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TWG ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR SEPT. 25 AT WASHINGTON MARRIOTT

The Washington Group's Annual Meeting, to be held Friday, Sept. 25, at the Washington Marriott Hotel, promises to be the scene of several important discussions on TWG's present and future. Come, participate, bring your gripes and your compliments, and meet new and old friends. The meeting begins with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., and the formal agenda will be taken up at 7 p.m. The Washington Marriott is at 22nd and L Sts., N.W. There will be a reception and dinner at Blackie's after the meeting.

Part of the official business will involve election of a new Board of Directors and Auditing Committee. Much work has already been done by the TWG Nominating Committee. This year, its members are: Adrian Kerod, 202/546-0428 (h), 202/223-8655 (o), Anna Worobij, 703/378-6584 (h), 703/938-6070 (o) and Christine Zynjuk, 301/622-0463 (h), 202/287-5918 (o).

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CANADIAN JOURNALIST MALAREK TO BE A FEATURED CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Victor Malarek, the <u>Toronto Globe and Mail</u> journalist whose 1984 book, <u>Hey Malarek!</u> tells "the true story of a street kid who made it," will be a featured speaker at The Washington Group's Leadership Conference II, to be held Oct. 9-11 at Washington's Mayflower Hotel. Malarek is well-known as the reporter who chronicled his own story of growing up in a tough environment. The product of a home for boys, he was given a second chance by a judge after a run-in with the law, and has become a writer and one of Canada's top journalists. He has written articles dealing with issues concerning Ukrainian Canadians.

Leadership Conference II promises to be a busy three days of serious endeavors and planning for the future of the Ukrainian American community. However, all this work will be tempered by numerous opportunities for fun in the nation's capital. Last year's conference attracted more than 250 participants, and this year's event, to be held in the elegant and historic Mayflower, 1127 Connecticut Ave., N.W., between L and M Sts., with prices comparable to last year's rates, promises to bring even more Ukrainian Americans streaming to Washington.

The conference opens the evening of Friday, Oct. 9, with a party marking TWG's third year of existence. Workshops get underway at 9 a.m. Sat., Oct. 10, with a presentation by TWG Member Martha Bohachevsky-Chomiak, a historian currently teaching at George Washington Univer-

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New in town? For information on the most current happenings, call Pat Filipov, 301/622-0838.

THANKS, GEORGE!

The Washington Group, and TWG News in particular, would like to thank TWG Member George Sajewych for all his work preparing the two-page calendar that comes with the newsletter. We appreciate George's care in formatting the very helpful calendar, and we thank him for his cooperation in taking on this task—and in always meeting our deadlines. Dyakuyemo!

...editorial....

TWG LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Used to be, if you weren't a member of every Ukrainian organization on the map, and if you weren't at all the necessary occasions, there was something not quite right with you.

Times have changed. Now, those who are active in The Washington Group and other community organizations do so because they enjoy the fellowship, believe in the work of the groups, and-maybe--because their parents or friends aren't on their backs to join up.

But the Leadership Conference is an exception to this laissez-faire philosophy. As anyone who attended last year's meeting can vouch, it is a superb investment of time and money. If you weren't here last year, do plan on attending this year. And those who participated probably won't need their arms twisted to come back.

Give-and-take at the sessions was very stimulating. And the social events were wonderful opportunities to meet interesting, successful people who, chances are, live in a different city from you and make their living in a different line of work. Just what the doctor ordered for some of us Washington types who deal day in and day out with (pick one) bureaucrats, lawyers, consultants, politicos.

This year's conference has the added attraction of being held simultaneously with meetings of the Ukrainian American Bar Assn. and the Assn. of Ukrainian Student Organizations (SUSTA). Don't miss it!

LETTER FROM CHINA

July 30

Beijing, People's Republic of China

Dear Friends:

Thanks for the TWG News. It was good to know about the many things going on. I'm so excited about the Leadership Conference preparations.

My intention to write a letter to all of you has gone by the wayside. My only excuse (albeit lame) is that there is so much to see and do that except for jotting down impressions and short notes, it's difficult to write a longer missive.

My stay in this country is quickly coming to an end. I have mixed feelings about leaving, mainly because there is still so much to discover. However, the various frustrations of just being here I will not miss in the least.

I have romanticized the People's Republic, I will admit. Much of this has to do with our lack of contact with China for so long. My mental image of China is very much that of the grandeur and beauty immortalized by artists, poets and episodes from the Silk Route. That is definitely the China of the past—the splendor that was.

The natural scenery is beautiful, of course. The old temples, palaces, pagodas, statuary, stone carvings, protective fortifications, city walls, artificial lakes, and tombs are all very impressive. But much has recently been lost during the destructive period of the "cultural revolution".... many irreplaceable artifacts and monuments. Just knowing that is painful.

The Great Wall is truly magnificent. Photos and films do not detract from its grandeur, particularly when you climb to one of its parapets. The view is spectacular—just breathtaking! In the distance, other parts of the wall wind through

hills and mountains like a large serpent.

Today, China is in the midst of great change. As I gaze out my window, I'm struck by the many contrasts existing side by side. I see the 20-story modern building near the 15th-century observa-

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CHERNOBYL EDUCATION TRUST SEEKS TO KEEP CHERNOBYL A LIVE ISSUE

The Chernobyl Education Trust has almost \$1,800 in the kitty and is looking for suggestions for appropriate ways to spend it, says Andrij Bilyk, trust administrator and TWG member.

Originally, the Trust wanted to use the money to support Daria Telizyn's idea of a piano concert marathon to benefit the American Cancer Society in honor of Chernobyl's victims.

"However, to do that, we needed to raise \$15,000," Bilyk said.

He said that other worthwhile but less expensive ideas include helping the Washington Group publish the proceedings from its first Chernobyl conference, held in December 1986, and publishing an updated version of a bibliography on materials about Chernobyl produced by TWG Member Jurij Dobczanskyj.

"Whatever we do, we ought to insure that sufficient funds remain for mailing notices of the availability of these 'products' to pertinent non-Ukrainian publications, e.g., those published by teachers' associations," Bilyk said.

The Chernobyl Education Trust reported donations in these amounts:

- *\$500, 11/86, Andrij and Olha Bilyk (plus an additional \$100 in administrative fees)
- * \$50, 12/86, St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, at the request of Telizyn in lieu of a fee for an appearance
- * \$319, 12/86, from Ukrainians in Baltimore, who staged a fundraiser for Telizyn
- * \$657, 4/87, from the Feb. 15 TWG-sponsored fundraiser for Telizyn
- * \$264, 7/87, from the April 27 ecumenical prayer service at Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church in memory of Chernobyl's victims.

CALLING ALL BINGO-NYKY!

The Washington Group has a chance to earn itself a substantial amount of money--but it'll take some work. Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Parish has approached TWG with the idea of cooperating on a Bingo every other month. Pro-ceeds would be split between TWG and the pa-rish. The parish is also soliciting other Ukraini-an community groups to provide some person-power in exchange for a slice of the proceeds.

The TWG Board believes the idea is very worthwhile. The effort would involve about 20-25 TWG members working for one Monday evening six times a year. Not the same people would work every time, but a core group who were familiar with the procedures of Bingo would have to be at each bimonthly session.

TWG members who already have experience in Holy Family Bingo say the work is fun and a pleasant change from their daily undertakings. Of course, the psychological reward that comes with knowing you are helping out a good cause is also a motivating factor, they say. The work, which takes from three to five hours, depending on the individual's duty, ranges from selling special tickets to the Bingo players, to helping in the kitchen, to keeping track of the payouts.

TWG urges anyone interested in helping out to call Ihor Vitkovitsky, 301/439-9123.

MANHATTAN CRUISE A SUCCESS: HERE'S THE TALLY

The June boat cruise around Manhattan Island provided about \$5,000 in net profits. As previously planned, this money will go toward re-furbishing the Ukrainian Institute of America building at 2 E. 79th St., New York.

Many thanks to all who participated for making this event a success.

REAGAN VISITS HOLY FAMILY

In the first such visit by a United States President, Ronald Reagan came to Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine July 24 in observance of Captive Nations Week for 1987.

His visit was arranged, in part, by two TWG Members: Director of the Ukrainian National Information Service Myron Wasylyk, and Rev. Joseph Denischuk of Holy Family.

Wasylyk, who is also president of the Metropolitan Branch of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, which hosted the President at Holy Family, welcomed approximately 300 dignitaries and guests to the luncheon. Both he and Rev. Denischuk met privately with Reagan immediately before he appeared in the Holy Family Parish Center to a traditional Ukrainian welcome of bread and salt. Accompanying the President was Chief of Staff Howard Baker.

President Reagan used the occasion to urge Congress and the American people to support the contras fighting communism in Nicaragua, and honored freedom fighters throughout the world. Specifically, he mentioned imprisoned Ukrainian dissident Petro Ruban. He also expressed his "deep appreciation" to the Ukrainian Catholic Church for use of the Shrine and "look[ed] forward to the day when [members of] the Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox churches will again be free to gather and worship in churches like this in their homeland."

Besides the Holy Family staff, preparation for the President's visit was done by groups representing other nationalities whose native lands are under Soviet domination: the Polish American Congress, the Cuban American Community, the Afghan American Community, the Cambodian American Community, the World Federation of Free Latvians, the Joint Baltic American National Committee and the National Captive Nations Committee.

LETTER FROM THE SOVIET UNION

July 1, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Dear TWG Members,

What could be more luscious than a Ukrainian bringing in the early summer sun on the deck of a Moscow River steamer chartered exclusively for USIA exhibit guides by the U.S.S.R. Chamber of Commerce? Answer: the same Uke who received a copy of TWG News on board. Honest. It so happened that we had mail call on board and I was given the June issue. Somehow it was oh-so-sweet.

No less sweet is the work at the exhibit. We are inundated with 1,000 visitors every hour. People stand in line up to five hours to see "Information USA," the exhibit of computers in daily American life. Nothing fancy on display, indeed, computer specialists are somewhat disappointed, but considering the pervasive effect electronics has had on life in America, from Ticketron to CAT scans, even the most strident critic must pause to consider the cultural implications of the exhibit. In the final analysis, the information revolution involves free and easy flow of information.

Personally, I am struck by the number of Ukrainians at the exhibit in Moscow. I have met virtually hundreds from every corner of Ukraine and Kuban. I am heartened by the reception I have received. Regardless of their politics, Ukrainians have appreciated a "zemlyak" at the exhibit. I might add that even Ukrainians who are Russified still consider themselves Ukrainians. In other words, it is one thing to Russify a Ukrainian, and quite another to de-Ukrainianize him. This is not an apologia for Russification, but it is a phenomenon worth pondering.

Sincerely, Peter Fedynsky [Ed's note: Fedynsky is due to return from his months-long stay in the U.S.S.R. by yearend.]

NOTES ON MEMBERS

OREST DEYCHAKIWSKY accompanied Assistant Secretary of State Richard Schifter and Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, on a trip to Bulgaria in early September. The delegation met with President Todor Zhivkov and many other high-level Bulgarian officials, as well as dissidents. "One of the main reasons we went to Bulgaria was to investigate the plight of the Turkish minority," said Deychakiwsky, a Commission staffer. Several years ago, many Turks were forced to change their names, but this was only the latest in a series of repressive moves inflicted on them. While in Sofia, Bulgaria's capital, Deychakiwsky spent his sole free evening with Bohdan Pashchyn, a first secretary at the U.S. mission, and brother of TWG Member ZORIANNA PASCHYN.

JAMES MACE and GLORIA y'EDYNAK MACE are the proud parents of William (Wasyl) James born Aug. 25. The couple's first child weighed in at 6 lbs., 5 oz. Congratulations to the entire family, and best wishes from TWG.

IHOR VITKOVITSKY, TWG Auditing Committee Member, received the 1987 Erwin Marx Award, given every two years by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Vitkovitstky is associate superintendent of the Naval Research Laboratory's Plasma Physics Division, and he was recognized for his achievements in the pulsed-power field. In Labstracts, an NRL publication, the head of the Plasma Technology Branch at NRL, Dr. Gerry Cooperstein, said "being chosen for this award, from among nominees internationally, is like being named the best of the best." Vitkovitsky was described as a pioneer in his field, participating in the development and application of sub-megavolt mylar dielectric pulse lines. He has also worked on nuclear weapon radiation simulators. He recently completed a book, High Power Switching. Commenting on the name of his award, Vitkovitsky jokingly asked, what next? Is a Ukrainian slated for a Lenin award?

Born to STEVE and Olya HONTAR of Rochester, N.Y.: Matthew Stephen, on June 27, weighing 10 lbs., 6 oz. Congratulations to all three!

BOHDAN FUTEY, as part of his duties as a judge of the U.S. Court of Claims, is now empowered to marry people. Now you young Ukrainian bachelors--you have no more excuses.

R.L. CHOMIAK, TWG Vice President, is in Kiev for one month as a Ukrainian-speaking guide with Information USA, the USIA exhibit touring the Soviet Union. Congratulations on the fascinating assignment!

ANYA DYDYK, Special Projects Director and Voice of America International Radio Broadcaster, was in New Orleans Aug. 24-29 to cover the Soviets' exhibit presented as a counter to USIA's Information USA. Good going!

ALEX LATYSHEVSKY, M.D., recently opened a medical practice specializing in urology in Manhattan. Congratulations!

From the small world dept.: MARIA RUDENSKY, MARTA YASINSKY and CHRISTINE ZYNJUK all had a delightful surprise one July Sunday morning in Paris when they happened upon each other at L'Eglise de St. Vladimir Le Grand. Like lemmings, all three had gravitated to the Ukrainian Catholic Church on the first weekend of their vacations in Europe. Yasinsky and Zynjuk, who were traveling together, went on to, among other things, scale the Swiss Alps, while Rudensky visited MARTA ZIELYK in Munich. (Zielyk, by the way, also was visited recently by Bulgaria-bound Orest Deychakiwsky, who had a stopover in Munich [see above]).

PEOPLE

There is probably not one member of the Greater Washington Ukrainian community who has not at least met this month's spotlight subject. More likely, he or she has had a very delightful conversation with Theodosia Kichorowsky, or has had the pleasure of working with the lady whom close friends know as Dozia.

But Mrs. Kichorowsky's calming and unpretentious manner belies a lifetime of professional and

personal achievement—often in the face of adversity.

SPOTLIGHT on

Theodosia

Kichorowsky

Mrs. Kichorowsky was

born in Jaroslav, Ukraine. The only child of a Ukrainian Catholic priest, Very Rev. Gregory Kanda, and his wife, Olena nee Shumska, most of her early years were spent in Boykivshchyna, near the Stry River, in the Carpathian Mountains, a region she describes fondly.

She attributes much of what many consider to be her constant good humor and resilient nature — but what she characterizes as psychological strength—to a very happy childhood. "My physical strength, I attribute to Plast," she laughs.

Her father taught her to ski in the slopes of the Carpathians. Mrs. Kichorowsky also recalls her summer camps at Sokil, the Carpathian tract donated to Plast by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. She has since remained a member of the Plast troop "Ti, Shcho Hrebli Rvut." After starting her education in an elite boarding school for girls in Peremyshyl, Mrs. Kichorowsky graduated from the gymnasium in Drohobycz and received her degree in linguistics from Ivan Franko University in Lviv. Like very many in her generation, and with her education, she speaks several lan-

guages, and yet she considers this "very normal."

During World War II, she married Roman Kichorowsky, a veterenarian who had finished his studies at the University of Pisa. Her father married the couple in the parish in which he was then situated, in Lishnia.

When the Kichorowsky family first came to the United States, they spent a short while in New York and Baltimore before Dr. Kichorowsky was appointed to the then-Dept. of Health, specializing in the eradication of communicable diseases among animals. So Mrs. Kichorowsky has been in Washington since 1951 and to her surprise, she says, even though she didn't think an emigre could, she has come to love her adopted city very much.

Later in the 1950s, Dr. Kichorowsky opened a private practice, developing a specialty in a hernia operation for birds. This required a very delicate procedure, even as far as the administration of anesthesia went. An article about his accomplishments in this field appeared in the <u>Washington Post</u>.

In 1961, Dr. Kichorowsky died suddenly. His death followed by a year- and- a-half the death of Very Rev. Kanda, who had emigrated with Mrs. Kichorowsky's mother. However, in that intervening time, Mrs. Kanda had come to live with the Kichorowsky family, consisting of Maria and Helen, two teenagers, and two youngsters, Martha, then 6, known as Tunia, and Roman, the youngest, 4-and-a-half at the time. Mrs. Kichorowsky recalls with gratitude the help provided by her mother during those years. Mrs. Kanda passed away in 1976.

Mrs. Kichorowsky's approach to all the tragedies she has experienced is based on her strong belief in the following statement by an anonymous writer. "Only he whom losses do not impoverish is truly rich."

All of Mrs. Kichorowsky's children have completed their studies, are married and live on both U.S. coasts and in Canada—perhaps not as close as Mrs. Kichorowsky would like, especially because she is now the grandmother of five.

In 1962, Mrs. Kichorowsky joined the Library of Congress as a searcher-editor trainee in the Union Catalog Division. She recalls that in the early years, taking care of her two younger children was almost like a second job after a full day at the Library. But simultaneously, Mrs. Kichorowsky was blazing a trail for the professional working mothers of the 1980s.

An article in a Library of Congress newsletter that appeared in connection with her retirement in 1982 says that after several promotions, Mrs. Kichorowsky moved on to the position of acquisitions librarian in the Reference Department. She transferred to the Rare Book and Special Collections Division in 1968, becoming the librarian in charge of preparation and, after yet another elevation, occupying the position of processing librarian.

The Library's newsletter put it this way. "Over the years, Mrs. Kichorowsky made a lasting contribution not only in the division's Processing Section, where her work was recognized by a Special Achievement Award in 1979, but also in the daily operation of the reading room." It went on to cite her "charm, graciousness, and warmth." And the Ukrainian community of Washington surely echoes those words.

Among her accomplishments at the Library, which in her usual style, she mentions modestly, was the cataloguing of the playbills from the theatre production in Ford's Theatre on April 14, 1865, the night President Lincoln was assassinated. Categorizing the playbills involved con-

siderable detective work, she remembers. Many forged versions made their way into private collections over the years, as the potential value of such materials became apparent. She worked to, as it were, sort the wheat from the chaff.

Among the telltale signs of the forgeries were such details as a poorly printed letter "e," two versions of the numeral "6," and slight differences in punctuation from the original. To complicate matters, there are several versions of the original. For example, when it became certain on the morning of April 14 that Lincoln would attend, the theater officials ordered special programs printed to mark the occasion, and arranged for a special song to be sung for the President. Some playbills therefore, contain the words to the song, and some mention Lincoln. Mrs. Kichorowsky describes her work on this project, which was in addition to her regular duties, in the Nov. 6, 1981 issue of the Library of Congress Information Bulletin.

She also contributed articles to <u>Our Life</u>, the journal of the Ukrainian National Women's League of North America, describing her work, or the extensive collection of Ukrainica found in the Library. And she would often be asked to show visitors to the Library around the various collections with which she was familiar.

Her presence at the Library is also attested to by the National Geographic. Accompanying a November 1975 article about the American bicentennial is a photograph of Mrs. Kichorowsky examining a Audubon book in the Library of Congress. It was being in the right place at the right time that caused the Geographic photographer to train his lens on her, she recalls, still smiling at the incident.

Most recently, she displayed her forthrightness in inviting U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union

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UKRAINIAN WASHINGTON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SETS NEW RATES

The main goal of the Ukrainian Washington Federal Credit Union, now in its fifth year, is serving the community by providing financial self-help. It draws on membership from the diverse Ukrainian American population of the metropolitan area.

With total accounts surpassing 180, the credit union boasts assets of about \$175,000. It provides loans to members who have a minimum of \$100 in share deposits, at these rates:

- * 9% for loans up to one year;
- *10% for loans up to two years;
- *12% for loans up to three years;
- *13% for loans up to four years.

A member of the Credit Union may borrow up to \$5,000 on signature only with proof of employment (latest pay stub or IRS form) and up to \$10,000 with proof of employment and signature of a co-signer/member of the Credit Union.

Repayment can take as long as four years. The loan policy is especially attractive for refinancing, at lower rates, credit card debts, which carry very high interest rates and penalties. It is also advantageous to finance expenses associated with holidays and vacations, home improvement or any other personal needs.

Savings accounts at the Credit Union return interest dictated by economic conditions. For the quarter from January through March 1987, for example, accounts under \$1,000 paid dividends of 5.25%. Accounts of more than \$1,000 paid 5.75%. Accounts under \$100 pay no dividends.

Despite the difficulty experienced recently by some savings & loans, the Credit Union 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 around the 250 mark, it is obvious that there is a large pool of individuals who can use the credit union's services. Why not find out more? Join the Ukrainian Washington Federal Credit Union. In the process, you will be supporting a community organization whose forerunners were often the Ukrainian immigrants' sole source of financial aid in their first days in America.

For more information, please call Maria Cooley, 301/384-4238 (eves.) or Ihor Vitkovitsky, also a member of the TWG Auditing Committee, 301/439-9123 (eves.), or write P.O. Box 4376, Silver Spring, Md., 20904.

UKRAINIAN TRIVIA

The correct answer to last month's question—what is produced in "Zolotaya Balka" and "Massandra" in the Crimea—is wine.

This month's question, since the past several months seem to have stumped everyone, is embarassingly easy: When was Plast founded and by whom?

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

UKRAINIAN MICROCOMPUTERS

According to an article in the Summer 1987 issue of the Newsletter of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, a newsletter is due to be published soon that will cover hardware and software that can be used in the Ukrainian language. Anyone interested should contact Peter Matilainen, CIUS, 352 Athabasca Hall, U. of Alberta, Edmonton, Alta., Canada, T6G 2E8

MARTA PEREYMA IN CHINA

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tory built under Kublai Khan. Farther back are a parapet and turrets from the old city wall. To the left rises a new tall building (due to open since 1984). And alongside, rooftops of dilapidated brick dwellings called home by millions and millions of Beijingers.

The lamplit highways and overpasses carry trucks, busses, cars, pedicabs, bicycles, horse-drawn and people-drawn wagons and carts. Each morning, I'm awakened at dawn by crowing roosters. Then there are the unlit "hutons"—very narrow, winding, usually unpaved side streets crisscrossing innumerable tiny neighborhoods.

I'm fortunate to be in an air-conditioned apartment, while most inhabitants seek cooler air on the streets-even into the late night hours. The average person does not have running water, and toilet and washing facilities are communal. Western standards of cleanliness and hygiene are not shared by many Asians. Everything takes place on the streets and sidewalks: vendors sell their wares, couples go for walks, friends and neighbors chat away or argue loudly, women do laundry, men play cards, people wash themselves, mothers cook, people spit and toddlers relieve themselves. Given the lack of space, it's no wonder the population pours out onto the streets, especially in the summer, hoping for respite from the heat and overcrowding.

The food situation, especially in Beijing, has improved over the years. To my delight, fruit and vegetables are abundant, although fruits such as bananas are too expensive for most Chinese. Watermelon stalls are a fixture of almost every city corner. The melons are much smaller than ours, and round, but equally delicious on a hot day. Chinese cooks shop several times a day because most people do not have the luxury of even a tiny refrigerator. Chinese food is excellent. The

trick is to find a good and clean restaurant not attached to a hotel for foreigners.

It's hard to believe, but there are chubby (and even fat) Chinese. Consumer goods are also becoming much more available. Even during my short stay, the variety and quantity of goods has increased. Quality in craftsmanship is lacking--in buildings, furniture, clothes or other items. Service is also poor, with no incentive to be of help to the customer. Workers know they are paid no matter what. However, some sectors are experimenting with a base salary: Extra income is based on job performance—a novel idea. Certainly worth a try.

Free markets are cropping up all over in the cities. The attitude of these vendors of food, clothing and other goods is radically different. To earn foreign exchange certificates, they hustle and try to appeal to potential customers.

China has a dual monetary system. Foreigners with hard currency must convert their money to foreign exchange certificate Y3.71 to \$1U.S. On the black market, the going rate is 150 renminbi (people's currency) per \$100. Except in outdoor markets and department stores, foreigners cannot readily use renminbi. They are herded to "special stores," and tempted to quickly and easily part with their certificates for better-quality goods not available elsewhere. Foreigners also receive special treatment at restaurants, hotels, laundries, trains, planes, etc. However, they pay many times what the typical Chinese pays, were the typical Chinese to even be allowed in the door. Unwavering vigilance against inflated prices and a willingness to constantly bargain to ensure a fair deal can be draining. You're always acutely aware that you're being taken to the cleaners every step of the way. Now, I don't accept the first price quoted and am becoming better at whittling down the price. It's not even bargaining in good faith! Worse yet, I find myself beginning to avoid walking into stores, not spending any money, or just leaving these situations in disgust.

Summertime and the biking is easy...not on your life. Biking in Beijing is not for the faint of heart. An avid biker back home, I thought I'd fit right in with the locals. Wrong. I'm definitely out of my league, although I do maneuver pretty well in tricky spots.

At home, we speak of defensive driving. Here, it's aggressiveness that gets you ahead. Everyone fights for space on the street, from pedestrians to cyclists to trucks. Pedestrians are at the bottom of the heap, trucks on top. Cyclists are in the middle: You can scoot out of the way quickly, and you can always run down a pedestrian.

Sadly, my paltry Chinese has kept me from meeting people. Coupled with the authorities' active discouragement of mingling between natives and foreigners, this does not promote intercultural communication or international understanding. Nonetheless, I've made "friends" in parks with lots of babies, mothers and grandmothers, not to mention grandfathers, who take their birds out for walks. It's amazing how far a few phrases and a big smile go towards social interaction. But the children peering into my plastic container wrinkled up their noses at my lunch-time salads. Raw vegetables are not acceptable.

China is certainly popular with tourists, and I recommend a visit. There's such a marked contrast between things that have changed, and those aspects of life that keep overall existence from improving. It's fun to speculate on the degree of change that will come in the future.

Coming to China on your own is still very difficult. It's not a challenge, it's just plain frustrating. China cannot deal with individuals. For example (I know this is hard to believe), you cannot buy return tickets between cities. If you're going to Shanghai from Beijing, you must wait until you arrive in Shanghai before purchasing a return ticket to Beijing, or anywhere else for that matter. If none are available, you're out of luck, unless you know someone. People frequently are

stranded for days awaiting onward travel.

If you do come, perhaps on a tour, do break away to see the real people. Typical tours involve many flights, air-conditioned bus rides, expensive hotels, historic sights and special "friendship stores." You're bound to miss the real China.

Fourth of July was very special for me this year. I had a moving experience in Xi'an—the ancient capital and current repository of the 6,000 terracotta warriors. The local joint venture hotel held an "Independence Day" celebration for its American guests, with a Western barbecue and fireworks display. It was when the American school music teacher struck up the first chords of our national anthem that I started getting goose bumps because I remembered where I was. But it was when we Americans all rose to our feet to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" that I realized how easily and how much we take for granted. Perhaps we do need to get away to reflect on and appreciate the many blessings we have.

I so look forward to seeing you all again. There's so much more to tell. It'll just have to wait.

[Ed's note: Marta Pereyma is a cultural exchange specialist at the U.S. Information Agency. Her country of expertise is China. As of mid-August, Marta, who resigned her position as TWG director of special projects when she left for China in June, has been in the Sovet Union working as a Ukrainian-speaking guide as the USIA exhibit on information technology. She returns to America at the end of the year.]

(more) NOTES ON MEMBERS

GEORGE SIERANT, an attorney at the National Assn. of Securities Dealers, was quoted in the Aug. issue of <u>Venture</u>, in an article dealing with how one firm thwarted NASD's effort to have it "delisted." Sierant handles hearings of the companies on NASD's black list.

Theodosia Kichorowsky

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John Matlock to address the Ukrainian community. This happened almost accidentally, she recounts. Fellow TWG Member Emilia Procinsky and she had gone to a congressional hearing (at the initiative of TWG Member Larissa Fontana. Mrs. Kichorowsky hastens to add.) In the hallway, the two noticed that Matlock's confirmation hearing was also scheduled for that day. Instantly, they decided to attend, and afterwards, Mrs. Kichorowsky introduced herself and extended an invitation she believed the new ambassador would accept. Like most of her endeavors, Mrs. Kichorowsky does not attempt anything she does not expect will meet with success. As it turned out, just two weeks later, on March 18, 1987, a packed audience at St. Sophia's heard Matlock.

So despite her fascination with diverse cultural and historical events, Mrs. Kichorowsky has always maintained a strong involvement with Ukrainian issues and causes. Sometimes, this has not been easy. For example, the article about her retirement identified her as "a native of Jaroslav, Poland." In a subsequent edition, Mrs. Kichorowsky had a clarification printed. It read, in part, that while the article suggests that she is of Polish descent, Mrs. Kichorowsky "is a native Ukrainian and would like to be identified as such. The ambiguity is a result of the changing political situation in that region over the years. The cities where Mrs. Kichorowsky was born and studied belonged at various times to Austro-Hungary, Poland and Ukraine." In alphabetical order, she now adds.

Since retiring, Mrs. Kichorowsky has maintained her active pace. In 1984 she plunged into work at the St. Sophia Religious Research Institute. She and her staffers, who range from full to parttime, gather materials about Ukrainian churches of all denominations, both in Ukraine and in the

diaspora. And she was recently spurred to contribute an article about the efforts of TWG to Svoboda. She was moved to write the piece due to her belief that TWG's genesis and success are good signs for the future, she says.

Nearing the Millennium, Mrs. Kichorowsky finds hope in organizations such as TWG, and credits much of the U.S. government's recent interest in Ukrainian matters to the work of TWG and the Ukrainian Community Network. "TWG should direct and focus the new strengths of young people. All these people could have been lost. They could have gotten involved in

of young people. All these people could have been lost. They could have gotten involved in something else, and forgotten their roots," she remarks.

She speaks especially enthusiastically of a recent proposal, which appeared in The Ukrainian Weekly, by TWG Members Orest Deychakiwsky and Jurij Dobczanskyj. The two delineated the influence that a fully staffed, well-equipped and financially well-backed Washington office representing the Ukrainian interest could wield. She also backs the idea of Temple U. Professor of Economics I.S. Koropeckyj to create a political action committee (PAC) that would support candidates sympathetic to the Ukrainian cause (see Weekly, Aug. 23).

Mrs. Kichorowsky cautions Washington's Ukrainian community, however, not to rest on its laurels. 1988 will be "a hard year," she predicts, but encourages all to think positive. The overture made by Mother Teresa, who is trying to open a mission in Chornobyl, heartens Mrs. Kichorowsky. "But we can't just hope for God's help, we must work also," she declares.

As for Mrs. Kichorowsky herself, she lives by a verse from Rudyard Kipling's poem, "If." The poet admonishes his readers not to waste time.

"If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run, yours is the Earth and everything that's in it."

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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sity. Malarek speaks at 10:15 a.m.

How non-Ukrainians think of Ukrainians will be the subject of a talk by three co-chairpersons of the Independent Task Force on ABA-Soviet Relations: Patience Huntwork, Orest Jejna and William Wolf. The Task Force seeks to void the American Bar Assn.'s cooperative agreement with the Assn. of Soviet Lawyers, an organization that includes anti-Semites and Soviet agents involved in persecution of various groups in the U.S.S.R. In the course of their work, the three speakers have gained extensive experience in the interconnections and cooperative efforts among various ethnic groups.

TWG Member Andrew Fedynsky, a top aide to Rep. Rosemary Oakar (D-Ohio), will moderate the first of a series of sessions on how Ukrainians have fared in politics, business and government. Among other speakers at these afternoon sessions will be Joseph Charyna, of the Ukrainian Massachusetts Democratic State Committee, TWG Member Tanya Gajecky-Wynar, a Coloradan who is with the Ukrainian National Women's League of North America, TWG Member and Delaware political activist Mark Murowany, TWG Member Olha Holoyda, with J.W. Charles-Bush Securities of Boca Raton. Fla., TWG Member Andrew Bihun, an economist who is director of the market analysis branch at the Dept. of Commerce, TWG Member Don Wynnyczok, who has his own firm, Trade International, Inc., TWG Member Peter Zakharkiw, president of Bohdan Associates, Inc., Katya Chumachenko, special assistant to Assistant Secretary of State Richard Schifter, who heads the Bureau of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Oksana Dragan, chief of the Ukrainian branch of the Voice of America, and Paul Goble, with the Dept. of State, Office of Analysis for East Europe and USSR.

Among the speakers who will explore Ukrainians' status in the legal system, the media and the information industry are George Pazuniak, a partner with the law firm of Connolly, Bove & Lodge in Wilmington, Del., TWG Member Myron Wasylyk, director of the Washington-based Ukrainian National Information Service, TWG Member Andrij Bilyk, with Continuum Communications, TWG Member James Sawchuk, with Sawtel International, Inc., TWG Member Jurij Dobczanskyj with the Library of Congress, Ihor Bemko, with the department of history at Texas A&M University and a veteran of a summer working at the Commission on the Ukraine Famine, and TWG Member Orest Deychakiwsky, with the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the Helsinki Commission).

At 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Leadership Conference participants will be joined by members of the Ukrainian American Bar Assn., which will be holding its annual meeting simultaneously at the Mayflower. The two groups will enjoy a gala reception, dinner and dance to the music of TEMPO. Proceeds from the gala go, according to the wishes of each participant, to either the TWG Fellowship Fund or the UABA Scholarship Fund. The gala dinner/dance is becoming an annual Washington tradition, with participants of all ages enjoying themselves at a gathering that brings together Ukrainians from many corners of North America and from many walks of life.

On Sunday, participants are invited to attend church services. A brunch and strategy-planning session will wrap up the conference.

Cost of registration is \$45 for TWG members who register before Oct. 1, and \$60 for those paying afterwards. Non-members will be charged \$55 before Oct. 1 and \$70 afterwards. Student registration is \$35 with lunch, \$20 without lunch. The gala dinner/dance is \$65 for all those who pay before Oct. 1, \$75 afterwards. To reserve a table for dinner, please call Daria Stec, 202/363-6862.

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Tickets, to be purchased at the door, for students wishing to attend only the dance are \$20, adults, \$40.

To reserve rooms at the Mayflower, please call 202/347-3000 directly before Sept. 18. Special TWG/UABA rates are \$75 single/\$85 double for medium rooms and \$100 single/\$110 double for deluxe rooms.

In addition, TWG and UABA invite those who wish to become patrons of the gala to donate \$100 or more, sponsors may give \$50-99 and contributors may make a gift of a smaller amount. All patrons' and sponsors' names will appear in the benefit gala program, as long as gifts are received before Oct. 1.

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For more information, call 202/287-5627, or write to Cooperative Education Coordinator, Employment Office, Library of Congress, Madison Building, Washington, D.C., 20540.

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ANNUAL MEETING

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If you would like to run for any office, please contact any member of the committee. They are making every effort to contact all full TWG members to inquire about their interest in becoming a candidate for the Board. (Associate members are ineligible for elected office.) All positions are open, and all involve one-year terms. There are no slates, and no candidates run as members of any "team." Please give the committee member who calls you your cooperation. You may also nominate candidates to run, either before the Annual Meeting, or from the floor, right before the election. The only disadvantage to that will be that that person's name will not appear on the pre-printed ballot, and they will have to be considered a write-in candidate, which is, of course, permitted in the TWG bylaws.

In addition, the TWG Board of Directors is proposing the following two amendments to TWG's consitution and bylaws, as last revised in September 1986.

1. Article III, Section 6, last sentence (page 3) which currently reads: "Default in the payment of annual dues shall be defined as failure to pay dues within three months after the beginning of TWG's fiscal year" should be amended to read as follows: "Default in the payment of annual dues shall be defined as failure of a member to pay dues within two months after the expiration of his/her annual membership." This amendment is necessary for two reasons. First, most current members did not join in October 1984 as charter members, and their membership is deemed to run for one full year from the date they join, not from the beginning of TWG's fiscal year. Thus the new language would reflect current practice.

Second, the Board of Directors believes that a two-month grace period is sufficient notice to give members time to renew, and the new system will be easier to track administratively.

2. Article VI, Section 3, second sentence (page 9) which currently reads: "Any full member may propose amendments [to the constitution and bylaws]," should be amended to read as follows: "any full member may propose ammendments. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing by Aug. 15 for consideration at the subsequent annual meeting."

The Board favors this change because it would provide members notice of proposed amendments for their consideration before the annual meeting. If written amendment proposals are submitted by Aug. 15, the Board can then attach copies to its annual meeting notice or publish the proposed amendments in the September TWG News.

For more information about the Annual Meeting, please call Natalie Sluzar, 703/573-6118 (eves.)

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September

Plast youth organization begins meetings and activities. E. Brooke Lee Jr. High School 11800 Monticello Ave., Silver Spring, Md. Andrew Bihun, 301/871-8086

9 WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m.

TWG Board of Directors monthly meeting. TWG members invited to attend as observers. St. Sophia's Religious Center Daria Stec, 202/362-6862 (eves.)

10-13 THURSDAY-SUNDAY

International Food Festival 1987, during which the Honored Group will be Ukrainians Richmond, Va., Convention Centre Lucy Halunko, 804/261-7653

12 SATURDAY 9:30 a.m.

Opening of "Svitlychka"—Ukrainian kindergarten—sponsored by UNWLA Branch 78. Minimum age for registration: 3 years old by Dec. 1987.

E. Brooke Lee Junior High School
Martha Bazarko, 301/460-3834 (days)

12 SATURDAY 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Opening of school year at Ridna Shkola, Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies 10:30 a.m.-annual meeting of Parents' Committee ALL concerned parents urged to attend this very important meting. The future of our school depends on your participation. E. Brooke Lee Junior High School Bohdan Yasinsky, 202/287-5918 (days)

13 SUNDAY 3 p.m. Liturgy, 4 p.m. reception

Blessing of new Shrine Crosses. Immediately following reception, VCR showing of President Reagan's visit to the Holy Family Parish for the Captive Nations Week luncheon on July 24.
Holy Family Parish Center
Rev. Joseph Denischuk, 202/526-3737

20 SUNDAY after Divine Liturgy

St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church autumn picnic on parish grounds. Everyone invited. "Vatra" with humor and song—bring your guitars. Sonia Krawec, 202/882-3346

20 SUNDAY noon - 7 p.m.

Montgomery County 4th Annual Ethnic Heritage Festival, featuring Ukrainian arts and crafts, with Ukrainian food available for purchase. Holy Trinity Parish is participating in this festival. Wheaton Regional Park, Wheaton, Md. (Georgia Ave. north, make a right at light at Shorefield Rd.) Natalka Gawdiak, 301/622-2338 (eves.)

20 SUNDAY

monthly deadline for calendar submissions Chrystia Oryshkevych, 301/622-4488

22 TUESDAY 8 p.m.

Ukrainian Washington Federal Credit Union monthly meeting. All members welcome. Holy Family Parish Center.

Maria Stransky, 301/779-1627 (eves.)

September

25 FRIDAY 6 p.m., cocktails, 7 p.m., meeting TWG Annual Mtg, election of new Board of Directors Washington Marriott Hotel, 22nd and M St., N.W. Daria Stec, 202/362-6862 (eves.)

25-27 FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Fri., 8 p.m., reception, Sat., 1-10 p.m., Sun., 1-7 p.m. Exhibit of works by TWG Member Victoria Varvariv, featuring paintings in reverse on glass and hand-painting on silk. Artist will be present. sponsored by Ukrainian-Canadian Committee Arts Council in Toronto., St. Vladimir Institute Gallery, 620 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ont., Canada

26 SATURDAY 10 a.m.

Ukrainian Community Network monthly meeting. Everyone welcome.

E. Brooke Lee Jr. High School.

Larissa Fontana, 301/365-2491

26 SATURDAY 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Yuppinsky Yard Sale

St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Call Julia Tereshchuk, 703/938-8719 (eves.) or 703/
359-7256 (days), or Daria Stec, 202/362-6862 (eves.) to let them know before you make your drop-off of books, old clothes, articles of jewelry, small furniture, etc.
Donations of items will be accepted at all three Washington-area Ukrainian churches on Sundays, Sept. 13 and 20.
Anyone who can help, please contact Julia or Daria

26 SATURDAY 8 p.m.

"Ukrainian Night," featuring Lyman Dance Group, from Baltimore, and a bandura ensemble. Display of Ukrainian folk art organized by UNWLA Branch 78, and exhibit of paintings in reverse on glass by TWG Member Victoria Varvariv. Refreshments available. Thomas Jefferson Community Center, Arlington, Va. \$5, adults; \$4, senior citizens and children Martha Terlecky, 703/521-3048

26 & 27 SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Sat., time to be announced, Sun., after Divine Liturgy Art Exhibit by Themistocle Wirsta, from Paris. sponsored by St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Olya Masnyk, 301/299-4397

26 & 27 SATURDAY-SUNDAY

6th Pittsburgh Ukrainian Festival
Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun., 12-5 p.m.
free admission
U. of Pittsburgh campus
festival dance with Ron Cahute and his "Burya" orchestra, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; donation, \$7.50
Carnegie, Pa.
Nick Kotow, 412/548-8534

27 SUNDAY 12:30 p.m.

"The Madonna of Medjugorje," a 57-minute video by Western Hangar/BBC Production St. Sophia Religious Center Rev. Taras Lonchyna, 301/890-7730

October

Food Drive in honor of International World Food Day, sponsored by the United Nations, and in the name of the victims of both the Great Famine in Ukraine, 1932-33, and Chornobyl. Capital Area Food Bank to receive the food. Drop off canned and dried food at all three Washington-area Ukrainian churches on Sundays during Oct. Daria Stec. 202/362-6862 (eves.)

2-4 FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

Blessing of St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church—entire weekend celebration. Details to follow. Sun., 10 a.m., Liturgy and blessing of church and parish center; 2 p.m., banquet and program Olya Masnyk, 301/299-4397 Slava Francuzenko, 301/774-9656

4 SUNDAY noon-6 p.m.

Ukrainian Festival at Manor Junior College admission, \$3, adults; \$1, children Fox Chase, Pa. 215/885-2360

8 THURSDAY

Choir and dance group from Poland perform. Details to follow. sponsored by Obyednannia, Ukrainian Assn. of the Washington Metropolitan Area. Eugene Iwanciw, 703/237-0428 (eves.)

10 SATURDAY

SUSTA Executive Board meeting in Washington exact location to be announced Taras Szmagala, Jr., 804/979-8151

9-11 FRIDAY—SUNDAY

TWG Leadership Conference II

Fri., 8 p.m., TWG's 3rd Birthday Party, Chinese Room Sat., 8 a.m., registration

TWG members, before Oct. 1, \$45; afterwards, \$60, non-members, \$55 before Oct. 1; afterwards, \$70 students, \$35 with lunch; \$20, without lunch
9 a.m.-12:15 p.m., presentations
12:15 p.m., luncheon, Colonial Room
2-4:45 p.m., workshops
6:30 p.m., TWG/Ukrainian American Bar Assn.
Benefit Gala for TWG Fellowship Fund and UABA Scholarship Fund, reception, East Room
7:30 p.m., dinner/dance, with music by TEMPO, Grand Ballroom

gala dinner dance, \$65 before Oct. 1, \$75 afterwards,

tickets for dance only, \$40, adults; \$20, students, available at the door

Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave., N.W., between L and M Sts. To reserve rooms, please call the Mayflower directly, 202/347-3000, before Sept. 18. Special TWG/UABA rates are \$75 single/\$85 double for medium rooms and \$100 single/\$110 double for deluxe rooms.

Sun., 11 a.m., church services 1 p.m., brunch (location to be announced) 2:30-4 p.m., strategy planning session Daria Stec, 202/362-6862 (eves.)

9-11 FRIDAY—SUNDAY

Ukrainian American Bar Assn. annual meeting
Fri., 8 p.m., cocktail reception
Sat., 9 a.m.,-5 p.m., business meeting and seminars
6:30 p.m., benefit gala co-sponsored by TWG
(details, see above)
Sun., 10 a.m., general get-together
Mayflower Hotel
George Sierant, 202/232-8443

16-30 FRIDAY-FRIDAY

Art exhibit by TWG Member Victoria Varvariv, Ukrainian Arts Center, 4315 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., 213/668-1072

October

18 SUNDAY 1:30 p.m.

Branch 78 of Ukrainian National Women's League of North America annual meeting Holy Family Parish Center Martha Terlecky, 703/521-3048

25 SUNDAY 12:30 p.m.

Philatelic display and program honoring Ukrainian philosopher Hryhory Skovoroda, on the 265th anniversary of his birth Sponsored by the Jubilee Committee of Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Va. Holy Family Parish Center Rev. Taras Lonchyna, 301/890-7730

17 TUESDAY 8 p.m.

8th Annual Interfaith Concert, including the participation of "Namysto," choral ensemble, under the musical direction of Petro Krul Washington Hebrew Congregation, Massachusetts Ave. at Macomb St. Lisa Iversen, 202/234-6300

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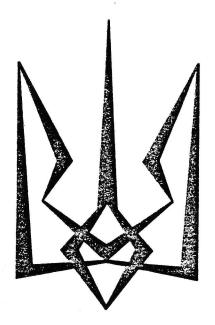
November

14 SATURDAY 7 p.m.

Banquet marking the 10th anniversary of the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS)
Holy Family Parish Center
Myron Wasylyk, 202/638-0988 (days)

14-15 SATURDAY-SUNDAY

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Exhibit of works of art by TWG Member Victoria Varvariv, sponsored by St. Andrew's Ukrainian
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