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COURTNEY EXPECTS TO BE STATIONED IN KIEV SOON

In an interview with TWG News, William Courtney said he wants to set up shop at the U.S. Kiev Consulate as soon as possible. "I'd like to be there right now," the consul general-designate said, adding that while he had not made it to Ukraine by the May 1 target, he hoped to be there "in a matter of weeks." Courtney, who will meet with TWG at a reception May 8, said that the paucity of Soviet-generated information about the disaster was "clearly a matter of international concern."

In preparation for his new post, he has spent the past several weeks in intensive Russian language training. Therefore, he has not been in hourly contact with the State Dept. and could not offer details on, for example, the known casualties (Courtney called the initial Soviet statement that two people had died "ridiculous.") Nor could Courtney say how long the U.S. government estimates the Chernobyl area will be "hot." Once he gets to Kiev, Courtney said he will begin Ukrainian language studies. "Our goal is to try to speak as much Ukrainian as possible," he said.

Among the possible factors affecting the extent and severity of casualties noted by Courtney are:

- * wind direction and velocity;
- * population density;
- * promptness with which evacuations, if any, were carried out;
- * distance of reactor to population;
- * composition of emittants in the fallout;

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TWG LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PLANNED

Conceptualizing a "leadership" conference, a theme seldom studied in the Ukrainian community, was the major topic at the first meeting of the Planning Committee for the Oct. 17-18 Leadership Conference at the Capital Hilton.

During the brainstorming session, it became clear that an acute leadership vacuum exists. Little clear thinking about the goals, activities and future of the Ukrainian community is done in a constructive manner. The notion of bringing together the brightest, most active Ukrainian professionals to meet and exchange ideas seems very exciting. The business/professional

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EDITORIAL

Truth does imitate fiction. A
 late 20th-century nightmare in
 the Ukraine is upon us.

Having suffered the upheavals
 of the Bolshevik Revolution,
 years of privation during the
 Russian Civil War, the national
 trauma of the Holod, occupation
 by the Germans in the 40s, and
 subjugation by the Soviets, an
 Orwellian drama now unfolds in
 the bosom of Ridna Maty
 Ukraina. It has to do not with
 wheat, winning or winnowing,
 but with esoterica such as
 Strontium, Cesium and Iodine
 isotopes, and elements of
 destruction. Oh, Brave New
 World, here we come.

Ironically, Ukraine made page
 one--but at what cost. What
 will become of Shevchenko's,
 and every Ukrainian's, Dnipro,
 the majesty of Khreshchatyk,
 and the irreplaceable treasures
 of Pecherska Lavra, cradle of
 Ukrainian Christianity. As St.
 Volodymyr stands gloriously
 overlooking the city, vile ions
 swirl about his head, menacing
 everything living and
 yet-to-live.

The understatement of this
 calamity is that we will
 probably never know its extent.
 But it becomes our duty to
 redouble our efforts not to let
 the world forget what Ukraine
 is enduring. We must carry the
 torch for our suffering
 kinfolk.



In an April 30 release,
 the Ukrainian Congress
 Committee of America blasted
 the Soviets for their "blatant
 disregard for the safety of
 Ukrainian nationals who will
 undoubtedly suffer the brunt of
 Moscow's irresponsible and
 cavalier attitude" regarding
 the nuclear accident. UCCA
 called on the Soviets to relax
 postal restrictions and lower
 excessive tariffs to allow
 Ukrainian-Americans to send aid
 packages to family and friends.
 UCCA's Myron Wasylyk, a TWG
 member, was interviewed on
 local D.C. television.
 Among others on TV were Renata
 Babak, an opera singer and
 native of Kiev now living in
 the Washington area, and Oksana
 Dragan, chief of the Ukrainian
 branch of the Voice of America.
 Ms. Babak, whose closest family
 are in Kiev, described her
 unsuccessful attempts to
 contact them early in the
 crisis, and Ms. Dragan
 commented on the dispatches of
 VOA, which in many cases are
 the only source of information
 to the native population.

MEETING SUMS UP 6 MONTHS' WORK

A cross-section of TWG membership gathered at the "Marriott-by-Blackie's" hotel in midtown Washington April 11 for the semi-annual meeting of the year-and-a-half-old association.

With president Natalie Sluzar at the lectern (and most of the board members flanking her), the business part of the "semi" got under way after an hour's worth of chatting and socializing by members with glasses in hand.

There were about 60 members present - a quarter of the total on the rolls, but they represented all categories of memberships (including two associates -- from New York and Florida.)

In her "state of the association" message, Natalie Sluzar characterized TWG as a strong, visible, respected and admired organization, that cuts across religious, political, generational and professional segments of the Ukrainian community. The association's programs, she noted, have provided intellectual and cultural enrichment, social and professional contacts.

In her recent travels the TWG president met with representatives of other Ukrainian professional associations and said these contacts would be maintained and expanded.

She specifically noted the leadership conference planned by TWG for October, which should attract Ukrainian professionals from around the country.

And she mentioned the new TWG membership directory, which will be updated on a regular basis, as a useful tool for networking.

Equally good state of the association's treasury was reported by treasurer Yaro Bihun: since September 1, 1983, nearly \$30,000 entered the TWG accounts, while almost \$23,000 went to pay for various services and supplies (remember the gala benefit dinner-ball?), leaving \$10,000-plus on hand.

Membership Director Halyna Breslawec, who was absent from the meeting, submitted a written report, which showed a total of 236 members in good standing: 144 full, 75 associate and 17 student. The rate of membership renewal, Breslawec reported, stands at 76%.

Marta Mostovych, reporting for herself as special projects director, and for absent Pat Filipov as the events director, highlighted a gamut of activities over the past six months, including the scholarship benefit gala (jointly with the Ukrainian-American Bar Association); Washington showing of the award-winning "Harvest of Despair" film (jointly with the Washington Branch of

the Ukrainian Women's League of America); Ukrainian Independence Day dinner (jointly with the Ukrainian American Army Officers); the Christmas party; Friday Evening forums. (Later in the meeting, one member commended the board for all these activities, but expressed some concern about the number of co-sponsored events and wondered whether this matched the TWG image.)

Secretary Marta Pereyma explained to the membership the aborted plans for TWG sponsorship of an icon exhibit suggested by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington: Experts engaged by TWG to examine the icons owned by the Smithsonian pronounced them of non-Ukrainian origin.

R.L. Chomiak, the public relations director, noted that it was a pleasure to work on p.r. for a vibrant and active organization such as TWG. He specifically recognized the efforts of Maria Rudensky, the editor of TWG News, Yaro Bihun, the frequent chronicler of TWG events in the News and in The Ukrainian Weekly, and of all the people who worked on the publicity campaign for "Harvest of Despair" film showing in Washington - a campaign developed by p.r. pro Andrij Bilyk. (Later in the discussion Bilyk expressed a view that the campaign could have been even more effective, and Chomiak countered with a view that the "ripple effect" of the campaign, launched last November, continues.) Also mentioned by Chomiak was the TWG promotional brochure, produced with the aid of several members, which, according to Sluzar, drew rave reviews on its out-of-town showings.

Andrew Mostovych reported on the work of the TWG scholarship committee: the current thinking is to maximize the benefits to the Ukrainian community by funding scholars or interns coming to Washington to work on resources available only here. But final plans for this undertaking would be worked out after the scholarship fund becomes more meaningful.

IN DEFENSE OF SHUKHEVYCH

A lobbying effort on behalf of Yuriy Shukhevych will take place in Washington May 27-30, TUSM, the Ukrainian Student Assn. of M. Michnowsky says. The group invites volunteers to participate and join it in its effort. Equally important, group members are in need of places to stay during their visit to D.C. Those who can put up one or more TUSM members, please call Mykola Hryckowian, Vice President of TUSM, at 718/428-3902.

(continued from page 3) period during which emittants had been irradiated. The longer the period, typically, the greater the radioactivity. In the first few days of the disaster, the State Dept. issued a travelers' advisory on travel to Kiev, meaning Americans are discouraged from traveling to the region, Courtney said. However, it does not look like the accident will hold up his mission, at least not directly. What remains to be settled before he departs are negotiations with the Soviets over "principles of conditions of construction." These discussions center on the extent to which the Americans can bring in U.S. supplies and labor to complete the third building of the three-structure compound. The first two buildings were built in the 1970s by the Soviets and have been occupied by them since the Carter administration opted not to open the Kiev consulate after the Afghanistan invasion.

COMMENTS ON CHORNOBYL BY TWG MEMBERS IN THE PHYSICS AND NUCLEAR ENGINEERING FIELDS

ANDREW MOSTOVYCH, Ph.D., a physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory and TWG member, says there undoubtedly was a meltdown at the Chornobyl facility. Mostovych emphasized that he has no direct access to data from the Soviet Union, but spoke based on media accounts and his professional background. Since identifiable contaminants were detected as far away as Scandinavia, "the integrity of the fuel rods was destroyed," he said, adding that that is a simplified definition of a meltdown. The main danger to the surrounding population is ingestion of the various fallout particles by inhalation or consumption. Each poses its

own form of terror and none can be flushed from the human body. Iodine, for example, is very dangerous, but only for some eight days after its release. Once ingested or inhaled, it is directly incorporated into the thyroid gland, and depending on the dosage, is more or less likely to cause cancer. Cesium, on the other hand, has a 30-year half-life and lodges in the bones. Initial media reports said possibly plutonium had been released, although later dispatches have not mentioned this. That substance has a half-life of thousands of years, Mostovych said. Although the media have reported extensively on the danger to the water, food and milk supplies, Mostovych said that in the immediate area of the plant, the particles settle everywhere, making it difficult, if not impossible, for victims to lead normal lives. However, the extent of hazard depends on the prevailing weather conditions, distance from the plant, and amount and characteristics of material released. "Of course, without Soviet release of this information, it's nearly impossible to estimate the danger," Mostovych said. As far as the water supply is concerned, if the fallout is literally just that, the danger is probably transitory. However, if a source of the Dnipro, Pripyat or any other river is being continuously fed by contaminants from the plant, "that's a serious problem."

It is harder to gauge the hazard to populations a little farther away--in Lviv or Ternopil, for example. If the radiation levels are comparable to those in Poland, the risk is probably relatively minor. Mostovych described several possible worst-case scenarios at Chornobyl following what most Western experts say was an

initial explosion. The radiation levels were probably too high for humans to approach. It's likely that the adjacent reactors were left untended, increasing the risk of a mishap there. Mostovych added however, that the Soviets were reported to have requested fire-fighting robots from Western European nations. Another fire-fighting technique said to be in use was the dropping of sand from helicopters.

Asked to speculate on the possible causes of the accident, Mostovych cited the fact that Soviet reactors are much more dependent on people for their operations than those in the U.S., heightening the chances for human error. A bad maintenance procedure or faulty design may also be to blame.

Those exposed to high radiation levels suffer extensive cell damage. Cells lose their ability to reproduce. Particularly hard hit are the white blood cells which are crucial for immunological defenses. These victims require very special medical attention and may only have days or weeks to live. Their cells have lost the ability to reproduce cells in a normal fashion for day to day needs.

GEORGE KUZMYCH, M.S., P.E., is a nuclear engineer at the Dept. of Commerce, working in nuclear non-proliferation areas.

"In spite of Soviet claims to the contrary, it is a fact that the Chornobyl nuclear reactor experienced a partial meltdown," Kuzmych said. Measurements by the Swedish authorities indicate the presence of iodine 131 and eight other isotopes, all fission products that would normally be inside the fuel rods. In addition, traces of Zirconium and Molybdenum in the air samples over Stockholm are conclusive proof that the fuel rods have melted since these are the major elements used in

the manufacture of a fuel rod. The most probable cause of the accident is a graphite fire due to improper heating of the graphite, Kuzmych said. It is possible that the so-called Wigler effect occurred. Graphite was irradiated at low temperatures, 300-500o C., and the internal crystalline structure began to change, swelling the graphite. To relieve the change, the graphite must be heated slowly to about 800-900o and slowly cooled, Kuzmych said. If this operation isn't properly done, a graphite fire can result. Satellite pictures presented at Congressional hearings show "complete destruction of the roof of reactor #4 with debris scattered around the walls and billowing smoke," Kuzmych noted. The 1,000-megawatt reactor's core has about 75 million curies, a unit of measure of radioactivity. Swedish measurements show that more than half of these curies were released, Kuzmych said. It is difficult to make extrapolations to determine the on-site dosages to which the populace was exposed.

The area around Chornobyl provides 2.42 million metric tons of winter wheat and huge amounts of many other grains, including 3.36 million metric tons of rye, 24% of the total Soviet crop. It can be assumed that for this year, this agriculture supply may be eliminated, Kuzmych said. How this affects Ukraine's agricultural future and that of the Soviet Union is hard to predict because of Soviet exports to Third World countries as political payment. However, the supply will have to be recouped from non-Soviet sources.

The effect on human life is also hard to forecast. The exposure will probably affect the next two or three generations. "What Stalin started during the Great Famine, Gorbachev finished as a result of the nuclear accident," Kuzmych declared.

KOSTIW RUNS FOR CONGRESS

Michael Kostiw, 38, an international operations manager for Texaco, has announced his candidacy for the U.S. congress for the seat held by two-term Democrat Larry Smith.

Born in Germany, Kostiw grew up in New York. After a B.A. from St. Bonaventure University, he volunteered for the Army. Kostiw became a decorated battalion artillery officer in Vietnam, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant. He is now in the U.S. Army Reserves with the rank of major.

Kostiw is a man determined to make a mark on his adopted country. He understands the complexities of our modern world, yet is sensitive to the traumas of Cuban refugees settling in to their new way of life in the U.S. He has broad experience in both industry and government. Before joining Texaco, he worked for Shell Oil and for an international business consulting firm in Miami.

Kostiw also worked for the Central Intelligence Agency as foreign policy and economics analyst for Latin America and Africa. His travels in these areas have included a first-hand view of the armed conflict in Central America, and have contributed to the formation of his position on U.S. foreign policy. The 16th district comprises middle-income families, mostly of Cuban and Jewish heritage. The district's voters gave Ronald Reagan a resounding victory in 1984 with 61% of the vote.

Kostiw became politically involved in the local Republican party and participated in other community affairs and in the Army Reserves. An active member of several other groups, he is an officer in some: Broward County Republican Executive Committee, Elephant Forum, Broward Republican Party Speaker's Bureau, Foreign Service Assn., and the Reserve Officers' Assn.

KOSTIW'S POSITIONS:

economic policy--supports the President's economic policies of "returning the control of the

economy to the people. I strongly believe that the American people want an opportunity society, not a welfare state....individuals must be able to develop their full potential without hindrance." He calls his party the "Party of Hope"--not for some, but for all. Basic values such as the integrity of the family, work ethic, frugality and traditional moral values must be restored."

small business--they must be kept strong and healthy because in providing more than 50 million jobs, they have led the way to economic recovery.

crime--"The federal government should supply stronger support and coordination of its efforts with local law enforcement agencies." immigration--"responsible" immigration enforcement reform is need to enable the U.S. "to regain control of our borders."

Homeownership--"part of the American dream....The tax deduction of mortgage interest payments must be preserved."

Older Americans--older Americans deserve financial security, physical well-being and a high quality of life.

Defense--"I support the 1984 Republican platform which reaffirms that the U.S. national security policy should be based on a strategy of peace through strength."

International trade--"I support a free and open trading system. But free trade must be fair trade."

Terrorism--"Totalitarian states use terrorism to pursue their strategic goals....The role of the Soviet Union...must be explicitly demonstrated."

Soviet Union--"I believe that negotiations, such as the upcoming summit, and a firm stand against Soviet aggressions are needed to have a safe, peaceful world."

A FUNDRAISER for Michael Kostiw will be held May 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Capitol Hill Club. Admission: \$50 per person; \$75 per couple. Hors d'oeuvres and open bar. Sponsored by Friends of Michael Kostiw. For information, call Don Wynnyczok, 202/547-0777 (days), 547-7220 (eves.)

SPOTLIGHT on

STEFAN MAKSYMJUK

When discographer Dick Spottswood discussed Ukrainian record making in the U.S. at a TWG Friday Evening Forum in January, he was assisted by Stefan Maksymjuk, who provided the music to illustrate the presentation and helped Spottswood in answering some of the more difficult questions on Ukrainian music.

Stefan, a veteran radio producer at the Voice of America and a full member of TWG, is himself a leading Ukrainian discographer and a serious collector of Ukrainian recordings. This places him in a very select group, with a membership -- not organized, unfortunately -- that can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Without any formal musical training or any particular interest in music, Stefan became interested in Ukrainian discography in the late 1950s, when working for VOA's Ukrainian branch he was asked to do an anniversary program on Solomea Krushelnytska. He couldn't find any of her recordings and, what shocked him even more, he realized how little he knew about this Ukrainian opera star of the early 1900s. He set out to remedy both inadequacies with a vengeance.

He began by researching Ukrainian discography and then by writing about his findings. He soon realized another very sad fact: old Ukrainian recordings were disappearing very fast, and nobody seemed to be interested in preserving them. Children were throwing away the old records collected by their parents, not recognizing their value and importance.

"So I switched from researching to collecting records -- as many and as quickly as possible," he recalls. Today, his collection includes about 1,000 long-playing records and more than 1,000 old 78's, spanning the history of Ukrainian records, from the turn of the century to the present. He also began to collect old record catalogues and to compile a bibliography on the subject. In a separate branch of his collection, he maintains a tape recording archive of important Ukrainian speeches, conferences, and interviews with famous individuals.

Stefan says the collection is organized in an orderly fashion and covers the wall of one room in his Silver Spring home. Up to now, however, he has relied on his memory, for the most part, as a card catalogue. He plans to work on cataloguing when he retires, which will be in the not too distant future, but he won't say when.

He joined VOA in 1955, working first in the Ukrainian branch. Later, Stefan switched to the Czechoslovak branch, and since 1960, he has worked in the Vietnamese, Indonesian, and Cambodian branches.

It's not too long a step from record and tape collecting to record making, and Stefan Maksymjuk has ventured into that area as well. While rummaging through Myron Surmach's (Surma bookstore) basement in New York in search of old 78's, he chanced on a recording of the duma about Marusia Bohuslavka performed by Zinoviy Shtokalko. He learned from Mr. Surmach, who produced the recording, that he had a studio master tape of the virtuoso bandurist performing a whole program of pieces. Stefan salvaged the old decomposing tape and produced a two-record album of Shtokalko's music in 1970.

Stefan hopes that serious Ukrainian record collectors can get together into some sort of formal network or organization. He also feels strongly that Ukrainian discography should be institutionalized, made part of the Ukrainian Museum, for example. And, every chance he gets, he appeals to anybody who will listen not to throw away those old records. If you they're getting in your way, he'll be more than happy to take them off your hands and preserve them for posterity.

"Something must be done," he says, "or else we'll lose an extremely important part of the Ukrainian culture."

If you ask him about his favorite recording, he responds that he has many favorites, depending on the genre. As a collector's item, however, he says that Krushelnytska's 1927 recordings of four Ukrainian folk songs -- her last recordings, and by what was then the new electric recording method -- is the most prized. The oldest recording in Stefan's collection dates back to 1903 -- again, by chance, it happens to be by Krushelnytska, who launched him on his collecting crusade more than a quarter century ago.

NEW MEMBERS

In April, the TWG Board of Directors approved the following people as members of TWG.

FULL MEMBERS

Bruce Artim, Washington, D.C.
James Mace, Arlington, Va.

NOTES ON MEMBERS

TWG member EUGENIA OSGOOD played a leading role in producing the March 22 benefit concert honoring Taras Shevchenko. Vanessa, Mrs. Osgood's daughter, recited a poem by the Bard.

Mezzosoprano ALICIA ANDREADIS performed excerpts from three Ukrainian operas. IRENE KOHUT-ILCHYSHYN played the violin.

GEORGE SAJEWYCH spoke about the meaning of Shevchenko's works and philosophy in contemporary society. Oleh Cooley, son of GEORGE COOLEY, gave a history of Shevchenko's life.

GEORGE POWSTENKO was impresario of the March 9 Shevchenko Kennedy Center concert.

JURIJ PETRENKO traveled to Switzerland recently as part of his assignment with the U.S. Army. OREST DEYCHAKIWSKY also visited that country, staying in Bern as a member of the Helsinki Commission's delegation to the international meeting on human contacts. MARTA CHOMIAK recently spent two weeks in London at a meeting of the International Council of Women, as a member of the National Council of Women and as a vice president of the Ukrainian National Women's League of North America

The graphics on the recently issued TWG membership brochure were designed by DANUSIA WASYLKIWSKYJ.

The newly elected president of SUSTA, the Ukrainian student organization, is ANDREW FUTEY. TARAS SZMAGALA, Jr. is treasurer.

TANYA NESTERCZUK has been named director of education programs of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. She already holds the title of assistant director of the commission.

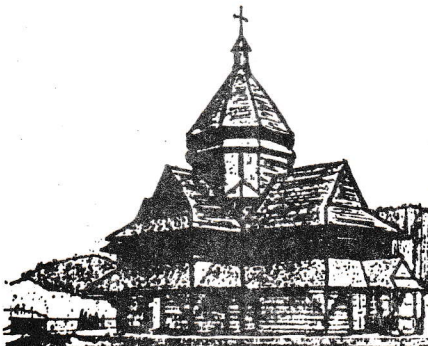
LARISSA PASTUCHIV demonstrated the art of making pysanky at Georgetown University's International Festival April 6. MARIA RUDENSKY started a new job as a reporter for Modern Healthcare, a biweekly magazine for hospital administrators.

UKRAINIAN TRIVIA

The correct answer to last month's question--what was the pseudonym of the Commander of the UPA at the end of World War II; to which fraternal scouting group did this person belong? and what was the serial group membership number assigned to this person--was provided by Orest "Yontyk" Hawryluk. Taras Chuprynka, "Shukh," was in the Chornomortsi and his number was 2.

This month's question: What does the acronym DUMKA, name of the Ukrainian choir now based in New York, stand for?

The correct answer with the earliest postmark to TWG, P.O. Box 11248, Washington, D.C., 20008, wins a prize. Winner and answer will be announced in the June TWG News.



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organizations are gaining momentum, and this will be an excellent chance to get together and do some planning, debating and learning about each other.

Washington, as the nation's capital and seat of global power, has much to offer future leaders. Yet it remains an enigma. It would be interesting to invite some policy makers, lobbyists, journalists, public relations experts, Capitol Hill staffers and bureaucrats, and listen to them describe how things get done, who the movers and shakers are, and how to reach them.

A preliminary plan was drawn up. Friday evening would be a strictly social affair with a welcome-to-Washington reception. Saturday morning, the conference would kick off with a general plenary meeting, and attendees would then split up into three workshops. Lunch with a guest speaker would follow. The two afternoon sessions, each with a choice of workshops, would end at 4:30.

A cocktail hour, dinner, entertainment and a dance are planned for Saturday evening. Sunday, visitors would be able to enjoy Washington's many places of interest.

Some topics proposed for the workshops included: job hunting, internships in Washington, how Congress works, lobbying, media, and leadership skills development. The Leadership Conference is TWG's biggest undertaking, requiring extraordinary planning, coordination and plain work. **WE NEED YOUR HELP AND IDEAS.** For more information, call Natalie Sluzar, 202/363-8083.

TWG HOSTS MACE, Y'EDYNAK WELCOME

The Ukrainian American community of Greater Washington welcomed Dr. James Mace, executive director of the Ukrainian Famine Commission, and his wife, Dr. Gloria y'Edynak, at a TWG reception April 18.

Dr. Mace came to Washington from Harvard University to direct the work of the U.S. government commission created to study the Great Famine of 1932-33, in which an estimated 7 million Ukrainians perished. The commission includes 2 senators, 4 congressmen, 3 members from the administration, and 6 representatives of the Ukrainian American community.

Welcoming the Maces to Washington, TWG President Natalie Sluzar said the Ukrainian American community was pleased with the creation of the commission and was well aware of the challenges Dr. Mace will be facing. She pledged TWG's support for his efforts.

Responding, Dr. Mace said he expects his work in the commission to be challenging. He added, however, "I hope that I will be able to accomplish what you and others expect to be accomplished from the Famine Commission."

The Maces were welcomed in the ceremonial Ukrainian manner, with bread and salt, during what was otherwise a very informal evening. They were presented with token gifts selected to help ease their transition to the nation's capital: maps of the area and coffee mugs depicting a Washingtonian's view of the world.

WANT TO RELIVE THE CAMP EXPERIENCE?

TWG student member Tania Chomiak writes from the University of Virginia:

John Seleski, a graduate student in Slavic Folklore at UVA, is working on a study about Ukrainian summer camps.

He is interviewing former "inmates" and recording their descriptions of, experiences in, and impressions of the camps. He is focusing on the Plast and SUMA (Ukrainian American Youth Association) camps, but also would like to hear from those who attended church, music, dance and sports camps.

Persons who would like to help Mr. Seleski with his research should write to him or call him at the following address (May through September):

Mr. John Seleski
B-20 Cocke Hall
Slavic Department
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(804) 924-3548.

HELP WANTED

USIA is looking for persons to work as U.S. exhibit guides in the Soviet Union, beginning in early 1987. Fluency in Ukrainian, Russian or another of the languages of the U.S.S.R. is a must, as is a security clearance. Contact:

Anne Lowendahl
Exhibit Guide Recruiter
Special Services Branch, M/PDS
Room 524
U.S. Information Agency
Washington, D.C. 20547

FROM THE BOARD ROOM

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

The April 8 meeting was attended by Natalie Sluzar, Halyna Breslawec, Rostyk Chomiak, Ihor Gawdiak, Marta Pereyema and Maria Rudensky.

The agenda for the semi-annual meeting was set. Sluzar will chair the meeting. Printed reports from committee chairpersons will be available at the door. Members will have an opportunity to raise questions and discuss various issues.

Sluzar reported on behalf of Andrew Mostovych, chairperson of the Special Committee on Scholarships, that the committee wishes to expand the term "scholarship" to grant funding for research on Ukrainian issues, particularly using resources in the D.C. area.

Chomiak reported on the newly printed TWG brochure, which has been received with much enthusiasm. He presented the Ukrainian Community Network's request for seed money to purchase, install and maintain a telephone which will be available not only to provide the status of the Medvid case. Community organizations will be able to use this number for their own messages. Chomiak was asked to provide this request in writing

with exact guidelines and further information.

Sluzar raised the possibility of advertising in brochures and programs printed by Ukrainian summer festivals. Feasibility of a boat cruise around Manhattan, to be held jointly with other Ukrainian professional organizations on the East Coast, in either July or August was discussed. For details, see the calendar. The event would be a fundraiser for Ukrainian anti-defamation actions. Reciprocal membership privileges for any member of a participating Ukrainian professional group in one other's functions was talked over.

The annual TWG membership meeting was set for Sept. 26. The next board meeting will be May 20 at St. Sophia's religious center.

HARVARD MILLENNIUM PROJECT RECEPTION

As part of the Millennium of Ukrainian Christianity celebrations, the Washington branch of the Harvard Millennium Project will have an informational evening and reception June 7. The project is a bold undertaking. It consists of:

- *translating and publishing an integrated series of Ukrainian literary and historical documents;
- *organizing an international conference of select scholars on the Millennium;
- *creating a chair of the history of Ukrainian religious thought at Harvard University.

You'll have an opportunity to meet representatives from the Harvard Project. TWG member Martha Mostovych, chairperson of the Washington branch, says any questions by those who attend the reception will be answered. "It is meant to be both a social and informational evening," she added. The event will also give interested participants a chance to make pledges to the Harvard Project. Refreshments will be served. For details, contact Martha, 301/589-0411 (eves) or Ihor Gawdiak, 301/622-2338 (eves).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTE: The Holy Family Parish Center is at 4250 Harewood Rd., NE, just north of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. St. Sophia's Religious Center (also location of Holy Trinity services) is at 2615 30th St., NW, near the Woodley Park-Zoo metro stop.

- continuing on Sundays Beginning-level conversational Ukrainian classes, sponsored by Holy Family Parish. Spring semester continues Sundays, 10:30 a.m. at Parish Center. All welcome. Contact Mary Dubik, 202/526-3737.
- MAY 1 Thursday Holy Thursday. Strasty - reading of the 12 Gospels, 7 p.m. for St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, at Seventh Day Adventist Church, 10915 Lockwood Dr. (Rev. H. Podhurec, 301/681-3431), strasty at Holy Trinity, 7:30 p.m. (Rev. T. Lonchyna, 301/890-7730).
- MAY 2 Friday Good Friday. Plashchanytsia - vespers and exposition of the Shroud, 7 p.m. for St. Andrew's at Disciples of Christ Heritage Christian Church, 15250 New Hampshire Ave. and Norwood Rd., Silver Spring; 4 p.m. for Holy Trinity.
- MAY 3 Saturday Resurrection service at midnight, followed by Easter Divine Liturgy and blessing of paskas, St. Andrew's at Christ Heritage (see above -- Friday service).
- MAY 4 Sunday Easter Sunday. Resurrection service at 7 a.m., followed by Easter Divine Liturgy at 8:30 a.m., and blessing of paskas, Holy Trinity.
- MAY 5-6 Mon.-Tues Divine Liturgies, 7:30 p.m., Holy Trinity.
- MAY 7 Wednesday THE WASHINGTON GROUP HOLDS A MEETING FOR MEMBERS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN FURTHER PLANNING THE OCT. 17-18 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON. ST. SOPHIA'S RELIGIOUS CENTER, 7 P.M., CONTACT NATALIE SLUZAR, 202/363-8083.
- MAY 8 Thursday THE WASHINGTON GROUP PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH KIEV CONSUL-GENERAL DESIGNATE WILLIAM COURTNEY AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTER, TWG MEMBERS \$5, NON-MEMBERS, \$8. CALL MARTHA MOSTOVYCH, 301/589-0411 (EVES) OR OREST DEYCHAKIWSKY, 202/225-1901 (DAYS).
- MAY 10 Saturday Mothers' Day Celebration at Ridna Shkola - Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies, 12 p.m., E. Brooke Lee Intermediate School auditorium, 11800 Monticello Ave., Silver Spring. Call Bohdan Yasinsky, 202/287-5918.
- MAY 15 Thursday St. Sophia Religious Research Institute presents a conference on "The Liquidation of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in 1946". Speakers: Prof. L. Rudnytsky, Rev. I. Monchak, Rev. A. Floridi and Prof. T. Bird. 5:30 p.m. Contact: Theodosia Kichorowsky, 703/329-9627 or A. Tataryn, 202/234-2330.





- MAY 16
Friday
Obyednannia - Ukrainian Assn. of Metropolitan Washington - sponsors Cabaret -- Ukrainian Style, featuring Alex, Tempo Orchestra, comedian Ted Woloshyn, and introducing Tanya, 9 p.m., St. George's Greek Orthodox Church Hall, Bradley Blvd and Seven Locks Rd., Bethesda. \$15 cover charge. Contact Eugene Iwanciw, 703/237-0428.
- MAY 16
Friday
The Ukrainian Students Club of Columbia University sponsors a dance at the Ukrainian Institute of America, 2 East 79th St., New York City, Iskra band, 9 p.m., \$10. Contact Ksenia Zielyk, 212/677-1551.
- MAY 16-18
Fri.-Sun.
St. George Ukrainian Festival, 7th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, New York City, Contact Rev. P. Paschak, 212/674-1615.
- MAY 17-18
Sat.-Sun.
Annual Meeting of the Union of Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods in the U.S., St. Sophia Religious Association, registration Saturday, noon. Contact Anya Hawryluk, 301/445-1456.
- MAY 17
Saturday
Graduation Dance - Matural'na Zabava, sponsored by the Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies, 8 p.m., Holy Family Parish Center. Tempo Orchestra. \$15, students and senior citizens, \$7.50. Call Sonia Krul, dance chairperson, 301/434-6075.
- MAY 18
Starting May 18, all church services for St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church will be held at the new parish building at 15100 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring. For details, call Rev. H. Podhurec, 301/681-3431.
- MAY 18
Sunday
Sviachene -- sponsored by Holy Trinity and St. Andrew's at Grace United Methodist Church Hall, 7001 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, MD. Call Rev. H. Podhurec, 301/681-3431, or Rev. T. Lonchyna, 301/890-7730.
- MAY 20
Tuesday
THE WASHINGTON GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOLDS ITS MONTHLY MEETING AT ST. SOPHIA RELIGIOUS CENTER. TWG MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND AS OBSERVERS CALL R.L. CHOMIAK, 202/485-2082 (days), or IHOR GAWDIAK, 202/287-5675.
- MAY 20
Tuesday
Ukrainian Washington Federal Credit Union board meeting, 8 p.m., Holy Family Parish Center. Call Maria Cooley, 301/384-4238 (eves).
- MAY 24-26
Fri.-Sun.
Plast holds its "Sviato Vesny" near Detroit, MI. For information call call Andrew Bihun, 301/871-8086.
- MAY 31-JUNE 1
Fri.-Sun.
Obyednannia - Ukrainian Assn of Metropolitan Washington - sponsors an "Art Exhibition" featuring the works of Omelian Mazuryk of Paris at St. Sophia Religious Association. Opening Friday, 7:30 p.m., continues Sat. from 3 -10 p.m. through Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. For more information contact Kliava Korbutiak 301/593-5105.
- JUNE 1
Sunday
Marian Sodality holds its Annual Meeting and Elections of Officers at 1 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Center, followed by a special presentation in Ukrainian on "Ivan Franko's Religious Poetry" by Luba Turkevych at 1:30 p.m. All welcome. Details from Stephaniea Diachok 301/891-3660.





- JUNE 1
Sunday
The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Washington, D.C. Branch holds its Annual Membership Meeting and Elections of the new Executive Board, 1:30 p.m., Holy Family Parish Center. Contact: Yaroslav Gileta, 301/935-6832.
- JUNE 6-8
Fri.-Sun.
Ukrainian National Information Service sponsors "Washington Horizons II: A Public Awareness Seminar" to inform the Ukrainian-American community of issues confronting the community and strategies to implement and promote Ukrainian concerns. Hotel Washington at 15th St. and Pennsylvania NW. Details from Myron Wasyluk 202/638-0988.
- JUNE 7
Saturday
Harvard Millennium Project Committee sponsors a reception and informative evening about the Harvard Project, 7 p.m. in the Social Room of the Van Ness East Building, 2939 Van Ness Street NW, Washington, D.C. featuring Dr. Lubomyr Hajda of Harvard University. Buffet and bar. Admission: \$5. Contact Martha Mostovych, 301/589-0411, or Zenon Kohut, 703/979-5809.
- JUNE 8
Sunday
Holy Family holds its annual church picnic on the church grounds. Details from Mary Dubik, 526-3737.
- JUNE 14
Saturday
Ukrainian Festival at the Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ featuring Ukrainian art, folk art, crafts, record, books, exhibits, continuing entertainment. Begins 9 a.m. Concert 5 p.m. Dance 9 p.m. in East Hanover, NJ. For ticket information contact Yaroslav Iwachiv 201/369-5164.
- JUNE 15
Sunday
Holy Trinity sponsors its annual church picnic at 1 p.m., 16631 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring. Call Anya Hawryluk, 301/445-1456.
- JUNE 17
Tuesday
Ukrainian Washington Federal Credit Union board meeting, 8 p.m., Holy Family Parish Center. Call Maria Cooley, 301/384-4238 (eves).
- JULY 26
Saturday
MOONLIGHT CRUISE AROUND MANHATTAN ON 'THE ANDREW FLETCHER' (LUXURY LINER) SPONSORED BY THE WASHINGTON GROUP, YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AT THE THE UKRAINIAN INSTITUTE AND THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONS OF NJ AND NY. ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, CASH BAR, AUCTION.
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Fri.-Sat.
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