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PROBLEMS PERSIST IN CHORNOBYL

The State Dept.'s eighth floor diplomatic reception rooms reverberated Dec. 11 with things Ukrainian, as William Courtney, consul general-designate to Kiev, hosted a luncheon and meeting for about 30 Ukrainian community leaders and academics from all over the country.

The Washington Group was represented by President Daria Stec.

The main purpose of the luncheon-meeting was to explore ways for Ukrainian-Americans to participate in the President's Initiative on Soviet-American Exchanges. Among the officials invited by Courtney was Ambassador Stephen Rhinesmith, who heads the Initiative, his deputy, Greg Guroff, both of the U.S. Information Agency, and Alan Kassoff, president of IREX (the International Research and Exchange Board)--the private agency that negotiates academic exchanges with the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe.

Meeting participants stressed the need for the exchanges to be more than just a Russian-American

The Soviet Union is scrambling on many fronts in contending with the Chernobyl disaster, said David Marples, Ph.D., an expert on Soviet nuclear energy and a research associate at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta.

Marples, whose book **Chernobyl & Nuclear Power in the U.S.S.R.** was published by St. Martin's Press this month, has uncovered severe dangers in the way the contaminated area around the crippled nuclear power plant is being cleaned. For example, clean-up workers, many of whom are military reservists from the Baltic republics, have complained about lack of funds for protective clothing, inadequate housing, long hours in contaminated areas and a shortage of shower facilities. These men are working separated from their families, as the Soviet regime is rushing to build whole new towns such as Slavutych, meant to accommodate 30,000 people who were displaced by the Chernobyl disaster.

Marples made his comments at several sites in Washington Dec. 10-11 as part of a tour in conjunction with the publication of his new book. A symposium held Dec. 10 at St. Sophia's Religious Center was organized by TWG and was spearheaded by TWG Special Projects Director Marta Pereyma and TWG Member Andrew Hruszkewycz. Marta had a major role in organizing virtually all of Marples' schedule. She, Andrew, and all others who worked on Marples' appearances, including TWG President Daria Stec and TWG Vice President R.L. Chomiak, deserve congratulations and thanks for a job very well done (see related story, page 10). Marples' D.C. visit included meetings with U.S. officials at the White House and State Dept., a discussion with scholars at the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a luncheon with editors of the **Problems of Communism** journal, a briefing at the National Press Club, an appearance on the U.S. Information Agency's WORLDNET live TV broadcast to Europe, and an interview with the Voice of America.

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UKRAINIAN TRIVIA

The correct answer to last month's question--what did William Dzus found in 1952?--was not answered by anyone, although we have a feeling many of you know the answer. It was the Ukrainian Institute of America, in New York.

This month's question is: Besides Chernobyl, what are the sites of the other existing nuclear power plants in Ukraine?

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 February TWG News.

ULANA BUSHNELL, WHERE ARE YOU?

Somebody named ULANA BUSHNELL won the TWG News trivia contest in September 1986 (question from August TWG News). We are trying to locate you, Ulana, so that we may award you your prize. If you read these words, or if someone who knows Ulana does, please send us your/her address. Please send it to TWG, P.O. Box 11248, Washington, D.C. 20008. Thank you, and sorry for the confusion.



OH CHRISTMAS TREE, OH CHRISTMAS TREE!

The Washington Group Christmas Party of Dec. 13 was another great bash in a long line of TWXmas parties, and for those who were absent, TWG News offers some saucy observations.

THE COSTUMES

One female guest came in a dress that turned heads not once, twice or thrice but all evening long. Its plunging back, which most of the guys did not seem to mind at all, distracted some from the sequins, sparkles and satins that were in abundance.

THE NOURISHMENTS

The bartenders seemed to be having a ball, as did many of those who hung around the bar. One woman was observed devouring an enormous turkey drumstick--the culinary effort of a male TWG member, who also supplied a baked ham and a delicious cake. Talk about talent.

LE CORPS de BALLET

And what about those dancing meanies? One very prominent couple were observed performing a combination of a Mick Jagger shtick and aerobics. Another guy proved very popular with the ladies as he graciously offered foxtrot lessons, followed by hopak moves, the cha-cha and waltz. The minuet was to be his next number, but thankfully, a Cheremosh tape got inserted in the nick of time.

DA VAMPS

Besides the eating, drinking and dancing, TWG News also detected some galavanting. The pretty blonde in a multi-colored outfit was seen bending the ear of the tall, dark handsome guy with a crimson tie. The redhead in purple was overheard discussing "feelings" and "the importance of chemistry" with the tall man in grey tweed. A statuesque brunette was setting a full court press on, well, TWG News mustn't tell.

But seriously folks, a great time was had by all. We give special thanks to the party's main organizers: Impresario Daria Stec, in whose party room the festivities took place, TWG Events Chief Julia Tereshchuk, TWG Special Projects Genie Marta Pereyma and all the chefs and hostesses who cooked, baked, and especially, cleaned up. Diakuyemo, smachne bulo.



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CHORNOBYL PROBLEMS CONTINUE

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As far back as October 1985, Marples warned that unless the Soviets improved safety mechanisms, an accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant was quite likely in the near future.

Problems have been reported since 1974, Marples said, and "the situation at Soviet nuclear plants before Chernobyl gave cause for serious concern if not alarm." Snags continue to plague the industry after Chernobyl. None of the Soviet reactors scheduled to come on-line in 1986 did, including one at the model facility in Zaporizhzhia, which was built from start to finish in the world-record time of four years.

When Vladimir Dolgikh, a candidate member of the Politburo, visited Zaporizhzhia in October, he revealed some of the problems causing the delay. All are familiar to experts on Soviet nuclear power: a lack of skilled personnel, shoddy construction materials, chronic supply problems and an outdated centralized planning system.

Now, even after Chernobyl, and after the Soviets have presented a rather frank assessment of the catastrophe to the International Atomic Energy Agency, a safety organization, the Soviets are prepared to make only "certain concessions" to IAEA, Marples says in his book. "The amount of supervisory power to be allotted to the IAEA remains unclear," he says.

The entombment of the exploded Chernobyl reactor, first billed as a solution for hundreds of years, is now estimated to last only one generation, according to Marples, "and the next generation might think of something more appropriate."

In spite of these developments, the Soviets do not intend to slow the pace of their increasing reliance on nuclear power, Valerii Legasov, a member of the presidium of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, told the world energy conference in Cannes, France, in October. Legasov was quoted as saying that the Soviet Union had lost more farmland from the construction of hydro-electric dams than from the entire Chernobyl accident. And Soviet premier Nikolai Ryzhkov has said

that Soviet nuclear power capacity will rise by 500% to 600% by 2000. This may be due to the absence of other viable energy sources in the U.S.S.R., Marples said.

"So Soviet confidence in the future of the industry is unassuaged.... But one should be assured of one fact," Marples said, "that the ramifications of the disaster are still with us."

GOODWORK

In the Health section of the Dec. 17 **Washington Post**, Linda Steyden of Rockville admonished the Post to be accurate when referring to the land of Chernobyl. Her commentary was in a letter to the editor reacting to a previous Post article on Chernobyl. "The people affected... were not Russians, for Chernobyl is not in Russia but in Ukraine, quite close to Kiev. We all know that Kiev is the capital of Ukraine. There is no love lost between Ukrainians and Russians, so let's not confuse them," she wrote. Linda, TWG News does not know who you are, but we sure think you're doing good work. And to the Post, thank you for publishing the letter.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH CELEBRATES MILESTONE

St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish reached an important milestone in its three-decade history by laying the cornerstone of its new church on New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Md. on Sunday, Dec. 14. The church is "just 16 miles from the White House," its leaders told Svoboda.

The morning Divine Liturgy and blessing of the cornerstone were followed in the afternoon and evening by a fundraising banquet and concert at the Holiday Inn in downtown Silver Spring.

Bishop Anthony was the honored guest at the celebrations. Victor Cooley, vice president of the Parish Council, acted as the banquet master of ceremonies.

At the end of the banquet, TWG members Alisa Andreadis and Daria Telizyn, as well as Mykola Francuzenko, appeared in a short concert program. Highlights of the day were featured on the Channel 9 evening newscast.

SUSLENSKY ON UKRAINOPHILES AND UKRAINOPHOBES

Israeli citizen Yakiv Suslensky, founder and president of the Assn. of Jewish-Ukrainian Contacts, was in Washington Dec. 17 to talk about the Ukrainophobia that prevails in his country. But he also spoke about a number of Israelis working to improve relations between Ukrainians and Jews. His talk was organized by Andriy Bilyk at St. Sophia's Religious Center.

Suslensky, a native of Odessa and former Soviet political prisoner (his warm feelings towards Ukrainians began in the Soviet camps, where Ukrainian fellow-inmates were kind to him), emigrated to Israel about 10 years ago.

One of his projects, he said, is gathering information on Ukrainians who are "Righteous Gentiles" (those who helped Jews). This undertaking, he said, was sparked by Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal, who once remarked to Suslensky that there were no righteous among the Ukrainians.

At that time--about eight years ago--only three or four Ukrainians were recognized as the righteous and registered in the Yad Vashem museum in Jerusalem, Suslensky said. Yad Vashem is the memorial to the Jewish Holocaust victims. Today, more than 80 Ukrainians are registered there and Suslensky's research continues, with a list now at more than 400 names.

Much of his effort over the past few years has been devoted to recognizing Lviv Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky as one of the righteous, so far without success. There is enough evidence, even in the Yad Vashem files, that the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan saved hundreds of Jews during World War II. He even spoke out publicly against the German persecution of the Jews--a much more daring act. But, Suslensky says, in Israel there is an unwritten but well-known rule: do nothing to anger the Soviets. The Soviets are afraid of Sheptytsky (dead since 1944), and the church he headed ("dissolved" and merged into the Russian Orthodox Church in 1946), but Suslensky said his efforts will persist.

The recent destruction in Israel of a Ukrainian monument to the victims of the 1932-33 Famine

may have been the work of vandals, chief of whom may be a personal friend of Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski, Suslensky revealed. The suspect was a World War II partisan and comrade-in-arms of Jaruzelski, and he is expected to be Israel's ambassador to Poland when the two countries establish relations. The man is a Ukrainophobe and a leftist, Suslensky said. A trial for the act of vandalism is in preparation, he added.

The bottom line of Suslensky's appeal was that more Ukrainians should join the association he heads, and that more Ukrainians should visit Israel to show that Ukrainian-Jewish cooperation is possible. The group has 500 members, split almost evenly between Ukrainians and Jews, both in Israel and in other parts of the world. If the organization had 2,000 or 3,000 members, its influence on Israeli politics and Israeli thinking would increase enormously, Suslensky contended.



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than just a Russian-American undertaking. From the Ukrainian point of view, emphasis will be placed on Ukrainian groups from Ukraine coming to the U.S. and Ukrainian-American artists, scholars and scientists going to Ukraine, as well as other republics of the U.S.S.R. More concrete plans are still in the future, and funding is, as always, a stumbling block.

NOTES ON MEMBERS

A review of **DARIA TELIZYN'S** Dec. 15 concert at the World Bank appeared the following day in the Washington Post. The reviewer, Vincent Patterson, said Telizyn "shaped her recital in the form of a crescendo...starting tentatively with Samuel Barber's Nocturne, then increasing her security and volume. The reviewer also referred to Daria's "delicious sensitivity....Two concert etudes by Franz Liszt unleashed Telizyn's wilder temperament and technique." Daria also performed successfully Dec. 13 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore.

GEORGE and ANGELA HONCHAR are proud parents of Nicholas Joseph, born July 21. Congratulations!



Please send us any News about yourself or other TWG Members, personal **Achievements**, personal Milestones and **Gossip** (*Must be juicy*) for use in our Notes on Members feature.

Keep the Column interesting
--send News!

DARIAN DIACHOK is spending the Christmas holidays in Kenya with his wife, Myrtle, and son, Alexander. The Diachoks are visiting Myrtle's family.



TELIZYN PLANS MARATHON SERIES OF CONCERTS

TWG Member Daria Telizyn believes that if she can raise \$15,000 for her living expenses for one year, she will be able to perform her goal of 365 piano concerts in as many days--with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society in the name of the victims of Chornobyl.

Daria's aim is to bring attention to the plight of the victims, and to ensure continued world attention on the Soviet handling of the nuclear accident.

Daria will be performing at the Holy Family Parish Center Sunday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m.--a fundraiser for her cause, sponsored by TWG. Once she starts her marathon performances, she will work through the Chornobyl Education Trust, administered by Andrij Bilyk. Since Telizyn made her plans public in the early summer, she has already secured an agent in New York to manage the tour, and has contacted numerous halls across the country. Most will donate their space for her concerts, she said. She is exploring transportation arrangements with American Airlines.

TWG wishes this energetic pianist lots of good luck in her enterprise, and we look forward to her concert Feb. 15. For details on the concert, please call Marta Pereyma, 703/528-3075.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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Some day in the future if you carry a uniform nationwide identification card, similar but more comprehensive than today's driver's license, you may have Eugene Iwanciw to thank for it.

Iwanciw is working at the Social Security Administration, implementing parts of the 1986 immigration law governing how aliens receive Social Security benefits. A major part of his work involves the creation of a system to trace foreigners who work illegally, don't pay taxes, and may be applying for benefits to which they are not entitled.

Most Ukrainians in Washington, and throughout the U.S. and Canada, for

SPOTLIGHT on
Eugene Iwanciw

that matter, will not think "Social Security card" when Eugene's name is mentioned. Instead, they will call to mind his vast contributions to Ukrainian community life, currently as President of Obyednannia, the Ukrainian Assn. of Metropolitan Washington.

Eugene has been a D.C.-area resident since his student days at Georgetown University in the early 70s, and is well-known for his frank views on issues of concern, and tireless work for numerous Ukrainian causes.

Eugene was born in Elizabeth, N.J., where his Father emigrated from the area of Ukraine near Khodoriv. His Mother is a first-generation American of Ukrainian parents. Although the language spoken at home was usually English, Eugene grew up involved in Plast and Ukrainian Saturday School. Throughout high school--St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark--Iwanciw grew more and more fascinated with the mechanisms of government. He was a champion debater, something which will surprise few who have engaged Eugene in polemics.

One summer, he participated in a Georgetown U. debate and that sealed his decision to attend school in Washington. He majored in Soviet Area Studies.

Getting involved in Ukrainian life in D.C. was

not easy back then. "For a young person, Ukrainian community life was virtually non-existent...There were very few young professionals," Iwanciw recalled. "Obyednannia was the single most active organization," he continued, adding that social life revolved around Malanka, two other dances, a concert in honor of Shevchenko and a commemoration of Jan. 22. The Holy Family Parish Center hadn't been built yet, St. Sophia's Religious Center hadn't been purchased, and there was no central place to meet for socializing or business. As a student, Iwanciw headed the Ukrainian Student Hromada of Washington, which included students from colleges and universities

throughout the area. In 1974, as arrests of dissidents in Ukraine quickened, he took a semester off from school to found the Committee in Defense of Valentyn Moroz, which staged a hunger strike at 16th and K Sts. But because it was the summer of Watergate, the protest gained scant publicity. Nevertheless, Moroz was eventually released.

The future staffer of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence was also president of the Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America--SUSTA--from 1973 to 1975. On Capitol Hill, Iwanciw worked on the staffs of Sens. James Buckley (R-N.Y.) and Harrison Schmitt (R-N.M.).

Iwanciw has been elected Supreme Advisor of the Ukrainian National Assn. from 1974-78, 1982-86 and 1986-90, and currently is a member of the Ukrainian National Heritage Preservation Committee.

In Washington, Eugene was a founding member of the Ukrainian-American Caucus and TWG. From 1984 to 1985, he edited TWG News and simultaneously, was public relations director.

Currently, Iwanciw is chairman of the Washington Chapter of the Committee to Commemorate the Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine.

Asked when he was getting married, Eugene replied, "When I meet a nice Ukrainian girl who not only knows how, but also enjoys making varenyky."

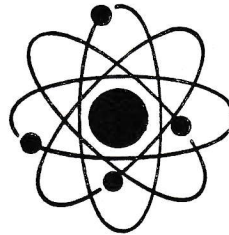
The Harvest of Sorrow is the first full history of one of the most horrendous human and social tragedies of our century. As Robert Conquest shows in heartrending detail, Stalin's plan to collectivize Soviet agriculture amounted to an unparalleled assault on the Soviet peasantry and Ukrainian nation, resulting in a death toll higher than that suffered in World War I by all the belligerent nations combined. Millions of men, women, and children died in Arctic exile, while millions more perished in the terror-famine of 1932-33. When it was all over, the survivors had been forced into the new collective farms and were at

THE HARVEST OF SORROW

last with the products of their labors, under strict party and state control. In the Ukraine all centers of independent national feeling had been crushed. Conquest meticulously reconstructs the background of the tragic events: the lives and aspirations of the peasants, the Ukrainian national struggle, the motives and the methods of the Communist leadership. He carefully details the fate of the villages and individuals and seeks a true accounting of the death toll, suppressed in official Soviet statistics but deducible from other sources. He describes the desperate condition of the children who were left homeless and recounts the various cruelties and agonies of the man-made famine. He also shows how the West was to a large degree deceived about what was happening. Like *The Great Terror*, Conquest's classic account of the Soviet mass purges of the late 1930's. *The Harvest of Sorrow* is a powerful and moving story that is also a work of authoritative scholarship.

Robert Conquest is a Senior Research Fellow and Scholar-Curator of the East European Collection at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. He has authored numerous books on Soviet studies and foreign policy.

Chernobyl and Nuclear Power in the USSR provides the first detailed account of the Soviet nuclear power industry and of the nature, impact and consequence of the Chernobyl disaster of late April 1986. It encompasses the first days after the accident and how Soviet authorities released the news to the West; Soviet energy problems that have led to a new and unprecedented commitment to nuclear power; the co-operation and links of the USSR



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and the Comecon countries in the current nuclear program (particularly with Soviet Ukraine); development in the USSR, including an analysis of the progress of individual stations in the Ukraine; construction and safety questions; the immediate aftermath of the disaster; and the political and economic consequences of the accident. The author raises the key questions: are Soviet nuclear power plants inherently unsafe? What impact will the Chernobyl disaster have on the Soviet nuclear energy program and on nuclear power development in the world as a whole?

David R. Marples is a Research Associate at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta. He was educated at the Universities of London, Alberta and Sheffield, and has been a Research Analyst on Soviet energy questions with Radio Liberty, Munich. He is the author of over thirty articles in scholarly journals, and a specialist on Soviet Ukraine.

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From the **Boardroom**

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

The Dec. 15 meeting was attended by Halyna Breslawec, R.L. Chomiak, George Hnatiw, Al Kapusta, Maria Rudensky, Natalie Sluzar and Julia Tereshchuk. Daria Telizyn attended as an observer.

This year, the Washington Group has decided not to deepen its involvement with the January Ukrainian Independence Day dinner, sponsored by the Ukrainian-American Army Officers. TWG encourages members to attend the dinner.

The TWG Christmas Party was deemed a great success, with the possible exception of parking problems. A big thanks to all who helped out, especially the clean-up crew that stayed until the bitter end.

Telizyn updated the Board about her current and future marathon concert plans to raise awareness about Chernobyl. Her Feb. 15 TWG-sponsored concert at Holy Family Parish Center was confirmed.

Kapusta will investigate the feasibility of exhibiting rare Old Church Slavonic and Slavic language books owned by the Library of Congress at the Library as part of Millennium of Christianity commemorations.

Several TWG Board members were appointed to attend a dinner Dec. 16 with Yakiv Suslensky, who lives in Israel and works on cultivating Ukrainian-Jewish contacts.

St. Martin's Press, publisher of David Marples' book, **Chernobyl & Nuclear Power in the U.S.S.R.**, will be providing TWG with all newspaper and periodical clippings mentioning Marples' December appearances in Washington, as well as reviews of his book. This was arranged by TWG Special Projects Director Marta Pereyma.

A one-day program about the Ukrainian Museum in New York City will be held in Washington in April.

The rejuvenated "Open Houses" at St. Sophia's Religious Center were discussed. The Board agreed to encourage the enterprise to eventually become self-supporting, but while it is still in its initial stages, TWG will pay the cost of St. Sophia's for the evenings. The frequency of the gatherings was also discussed. For now, they remain biweekly.

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1987 is the 45th anniversary of the founding of UPA--the Ukrainian Insurgent Army. Kapusta suggested marking this event. Michael Bochno is working on a photo exhibit, and Kapusta will inquire about it.

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the home of Daria Stec.

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TWG SYMPOSIUM ASSESSES CHORNOBYL FALLOUT

The Chernobyl nuclear disaster, which the Soviet Union says has claimed 31 lives, may end up killing more than 100,000 people through cancer caused by exposure to its radiation.

Ihor Masnyk, M.D., of the National Cancer Institute, said Soviet experts estimate that about 45,000 people in Ukraine and Byelorussia will die from cancer over the next 70 years as a result of long-term exposure to Chernobyl's radiation. Some Western estimates based on the same data, however, forecast the death toll will top 100,000 during the same period.

The true figure may never be known because of the large population used as the baseline, and the almost paranoid security clamps placed by Soviet authorities on population data," Masnyk told a Dec. 10 symposium sponsored by The Washington Group at St. Sophia's Religious Center.

Opening the symposium, TWG President Daria Stec said it was not the purpose of the panel to exaggerate the situation at Chernobyl. "We hope that things aren't as bad as they could be," she said, " but we do feel that we need more objective and credible information."

Masnyk, acting associate director for international affairs at NCI, was on a panel of speakers that included David Marples, Ph.D., of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta, whose book **Chernobyl & Nuclear Power in the U.S.S.R.** was published by St. Martin's Press this month; Paul Goble, an expert on Soviet nationalities at the State Dept.'s Bureau of Intelligence and Research; and TWG Member Larissa Fontana, Ph.D., who heads the Washington Ukrainian Community Network. TWG Member Andrew Hruszkewycz, M.D., of George Washington University and the National Institutes of Health, was the moderator.

"Although probably not the last one, the Chernobyl accident is the worst accident in the field of nuclear energy thus far," Masnyk said.

Compared to the Three Mile Island nuclear

accident in the United States, which released 15 curies of radioactivity, Chernobyl put more than 100 million curies into the environment, he said. Half of this load was deposited within 30 kilometers of the plant, presenting the Soviets with a mammoth clean-up problem. Perhaps more devastating are the lingering health effects as the contamination continues to enter the food chain over the next generation.

About 135,000 people were evacuated from the 30-kilometer zone, but, Masnyk said, because of superficial testing, it will be difficult to determine in the future which cancer cases among that group were caused by Chernobyl, and which by other causes.

Babies born to women between the eighth and 15th week of pregnancy at the time of radiation exposure carry a risk of severe mental retardation and, in the less affected, lowered mental performance. Soviet authorities have thus far spurned virtually all official U.S. efforts at instituting medical cooperation on Chernobyl, with the possible exception of allowing some follow-up work by Robert Gale, M.D., of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Goble spoke about the political after-effects of the tragedy and analyzed Chernobyl's role in Soviet domestic politics, "high politics" with Eastern Europe and the West, and "low politics" of public opinion and attitudes of the middle and low-level Soviet elite.

Political pundits missed the mark in predicting that Soviet Communist Party leader Mikhail Gorbachev would use Chernobyl to oust Ukrainian Communist Party boss Volodymyr Shcherbytsky, Goble said, prefacing his remarks by saying that he was expressing his own opinions. On the contrary, he pointed out, those fired were in Moscow or were fired directly through Moscow ministries.

"Chernobyl was in Ukraine, but bureaucratically and legally, it was under the control of the all-union ministries in Moscow, and the problems, if they existed, were problems of Moscow's own making," he added.

From the late 1970s, there had been "a drumbeat of criticism" about Chernobyl, including an article in *Vitchyzna* 75 days before the accident, in which the chief construction engineer suggested that the problems resulted from cost-cutting by Moscow over the past year, "very probably suggesting that this was Mr. Gorbachev's doing," Goble said.

Internationally, the Soviet Union lost face over Chernobyl, Goble said, mostly due to the late and incomplete accounting of what happened. Gorbachev's commitment to a more open society that would live up to international obligations was called into question.

The consequences of Chernobyl were most severe in Yugoslavia and Poland. There, thousands signed protest petitions and pictures of children ingesting iodine were a daily feature on Polish television.

Goble also said that if, as some believe, the Soviets have of late been less willing to use coercion on their people, then some popular support or even enthusiasm for public policies is necessary. He cited three Soviet republics as examples of where public attitudes after Chernobyl influenced policy choices:

***Russia.** Long-standing criticism by Russian nationalists against "the draining of our precious bodily fluids" through the proposed diversion of rivers from Russia to other republics resurfaced, and some projects were killed.

***Uzbekistan.** Uzbeks used the post-Chernobyl period to argue against moving from traditional agricultural methods to "ones imposed from the outside." In August, a measure of local option in certain kinds of agricultural methods began to be allowed.

***Armenia.** Pressure from local Armenians as well as those in the diaspora resulted in a decision not only to scrap an aging nuclear plant but to make Armenia nuclear-free by 1990.

The relationship between the Soviet government and Ukrainians abroad is much different than with Armenians. "But to the extent that attention is kept up, one can perhaps help some of the Ukrainians in the Soviet Union to achieve at least part of what the Armenians did," Goble said.

Fontana, whose quick response group was formed after the Medvid incident, summarized

what the U.S. government and the Ukrainian community did in response to the Chernobyl disaster. Until now, and unfortunately for the foreseeable future, Ukrainians in the free world have been unable to send humanitarian aid to the victims, she began. However, Ukrainians have tried to sensitize the press, U.S. legislators, various governments and the Soviet Union about our concern over the citizens of Ukraine and the responsibility of the Soviet Union as a nuclear power.

Fontana suggested Ukrainians form a special group to monitor the Chernobyl situation, especially now that two of the four reactors at the site are being restarted.

"We must exhibit courage, concern and resolve, for the after-effects of Chernobyl will not go away. Our children and our children's children will be left to deal with this legacy, and it's our duty to set an example," Fontana concluded.

Following the formal portion of the symposium, Andrij Bilyk announced the formation of the Chernobyl Education Trust. Initially, it will undertake three projects: assist TWG Member Daria Telizyn in her 365-day marathon of piano concerts dedicated to the victims of Chernobyl; assemble a bibliography of all material written about the disaster; and produce a symposium for the first-year anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear accident. For further information, please call Bilyk, 703/823-4488.

REMINDER: WATCH UKRAINIAN TELEVISION

Three Ukrainian television programs remain in the current series of Ukrainian broadcasts in the Washington area produced by Roman Marynowych. They air on WNVC, Channel 56, Falls Church.

Sundays, Jan. 4 and 11, 5:30-6 pm., first show will be on modern Ukrainian history and second on the documentary, "Harvest of Despair." Tues., Jan. 6, 9:30-10 p.m., Ukrainian Christmas program.

Call Ch. 56, 703/698-9682, for more details.

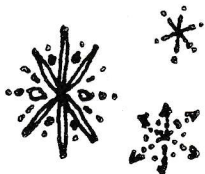
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The Ukrainian Community Network reminds all TWG members and TWG News readers about the new lawmakers in the Washington, D.C. area. We should make it our business to get to know these legislators and their staffs, in order to ensure their receptivity when issues of concern to Ukrainians arise.

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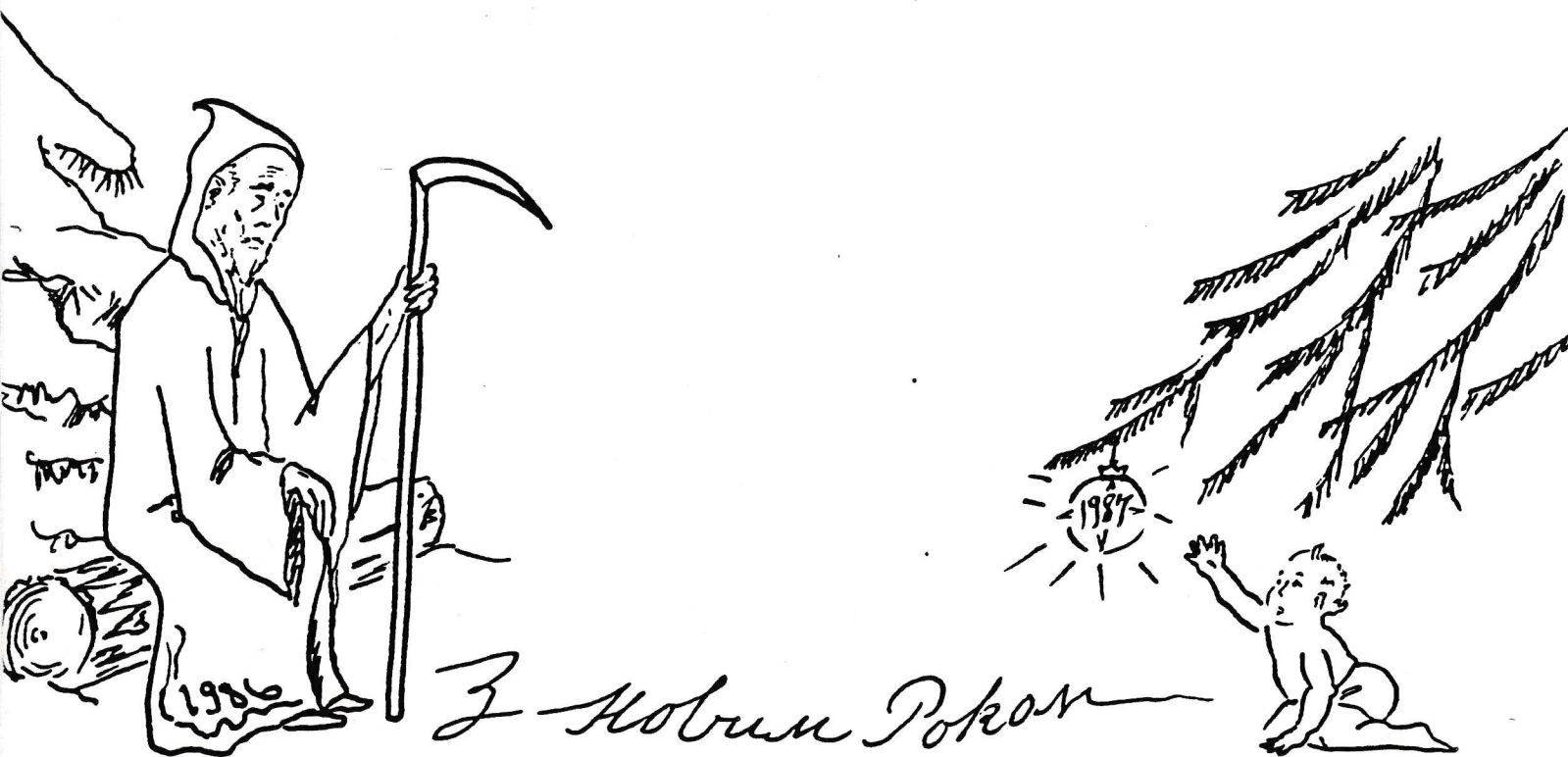
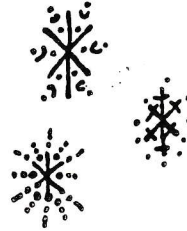
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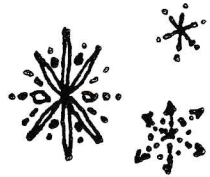
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SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES AND OBSERVANCES

- 7 January
Wednesday Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Christmas Service 8:30am "Z NAMY BOH"; 9:30AM DIVINE LITURGY at St. Sophia Religious Center.
- 7 January
Wednesday St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church holds Christmas Divine Liturgy, 10am, 15100 New Hampshire Ave., MD.
- 8 & 9 January
Thursday & Friday Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Divine Liturgy 7:30 pm at St. Sophia's Religious Center.
- 14 January
Wednesday Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds New Year's Day Divine Liturgy of St. Basil at 7:30pm St. Sophia's Religious Center.
- 18 January
Sunday Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church sponsors annual "Prospora" after the 11:15am Divine Liturgy at Holy Family Parish Center.
- 18 January
Sunday St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church holds Epiphany Divine Liturgy, 10am, 15100 New Hampshire Ave., MD.
- 18 January
Sunday Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church and St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church sponsor joint "Shchedrij Vechir - Holodna Kutia" with blessing of water. Time and place to be announced.
- 19 January
Monday Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church holds Divine Liturgy, 11 a.m., Feast of the Epiphany ("Jordan"), at St. Sophia's Religious Center



NOTE: THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTER IS AT 4250 HAREWOOD RD., N.E. JUST NORTH OF THE SHRINE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

ST. SOPHIA'S RELIGIOUS CENTER (ALSO LOCATION OF HOLY TRINITY SERVICES) IS AT 2615 30TH ST., N.W., NEAR WOODLEY PARK-ZOO METRO STOP.



ST. ANDREWS UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH SERVICES ARE AT THE PARISH BUILDING, 15100 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., SILVER SPRING, MD.

January

25 Dec. - 19 Jan.

Plast and Ridna Shkola bring greetings and Christmas carols, *kolyadky*, to homes in the community. Please support this time-honored Ukrainian tradition.

Marion Bartoszyk, 559-4473,
Andrew Bihun, 301/871-8086

4 SUNDAY 1 p.m.

Svichechka, traditional Plast Christmas gathering
Holy Family Parish Center
Andrew Bihun, 301/871-8086

11 SUNDAY 1 p.m.

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America,
Board meeting
Holy Family Parish Center
Myron Wasyluk, 202/638-0988

13 TUESDAY 7 p.m.

The Washington Group Board of Directors'
monthly board meeting; home of Daria Stec, 2939
Van Ness St., N.W., Apt. 542. TWG members invited to
attend as observers.
Daria Stec, 202/362-6862

13 TUESDAY 8 p.m.

The Washington Group has revived the biweekly "Open
House"; you do not have to be a TWG member to
attend. Free admission. BYOB.
St. Sophia's Religious Center
Peter Fedynsky, 202/484-8989 (eves.),
or 202/234-2330 on the Tuesday evenings of the Open
House at St. Sophia's

15 THURSDAY 7:30 p.m.

TWG Fellowship Project committee meets at the
home of Martha Mostovych,
9321 Wire Ave., Silver Spring
Martha Mostovych, 301/589-0411

16 FRIDAY 7:30 p.m.

Harvard Millennium Project Committee meets at
home of Martha Mostovych,
9321 Wire Ave., Silver Spring
Martha Mostovych, 301/589-0411

17 SATURDAY 7-9 p.m.

The Washington Group goes skating on the Mall;
skating rink between 7th and 9th Streets, N.W., on north
side of Mall, opposite the Archives Building. Bring your
own skates or rent there. Hot beverages afterwards.
Julia Tereshchuk, 703/938-8719 (eves) or Daria Stec,
202/357-5478 (days) or 202/362-6862 (eves.)

18 SUNDAY

Annual Prospora
after 11:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy
sponsored by Holy Family Parish at the Parish Center
Mary Dubik, 202/526-3737

18 SUNDAY 5 p.m.

Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church and St.
Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church sponsor joint
Shchedrij Vechir-Holodna Kutia with blessing of
water
Grace Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave,
Takoma Park, Md.
Rev. Taras Lonchyna, 301/890-7730, or Very Rev.
Hryhorij Podhurec, 301/384-9192

January

20 TUESDAY

Ukrainian Independence Day Commemoration, sponsored by The Ukrainian-American Army Officers Cocktails 6 p.m.
Dinner 7:15 p.m.
Tickets- \$15
Speaker- Gen. Nicholas Krawciw, U.S. Army Officers' Club, Fort Myer, Arlington, Va.
Reservations are required and due by Jan 14.
Make checks payable to Bohdan Dombchewskyj and mail to him at 5601 Seminary Rd., Apt. 2107N, Falls Church, Va., 22041.
Leonid Kondratiuk, 703/765-9370 (eves) or 703/756-1980 (days) or Bohdan Dombchewskyj 703/998-6351 (eves) or 703/756-0379 (days)

20 TUESDAY

monthly deadline for submitting calendar events to Chrystia Oryshkevych, 301/622-4488



21 WEDNESDAY 6-8 p.m.

Annual Ukrainian Independence Day Reception on Capitol Hill, sponsored by Ukrainian Congress Committee of America
Rayburn House Office Building
donation, \$10
for details and room number, call Myron Wasylyk, 202/638-0988

24 SATURDAY

Malanka
music by "Khloptsi zi Lvova"
\$50
\$30, students
\$15, students, dance only
sponsored by Ukrainian Assn. of Metropolitan Washington
Indian Springs Country Club
Eugene Iwanciw, 703/237-0428

27 TUESDAY 8 p.m.



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St. Sophia's Religious Center
Peter Fedynsky, 202/484-8989 (eves.), or 202/234-2330 on the Tuesday evenings of the Open House at St. Sophia's

31 Jan.- 4 Feb. SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY

National Committee to Commemorate the Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine and the Harvard Millennium Project Committee staff both at the 1987 Media EXPO sponsored by the National Religious Broadcasters Assn. More than 4,000 religious broadcasters expected to attend this 44th annual convention and exposition
Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Rd., N.W. and Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St., N.W.
Martha Mostovych, 301/589-0411 or Andrij Bilyk, 703/823-4488.

February

15 SUNDAY 2 p.m.



Fundraiser for TWG Member Daria Telizyn so that she may continue her piano concert series to benefit the American Cancer ; Daria will perform a recital.
Holy Family Parish Center
Marta Pereyima, 703/528-3075

27 FRIDAY 7:30 p.m.



Michael Edwards, National Geographic senior editor, speaks at TWG Friday Evening Forum on "Recent Travels in Ukraine"
refreshments will be served
Julia Tereshchuk, 703/938-8719 (eves.)

February

28 SATURDAY

!!Early morning departure!!
 One-day cross-country ski trip in the beauty of Maryland's forests; great fun and exercise for beginners and experts alike; equipment rental available.
 sponsored by TWG
 Daria Stec, 202/357-5478 (days)
 202/362-6862 (eves.)



28 SATURDAY

Vyshyvani Vechomytsi, embroidery dance. Everyone encouraged to come in embroidered evening dress; competition, prizes; music by Roland Stransky Orchestra
 sponsored by Marian Sodality
 Stephanie Diachok, 301/891-3660

March

28-29 SATURDAY 7:30-9 p.m.
 SUNDAY 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Art exhibit of Mrs. Krychevsky Rosandych from California
 sponsored by Branch 78 of Ukrainian National Women's League of America
 Martha Terlecky, 703/521-3048

April

5 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Fourth Annual Pysanka Easter Egg Workshop and Exhibit
 Holy Family Parish Center
 Jurij Dobczansky, 301/649-6558.

May

16 SATURDAY

Matural'na Zabava,
 sponsored by the Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies, TEMPO Orchestra
 Holy Family Parish Center
 Marion Bartoszyk, 559-4473

June

14 SUNDAY

Picnic-Festyn to celebrate the end of the school year, sponsored by the Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies. On the grounds of the future site of Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church, block of 16600 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.
 Marion Bartszyk, 559-4473.



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