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TWG FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME

The Washington Group is gearing up for a summer of fun activities to find respite from the Washington heat, and an opportunity for social and professional networking. Plans thus far include pedal boating, a get-together for cocktails, a picnic, pool party and outings to Blob's Park, Wolf Trap and the beach. The details of all events are in TWG News.

Three events take place in June. Friday, June 5, TWG holds its last Friday evening "Open House" at St. Sophia's before a recess until September. Saturday, June 6, TWGs congregate at the Tidal Basin Boathouse near the Jefferson Memorial for an afternoon of pedal boating and lazing in the sun. We will then move to the Hotel Washington's Sky Terrace to eat, drink and enjoy the rooftop view of downtown Washington. And on Saturday evening, June 27, we will eat and drink (once again!), and kick up our

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ABAers REFUSE TO PUBLICLY OPPOSE AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET LAWYERS

A committee of the American Bar Assn. is unhappy about the cooperation between the ABA and the Assn. of Soviet Lawyers—yet it will not voice public opposition for fear of embarrassing ABA leaders.

This became known to members of the Washington Group who protested at a May 20 meeting at the Park Hyatt Hotel of the ABA committee on law and national security. The TWG members were at the demonstration at the request of the Independent Task Force on ABA-Soviet Relations, and were joined by members of the Ukrainian Community Network, Baltic and other organizations.

The Independent Task Force, headed by Phoenix attorneys Patience Huntwork and Orest Jejna, has been working to convince the ABA to terminate its "agreement of cooperation" with the Soviet lawyers organization, a group that includes anti-Semites, prosecutors of prisoners of conscience and KGB agents.

Although the ABA committee, which advises ABA on matters involving the U.S.S.R., has privately voiced opposition to the agreement, it has not done so publicly for fear of "embarrassing ABA's leadership."

Thus, its influence has been negligible. During an evacuation of the hotel due to a bomb threat of unknown origin, most of the committee's members were eager to explain to members of the Ukrainian contingent their position on the agreement. Nevertheless, the committee did not come out with a formal statement. The task force plans to follow up on

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DON'T BEGRUDGE US OUR HISTORY

New York Times correspondent Henry Kamm recently received permission to visit three cities in Ukraine where western journalists are rarer than spuds in Naples: Lviv, Uzhhorod and Chernivtsi.

These cities, Kamm writes, in the May 7 Times, once were ruled by the Austro-Hungarian Empire. They still resemble Vienna, Budapest and Prague more than they do Kiev or Moscow, but alas, the multi-cultural inhabitants of these cities are gone. "Ukrainians, who formed the majority population in the rural surroundings, have become majority even in these cities," Kamm writes.

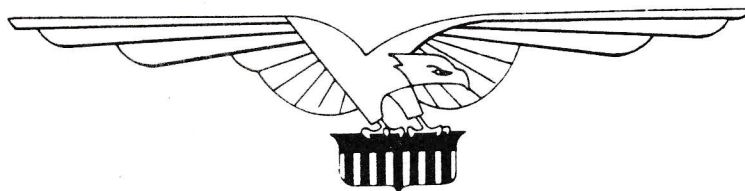
Worse. "Newspaper editors and spokesmen for cultural organizations took pains to trace the origins of their towns to Kievan Russia, a ninth century forerunner of the modern state, and to call the others who ruled here, no matter how long, foreign occupation powers."

Well now, Kamm could improve his education markedly by reading Mike Edwards's article in the May issue of the *National Geographic*, because in the ninth century there was no "Kievan Russia." Peter I created Russia nine centuries later. Lviv was founded by King Danylo for his son Lev, and the city's name means Lev's (City). That was back in the 13th century, 600 years before the Austro-Hungarian Empire was created. Danylo knew that his roots were in Kievan Rus' and after consolidating his lands in what now is the Western Ukraine, he put his own man in charge of Kiev (Voyevoda Dmytro).

So let's not chide these Soviet newspaper editors and spokesmen about taking pains to look for real roots of their cities. A New York Times reporter should do his own homework. Surely Kamm would not criticize newspaper editors in Maputo for considering Portugal a "foreign occupation power" just because it "owned" Mozambique for 400 years.

As for confusing Rus' with Russia, experts like Kamm could write out on their shirt cuffs an easy memory jogger: Rus' is to Russia, as East Anglia (the cradle of England) is to New England. Different pieces of real estate in different epochs, but with some historic connections.

WRITE LETTERS TO GET KIEV CONSULATE OPENED: COURTNEY



William Courtney, who hopes to be at his post soon as U.S. consul general at the long-delayed consulate in Kiev, is urging Americans who favor the consulate to write to their Senators, Representatives and to Administration officials, such as Secretary of State George Shultz, to urge that the consulate be opened soon. Courtney made his plea before an audience at the Ukrainian Institute of America in New York, May 8.

“Important progress...long in coming, has now been made,” said Courtney, updating the status of negotiations over the consulates in Kiev and New York, which have been on and off between the U.S. and the Soviet Union since 1973. After talks intensified in 1986, the Soviets made key concessions on areas such as occupancy rights, details on who would do renovations at the Kiev site, rights of the U.S. consulate staffers to enter and leave the U.S.S.R. by air at Kiev, as the Soviets will be allowed to do in New York, and various telex and communications capabilities.

But “new hurdles” have arisen. First, Chernobyl —although in January, the U.S. lifted its travel advisory for Americans visiting Kiev. Now, concern over the State Dept. budget, and security breaches at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow threaten the Kiev consulate, Courtney said. But, he pointed out, the Reagan Administration’s desire to improve relations with the Soviet Union may favorably influence the consulate. “And the small scale and differing roles of the Kiev consulate and the Moscow Embassy will mitigate some security difficulties,” he said.

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CLOAK AND DAGGER IN AFRICA

“And this is Dmitri Nabludanov, a water power specialist. You’ll be working with him on the Somalia resettlement project.”

My short, Latin American boss in the Infrastructure Section of the United Nations agency in Nairobi just introduced me, very jovially, to a UN technical expert—an expert with whom I would have to learn to cooperate for the next two years. Our task—to solve some longstanding problems with a bogged-down UN project in a remote country in the Horn of Africa. The two of us. Well, why not? Or... is this someone’s idea of a joke—to put an American and a Russian together to untangle a thorny problem in a Third World setting?

Dmitri held out his hand. He looked like a youthful version of Leonid Brezhnev—busy eyebrows, a scowl on his face, penetrating eyes. “Your name was?”

I told him.

“But this is not an American name.”

The Latin American boss broke in, “Oh, you know the United States. It’s a big mix—Germans, Negroes. Everything you want. OK. Next month, before the rainy season starts, you two go on mission. I left copies of the Terms of Reference on your desks.”

My office was on the 20th floor of the tallest building in Africa south of Cairo, the 25-story Kenyatta Conference Center. The view was arresting: Nairobi, “the Green City in the sun,” sprawling out beneath my window and merging into the yellow-brown of the East African savannah—the savannah itself ending with mirror-like flashing mirages on the horizon. On

clear days, Mt. Kilimanjaro appeared to the south like a Biblical apparition.

Ah. Back to work. The Terms of Reference. The Somali project was a good 25 years old, it seemed, and began when Soviet influence was peaking in this strategic part of the world that cradles the Middle East. Soviet advisors had persuaded the Somali government to undertake a massive social engineering project: to resettle the nomadic tribes of Northern Somalia to the South, along the banks of the country’s only two rivers. These nomads were to become farmers, by decree, and produce a vegetable export market for the government.

The Soviets left—kicked out; the Americans came in; then the Americans left; the Chinese came in; the Chinese left... But the project had money thrown at its feet. The Somali nomads, it turned out, despise farmers, in fact, lack words to adequately express their contempt, and leave at the first opportunity—and the project sites have become living museums of neglected donor agency technology: that crumbling building there, the Russians built in the ’60s; that rusting water piping system there, the Dutch brought in 10 years ago... All abandoned. Yet the money pours in. And Dmitri and I were to combine forces to bring in yet another water distribution system, this time powered by wind. With so much good reason for cynicism, how serious was Dmitri about this assignment, I wondered. This afternoon, Kilimanjaro was hidden behind a blue haze.

There was a soft knock on the door and Dmitri came in. His stiff posture betrayed some tension, as if he was confronting a difficult task.

“Please sit down,” I offered.

He remained standing at the foot of my desk, and swallowed hard. Were his lips trembling? "Y-you," he began, "you are ...Ukrainian?"

"Yes," I said laughing. "Yes, I am. A Ukrainian-American."

"I want to give you this!" he blurted out and handed me a copy of a little white booklet. A Soviet propaganda piece called Tse Ukrayina, filled with chubby smiling faces and hydroelectric plants.

I handled the booklet with solemnity and thanked him. He managed to smile and wished me success—not only with the Somali project, but with my other duties at the UN, as well—and bowing stiffly, he left. Mm-hmm.

Within a week, I met the other five Soviets at the UN agency. The staff whispered that they were all KGB. But what a change from the old image! These men were cheerful, bursting with the latest jokes, ready with just-between-me-and-you advice to the newcomer. They were well-dressed—tailored business suits and flashy leisure clothes—Soviet versions of Miami Vice. And because of the peculiar administrative arrangement of Soviet membership in the UN, these Soviet employess had no conflicts with other staffers. They didn't have to fight for seniority and promotions, since their Foreign Ministry pulled them in and out of the UN at will, and so they constituted no professional threat to the other UN employees. How could you not like them—these charming, cooperative rogues?

Rarely would they abandon their clowning roles to resemble their more familiar guises. But they did—after the shooting down of the KAL jet, for example, or upon the death of Brezhnev—they could be seen congregating in some designated spot, like a corner of the library, to receive some whispered instructions with which they could face the world.

Yet for all their public displays of easy camaraderie, they were tightly controlled, and weren't free to travel in the country, without complex, onerous arrangements. There was no shortage of staff jokes about the way they shadowed each other in Nairobi's busy streets. A Russian artist married to a Kenyan engineer told me, "It takes a full year of being in Kenya before you become used to the idea that no one is following you."

Dmitri seemed to be the most reticent, the most thoughtful, of the Soviets. Plucked out of an engineering institute, was he perhaps uncomfortable with his new role—in this flowering international meadow, this minefield of diplomacy?

Despite polar differences in philosophy, religion and culture, we got to know each other well...I thought. The fascination with the other side of the Moon drew us together often, for chats over Kenyan coffee. To him, the "other side" was marketing, ad campaigns—"How can you do such things without national coordination?" To me, the "other side" was fishing for insights into the Soviet lifestyle. How does the soul accommodate itself to the demands for total conformity in thought? Dmitri introduced me to the music of Bulat Akudzhava and Vladimir Vy-sotsky, to their muffled yearnings concealed in ambiguous verse.

We made arrangements on Somali Air for our trip. "What are our prospects for success?" I asked Dmitri.

"We, Soviets, are familiar with this problem," he began. "The Kazakhs were nomads before the Revolution. Now Kazakhstan has towns, libraries, a national theater." He handed me a Soviet booklet, This is Kazakhstan. "But this is the work of generations, and it requires a firm, unwavering policy to change a people's culture from nomadic to settled."

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NOTES ON MEMBERS

Three TWG Members are on the team traveling through the Soviet Union with the U.S. Information Agency exhibit on American information technology: **PETER FEDYNSKY**, who left for Kiev, Rostov-on-Don and Moscow in May; TWG Director of Special Projects **MARTA PEREYMA**, who left June 4 to spend several months on assignment at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, China, before proceeding to Ukraine; and **VALENTINA LIMONCHENKO**.

Fedynsky is already at his post, and was quoted in a June 6 New York Times article about the Moscow opening of the show. Commenting on visitors' requests for illegally copied computer programs, Fedynsky told the Times that none of the guides would make copies. The article also said, "Mr. Fedynsky said several teen-age visitors asked detailed questions about the construction of satellite dishes and the radio frequencies on which they operated. 'Some people were disappointed,' he said. 'They were expecting really high tech.'" Congratulations to Peter, Marta and Valentina—we wish them success.

JURIJ DOBCZANSKY is the author of an extensive directory on Ukrainian groups active in human rights, part of the "Human Rights Internet Directory: Eastern Europe and the USSR." Dobczansky is a Slavic cataloguer in the social sciences at the Library of Congress' Cataloguing Division. The directory includes background on Ukraine and a synopsis of recent developments in the human rights arena. It contains details about "non-official" organizations, such as the Ukrainian Helsinki Group, as well as groups in the West. Contacts are provided. The directory, which appeared in April, is available from the publisher, Human Rights Internet, Harvard Law School, Pound Hall Rm. 401, Cambridge, Mass., 02138, 617/495-9924.

ELLA OSTAPENKO and David Vanloozen will be married Oct. 24. The couple is planning "a Ukrainian wedding and an Irish honeymoon." Congratulations!

YURIY DEYCHAKIWSKY's letter to the editor of the Virginian-Pilot was published April 28. Headed "Ukrainians and Jews," the letter followed the April 12 screening of the TV film "Sobibor." "Repeated references to 'Ukrainian guards' may have given the unfamiliar viewer the wrong impression that the Ukrainian people were uniformly anti-Semitic Nazi collaborators. True, individual Ukrainians as Nazi collaborators committed terrible crimes against Jews in World War II, just as individual Jews collaborated in such crimes as Stalin's famine in 1932-33....The time has long arrived for mutual understanding and cooperation. Both are among the most repressed people by the present Soviet regime. In fact, the Jews and Ukrainians incarcerated in today's gulags live as brothers and sisters, surviving and struggling together," Deychakiwsky wrote.

TANIA DEMCHUK, U. of Virginia sophomore, is singing and dancing this summer at King's Dominion, the theme park in Doswell, Va. Tania won her spot in the half-hour "Sweet Country Music Show" after competing for one of several dozen slots in an audition with 600 other hopefuls. At U.Va., the Plast member is assistant director of Musique, the University's pop music and dance troupe. Tania plans to double-major in music and psychology and wants to write her own songs. Tania's show is performed at King's Dominion five times a day, every day except Thursday.

VOLLEYBALL, ANYONE?

The Washington Group is looking for volleyball players to form a TWG volleyball team. Anyone interested should contact Larysa Kurylas, 202/232-5695 (eves.).

Even given her high energy level, Martha Pryshlak Mostovych, one of the Washington Group's most spirited activists and formerly TWG's director of special projects Board member, says she still gets frustrated by not having enough energy for all the things she'd like to do.

"A relatively small number of people are involved in Ukrainian causes and they are over-taxed," she says. Since the multitude of tasks they set out to accomplish is enormous, inevitably certain

SPOTLIGHT on
Martha Mostovych

causes fall by the wayside, as for example, preservation of the Ukrainian language, a subject close to Martha's heart. Ukrainian must be preserved, she declares, precisely because of the Soviet Union's effort to kill it. "Russification wouldn't exist if the Soviets didn't feel it was so important to eradicate language differences in the Soviet Union," she says.

For her parents' generation, language-preservation and cultural-perpetuation were priorities. Ukrainian was spoken at home, and children went to Ukrainian schools and activities organized through the parents' efforts.

"Today, there are so many additional causes and priorities for our generation—all vital," Martha says. She mentions developing careers, influencing the American political process and fighting for Ukrainian issues like anti-defamation. "There isn't enough energy to go around," she says. "We somehow need to inspire a broader circle of people to contribute whatever they have to offer. Some have time, no money. For others, it's the other way around, or they

may have political power, contacts, knowledge, skills, etc." It's often difficult to undertake fresh endeavors because the community keeps relying on people already active, but whose energies are spread too thin.

To preserve the Ukrainian language, Martha urges providing "an infrastructure, be that Ukrainian schools that teach at the professional, accredited level, Ukrainian-as-a-second-language programs in mainstream schools, churches, clubs, what have you" to allow for the continued free use of Ukrainian.

Martha also has strong feelings about the Ukrainian community's isolationist tendencies. "We need to ally with a variety of groups, including the Jewish community" in pursuing our goals, she states. "We must learn to identify common needs and align ourselves on that basis, without letting prejudice interfere. We should determine what 'value-added service' we can offer potential allies and seize the opportunity to pursue the common interest."

For example, with global attention riveted on Chernobyl and its victims in the Soviet Union, Europe and the world, Ukrainians should continue to direct attention to the incident illustrating Soviet disregard for human life.

With respect to the approaching celebrations marking the Millennium of Christianity in Rus'-Ukraine, Mostovych urges community organizations not to duplicate one another's efforts, and to ensure that the commemoration is not "purely introverted." Given the Ukrainian community's finite resources, most of our work should be directed away from the traditional "akademias," concerts and demonstrations, Martha suggests. Instead, we should focus on communicating the Millennium's significance to non-Ukrainians,

and exposing “the hypocrisy of the Soviet Union, which doesn’t even allow the practice of religion, yet is planning extensive ceremonies in Moscow.” Nevertheless, we must not deny Russian believers their right to also celebrate the Millennium, she declares.

If the Ukrainian community is successful in telling its story to the outside world, especially to the U.S. and other Western governments, “that will be a major achievement.”

Martha has chosen a professional career far removed from her concerns about the Ukrainian community. Since 1978, she has been with General Electric Information Services Co., a GE component that does \$800 million in business annually. GE Information Services—the largest such company in the world—provides teleprocessing and data communications services in more than 30 countries across five continents. Its competitors include IBM and AT&T. Martha has been handling ever-increasing responsibilities for the company’s marketing and sales operations.

Much of her time has been in the department that determines prices to domestic and foreign customers who purchase the company’s services. Many factors influence such pricing decisions, Martha explained, including the prices charged by competitors, currency fluctuations, the international regulatory environment and product uniqueness.

In May, Martha was promoted to marketing manager for a new venture called “Managed Network Services.” This service line deals with managing clients’ private networks and computer centers around the world, interconnecting them with government-sponsored “public data networks,” and integrating all of these with GE’s network and applications services. Combining data, voice and image transmission facilities is one of the planned offerings. In her new position, Martha will focus largely on

foreign clients and markets.

Martha has traveled to Amsterdam for conferences with companies that distribute GE’s information services. And in her new role, she expects to be traveling abroad more. A big challenge will be developing close contacts with foreign government authorities in charge of data communications, and exploiting business opportunities that have recently opened up as a result of deregulation by certain countries.

Only three countries—Canada, the United Kingdom and the U.S.—have completely deregulated this industry. A few others are expected to follow suit. In the rest of the world, data transmission services are government-owned or controlled monopolies. Penetrating these markets requires innovative marketing approaches that Martha is in charge of developing and implementing.

She says that one secret of her success professionally as well as in the Ukrainian community is always “looking for ways to marry conflicting interests through compromise.”

Mostovych started her career in Washington at the Dept. of Commerce, where she spent 1977-78 in the Bureau of East-West Trade. She holds a B.A., magna cum laude, from the U. of Pennsylvania. A true Renaissance woman, her concentrations were in languages, literature and the social sciences. (Besides English and Ukrainian, she speaks French, Russian and some Polish.) In addition, Martha received an M.A. from Harvard U., where she explored the relationships between computer technology and linguistics research. Attending night school, she obtained an M.B.A. at George Washington U., studying information systems technology and international business.

Martha and her husband, Andrew, a plasma physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory, live in Silver Spring with their daughter, Nadia, born

in November. Asked to describe how she feels about "Nadijka," Martha says, "I'm completely in love with her....Everything they say about motherhood is true and better." A newborn's world is pure and simple, and for a time, the parent is privileged to also view the world in this way, and to relive a bit of his or her own infancy and childhood, Martha says.

Although she enjoys the culinary arts, Martha plans to teach Nadijka some very valuable things besides cooking...things she says she "failed to focus on while growing up." In particular, Martha will emphasize career counseling—costs and benefits of all possible job opportunities available to women.

Married in Hartford, Martha's hometown, in September 1982, she and Andrew were introduced three years earlier at a Plast meeting in the Washington home of TWG Member Jurij Dobczansky, she recalls. Andrew stepped away to use the bathroom and was promptly chosen to lead the local Plast troop for the next year, she recalls. Since then, the joke has been: don't even go to the bathroom; you'll be saddled with work.

She described how the pair fell in love: Shortly after that meeting, Andrew's master's thesis needed to be typed. Martha volunteered, and was often at her office, at the controls of the memory typewriter, until the wee hours churning out pages about spectral density functions and ion-ion acoustic fluctuations.

A few months later, Martha's new condominium needed painting. Andrew put in long hours after work and often climbed down from the ladder exhausted and spattered with paint. Even in that condition, Martha remembers, "he was still sexy to me." As a matter of fact, Andrew was first introduced to Martha's parents as the guy helping her paint the apartment—overalls, roller, paint flecks in the hair and all.

Even with Nadijka and her new job, Martha continues as president of the Washington branch of the Harvard Millennium Project Committee. It is raising funds for the four-part undertaking, including an international conference in 1988 in Ravenna, Italy, publication of an extensive series of original Ukrainian pre-secular literature, a multi-volume encyclopedia and the endowment of a chair at Harvard's Divinity School.

In her spare time, Martha likes to travel, hike and study a variety of subjects, such as linguistics, the workings of the brain, mental and physical health, and nutrition. As a student, "I was fascinated with how one could enhance mental willpower and control of one's life through fasting. But that was just a phase," she says reassuringly.



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE II TO FOCUS ON UKRAINE'S 2ND MILLENNIUM

The Washington Group's Leadership Conference II will explore issues and concerns facing Ukrainian Americans in the second Millennium of Ukraine's existence as a Christian nation. Various goals that can be attained through more effective participation in American and international political, social, economic and organizational structures will be discussed. This seems to be particularly relevant and important in light of the recent emphasis in our community on our history—distant and recent. This is also significant as we prepare for the 1988 U.S. presidential elections.

TWG is proceeding full steam ahead with preparations for the 1987 Leadership Conference and Fellowship Gala. The site for this year's events is the Mayflower Hotel, and the dates are Oct. 9-12—the long Columbus Day weekend in the U.S. and Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

Since early March, TWG's Board of Directors and interested members have been meeting to organize this event.

TWG envisions the format of the conference to open Saturday morning with a plenary session including two or three speakers who will discuss Americans' perception of Ukraine and Ukrainian Americans. A luncheon with a prominent speaker (last year's was Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national security advisor to Jimmy Carter) will round out the morning's events.

Saturday afternoon will be divided into two sessions of several workshops each. In the first workshop, experts will explore opportunities for Ukrainian Americans to participate effectively in politics, business, the media and non-Ukrainian organizations. The second session will be

devoted to workshops on one timely issue—defamation has been suggested—that requires Ukrainian Americans' participation at various levels for effective influence. To culminate the conference, a strategy-planning session setting out specific plans for the future will be held on Sunday.

The Fellowship Gala on Saturday evening will be in the Mayflower's newly renovated white and gold-gilded ballroom with terraces and balconies—the site of inaugural balls ever since Calvin Coolidge's in 1925. (Yes, the renovation work is complete, unlike the situation last year at the Capital Hilton.)

And TWG is very pleased that, for the second time, the Ukrainian American Bar Assn., which will be holding its annual meeting at the Mayflower the same weekend, will co-sponsor the gala with TWG. Proceeds from the dinner-dance will go towards TWG's Fellowship Fund and the UABA's Scholarship Fund, as designated by each donor. Guests will enjoy entertainment during dinner, and then dancing to the sounds of "Tempo," the well-known Ukrainian band from New Jersey.

Other celebrations planned for the weekend include a party on Friday evening to observe TWG's third birthday and a brunch on Sunday afternoon.

Planning for the conference still requires seeing to a myriad of details. There is something for everyone to do—and a lot of it is fun! We strongly urge you to become involved in this very important endeavor. For information on the next meeting of the planning group, call Daria Stec, 202/357-5478 (days) or 202/362-6862 (eves.)

DARIAN IN AFRICA

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Yes I thought, "firm and unwavering policy." That might sound familiar to the Famine victims of the 30s. But I said, "You don't think the Somalis are serious in this resettlement scheme?"

"They can't accomplish a restructuring of society when they waver between capitalism and communism," Dmitri said.

The Latin American boss barged in, and dropped a bundle of reports on Dmitri's desk. "How's Darian's Russian?" he asked.

"Improving. At first, he just mixed White Russian with Polish and called it Russian," Dmitri said. The Latin continued, "I hope you're not talking politics. That's grounds for dismissal in the United Nations."

We both laughed. "But what's the purpose of the United Nations, if not political?" I said. After the Latin left, I said, "once we get this report out, I could use a weekend in Mombasa," staring longingly to the West, where only five hours' drive away lay the Indian Ocean.

"You Americans! So easy for you to travel," Dmitri said, crushing his cigarette. Then he eyed me and said, "D'eechok, admit it--you're a spy."

I knew that people commonly accused each other of their own hang-ups, but this was ridiculous. "That's an absurd question, Dmitri," I said, "If I were a spy, I would deny it; and since I'm not a spy, you'll get the same answer. What can you hope to learn by such a question?"

"But the possibility exists, doesn't it?"

"Sure. The possibility always exists." I left him in the hall of mirrors of his own society's paranoia. Our human attraction to each

other ran up against its limits and was being overpowered by other repulsions.

I wonder what Dmitri would say now about "glasnost"? Beside cooperative and jovial, couldn't the boys be instructed to be..."open"?

YUPPINSKY YARD SALE

Have you done your spring cleaning yet? Gotten to those dark corners and musty closets? Haven't started? We know the feeling. When you do get around to it, consider rescuing some of the loot—old clothes (in good condition), books, records, tapes, kitchen items, gadgets, knickknacks, sports equipment, etc.—from the trash collectors. Save them for TWG's First Antiques and Treasures Sale, a kind of Yuppinsky Yard Sale to be held in September. Date and place to be announced. Watch for details.

NEW MEMBERS

In May, the TWG Board of Directors approved the following persons as members of TWG.

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JOB-HUNTING ADVICE

Washington's ever-expanding service, high-tech and government-oriented economy make it a highly desirable career location. Above-average salaries, glamorous and influential jobs, and attractive surroundings add to the city's appeal. Many a starry-eyed college graduate roams the halls of Congress and the executive agencies looking for the big break.

In recent years, Ukrainian Americans have joined the hoards pounding the pavement of D.C. As a professional organization promoting professional growth and advancement, the Washington Group offers tips to those of you job-hunting in Washington.

The first item to consider is the location of your office. It should be in the center of Washington, close to the Hill, the White House and the main Washington business district. If this is impossible, being near a Metro stop will do. You will need to be in a good location to run down during lunch hour and after work to demonstrations, picketing, distribution of leaflets, and other activities crucial to Ukrainians. These events are sometimes called with very little notice, so you'll save time if you are already near the action.

Ask potential bosses about the time commitment required for your job. If it's 100%, forget it. You will need to spend at least half your day on the phone, calling congressmen, their staffs and people in the bureaucracy to educate them on Ukrainian issues: Medvid, Chornobyl, defamation, Demjanjuk, even the menu for an upcoming congressional reception. You will also have to call other Ukrainians to mobilize them to make calls about the latest issue. Don't forget to leave time for letter-writing: to Congress, the White House, newspapers and magazines.

And don't plan to eat during lunchtime. You will spend it in meetings, seminars, congressional hearings, or plotting strategy, gathering information, procuring supplies and dividing the list of things to be done.

During times of crisis, expect to spend all of your working time on Ukrainian projects, otherwise, about half the day should do it. If your future boss is not committed to the Ukrainian cause, or at least understanding of it, look elsewhere. You don't want to work in a place like that.

Ask the potential supervisor about copying machines. You definitely need full access to a good machine, with enlargement and reduction, and collating capabilities—for about 1,000 copies a week. Another must is a word processor or computer—preferably a Macintosh Plus, IBM or IBM-compatible. Find out if you can set up a database with mailing lists. And be sure you have access to long-distance phone lines. Calling on your own runs into hundreds of dollars monthly, and can easily be avoided. Just use the phone in your office for all your "business" calls. Your boss will be impressed when you are called by a Senator's office or the White House. Imagine: so-and-so from the White House returning your call!

Ask the potential secretary or receptionist to pronounce a few Ukrainian names. Find out if he/she is patient with people who speak broken English. You don't want to embarrass your Ukrainian colleagues by having some dummy mispronounce their name. And your boss should be exposed to the sound of the Ukrainian language, and ideally, learn to speak it him/herself.

We hope these are helpful hints in your job interview process. Good luck!

UKRAINIAN AMERICANS STRONGLY IDENTIFY WITH THEIR HERITAGE

Americans of Ukrainian ancestry identify themselves as "Ukrainian" more often than virtually any other Eastern Europeans. This finding, in a recent U.S. government study, underscores the cohesion of the Ukrainian American community. This sense of identity can be attributed either to Ukrainians' keen awareness of their roots, or to their lower rates of intermarriage.

Ukrainians, the report also says, have managed to achieve economic and political strength despite their start as relatively poor and uneducated immigrants.

Americans of Eastern European ancestry make up 6.5% of the total U.S. population of 242.5 million. Ukrainians make up .28% of all Americans, or about 465,000, says the report, issued in October 1986 by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Other estimates put the figure of Americans of Ukrainian background much higher. Most of the study's findings are from 1980 U.S. census data.

About one-quarter of Ukrainians in America, 22.5%, were born outside the U.S. The other 77.5% are descendants of people who came to America, sometimes via other countries, from what is now the Soviet Union, and parts of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Romania. The peak of immigration was from 1890-1930, with a significant, but short-lived, movement to America after World War II. Thus, most Ukrainians represent the second and third generations of their family in this country.

ETHNIC IDENTITY

Of those who were over 55, 86% think of themselves as solely "Ukrainian," of those 25-54

years old, 57% identified themselves as Ukrainian, as did 37% of the 16-25 age group. Only people calling themselves Serbian/Croatian or Estonian/Latvian/Lithuanian equaled this rate among those over 55. The next highest ethnic identification rate was 85% among the oldest Czechs, 84% among the oldest Poles, and 76% among Russians.

In the 25-54 year category, the 57% rate among Ukrainians was only equaled by Serbian/Croatians. The next highest identification was 52% by Poles, 51% by Czechs, 48% by both the Baltics and Russians. For 16-24 year olds, after the Ukrainians' rate of 37%, the next highest was 35% by both Serbian/Croatians and Russians, 32% by Poles and 31% by Romanians.

LANGUAGE

For all East Europeans, the percentage of persons who speak a language other than English at home is 30% for those over 55, compared to 12% of those 25-54, 8% of those 16-24 and 17% overall.

Among Ukrainians, however, 41% of the older group speaks another language at home, presumably Ukrainian, 21% of those 25-54, 16% of those 16-24 and 28% overall. Only Serbian/Croatians report a higher adherence to a native language—and that rate is just slightly higher than 28% overall.

But these statistics do not reflect the true extent of ethnic identity, the report said. People with multiple ancestry, or who think of themselves as being of one heritage but speak only English, may in fact retain strong ethnic bonds. This is certainly true of Ukrainians and other Eastern Europeans, the report concluded.

EDUCATION

Increases in educational attainment among Eastern Europeans are "quite extraordinary," the

report says. These leaps surpass the climbs over the years among all Americans. For example, the typical Ukrainian immigrant who came to the U.S. in the early 1900s, and who is now over 65, spent fewer than seven years in school. Those 55-64 completed just under nine years.

But of the American-born children of the newcomers, those aged 45-54 have an average of about 11 years of school, those 35-44, more than 12 years. And the 25-34 year olds have more than 14 years of school, the highest of any Eastern European group in that age bracket, except Russians, whose education is equally advanced.

OCCUPATIONS

Americans of East European origin have used their education, and other qualifications not so easily quantified, to score impressive gains in economic status over their forebears. Whether measured on an annual, weekly, or hourly basis, East European men of all ages earn 18% more than non-Hispanic men from other areas of Europe. East European women make 10%-15% more than their counterparts from other parts of Europe. But, the report points out, this was once not the case.

There has been a dramatic shift between the first and second generations of Eastern Europeans, away from "blue collar" craft and operative fields toward "white collar" professional and managerial occupations. Specifically, 30% of Eastern European men are in management or a profession, against 22% of other whites.

Of Ukrainian men in the work force, 29% are in management or the professions, topped among East Europeans by Russians (47.8%), Romanians (42.8%), Balts (34.8%), and Hungarians (29.4%).

Of Ukrainian women, 24% of those in the labor force are in a managerial or professional capac-

ity, surpassed among East Europeans by Russians (37%), Romanians (33%), Balts (29%), and Hungarians (25%).

In conclusion, Robert Destro, a member of the civil rights panel, laments many Americans' persistent ignorance of the differences among various East European peoples.

"It is time to recognize...that no racial group (white or nonwhite) is monolithic," he writes. "The American tendency to describe Ukrainians as 'Russians,' for example, simply confirms our lack of knowledge of issues central to a proper understanding of discrimination on the basis of national origin."

The report, "The Economic Status of Americans of Southern and Eastern European Ancestry," U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Clearinghouse Publication 89, October 1986, can be obtained free from the Commission by calling 202/376-8105, reserving a copy and picking it up at the Commission, 1121 Vermont Ave., N.W., Rm. 700, Washington, D.C. 20425, open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



OSHAWA CONFERENCE

Canadians of Ukrainian descent cannot sit back and relax just because the Deschenes Commission has decided that trials of alleged war criminals will be held in Canada. There is still a lot of work to be done, advised TWG Member John Gregorovich, a Ukrainian activist from Toronto.

He spoke during the May 15-18 National Convention of the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Federation, held in Oshawa, Ont. TWG Auditing Committee Member Natalie Sluzar was among the speakers at the meeting, attended by about 250 delegates. Several Canadian politicians and members of Parliament also gave presentations.

The verdict of the Deschenes Commission does not prevent future anti-Ukrainian activities, nor will it put a stop to the anti-Ukrainian leanings of the Canadian and American press, Gregorovich warned.

The site for the biannual convention rotates through Canada's major cities, but this marked the first time a non-urban site was selected. Oshawa is a pleasant town about 30 miles east of Toronto, and the Oshawa branch of the Federation hosted the convention.

The convention's main objective was to assess the direction of the 3,000-member national organization, with 26 clubs from Newfoundland to British Columbia. Gatherings of this kind "provide a forum to get direction from our members for the next two years," said Convention Chairman Peter Zakarow, a member of the Oshawa Club.

Other TWG members who attended included Nick Kotow, president of the Pittsburgh Ukrainian Technological Society, and James Mace,

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REMINDER: FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 30

Applications for the Washington Group Fellowship program for 1987 must be postmarked no later than June 30. All TWG members were sent a brochure describing the program, but if you need another copy, please contact Daria Stec, 202/362-6862 (eves) or Fellowship Committee Chairman Andrew Mostovych, 301/589-0411 (eves). He can also provide information about the program and criteria for the award(s).

The award(s) will be made Sept. 1. For the first year of the program, the fellowship(s) will be awarded as the Alvin Kapusta Memorial Fellowships. Al, who passed away in January, had a distinguished career in the State Dept. Al was an authority on Ukrainian Baptists, and on Soviet nationalities. He served TWG as its public relations director.

SOVIET LAWYERS

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the protest by continuing its pressure on the ABA sub-group to make its opposition publicly known.

TWG SUMMERTIME EVENTS

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heels at Blob's Park polka hall and beer garden in Jessup, Md.

Mark your calendars and let us know whether you want to help. We want to arrange the best accommodations for you!

CONFERENCE

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staff director of the U.S. Congressional Commission on the Ukraine Famine.

The program's objectives were as diverse as the geographic, economic and political backgrounds of the delegates and guests. On Friday evening, a welcoming reception gave everyone a chance to loosen up from many hours of travel. Saturday morning was devoted to Federation business. The luncheon speaker was Hon. Ed Broadbent, leader of the New Democratic Party, the minority party of Canada.

One session, "progress and professionalism," was chaired by Eugene Zalucky, former president of the Toronto branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Federation. Zalucky has also appeared before a TWG audience—at the 1986 Leadership Conference. Sluzar, Bohdan Vitvitsky, former president of the Ukrainian-American Business and Professional Persons Assn. of N.Y. and N.J., and several other panelists emphasized the need for Ukrainians in America and Canada to become more involved in the wider affairs of their communities, beyond Ukrainian-accepted groups, and search for supporters in those places. Sound leadership and harmony in our objectives are essential when dealing with various issues outside the Ukrainian community, the speakers said.

The Saturday evening banquet was a gala affair—with star attraction "The Kozaks," a spirited dance troupe from Toronto that has performed all over Canada and the U.S. Hon. Thomas Siddon, minister of Fisheries and Oceans, delivered the keynote address. Dancing and partying afterwards in a hospitality suite lasted until dawn.

Sunday, a panel entitled "the University and

Contemporary Issues," chaired by Paul Magosci, the U. of Toronto professor known for his book of maps of Ukraine through the centuries, discussed the obligations of academics to the community. The panelists, among them Mace, explored interactions between those in academia and the community, and what each side expects of the other. The give-and-take was lively.

In the evening, a concluding banquet was held at beautiful Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village, with Oshawa Mayor Allen Pilkey as one of the hosts.

RITTER WOULD REQUIRE STATE DEPT. REPORTS ON CHORNOBYL

The Ukrainian-American Community Network, headed by TWG Member Larissa Fontana, is urging the community to continue its letter-writing campaigns to secure oversight hearings about the conduct of the Office of Special Investigations, to learn more about the case of Miroslav Medvid, and to obtain permission for Ukrainians outside Ukraine to send aid to the victims of Chornobyl.

In June, Fontana suggests, Ukrainians should write to their Senators and Representatives to urge support for Rep. Don Ritter's (R-Pa.) H.R. 259, "concerning the April 1986 accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Soviet Union." The legislation calls for annual State Department updates to Congress about the situation in and around Chornobyl, establishment of an international medical center and the widening of opportunities by Americans to send aid to Ukraine. Please address letters to your Senator, Washington, D.C., 20510, and Representative, Washington, D.C., 20515.

The next meeting of the Network will be Sunday, June 28, at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

CATHOLIC PAPER MISREPRESENTS MILLENNIUM

A Washington, D.C.-area newspaper has, in a back-handed way, referred to the Millennium of Rus'-Ukraine as an exclusively Russian event, and Ukrainians are not letting the mistake go unnoticed.

TWG Member and leader of the Ukrainian Community Network Larissa Fontana noticed that the May 28 issue of the Catholic Standard described plans for a June 5 National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception service to pray for peace. The article also mentioned that Pope John Paul II would be praying during the service. His prayers, including the recitation of the rosary, would be transmitted via satellite in several languages. The article says: "In addition to the rosary, Scripture readings will be made in Greek, Dutch, Polish, Russian and Arabic. [D.C.] Archbishop Foley said Russian was chosen to mark Millennial celebration of Christianity in an area that now forms part of the Soviet Union."

Fontana, joined by others such as TWG Member Andrij Bilyk, contacted the Papal Nuncio as well as authorities in the archdiocese to point out that choosing Russian to the exclusion of Ukrainian in celebrating the Millennium is an insult to Ukrainians.

NY TIMES REFERS TO MILLENNIUM AS AN UKRAINIAN EVENT

This piece of bad news is juxtaposed against an article in the June 5 New York Times which, possibly for the first time, cites the observance of the Millennium as a Ukrainian event. The story, "Trip by Pope Stirring Issue of Ukrainians," details the plight of Poland's "300,000 Ukrainian Catholics, whose church has affirmed papal dominion for nearly 400 years, often with

piety, risk and sacrifice."

The reporter, Michael Kaufman, interviewed an unnamed young Ukrainian "who regularly attends Ukrainian Catholic services in Warsaw." The Ukrainian is described as saying that under certain conditions, he has heard, the Pope would "accept an invitation to the Soviet Union in connection with the major anniversaries next year of Christianity introduction to the Ukraine and Lithuania."

What is this man
doing...in Africa?
(To find out, see
p. 4.)



UKRAINIAN TRIVIA

The correct answer to last month's question—which Ukrainian diplomatic mission once had its offices at 1901 Columbia Rd., N.W., and what was the name of the chief of this mission?—stumped all of you. The answer is West Ukrainian People's Republic and Luke Myshuha, Ph.D.

This month's question is: for a dress, what size would you try on at Kashtan (the famous foreign-currency stores in Ukraine) if in the U.S., you usually check out the Size 10s? 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 July TWG News.

June

13 SATURDAY

13th Ukrainian Festival, USA
 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.—sports tournament
 4 p.m.-main concert
 Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel, N.J.
 9 p.m.-dance, Ramada Hotel, 130 Route 10 West,
 East Hanover, N.J.
 Tickets to main concert: Yaroslaw Iwachiw, Box 243-F
 Zion Rd., Neshanic Station, N.J. 08853
 201/369-5164, Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

14 SUNDAY 12:30 p.m.

Holy Family Parish annual church picnic on
 church grounds
 Mary Dubik, 202/526-3737

15 MONDAY 7 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.)

20 SATURDAY

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

**20** SATURDAY boarding—6:30 p.m.
sailing—7 p.m.-midnight

Starlight Cruise around Manhattan Island,
 departing from Pier 11—South Street Seaport
 fundraiser for restoration of Ukrainian Institute of
 America building. Band, dancing, exotic buffet and
 entertainment by LUBA, Canada's hot new pop star.
 co-sponsors: the Ukrainian Institute of America, the
 Young Professionals of UIA and TWG
 parking available by reservation.
 contributions accepted from those who cannot attend.
 Couples: \$150; singles: \$100—send checks to UIA
 Fundraiser, 21-73 46th St., Astoria, N.Y. 11105
 Ukrainian Institute of America, 212/288-8660

26 FRIDAY 7:30 p.m.

Ukrainian Night at Darian Diachok's House, in
 Arlington. Practice your Ukrainian in a stress-free
 environment. Light debate topics, and teams, to be drawn
 out of a hat. Door prize will be awarded for the most
 "creative adaptation" into Ukrainian.
 Bring your dictionaries.
 for more information and directions, call
 Darian Diachok, 703/841-9461

26-28 FRIDAY—SUNDAY

1987 Ukrainian Youth for Christ celebration,
 open all young Ukrainian Catholics, aged 18-35; invita-
 tions have been sent to young adults across the U.S. and
 Canada.
 Valley Forge Hilton, Valley Forge, Pa.
 Write: Ukrainian Youth for Christ Planning Committee,
 P.O. Box 46381, Philadelphia, Pa., 19160

28 SUNDAY 1 p.m.

Ukrainian Community Network monthly meeting
 Everyone welcome
 St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
 Larissa Fontana, 301/365-2491

July

12 SUNDAY 2 p.m.**The Second TWG Picnic.**

Bar-b-q; activities include swimming, horseshoe, volleyball, softball, baseball, miniature golf, followed by a "vatra," and so on.

Bull Run Regional Park, near Centerville, Va., about 30 miles from D.C. Take 66 West, past the Beltway, exit at Centerville, go west on Rte. 29 three miles to Park signs. Picnic area #2. Ample parking.

Admission: free to residents of Fairfax, Fairfax City, Loudoun, Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church. All others, \$4 per vehicle, \$8 per vehicle with 10 or more occupants.

Those interested being on the picnic committee overseeing activities, food and beverages, call Julia Tereshchuk, 703/938-8719 (eves.) or 703/359-7256 (days).

31 FRIDAY time to be announced**TWG Get-together at Peter, Paul & Mary concert, Wolf Trap Farm Park, Vienna, Va.**

Reserve by July 17—seating will be limited.

Julia Tereshchuk, 703/938-8719 (eves.) or 703/359-7256 (days); or Daria Stec, 202/362-6862 (eves) or 202/357-5478 (days).

August

8 SATURDAY time and place to be announced

Join TWG at a beach outing

Julia Tereshchuk, 703/938-8719 (eves.) or 703/359-7256 (days); or Daria Stec, 202/362-6862 (eves) or 202/357-5478 (days).

22 SATURDAY time and place to be announced

Celebrate the end of summer with a TWG island fantasy pool party. Watch for details.

September

13 SUNDAY time to be announced**Blessing of the Crosses.** Details to follow.

Holy Family Parish Center
Rev. Denischuk, 202/526-3737

20 SUNDAY after Divine Liturgy

St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church autumn picnic on parish grounds. Everyone invited.
Olya Masnyk, 301/299-4397

26 & 27 SATURDAY-SUNDAY time to be announced

Exhibit of works by Aristide Wirsta, from Paris. sponsored by St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
Olya Masnyk, 301/299-4397

October

Food Drive in the name of the victims of the Great Famine in Ukraine 1932-33. Watch for details.
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.
Olya Masnyk, 301/299-4397

9-11 FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

TWG Leadership Conference II
Mayflower Hotel
Daria Stec, 202/362-6862 (eves.)

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