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### STEC RE-ELECTED TWG PRESIDENT --Announces opening of first TWG office--

Daria Stec was unanimously reelected to another year as president of the Washington Group at TWG's Annual Meeting, Sept. 25, at the Washington Marriott Hotel. At the meeting, she announced that TWG will soon commence operations out of a office building in downtown Washington, D.C.

If all goes on schedule, TWG will move into a building at 18th and I Sts., N.W., in early November. The move will mark the fruition of three years of efforts to find a home for TWG. Among the many advantages of a permanent office, Stec pointed out, are a street address (not a post office box), a telephone, a repository for files, supplies and equipment, and a conference room.

This opportunity came about thanks to TWG Member Myron Wasylyk, director of the Ukrainian National See Annual, page 11

## SCHIFTER TO ADDRESS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Richard Schifter will deliver the luncheon address at the Washington Group's Leadership Conference II, Oct. 10 at Washington's Mayflower Hotel. Schifter, who has held this position since November 1985, is a long-time friend of Ukrainians who can take credit for many of the recent successes of United States foreign policy regarding Ukrainians.

Born in Vienna, he came to the U.S. in 1938. He graduated summa cum laude from the City College of New York in 1943 and earned his L.L.B. from Yale Law School in 1951. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943-46. Upon graduation from law school, he entered private practice, eventually joining the law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, and becoming a partner along with such other figures as U.S. negotiator Max Kampelman. One of his dearest causes in private practice was the protection of the rights of American Indians.

From 1983-86, Schifter was the U.S. member of the UN Human Rights Commission. From 1984-85, he served as deputy U.S. representative at the UN Security Council, where he earned the title Ambassador. He has been active in Maryland politics for many years, including four years as president of the State Board of Education. Schifter and his wife, Lilo, also an attorney and a member of the Maryland Public Service Commission, are parents of five children and grandparents of six.

A member of the U.S. Holocaust Commission, Schifter has mentioned See Conference, page 13

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### TWG'S BRAZILIAN STUDENT

TWG's female Brazilian student has been chosen, reports the Ukrainian National Women's League of America. She is Maria Conrado, and she is expected to write to us soon. Born in 1964, she is one of five children and is a fourth-year college student. She speaks and writes Ukrainian, and letters may addressed to a/c E.D. Efraim Krevey-Cx P 6192, 80000 Curitiba, Parana, Brazil. ....editorial....

New in D.C. and looking for a ready-made group of friends? Been here a while, but work has you in a rut? Do BMWs, VCRs, IRS and Beltway-battles leave an emptiness in your life that you want to fill with something meaningful?

And—are you the kind of person who hesitates to read the morning paper because you dread finding another defamatory or inaccurate article about Ukrainians? Do you want to make a difference? If so, the Washington Group is your answer. Anyone who has been involved in any of TWG's activities these past three years knows that they can open new vistas beyond the sometimes humdrum world of Washington, D.C.—its weather, football team and bureaucracy.

TWG offers you an opportunity to meet interesting professionals of Ukrainian descent from all corners of the globe and all walks of life. With them, you can enjoy fun activities and enhance your network for career growth. TWG also lets you apply your talents and imagination to promoting your Ukrainian heritage. It is often hard work, but never work without reward and a feeling of making a difference.

On Sept. 25, TWG held its third Annual Meeting. The reports of the outgoing Board of Directors showed a great commitment by many people to keep the organization not only in existence, but to keep its sights trained ever higher. The new Board is eager to continue this work.

This success will not, however, continue of its own accord.

TWG needs participants for its events, financial backers for its bank accounts, and, of course, people willing to share their time and talents in the pursuit of projects. Without your help, TWG will not be able to serve you. Get involved, and discover the professional and civic satisfaction that can be yours. Make this the year to become active in TWG.

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## **UKRAINIAN CAUCUS IN KIEV**

#### by R.L. Chomiak

In July, Ivan Dzyuba, a pillar of Ukrainian literary criticism of the 1960s and author of <u>Internationalism or Russification?</u> (for which he was "reeducated" by the authorities), bemoaned in the press the diminishing use of Ukrainian language in the Ukrainian capital.

In August, the Americans invaded Kiev and raised the use of Ukrainian a few degrees.

The invasion was "cultural" — our Information USA exhibit in one of the pavilions of the Ve-De-eN-Ha (the permanent Exhibition of the Achievements of the National Economy or "Vystavka Dosyahnen' Narodnoho Hospodartstva," but everyone in Kiev calls it by its initials.) The American extravaganza, which had just left Moscow and continues now in Rostovon-Don, is a project of the U.S. Information Agency.

The "Ukrainization" of Kiev began with the official opening at which U.S. Ambassador Jack Matlock—as he had promised when he appeared at a Washington Group forum in March—made his remarks in Ukrainian. He included an excerpt from an ode to Kiev by the late poet Pavlo Tychyna. Matlock had typed the text in Ukrainian on his personal computer and read it virtually flawlessly. You should have seen the jaws drop— of the official guests invited to the opening!

Matlock was followed by Rep. Jim Bilbray (D-Nev.), who spoke in English, but whose every word was translated into Ukrainian by the baritone radio voice of TWG Member and USIA guide Peter Fedynsky. Then the exhibit opened and six days a week, eight hours each day, for a month, the amplified voices of Ukrainian-speak-

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ing guides were heard throughout the pavilion in the cacophony of sounds, which included the voices of Russian-speaking guides and those of the 9,000-plus visitors who moved through the pavilion every day.

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### NAMYSTO PERFORMS AT INTERFAITH SERVICE NOV. 17

"Namysto," the Ukrainian choral ensemble that performs Nov. 17 at the 8th Annual Interfaith Concert, had its beginnings in 1972 as a women's sextet devoted to Ukrainian contemporary and folk music. In preparation for the celebration of the Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine, the ensemble has expanded its repertoire for 1988 to include Ukrainian liturgical and religious songs, and its membership to 10 vocalists: Luba Cvikula, Irma Hnatyshyn, Motria Koropecky, Ksenia Krul, Marichka Krul, Christine Kuzmovych, Vera Pylypec, Irena Woloshyn, Natalka Zacharchenko and Vera Zvadiuk.

Ukrainian liturgical music can be traced back to the Kievan Monastery of the Caves (Pecherska Lavra). Early in this millennium, the Kievan chant became the dominant form of choral liturgical expression in the Slavic world and remained so for centuries. The chant reached its zenith in the late 18th and early 19th centuries in the compositions of Dmytro Bortniansky (1751-1825), Maksym Berezovsky (1745-1777) and Artem Vedel (1771-1808). Ukrainians also cherish the centuries-old tradition of feast-day folk songs—koladky at Christmas and vesnivky and hajilky during Easter and springtime, which Namysto will be featuring in 1988.

Namysto has performed in concert at community and Ukrainian Orthodox and Catholic Churchsponsored events in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Richmond, and in New York State in Albany, Rochester and Utica. Two record albums have been produced. Among its most-loved renditions are the two numbers that will be sung at the Nov. 17 concert: "Blazhenni," (The Beatitudes), liturgical chant and "Shchedryk," popularized in the West as the "Carol of the Bells." Mykola Leontovych (1877-1921) made the choral arrangement widely heard today. Petro Krul has served as director of Namysto since its founding, and he arranges most of the group's music. He has directed the choir of Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, and currently serves as cantor and choir director at Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church.

The Interfaith Concert begins at 8 p.m. Emcee will be newsman Daniel Schorr (last year it was ABC/Nightline anchor Ted Koppel), and admission is \$6 advance purchase—available at all three Washington-area Ukrainian churches, or \$7 at the door. A total of nine groups will perform at the concert, which takes place at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb St., N.W.



CFC DONATIONS DUE IN NOVEMBER

The Combined Federal Campaign, the charitable-giving effort conducted by employees of the federal government, is gearing up for its annual drive. All Ukrainians in the government should be aware that they may direct their donations to a group devoted to helping Ukrainians in need throughout the diaspora.

The United Ukrainian-American Relief Committee is eligible to receive funding from the Campaign. Please write in the Committee (known to Ukrainians according to its Ukrainian acronym, ZUDAK) when a CFC pledge is requested from you. November is CFC Campaign Month, so please be generous. Please specify:

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### U.S. CHECKING FOR RADIOACTIVE FOOD FROM CHORNOBYL AREA

Even though the Chornobyl disaster has slipped from the front pages of the daily American press, and even, for the most part, from the Ukrainian press, concern for its victims remains high. Among the community organizations working to keep attention focused on the accident and ways of helping the population around Chornobyl is the Ukrainian Community Network.

But the fallout from the accident affects not only Europeans. Because the Soviet Union does export some food that may make its way to the United States, it is possible that radioactive products could threaten American consumers. The Network, headed by TWG Auditing Committee Member Larissa Fontana, has inquired about this possible danger with its legislators.

In August, Rep. French Slaughter (R-Va.), sent the Network a copy of a letter written him by the Dept. of Health and Human Services in response to Fontana's query. HHS monitors radioactive contamination primarily for foods produced domestically. But since the Chornobyl catastrophe, "certain adjustments" have been made to also check on imported foods, the letter said.

HHS, and specifically the Food and Drug Administration, will continue the monitoring "until they receive information assuring them that there is no cause for further concern," Fontana said. She added that Slaughter was the only Washington-area lawmaker to respond to the Network's query about this matter. Thanks are due to Slaughter, and his constituents (Charlottesville-Culpeper area) should write to him at 319 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

### FREE ADVERTISING FOR UKRAINIAN GROUPS

Gale Research Co., publisher of reference books and guides, invites Ukrainian organizations to submit listings that will help publicize their work. This invitation comes to us through TWG Member Pat Onufrak, who recently accepted a position as research consultant with Gale.

Gale's <u>Encyclopedia of Associations</u> and <u>News-letters Directory</u> are in almost every library, and along with the firm's other publications, are highly valued by universities, businesses and researchers. There is no charge for any listing.

"This is an excellent opportunity for me to help promote Ukrainian organizations and their publications," Onufrak said. Any organization or publication, local, regional or national, that wishes to be listed in the books should send information, including group size and aims, membership characteristics, publication frequency, approximate circulation, or a copy of the newsletter or publication, to: Pat Onufrak, Gale Research Co., 400 First St., N.W., Suite 710, Washington, D.C. 20001.

### UKRAINIAN TRIVIA

The first correct answer to last month's question—when was Plast founded and by whom was provided by George Masiuk. Dr. Alexander Tysowsky (DROT) founded the organization in 1912, and it is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

This month's question concerns a currently popular film. What is the name of the Ukrainian actor who plays a wheelchair-bound computer scientist, and what is the name of the movie? Hint: he attended St. George's Academy in New York City.

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 November TWG News.

## **NOTES ON MEMBERS**

MYRON WASYLYK'S letter to the editor was published in the Sept. 11 Wall Street Journal. Headlined "Soviets Fear Power of Music and Ideas," it called on the Dept. of State to "abandon its cultural-exchange initiative with the U.S.S.R. so long as poets, artists, composers and musicians remain imprisoned in the Soviet Union for the expression of their beliefs and artistic talents." The letter was sparked by a July 8 essay by David Bar-Ilan on cultural exchanges. Keenly aware of the Kremlin's eagerness to put the brakes on unsanctioned expressions of artistic freedom, "it is hard for Ukrainian-Americans to swallow the State Department's drive for increased exchanges between state-sponsored culture in the U.S.S.R. and the bountiful talents who today comprise American culture," Wasylyk wrote. Very well put. And, on Aug. 21, another letter by Wasylyk appeared in the Washington Times. It blasted the agreement between the American Bar Assn. and the Assn. of Soviet Lawyers, and called the arrangement "an enormous victory for the Soviet Union's propaganda and disinformation machine."

ORYSIA PYLYSHENKO will be spending the next several months studying Ukrainian literature and history at Ivan Franko University in Lviv. Having secured a six-month leave of absence from her post as financial systems analyst at the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., she is taking advantage of an opportunity offered by the Ukrainian-American League, a friendship society between Ukrainians in Ukraine and in the diaspora. Her husband, ANDREW WEBBER, and mother, SLAVA, hope to visit her during her stay. And KATJA, Orysia's sister, an American U. student of international relations, spent August touring Moscow, Leningrad, Odessa and Kiev on a dance-workshop tour.

### ANYA DYDYK and JURIJ PETRENKO plan to be married May 28, 1988 at Soyuzivka. Anya has served as TWG director of Special Projects since June, when Marta Pereyma left for her overseas assignment. Anya was emcee at Soyuzivka for 12 years, including three years as program director. She booked such talents as the Metropolitan Opera's Paul Plishka and Las Vegas' Joy Brittan, and arranged for singer Alex Holub's debut at Soyuzivka. She holds a degree in theatre and speech from Rutgers U., plus a teaching degree from Arizona State U. She was president of the Phoenix chapter of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, and served a term on the UNWLA national board as recording secretary. For the past two-and-onehalf years, she has worked as international radio broadcaster at the Voice of America's Ukrainian Branch, which transmits her voice throughout Eastern Europe, and is cultural director of Obyednannia, the Ukrainian Assn. of Metropolitan Washington. Jurij is chief warrant officer 3, U.S. Army. Congratulations from all TWG members to two of our very own!

Several TWG members were featured on a "Freedom Minute," a production of the Voice of America marking the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. Their minute-long talks in Ukrainian on what the Constitution means to them were broadcast by VOA's Ukrainian Branch, and produced by GEORGE SA-JEWYCH. YARO BIHUN's topic was how America treats groups, such as Confederates, that have been defeated by the majority. Contrary to the practice in some other countries, the U.S. has sanctioned many monuments to Confederate heros such as Gen. Robert E. Lee. R.L. CHOMIAK, a resident of Virginia, described the legacy of leaders who made their homes in his state: Jefferson, Madison and Washington, and added that all these homes are within an drive of his home. **GEORGE** easy CHOPIVSKY spoke of the advantages of freedom that he enjoys and described how, given the

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Are you searching for a dentist who, along with fixing your teeth, will also keep you laughing throughout your visit? Yaromyr Oryshkevych, D.D.S., may be your man. And he'll straighten those choppers too, provided you're of a certain age, pausing only to tell one of his famous jokes. For example, he tells patients: If you take care of your car the way you take care of your teeth, you'll be walking.

But Oryshkevych is TWG's local general dentist, with many American patients as well. His is a 14-

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year-old practice, and with offices in Silver Spring and Waldorf, Md., it demands much of his time and energy. However, he has managed to carve out time for his family, service to his country, and to his community. As a matter of fact, many Ukrainian Americans in the Washington area know him better as one who often helps out at community events. It is his variety of interests that keeps him going, he says.

Born in Zolochiv, Ukraine, in 1943, Yarko spent only the first six months of his life on his native soil (except for two subsequent visits). His family survived the latter part of World War II in Czechoslovakia, then was transferred to the Displaced Persons Camp at Dillingen, Germany, and in 1949, came to the United States. Yarko remembers sailing into New York Harbor and everyone on his ship racing to the decks and yelling, "America, America!" He remembers the Statue of Liberty materializing through the mist as hundreds of immigrants gawked from the ship. The second time he was to see the Statue from that angle, that is from a boat, was July 26, 1986, during the Washington Group's cruise around Manhattan. The sight of the lady with the

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torch held special meaning for him that evening, he recalls.

With a sponsor in Baltimore, the Oryshkevych family initially spent two years there. In 1951, Yarko's father, Peter, equipped with a doctorate in geography, found work at the Army Map Service in Washington and the family moved to a house in Hyattsville, Md.

Yarko's father passed away in 1975. His mother, Yaroslava nee Rudensky (no known relation to TWG Member Maria) lives in College Park, Md. Oryshkevych remembers that she sacrificed career advancement to be able to spend more time with her son, an only child, as he was growing up.

Yarko graduated from DeMatha High School, Hyattsville, where he worked on the school paper, becoming the head of its editorial board in his senior year. He went on to the U. of Maryland, where he graduated in 1965 with a degree in microbiology. This field was to hold the bulk of his attention through the next two years, as he pursued an M.S., awarded at Baylor University, Dallas, Texas, in 1967. However, at Baylor his two roommates were dental students. Yarko realized that in this profession, he could combine his proficiency at the sciences with his manual dexterity, which had been praised as far back as high school.

Determined to pursue this field, the very next year, he was on his way to drillin'-and-fillin' at the U. of Maryland Dental School, which he attended on a partial scholarship. During the summers, under the tutelage of Dr. George Krywolap, a professor of microbiology at the dental school, he did research in oral microbiology, presenting a paper on oral streptococci at the 1970 meeting of the American Society of Micro-

biology.

Right out of dental school, in 1971, he signed up with the U.S. Air Force ("it looked like the best service," he remembers) and was assigned to Kincheloe Air Force Base, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Although he didn't take up flying and now his wife, Chrystia Shashkewych-Oryshkevych, won't permit it—he remains convinced that the Air Force has a special quality to it.

In 1973, he became an associate at an established dental practice in Baltimore and Waldorf, but since 1979, has been in solo private practice.

The need to serve his country was not satisfied by the two years in the Air Force, however. He simply says, "America has been good to me....Why leave serving it up to someone else?" So in 1975, he joined the Air National Guard. This service is the airborne part of the National Guard, called out during emergencies and times of strife or war.

Oryshkevych is base dental surgeon of the 113th Tactical Air Command Hospital at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., and he was recently promoted to lieutenant colonel, his second promotion.

Through no effort of his own, he came to be featured in a recent Air Guard recruitment brochure. "It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time," he says, recalling how the producers of the pamphlet chose him as an example of the quintessential Air Guard officer. The headline on the two pages about him reads, "This morning he finished a canal. This afternoon he began a bridge," and is set against a background of Oryshkevych in uniform at a meeting of the administrators of the Andrews facility.

For 15 days each year, he is on active duty in an Air Force hospital. For Oryshkevych, these have

included installations at locations such as Key West, Fla., and Myrtle Beach, S.C., as well as less exotic places such as Nevada and Langley, Va. In addition, he serves one weekend a month at Andrews, and if the situation were to demand it, could be called up and sent to virtually any U.S. Air Force Base. During normal times, the Air Guard is under the command of the state governor, or in the case of Andrews, under the mayor of the District of Columbia. However, if the Guard were to be called up in a national emergency, it would be under the orders of the President, like all the other military services.

As for the dental and medical health of the Air Guard pilots, who spend their service time practicing flying, Yarko explains that his job is not to provide long-term treatment, but to do examinations, emergency procedures and provide preventive dental education. "The military in peacetime is a training organization," Yarko explains. It is constantly preparing for a war it hopes will never come. "It's paradoxical—it's kind of a self-fulfilling prophecy that everyone hopes doesn't get fulfilled." He cites the recent U.S. action in the Persian Gulf as evidence of the value of military preparedness. "Our training paid off," he says.

But Yarko doesn't spend all his time thinking guns. On July 4, 1975, he made his way to Soyuzivka, where he danced the night away with his future wife. Although he and Chrystia had met earlier in Washington—at Leone's Italian Restaurant on University Blvd. in Adelphi, to be exact—when she was an intern with then-Rep. Peter Peyser (R-N.Y.), the two had always thought of one another as members of a group that hung out together. But that weekend, there was something in the air. In September, Yarko popped the question, and on May 1, 1976, the couple were married at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Yonkers, N.Y.

Adrian was born in March 1981, and Alexander, named after Yarko's paternal uncle, a defrocked

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priest still suffering in Ukraine, came in March 1985. "Life is more worth living once you have children," Oryshkevych says.

A long-time member of Plast, Oryshkevych has been a Chornomorets who has been a medical officer at several summer camps on lakes in New York's Adirondack Mts. This year, he will be a scout leader, shepherding a rij of 6-9-yearold boys. In the Dec. 1986/Jan.'87 issue of Hotuys', the magazine for the youngest Plast members, he had published an adaptation of the Ukrainian alphabet to the melody of Mozart's "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

He is member of the American Dental Assn., the Assn. of Military Surgeons of the U.S., the International Assn. for Orthodontics, and various other professional groups. About six years ago, Oryshkevych took a two-year continuing education program in orthodontics, and is therefore able to offer these services in his practice.

The Oryshkevych family likes to travel. On their honeymoon, the couple went to Ukraine, where the couple were introduced to each other's families. They are parishioners of Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church.

To relax, Yarko plays a mean game of Trivial Pursuit, does gardening and putters around the house. He jogs several miles a week—without a headset. To stave off boredom during the exercise, he says, he philosophizes and comes up with ideas like the adaptation of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."



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opportunity to take a financial risk, he has formed his own successful company. He also mentioned the freedom to practice his Ukrainian Orthodox faith. LARISSA FONTANA described how Americans are aware that we can't take our freedoms for granted. For example, despite herculean efforts, asylum for would-be defector Miroslav Medvid was not secured.

**EUGENE IWANCIW** was recently elected chairman of the Washington branch of the Committee on the Millennium. Congratulations!

ALEX ANDREADIS was recently invited to join the Wilson T. Ballard Co., an engineering firm specializing in transportation, and he began work there in September. At the firm, he expects to use the computer skills that he acquired at the U. of Maryland, from where he graduated in May with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Alex comes from a long line of engineers. His grandfather, Nicholas, Sr., specialized in rail transportation in Ukraine. His father, NICOLAS, has had a successful career in structural design and construction management. He is currently building the Ukrainian National Monument/Mausoleum, in Washington, which he designed. Alex's brother, NICOLAS, JR., is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is an executive with Turner Construction Co., Atlanta, Ga. Alex's wife, IRENE, is a third year Civil Engineering student at the U. of Maryland. And his mother-the only one to have veered off the engineering route-is the world-famous AL-ISA ANDREADIS, opera star of Buenos Aires' Teatro Colon and various stages in Europe and North America. Congratulations to the whole family!

## UKRAINIAN CAUCUS

#### From Kiev, page 3

The "Ukrainian Caucus" at the exhibit comprised four guides, all TWG members— Fedynsky, Valentina Limonchenko, Marta Pereyma and this reporter, as well as Oksana Dragan, the chief of the Voice of America's Ukrainian Branch, who served as a researcher behind the scenes, but who came out from time

to time to the front lines to talk to the multitudes. There were 22 other guides whom **USIA** had hired to work some or all of the threeexhibit. city They came from various of the parts U.S. and ranged in age from a college professor to last year's college graduate. All spoke Russian. But all modesty aside, it was the Ukrainianspeaking guides who were the hit of Kiev.

Party of Ukraine was showing concern about the growing disregard for Ukrainian language. And in addition to Dzyuba's lament, others were appearing, particularly in every issue of <u>Literaturna</u> <u>Ukraina</u>.

Pereyma and Fedynsky also know Russian, but all the caucus members used only Ukrainian in Kiev—both at the pavilion and on the streets, and thus helped most of their interlocutors remember the language they know—passively.

> Waiters, shopkeepers and hotel maids gladly switched to Ukrainian when we favored them with passes to exhibit. the Without a pass, the visitors had to stand in line four and five hours-and thousands did, some more than once-to see personal computers, VCRs, compact disc players, healthcare aids and other gadgets of the information age.

St. Volodimir's Memorial in Kiev

"Where did you learn to speak Ukrainian?" was asked of them a thousand times or more.

The answer, such as "in the Ukrainian school in the States," coming from Buffalo-native Pereyma or Fedynsky who hails from Pennsylvania backwoods and Cleveland, was especially poignant when Kiev papers were reporting that even the Central Committee of the Communist It's tiring, but nice, to be a celebrity for a month. People think it's great that you're a Ukrainian from America. They hang on every word you utter at the exhibit stand. They ask for your autograph. They photograph you. They recognize you on the street, in theatre lobbies. They ask you about Ukrainians in America. And, yes, we did tell them about TWG—many, many, many times.

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Information Service, who will soon move his office into a 1,000-sq. ft. space not far from his existing quarters at 810 18th St., N.W. He approached TWG with an offer to use some of the new space. The Joint Baltic American National Committee will also be occupying the space. This arrangement promises cross-fertilization of ideas and possibilities for increased partnerships among all three entities.

In conjunction with the office space, a "TWG Hotline" will be initiated. By dialing a number listed in an upcoming issue of TWG News, callers will hear a three-minute message, updated regularly, of various activities of interest to Ukrainian Americans. Callers will also be able to offer information that will be added to the taped message on its next update. The "hotline" will not only provide details on events, but also alert callers to newly scheduled demonstrations, the appearance of newspaper articles that demand immediate response, and other matters requiring quick mobilization of personnel. Details on the office will be published as they become available.

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Besides unanimously re-electing Stec to her second term, the participants at the Annual Meeting also voted on the other members of the Board. Incumbent Vice President R.L. Chomiak, deputy chief of the U.S. Information Agency's Africa Press Service, defeated Iwan Prynada to retain his position. Our new secretary is Helen Chaikovsky, an investment officer with the Overseas Private Investment Corp., a U.S. government agency providing political risk insurance (covering investments threatened by war, revolution, expropriation, etc.) and long-term financing for American companies that invest in the developing world. Chaikovsky, a native of Hartford, Conn., who has spent the past five years in Washington, travels widely in her job,

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returning most recently from trips to Argentina, Pakistan, the Philippines and China. She succeeds Darian Diachok.

Our new treasurer is Julia Tereshchuk, claims manager at Underwriters Adjusting Co., who defeated Myron Maslowsky. She spent the past year as TWG's able director of events, and succeeds George Hnatiw. Her former post will be filled by Mark Bilowus, M.D., a newcomer to the Washington area, as Tereshchuk was last year, and a urologist in private practice in association with Georgetown U. Hospital.

The new director of public relations is Lydia development officer at the Chopivsky, Chopivsky Corp., a firm that owns and manages hospitals. In Washington the past two-and-onehalf years, the Chicago native holds a bachelor's degree in Russian and East European Studies and a Master's in film and broadcasting, both from Stanford U. She takes over from Yaro Bihun. The new membership director is Andrew Rylyk, formerly a member of the TWG Auditing Committee, and chief of the statistical services division of the U.S. International Trade Commission. Rylyk masterminded the assembly of TWG's mailing list, which contains thousands of names and which can be retrieved by many different combinations. He replaces Halyna Breslawec, who retires after three years on the TWG Board. At the lead in special projects-we await the return to the U.S. from the U.S.S.R. of Marta Pereyma, expected in December.

Our new Auditing Committee includes Jurij Dobczansky, Slavic cataloger in social sciences at the Library of Congress. The New Haven native holds a bachelor's degree in comparative literature from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass, and a Master's of Library Science from Catholic U. Dobczansky is also librarian at Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Parish. He has compiled a select bibliography of articles about the Chornobyl disaster, which will be available Oct. 10 at the TWG Leadership Conference.

The Committee also includes Larissa Fontana, who heads the Ukrainian Community Network and has been instrumental in the recent resurgence of the Ukrainian community in Washington, and incumbent Natalie Sluzar, who served TWG in its first two years as president and this past year as a member of the Auditing Committee. In this capacity, she has been generous not only with her time, but with the wisdom of her experience in Ukrainian activism. Sluzar is a technical writer at Science Applications International Corp. The three winners had some pretty stiff competition for their seats. Also running were Hnatiw, Victor Maykowsky, Marijka Jurach and Ihor Vitkovitsky.

The success of this year's elections, with the many positions for which there was more than one candidate, is due almost entirely to the hard work of the Nominating Committee: Adrian Kerod, Anna Worobij, and Christine Zynjuk. A hearty thank you for all your efforts to encourage involvement in TWG.

The presidium of the meeting also deserves our thanks: Arthur Belendiuk, chairman, Martha Mostovych, vice chairman and Taras Bazyluk, secretary.

In other action at the meeting, the participants heard the reports of all the outgoing members of the Board, as well as the Auditing Committee. The latter panel had several suggestions, among them, that TWG's bank accounts be realigned so that we have checking in an institution that returns cancelled checks, and that TWG curb mailing costs. To this end, it was suggested, once again, that TWG News be sent by bulk mail. Some opposition to this proposal was voiced, but in the future, as a cost-saving measure, TWG News may be limited to a weight that can be mailed first-class for 22c, not 39c, as is sometimes the case.

In her membership report, Breslawec announced a tally of 156 full members, comprising more than 50% of TWG's total roster of 289—the most members the organization has ever had. There are 108 associate members and 25 student members. Overall, there were about 30 more members in late September than there were at the same time last year.

TWG ended its fiscal year in the black but lacking a surplus. Besides mailing, TWG had significant transportation expenses for speakers who appeared at our events. About \$4,500 of profit was realized at the 1986 benefit/gala, but that went to the TWG Fellowship Fund as had been planned. Some income was realized from the sale of books, tapes and records.

Giving his report on the Fellowship project, committee chairman Andrew Mostovych said two winners have been chosen from seven applicants. The names and the projects will be announced at the benefit/gala Oct. 10 at the Mayflower Hotel.

Among topics for the future, the Board was instructed to form a committee to pursue the operation by TWG of a Bingo at Holy Family Parish. According to Stec, the income of \$500-\$1,000 for one evening of work by 20 or so TWG members would be a worthwhile undertaking. Any volunteers are asked to contact Vitkovitsky, **301/439-9123**.

Also, the TWG Board's proposal to amend the TWG constitution and bylaws to shorten the grace period for people whose membership has expired to two months, instead of three, was adopted.

However, the other Board proposal, mandating any amendments to the constitution and bylaws to be submitted to the Board in writing by Aug. 15 before the upcoming annual meeting, was defeated.

And a proposal by Hnatiw to begin the Annual Meeting, in the absence of a quorum, one half-

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hour after the appointed time—instead of the existing mandate of one hour—was adopted. Therefore, next year, if a quorum of TWG members (25% of full members) does not arrive on time, the meeting starts in a half-hour anyway.

After all that serious work, the assembled group marched off to Blackie's House of Beef for a family-style dinner of prime rib (or scallops).

### **NEW MEMBERS**

In July and August, the TWG Board of Directors approved the following people as members of TWG. (They were inadvertently omitted from the September issue of TWG News.)

### **FULL MEMBER**

M.Z. Snihurowycz-McCutchan, LaJolla, Calif.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Walter Anastas, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn. Xenia Jowyk, Ridgefield, Conn. Hilary Kinal, Knoxville, Tenn.

And in September, the TWG Board of Directors approved the following new TWG members.

### **FULL MEMBERS**

Tania Gajecky-Wynar, Littleton, Colo. Katja Pylyshenko, Rochester, N.Y.



### LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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the plight of Ukraine often in his writings and speeches. For example, he spoke out on behalf of poets Vasyl Stus and Mykola Rudenko, and most recently, defended newly released dissident Yosyp Terelia. He is a foremost defender of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, and it was through his initiative that the recent State Dept. paper on the Church was written. He is also active in trying to secure the release of all Perm 36-1 prisoners (political prisoners in the Soviet Union).

Part of his interest in Ukrainian issues is thanks to the two Ukrainians on his staff: Paula Dobriansky, one of his two deputy assistant secretaries, and Katya Chumachenko, his special assistant.

In addition, Schifter's cousin is a research scholar at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute who is studying Ukrainian-Jewish relations during the Petliura era.

The conference will be at the Mayflower, 1127 Connecticut Ave., N.W., between L and M Sts.

It opens the evening of Friday, Oct. 9, with a party marking TWG's third year of existence. For \$10, participants will be able to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, champagne and a birthday cake.

Workshops get underway at 9 a.m. Sat., Oct. 10, and Schifter will speak about 1 p.m. Among the speakers who are new additions to the conference faculty (others listed in September issue of TWG News) are Bohdan Denysyk, senior vice president, Global, U.S.A., a Washington, D.C., consulting firm; Rudolf Perina, a staffer at the National Security Council; Maria Shust, director of the Ukrainian Museum, New York; and TWG Member Olha Rybakoff, Esq., an associate at the Wilmington, Del., firm of Connolly, Bove, Lodge & Hutz.

At 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Leadership Conference participants will be joined by members of the Ukrainian American Bar Assn., which will be holding its annual meeting simultaneously at the Mayflower. The two groups will enjoy a gala reception, dinner and dance to the music of TEMPO. Proceeds from the gala go, according to the wishes of each participant, to either the TWG Fellowship Fund or the UABA Scholarship Fund. The two 1987 winners of the TWG Fellowship, given in memory of Al Kapusta, will be announced at the gala by Fellowship Project Chairman Andrew Mostovych.

A Sunday brunch at 1 p.m. at the Empress Chinese Restaurant, 1018 Vermont Ave., N.W., four blocks from the Mayflower, and a strategy-planning session will wrap up the conference. Brunch will be \$10.

Cost of registration is \$60 for TWG members. Non-members will be charged \$70. Student registration is \$35 with lunch, \$20 without lunch. The gala dinner/dance is \$75. To reserve a table for dinner, please call Daria Stec, 202/362-6862. Tickets, to be purchased at the door, for students wishing to attend only the dance are \$20, adults, \$40.

To reserve rooms at the Mayflower, please call 202/347-3000 directly, but please be aware that the hotel may already be full. Special TWG/ UABA rates are \$75 single/\$85 double for medium rooms and \$100 single/\$110 double for deluxe rooms.

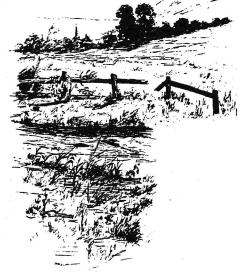
For information about other Washington-area hotels, please call the Washington, D.C. Accommodations Bureau, 800/554-2220 or, locally, 289-2220. Hotel rooms will be found at no charge.

### ATTENTION ALL UKRAINIAN ARTISTS AND COLLECTORS OF UKRAINIAN ART!!

In response to last year's success, the Washington Group will once again hold an exhibit/sale of works by Ukrainian artists during the Leadership Conference from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Oct. 10 at the Mayflower Hotel's Senate Room.

These rules apply: each artist may submit up to five works, which will be exhibited at the discretion of TWG Member and exhibit coordinator Roksolana Armstrong. Small/portable sculptures will also be accepted. Each submission must be labeled with its title, the artist's name and selling price, discretely but visibly on each work. TWG will retain a portion of receipts. All artists are responsible for their works. They may be delivered either to Ms. Armstrong's home by Wed., Oct. 7, or to the Mayflower's Senate Room at 6 p.m., Fri., Oct. 9. They may be picked up either at the hotel at 5 p.m., Sat., Oct. 10, or from Ms. Armstrong's home thereafter. All submissions are made at the artist's risk, with TWG accepting no responsibility or liability for stolen or damaged works.

Those interested in exhibiting should contact Ms. Armstrong as soon as possible, 301/585-4456.





#### LEADERSHIP <u>CONFERENCE II</u>

October 9-11, 1987 Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.

AMBASSADOR RICHARD SCHIFTER, Assistant Secretary Featured Speaker: of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Saturday, October 10, 1987, 12:15 P.M.

Other Activities:

Friday, October 9 -- TWG Birthday Party

Saturday, October 10 -- Conference

\* Ukrainians in Historical Perspective

\* Media Perceptions of Ukrainians

\* Non-Ukrainians' Perceptions of Ukrainians

-- Workshops

Session I - We the People: Ukrainians in ...

Session II - Enhancing the Ukrainian Image through ...

- \* politics
- \* business
- \* government

- \* the legal system
- \* the media

- \* information
- The Washington Group and the Ukrainian-American Bar Association BENEFIT GALA

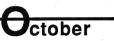
Music by TEMPO

Sunday, October 11 -- Brunch and Strategy Planning Session

### Empress Restaurant

Information and sales tables, art exhibits all day Saturday For more information call: Daria Stec, (202) 362-6862 (eves.)

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Food Drive in honor of International World Food Day, sponsored by the United Nations, and in the name of the victims of both the Great Famine in Ukraine, 1932-33, and Chornobyl. Capital Area Food Bank will receive the food. Drop off canned and dried food at all three Washington-area Ukrainian churches on Sundays during October. With sponsorship by Ukrainian Community Network.

Daria Stec, 202/362-6862 (eves.)

### **3** SATURDAY 6:30 p.m.

Lecture by Themistocle Wirsta, from Paris, whose works are displayed at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, on the theme, "Ukrainian artists in France," with slides. Exhibit open 5-9 p.m.

St. Andrew's Parish Center Olya Masnyk, 301/299-4397

### **4** SUNDAY 10 a.m.

Blessing of St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church—Liturgy, blessing of church and parish center; 2 p.m., banquet and program Olya Masnyk, 301/299-4397 Slava Francuzenko, 301/774-9656

### 4 SUNDAY 12-4 p.m.

Exhibit of artworks by Themistocle Wirsta, from Paris St. Andrew's Parish Center Olya Masnyk, 301/299-4397

### **4** SUNDAY 12-6 p.m.

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

#### MONDAY 7:30 p.m.

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Washington Branch, monthly meeting—all members welcome. St. Sophia's Religious Center Myron Wasylyk, 202/638-0988 (days)

### 8 THURSDAY 8 p.m.

Lemkovyna, representative folklore ensemble of the Ukrainian socio-cultural society in Poland, performs at Springbrook High School, 201 Valleybrook Dr., Silver Spring, Md.

sponsored by Obyednannia, Ukrainian Assn. of the Washington Metropolitan Area. admission: \$15

Eugene Iwanciw, 703/237-0428 (eves.)

### 9-11 FRIDAY—SUNDAY

#### **TWG Leadership Conference II**

Fri., 8 p.m., TWG's 3rd Birthday Party, Chinese Room, \$10 includes hors d'oeuvres, champagne and birthday cake

Sat., 8 a.m., registration

TWG members, \$60, non-members, \$70 students, \$35 with lunch; \$20, without lunch 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m., presentations 12:15 p.m., luncheon, Colonial Room 2-4:45 p.m., workshops 6:30 p.m., TWG/Ukrainian American Bar Assn. Benefit Gala for TWG Fellowship Fund and UABA Scholarship Fund, reception, East Room 7:30 p.m., dinner/dance, with music by TEMPO, Grand Ballroom gala dinner dance, \$75, tickets for dance only, \$40, adults; \$20, students, available at the door Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave., N.W., between L and M Sts. To reserve rooms, please call the Mayflower directly, 202/347-3000. Special TWG/UABA rates are \$75 single/\$85 double for medium rooms and \$100 single/\$110 double for deluxe rooms. Sun., 11 a.m., church services 1 p.m., brunch, \$10, Empress Restaurant, 1018 Vermont Ave., N.W. (4 blocks from Mayflower)

2:30-4 p.m., strategy planning session at Empress

Daria Stec, 202/362-6862 (eves.)

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**EVENTS** 

## Jctober

### 9-11 FRIDAY—SUNDAY

Ukrainian American Bar Assn. annual meeting Fri., 8 p.m., cocktail reception

Sat., 9 a.m., -5 p.m., business meeting and seminars 6:30 p.m., benefit gala co-sponsored by TWG (details, see above)

Sun., 10 a.m., general get-together Mayflower Hotel George Sierant, 202/232-8443

### **13** TUESDAY 7:30 p.m.

TWG Board of Directors monthly meeting St. Sophia's Religious Center Daria Stec, 202/362-6862

## 16-30 FRIDAY-FRIDAY

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

## SATURDAYS, from OCT. 17— DEC. 12, 1-3:30 p.m.

Eight-session **embroidery course** at Ukrainian Museum: \$45, adults; \$40, senior citizens and students over 16; free, children 10-16 all materials provided, finished objects yours to keep.

203 Second Ave., New York City 212/228-0110

## **18** SUNDAY 1:30 p.m.

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

### **20** TUESDAY

Monthly calendar deadline Halyna Breslawec, 301/983-0152 (eves., days: please leave message)

### 21 WEDNESDAY 12 p.m.

recently released Ukrainian dissident Danylo Shumuk holds press conference John Peter Zenger Room, National Press Club, 14th and F Sts., N.W. Lydia Chopivsky, 202/333-6693 (leave message)

## 22 THURSDAY 5-7 p.m.

Capitol Hill reception for former dissident Danylo Shumuk, sponsored by Americans for Human Rights in Ukraine (AHRU)

708 Hart Senate Office Building information, reservations: Bozhena Olshaniwsky, 201/373-9729 (home), 201/581-5000 (work)

### **23** FRIDAY 7:30 p.m.

former dissident Danylo Shumuk meets the Washington Ukrainian community sponsored by TWG Holy Family Parish Center Daria Stec, 202/362-6862 (eves.)

### 24 SATURDAY 8 p.m.

Piano concert by TWG Member Juliana Osinchuk, recently selected a "Young Artist of 1987" by <u>Musical America</u>, the Journal of Classical Music. Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, New York City Juliana Osinchuk, 914/939-8068





## October

## 25 SUNDAY 12:30 p.m.

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

### **30** FRIDAY 6 p.m.

Washington chapter of Ukrainian American Bar Assn. monthly meeting Old Ebbitt Grill, 675 15th St., N.W. Walter Sulzynsky, 202/786-4918 (days) or George Sierant 202/728-8421 (days)

## Vovember

### 2 MONDAY 7:30 p.m.

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Washington Branch, monthly meeting—all members welcome. St. Sophia's Religious Center Myron Wasylyk, **202/638-0988** (days)

### 6 FRIDAY 8 p.m.

First Friday Open House Admission free—bring beverages and snacks St. Sophia's Religious Center Julia Tereshchuk, 703/938-8719 (eves.)

### 7 SATURDAY 4 p.m.

Commemoration of 25th anniversary of the death of Ukrainian writer Todosia Osmachka, with an appearance by Prof. Hryhoriy Kostiuk, readings by Mykola Francuzenko, and reminiscences about the writer by poet and Voice of America editor Wolodymyr Bilajiw and Prof. Petro Odarchenko sponsored by the Ukrainian Free Academy of Arts & Sciences and "Slovo," Association of Ukrainian Writers St. Sophia's Religious Center Petro Odarchenko, 301/439-7484

## **14** SATURDAY 7 p.m.

Banquet marking the 10th anniversary of the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) featuring vocal duo, "Darka & Slavko" admission: \$30 per person; \$50 per couple Holy Family Parish Center Myron Wasylyk, 202/638-0988 (days)

### 14-15 SATURDAY-SUNDAY

time to be announced Exhibit of works of art by TWG Member Victoria Varvariv, sponsored by St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church St. Andrew's Parish Center Olya Masnyk, 301/299-4397

### NOV. 14, DEC. 5 & 12,

#### SATURDAY, 1-3:30 p.m.

Three-session bead-stringing course (to make gerdany, bead-strung necklaces) at New York's Ukrainian Museum: \$20, adults; \$15, senior citizens and students over 16; free, children 12-16 all materials provided, finished objects yours to keep. 203 Second Ave., New York City 212/228-0110

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November

### 17 TUESDAY 8 p.m.

8th Annual Interfaith Concert, including the participation of "Namysto," choral ensemble, under the musical direction of Petro Krul emcee, broadcaster Daniel Schorr admission: \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb St., N.W. Lisa Iversen, 202/234-6300

## 21 SATURDAY 4 p.m.

Author's evening with poet and VOA editor Wolodymyr Bilajiw, with an appearance by Prof. Hryhoriy Kostiuk

sponsored by the Ukrainian Free Academy of Arts & Sciences and "Slovo," Association of Ukrainian Writers St. Sophia's Religious Center Petro Odarchenko, 301/439-7484

December

### **5-6** SATURDAY-SUNDAY

time to be announced Holy Family Christmas Bazaar. Watch for details. Holy Family Parish Center Mary Dubik, 202/526-3737

## 5, 12 & 13,

SAT., SUNDAYS, 2-4 p.m. Christmas Decorations Workshop: learn to make Ukrainian Christmas tree ornaments such as spiders, cradles, stars, mobiles and garlands, from beads, walnut shells, colored ribbons and paper. Children and adults will have separate sessions.

each session: \$4, adults; senior citizens and students over 12, \$3.50; children 7-12, free.

all materials provided, finished objects yours to keep. 203 Second Ave., New York City 212/228-0110

### **19** SATURDAY 12 p.m.

St. Nicholas visits all the "chemni" children at Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies Bohdan Yasinsky, 301/593-5186 (eves.)

### 31 THURSDAY 8 p.m.

New Year's Eve Liturgy, followed, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., by Annual New Year's Eve Ball & Buffet Details to follow. Holy Family Parish Center Mary Dubik, 202/526-3737

## January

### 24 SUNDAY 12:30 p.m.

Annual "Prosphora," Christmas dinner Holy Family Parish Center Mary Dubik, 202/526-3737



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 LOCA-TION OF HOLY TRINITY SERVICES): 2615 30TH ST., N.W., NEAR WOODLEY PARK-ZOO METRO.

ST. ANDREW'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, 15100 N. HAMPSHIRE AVE., SILVER SPRING, MD.

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