-Administration platform in this, his first campaign for political office. The Republican National Congressional Committee is backing Kostiw. Now an executive with Texaco, where he manages international operations, Kostiw is married and the father of three children. He grew up in New York State, where his parents still live.

At the Nov. 24 Gala Concert celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Ukrainian Fraternal Assn., several TWG members were on the program. The emcee was ANYA DYDYK, and she did her customary splendid job. Performances by SOPHIA NAKONECHNA, MICHAEL HOOBCHAK and IRENE KOHUT-ILCHYSHYN were praised. Congratulations to all the performers.

(Sorokowski, from page 1)

The Soviet government and the Russian Orthodox Church, while united in this endeavor, are pursuing their own, somewhat disparate goals, according to Sorokowski. And the regime's attempt to usurp this religious event for its own political purpose, he feels, may backfire.

While the Moscow Patriarchate may be trying to put a religious tone on the celebration, "you have the government...trying to exploit the Millennium in terms of the nationality policy." The political message is that "Kiev united the tribes of that time just as now Moscow is uniting the Slavic nations, all under the umbrella of...the Russian nationality and the Russian Orthodox Church."

In his presentation, Sorokowski illustrated the extent and variety of religious life in Ukraine, where close

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UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY DINNER

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You are invited to attend the fourth annual dinner sponsored by Ukrainian-American US Army officers in observance of the independence of the Ukrainian nation. As in the past, the dinner is also sponsored by the Washington Group and will take place on Wednesday, 22 January 1986 at the Officers' Club, Fort McNair, Washington, DC. Cocktails will begin at 1800 with dinner at 1900. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations must be mailed in NLT 16 January 1986.

Please join us in observing Ukrainian Independence Day.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1986

**FT. McNAIR OFFICER'S CLUB
P Street, between 3 and 4 Streets, SW**

DIRECTIONS: Take Maine Avenue (in the Washington Monument, DC Harbor, Arena Theater area) to M Street (opposite Waterside Mall). Turn right on 4 Street, proceed straight into Ft. McNair. MP at the gate will direct you to the Officer's Club. No Metro Station in the area.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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to half of the population -- between 20-25 million people -- are believers. He was struck by what he called a new, positive development among the various religious groups. They seem to have come to the conclusion that "old sectarian conflicts are perhaps irrelevant in today's situation, when all believers...are faced with militant atheism on the part of the government (and) with the persecution" of those who try to actively live according to their beliefs.

"You have a growing sense of solidarity -- something which one could call a

'popular ecumenism'," he noted. This is positive because "aside from the moral or ethical virtues of a more tolerant and cooperative attitude towards other believers and even other nationalities, practically speaking, it may mean that Ukrainians as a nation and Ukrainian believers of whatever denomination may be able to break out of their isolation by forming alliances among each other."

The predominant religious grouping in Ukraine today is the Russian Orthodox Church, into which the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Catholic Church were forcibly

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JANUARY Students of the Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Subjects and Plast will bring 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 7 St. Andrij's Ukrainian Orthodox Church holds Christmas Divine Lit-
Tuesday urgy, 9:30 a.m., Burnt Mills 7th Day Adventist Church, 10915 Lock-
wood Dr., Silver Spring, Md. Call Rev. H. Podhurec, 301/681-3431.
- JANUARY 7 Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Christmas
Tuesday Service and Divine Liturgy, 8:30 a.m.
- JANUARY 8 Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Christmas/
Wednesday Divine Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.
- JANUARY 9 Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Christmas/
Thursday Divine Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.
- JANUARY 11 The Ukrainian Assn. of the Washington Metropolitan Area sponsors
Saturday 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 stu-
dents, dance only. Contact Eugene Iwanciw, 703/237-0428.
- JANUARY 14 Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds New
Tuesday Year's Day Divine Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.
- JANUARY 15 THE WASHINGTON GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOLDS ITS MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday AT ST. SOPHIA'S RELIGIOUS CENTER, 2615 30th ST., N.W. TWG MEM-
BERS INVITED TO ATTEND AS OBSERVERS. FOR DETAILS, CALL R.L.
CHOMIAK, 202/485-2082 (DAYS) or IHOR GAWDIAK, 202/287-5675 (DAYS).
- MID-JANUARY "Ukrainian Community Town Meeting," hosted by "Obyednannia" --
Association of Ukrainians of the Washington Metropolitan Area,
to discuss various community issues. Details to be announced in
churches. Contact: Eugene Iwanciw, 703/237-0428.



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JANUARY 18
Saturday

Feast of Jordan. Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church and St. Andriy's Ukrainian Orthodox Church sponsor joint "Shchedrij Vechir/Holodna Kutia," with blessing of water, 5 p.m. at Trinity United Church of Christ, 7300 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park, Md. Contact Natalka Gawdiak, 301/622-2338 or Rev. H. Podhurec, 301/681-3431.

JANUARY 19
Sunday

Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church sponsors annual "Prospora" at 12:30 p.m., at Holy Family Parish Center, 4250 Harewood Rd., N.E. ** Special guest performance: Fedoryka Family Orchestra.** 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 AND UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN ARMY OFFICERS CO-SPONSOR UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMEMORATION DINNER AT FT. McNAIR OFFICERS CLUB, P ST. BETWEEN 3rd AND 4th STREETS, S.W. COCKTAILS, 6 P.M., DINNER, 7 P.M. TICKETS, \$14. GUEST SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED AND DUE JAN. 16. CALL NATALIE SLUZAR, 202/363-8083.

JANUARY 23
Thursday

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America sponsors the Annual Ukrainian Independence Day Reception on Capitol Hill, from 6-8 p.m. in the Rayburn House Office Building. Room to be announced. Donation: \$10. Details from Myron Wasylyk at UNIS, 202/638-0988.

JANUARY 24
Friday

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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- JANUARY 28
Tuesday Washington Branch of the Committee on the Millennium of Ukraine's Christianity-Harvard Project will meet, 7:30 p.m., Holy Family Parish Center, 4250 Harewood Rd., N.E. Contact Martha Mostovych, 301/589-0411.
- FEBRUARY 1,8,15,22
Saturdays Ukrainian Book Bazaar sponsored by the Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Subjects, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Lee Jr. High School, 11800 Monticello Ave., Silver Spring, Md. Call Bohdan Yasinsky, 301/593-8132.
- FEBRUARY 23
Sunday Marian Sodality and the Church Choir of the Holy Family Parish co-sponsor concert in honor of Taras Chuprynka at 1:30 p.m., Holy Family Parish Center, 4250 Harewood Rd., N.E. Program to include two keynote speakers and performances by Alicia Andreadis and Zhdana Krawciw. Contact Stephania Diachok, 301/891-3660.
- MARCH 9
Sunday Shevchenko Concert at Kennedy Center. (See article, page ?). For details, call Andriy Bilyk, 703/370-1805.
- MARCH 16
Sunday "Pysanka" - Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop sponsored by the Holy Family Parish Library, at Holy Family Parish Center, 4250 Harewood Rd., N.E. Afternoon time to be announced. For more information, contact Jurij Dobczansky, 301/649-6558.



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incorporated. Both banned churches, however, continue to exist -- either underground, as the Catholic, or in spirit, as the Autocephalous Orthodox.

The possibility of the two churches ever gaining legal recognition in the Soviet Union is out of the question, Sorokowski predicted. The churches are national in character and too closely tied to the Ukrainian revival and nationalism. "The idea of a Ukrainian national church of whatever denomination...is simply something they would never permit," he said.

A Phi Beta Kappa scholar, Sorokowski received his B.A. degree and later a law degree from the U. of California at Berkeley. He also holds an M.A. from Harvard, where he was an associate of the Ukrainian Institute.

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