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UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION

Close to one hundred Washingtonians gathered January 22 at the Ft. McNair Officers Club to commemorate Ukrainian Independence Day. The reception was co-sponsored by the Ukrainian-American Military Officers Club and The Washington Group. The keynote speaker was Curtis Kamman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East European and Soviet Affairs.

Kamman provided a general overview of U.S.-Soviet relations and in particular told the audience about the most recent developments in Ukraine and the State Department's reaction to those events.

Kamman referred to the meetings that he has had with members of the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet and the Ukrainian government, which have included Mykhailo Horyn, Laryssa Skoryk, Volodymyr Pylypchuk, Lviv's Mayor Kotyk, Foreign Minister Zlemko and Prime Minister Fokin. Kamman also indicated that the United States will open its consulate in Kiev in a matter of weeks.

In meetings with Ukrainian officials, Kamman stated that the question often arose as to the status and rank of the U.S. presence

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Our Man in Kiev

JON GUNDERSEN SPEAKS AT FRIDAY EVENING FORUM

By Marusia Drohobycky

The new and, as of Wednesday, February, 27, 1991, the first U.S. Consul General in Kiev is Jon Gundersen, a tall, unassuming, native New Yorker. Mr. Gundersen met with the Baltimore-Washington community on Friday, February 15, where he spoke at this year's first TWG Friday Evening Forum.

As a Foreign Service Officer (FSO), he is well-traveled and experienced, having served as U.S. Embassy Officer in Moscow and Oslo, as well as on the staff of Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and Cyrus Vance. His background is especially varied, from having negotiated arms control agreements in Geneva to having written speeches for Ambassadors Jeanne Kirkpatrick and Kenneth Adelman at the United Nations. Of particular note is his expertise in Soviet nationalities and East European relations, his area responsibility while stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow from July 1979 to July 1981. Mr. Gundersen is fluent in Russian and is currently learning Ukrainian, a language he hopes to master while living in Kiev for the next three years.

Mr. Gundersen speaks with ease, pausing only momentarily to reflect on answers to questions, and makes it known that he still occasionally trips up on the use of the definite article before saying Ukraine.

The new Consul General is excited about his next tour of duty. He is thrilled by the prospect of working and living in a country undergoing radical political and economic changes. As we met in his office for an interview at the State Department, he was looking forward to the impressive challenges ahead.

Marusia Drohobycky, TWG Events Director, interviewed Mr. Gundersen shortly before he left for Kiev. Her interview with him appears on page 4.

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UKRAINIAN TRIVIA

On February 22, 1894, the Ukrainian National Association was founded in Shamokin, Pennsylvania. It started with 13 branches and 97 years later has 420 branches, 77,000 members and over \$100 million in assets. Information provided by the UNA Washington Office lists the ten states with the largest number of Ukrainians (self-declared for census purposes) as: Pennsylvania (143,862); New York (127,678); New Jersey, (80,751); California (49,724); Michigan (47,189); Ohio (45,820); Illinois (40,987); Connecticut (25,229); Florida (25,227); Massachusetts (17,102). Maryland has 13,979; Virginia, 8,048; District of Columbia, 1,108. The state with the fewest number of Ukrainians is South Dakota with 208 and Wyoming with 326.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISINFORMATION CHECK

In the last issue of TWG NEWS we introduced *Literaturna Ukraina* correspondent Yuri Pryhornytsky to Washington DC. We also stated the *LU* has a circulation of 150,000. "Boo! Hiss!!" - I was told by at least a half dozen people. The circulation is up to 200K, with a "pass around" rate at least double that. O.K., O.K., very, very sorry, 200K it is. For the record, TWG NEWS' circulation is 450, and I'm not sure where we get passed around.

TWG MAC CAMPAIGN

Former TWG NEWS editor Maria Rudensky, who is having a swell time working with the U.S. Foreign Service in Haiti, sent in a \$50 contribution to the MAC FOR TWG campaign. Merci! Merci! Marika!

ECO-CYCLE PROJECT

International Peace Walk and *Zeleniy Svit* (Green World) are jointly organizing a bike trip through Ukraine, June 20-July 11. The trip will cost \$2,400 RT, including airfare for you and your bike, all ground transportation in Ukraine, lodging and meals. The tour will originate in Donbass and go through Donetsk, Dnipropetrovske, Kryviy Rih, Zaporizhia and Kiev. For further information call 714/856-0200; fax 714/856-0201.

TEACH UKRAINIAN

Language Learning Enterprises, a Washington DC firm located at 918 16th Street NW, Suite 803, maintains a list of individuals who can teach Ukrainian on an "as-needed" basis, full or part-time. Among their clients are some federal agencies such as USIA. The duration of the teaching schedule varies from a few weeks to several months. Individuals need to be bilingual, but Ukrainian must be spoken at the level of a native speaker. To put yourself on the list, or for further information, contact Heidi Lacy 202/775-0444.

THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF

The perennial complaint of all who move to Washington from other cities is that "there's no good bread in DC." Croissants, bagels, pita, 7-grain, muffins and hard-crust Italian are not real bread. TWG treasurer Nick Babiak is happy to report that there is a shop at Eastern Market, "Cheese and Cheer", that carries a variety of real bread including "Ukrainian Round Bread." It's located on 7th Street SE, between Pennsylvania and North Carolina Avenues, on Capitol Hill.

LETTERS TO TWG

Last month TWG NEWS received two letters from members who had gone on TWG TOUR II to Ukraine last October. Below are excerpts from the letters.

DEAR TWG...

I received the last two issues of TWG NEWS and after reading them from front to back, I realized the important work your (former-ed.) president Yaro Bihun is doing to keep all communications open between all members....Since Yaro mentioned my name as one of the members of last October's TWG tour to Ukraine, I must tell you how I happened to go and why.

In November 1989, Zoya Hayuk (who organized the TWG tours to Ukraine - ed.) brought a letter to the States from Lviv to be mailed to my father. I replied to Zoya, a return letter for my relatives in Lviv. This was our first news from Lviv since 1966. I say "our" for (I include) my father who came to Canada in 1907 and to the United States in 1910. In 1966 my father visited with his family in Lviv and went to his village. My father passed away in 1980 and he never got to hear from his family again.

After contact had been established, Zoya mentioned a tour to Lviv and Kiev. I knew I'd have a chance to meet my cousins, Stephen Kuchynski and his wife Dottia and their son Volodimir, who wrote the first letter to my father. Volodimir was 7 years old when my father was there in 1966 and he says he still remembers him.

The TWG tour was more than I expected. I got to see much of the Ukrainian countryside, the cities of Lviv and Kiev. The churches and monasteries were magnificent. I got a feeling of the people in the city, but most important to me was the rural life. I raise food on my farm....I realize the problems of a farmer...

Cousin Stephen and Dottia took me to the village where my father was born and raised. Here my father's youngest brother, John, 90 years old, and his wife still live....Then on to my father's youngest sister, Aunt Olena, who is 94 and very alert...I went from house to house and met three generations of cousins...(my father) had eight brothers and sisters who lived here....

I was told that they were very thankful to see their American cousin. I was very thankful too...

Sincerely, **George Kuchynski**

DEAR TWG...

I wanted to thank you for the wonderful time spent in my past trip to Ukraine. My outlook on life has totally changed because of what I saw and did this past October on the TWG trip. Although not Ukrainian by ancestry, but Irish, I can now readily identify with the struggle of those noble and hard-working people. Not a day went by that my eyes did not mist over as I witnessed the suffering and struggle of the Ukrainians who are seeking to rebuild their culture and recapture their identity and heritage.

I have never seen a country so blessed with good natural resources and hard working people yet so damned by a economic and political system which saps the people of their strength and vitality. The Ukrainian people are similar to a magnificent eagle with a massive wingspan, readying for flight but tethered to a rotten and dying tree branch. I can only hope and pray that in the near future those wings can break the bondage and may taste the air of freedom and fly into the winds of economic, political and national self-determination....

SLAVA UKRAINI. DYAKUYU. DOPOBACHENYA. —

Sincerely, **Daniel B. Burns**

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OUR MAN IN KIEV

INTERVIEW WITH JON GUNDERSEN

How and why were you appointed Consul General in Kiev?

They have been negotiating for that position since 1973. I was in Moscow between 1979-81 and had the opportunity to travel to Kiev in November 1979. So, I had a vested interest in the consulate then. Others were appointed designate, but the consulate never came to fruition. As you well know, the U.S. was planning to open a consulate in Kiev in 1979, but because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan we had to give up the idea. You may remember, the U.S. tried in many ways to show Moscow its strong disapproval, including boycotting the Olympics and implementing a grain embargo, in addition to canceling the opening of the consulate in Kiev. I should also mention that I have a graduate degree in Soviet and East European Affairs from Stanford, where I was Fellow in Residence in 1978. I view my appointment as Consul General as a fitting culmination of my work in this area.

What are your expectations?

I hope that the consulate will become a key post in our representation in Europe. The consular district of which Ukraine is a part is the largest of all the consulates in Europe. Germany, France and Canada have already set up consulates, as have Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, and Britain is in the process of doing so. We hope to be the eyes and ears of America in this region. We plan on reporting what is going on. We also plan on promoting American interests—economic, political and cultural—as well as our values.

How do you think your experience in Moscow has prepared you for this position?

It prepared me by giving me a dose of the reality of life in the Soviet Union. I feel you have to live there to know how it operates. I also realized that the U.S.S.R. is not a monolithic nation. It is a nation composed of many different nationalities with strong and real differences.

As a child growing up what were your first impressions of Ukraine? When did you first become familiar with the name, its territory, its people?

Anybody with a background in international affairs has a familiarity with Ukraine. My first encounter with a Ukrainian, however, was with George Hrehorowich, from Queens, New York, whom I met in Army Officer Candi-

date School. I remember going over to his house one day and noticing that his father had a portrait of Taras Shevchenko on the wall.

What are your views and policies towards Ukraine?

I view that the U.S. Government's policy towards Ukraine is clear: the relationship between Moscow and Ukraine is an internal matter that should be settled peacefully between Moscow and Ukraine. At the same time, our relationship should be based on generally accepted international principles, including the U.N. Charter and the Helsinki Final Act. For example, the relationship should be predicated upon respect for fundamental human rights, peaceful resolution of disputes, territorial integrity, and the right of all people for self-determination. I might also add that the Helsinki Final Act is accorded a great deal of respect in Europe. This was an agreement championed by Andrei Sakharov and Vaclav Havel, among others, because it put in writing those fundamental and democratic rights that people in that part of the world have been denied for so long.

What do you intend to accomplish personally?

I intend to learn Ukrainian correctly. I hope to facilitate understanding and appreciation in Ukraine for the people and policies of the U.S.. I also seek to establish long-term and enduring contacts between the American people and the people of Ukraine.

Can you elaborate on the State Department's position on Ukraine's drive for independence?

U.S. policy towards the Baltics is different from its policy towards Ukraine. When the U.S. recognized the Soviet Union in 1933, the Baltic states were independent whereas Ukraine was not.

Do you think the break-up of the Soviet Union is inevitable and, if so, in what form? Do you have any predictions for when the Soviet empire will disintegrate?

I do not think anybody knows the answer to this question. We are, after all, entering a new era of history. Nobody really knows. Not Gorbachev. Not the U.S.. Certainly, not me. Our job in Kiev will be to report on what is happening precisely so that the U.S. can make the best decisions possible.

Do you see Ukraine becoming a player in Europe and when?

Ukraine is already establishing numerous contacts in Europe, both on an individual and an official level. Obvi-

ously, because of its size and potential wealth, it cannot help but to become a factor in the area.

There appears to be a general perception in the State Department that "nationalism" is a bad term. What is your understanding of the term?

First of all, I would not agree that the State Department thinks nationalism is a bad term. If it means an inclusive and tolerant concept, then we support it. If it is an exclusive concept, the way it was applied in the 1930s in Nazi Germany, then it can be a negative concept.

What are your thoughts about statements that President Bush and his Administration have not been visionary enough in addressing the problems that Mr. Gorbachev has faced, particularly in not being able to influence him to change his course of action? In other words, why did not the U.S. offer Mr. Gorbachev a Marshall Plan in exchange for a definite course of action towards democratization and a free market system?

There is a limited amount that the U.S. can do. I will say that any assistance that we decide to give the Soviet Union has to further the goal of democratization. The U.S. defines its long-term interests in terms of policies and not individuals. Individuals do not determine what kind of support we give or do not give a country. If the policy changes, then we have to re-evaluate our view of the leader.

What is the U.S. government's position on Ukraine's declaration of sovereignty?

I feel that this is a matter for the Ukrainian people to decide. Ukraine's declaration seems to reflect the will of many of the people there.

Given your arms control background, what are your views on Ukraine's announcement last July of its intentions to be a nuclear-free state?

Again, this is an internal matter to be settled by the people of Ukraine with Moscow.

Should the U.S. help Ukraine's drive for independence?

How can the U.S. help? Our options are limited. We can encourage private U.S. businesses to become involved. We can push for a freer flow of ideas and for an exchange of people on a cultural and educational level. Perhaps in this way we can continue to help open up their system.

To what extent is the U.S. government willing to intervene in response to Moscow-initiated violence?

The U.S. government must be able to back up whatever it says. It should not give any illusions. We do not want a repeat of what happened in Hungary in 1956. The U.S. Government is also limited in the things it can do. However, I believe that Moscow knows that it will endanger bilateral relations by reversing the course of democratization, *glasnost* and *perestroika*.

Earlier you mentioned encouraging private U.S. businesses to get involved in Ukraine. Being that Ukraine is a very rich agricultural and industrial area, how optimistic are you that this will happen?

I believe that the commitment of U.S. private business interest will be largely determined by Ukraine's evolution towards a viable market economy. Without fundamental reforms, it is difficult to imagine major U.S. business involvement in the region.

What are your plans for the referendum in Ukraine on March 17? Are you planning on visiting any polling sites?

We have no official plans, but our job will be to report on and monitor all important activities in Ukraine. Clearly, the March 17 referendum falls under that rubric.

What type of interaction do you plan on having with the Ukrainian community over there?

I plan on having an open door policy. We are happy to facilitate contacts between the U.S. Ukrainian community and the people of Ukraine. I also plan on traveling extensively throughout Ukraine, as much as our budget will allow. Although we may not be able to co-sponsor events or activities with fraternal or ethnic groups over there, we will try to do whatever we can to facilitate seminars and the like. I would like to think that the U.S. government will be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

On April 26 it will already be five years since the tragic Chernobyl' incident. How do you plan to commemorate this event in Ukraine?

I am not aware of any official plans at this point. But again, it is certainly an event we will be following very closely.

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NOTES ON MEMBERS

TWG NEWS asks that all TWG members submit news of professional achievements, activities, honors, awards and personal events of note to "Notes on Members" Attn: TWG NEWS, PO Box 11248 Washington DC 20008, or call 202/328-1527.

HELEN CHAIKOVSKY, a member of the TWG Auditing Committee, recently joined Winrock International as a program officer. Endowed by Winthrop Rockefeller, the foundation was established to support, research and promote sustainable agriculture in developing countries. Several years ago the foundation expanded its programing to include funding for projects that used renewable energy technology. Winrock recently established the Environmental Enterprises Assistance Fund to promote small-scale renewable energy projects that work directly with indigenous populations by providing capital and management expertise to these projects. Halya's job will be to manage the fund, as well as identify and structure additional investment opportunities. Her first projects will take her to Honduras, Costa Rica and Indonesia.

OREST DEYCHAKIVSKY was honored last month by the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews for his work on behalf of Jews in the Soviet Union. Every year, UCSJ gives awards to Members of Congress in recognition for their efforts and this year, in addition to the congressional awards, for the first time three congressional staff members were also recipients of these awards. The two other recipients were also Helsinki Commission staffers, Jane Fisher and Jesse Jacobs. On another note, Orest will be in Ukraine as an observer for the March 17 referendum as the official representative of the Helsinki Commission.

ROBERT McCONNELL was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame at St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach, California. He is only the 14th graduate to be included in this roster in the 71 year history of the school. During the ceremony, he was presented with proclamations from the California State Senate, the California State Assembly, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the mayor of Long Beach. Previously, he was honored as one of twelve Centennial Graduates at Arizona State University. Both awards recognized his professional achievements and civic leadership. Mr. McConnell heads the legislative advocacy practice group of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, an international law firm, and was recently elected vice-president of the United States Coordinating Council to Aid Ukraine.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH UPDATE

In the last issue of TWG NEWS, Laryssa Kurylas wrote of her efforts to trace her grandfather's arrival in America through records at the National Archives. She promised that even with a minimal amount of information, the possibility exists to track down a family member. The TWG NEWS editor would like to report that in fact, this is true.

Just like Laryssa, I too was skeptical at first that it would be possible to locate one record among millions. However, within a few days of the article's publication, I had an opportunity to try the search process when Mykhailo Horyn, who was in Washington January 28, briefly mentioned in conversation that his grandfather had come to America for a few years. Armed only with the first name, last name in Ukrainian and Polish, an approximate year of arrival and guessing at the port of arrival, I was able to track down (with the help of the Archives staff) Mr. Horyn's grandfather's records in about 6 hours. He was amazed (I was amazed!) and it really is a thrill to see the name you seek pop up on the microfilm screen. Give it a try! It's worth the effort. -- *Irene Jarosewich*

HORYN IN WASHINGTON

Mykhailo Horyn, People's Deputy to the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet and vice-president of Rukh, was briefly in Washington January 28-29, 1991. His meetings with government officials, policy makers and members of the press was organized by Ukraine 2000 on behalf of the newly-established U.S. Coordinating Committee to Aid Ukraine.

Mr. Horyn addressed the Baltimore/Washington Ukrainian community on the evening of the 28th. Though his message was not as upbeat as during his previous visit in September, Mr. Horyn nonetheless expressed his conviction that changes in Ukraine are irreversible, in particular the ever-increasing consciousness in eastern Ukraine and wide-spread anti-communist sentiments. The communist ideology is dead, but Moscow will nonetheless fight to retain control. He stated that there was strong and angry reaction in Ukraine to the crackdown in Lithuania and Latvia and said that there are numerous other examples of the increasing use of repressive tactics, the Khmara arrest as one incident and the fact that two divisions of paratroopers have been sent to within a 50 mile radius of Lviv as another. He asked that the Ukrainian communities in the West remain ever-vigilant. Gorbachev is still concerned with Western opinion and our protests are heard.

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NEWS FROM "DESERT STORM"

TWG member Hlib Hayuk, professor of geography and environmental planning at Towson State University, and a specialist on the Middle East and the Soviet Union, is also a colonel in the Army Reserves. Hlib, who was sent to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia in mid-January, works within a Civil Affairs Unit in the Reserves and will be involved in the establishment of a civilian government in Kuwait after the end of the war. During the war, he is responsible for managing the re-settlement of civilian refugee populations. On February 5, in preparation for a ground assault, he moved out with the 7th Corps, the troops currently in direct confrontation with the Iraqi Republican Guard on the southern Iraqi border. Before he left for the front, Hlib wrote several detailed and descriptive letters of the situation confronting those stationed in the Middle East and his wife Zoya passed along excerpts from a few letters that he wrote to her and to their children.

January 23, 1991

My Dearest Family, Dearest Wife, Dearest Son and Daughter -

We have now spent three nights in Saudi Arabia. It feels like three months...The flight to the Middle East was through a zig-zag corridor to avoid Algerian and Libyan airspace and ships that sit in the Mediterranean and report the movement of our planes. It's very easy to bring down a C-5A (military transport plane) with a red-eye hand-held missile and we suspect the Libyans have them...

I sat in the cockpit for many hours and observed the professionalism of our young crews who were reservists from Delaware and Pennsylvania. Our captain was a Lt. Col. who had flown this route before....When we approached Dhahran and were just a few hundred feet off the ground, "condition yellow" was announced. That meant that SCUDs had been launched. Several minutes later we were given "condition red" alarm and everyone, including the plane crew had gas masks on in a matter of seconds. The pilot "hot-shot" the plane, did not land, but took a steep altitude climb, such like you have never seen in all your years in the travel business....

We landed in Riyadh and walked in darkness with our red flashlights to a portable building...we waited for another hour and just as we started walking back, "condition red" was sounded...we put on gas masks and MOPP suits which are special oversize (suits)...of a charcoal impregnable material that is supposed to give you protection against a NBC (nuclear, biological, chemical) attack and is about an inch thick. After sitting on the ground for an hour, they

sounded an "all clear"....we started walking across the airfield when someone saw a suspicious box...we took cover...because there really is a terrorist threat here...base security came and took the "box" away. We started walking back to the plane when Riyadh came under another SCUD attack...we ran for gas masks and MOPP suits...we heard the Patriot batteries fire and the SCUDs explode overhead...The airfield was littered with smoldering debris...An "all clear" sounded and we ran to the plane and took a "hot shot" take off. It was amazing....

The second night there were four separate SCUD attacks...The noise was deafening and the sky was white and red...Then came the clatter of the debris as if someone dropped several hundred hubcaps and fenders on the roof... The Patriot crews are becoming much more proficient and we have great confidence in their professionalism and skills. They are young 19-20 year old kids, saving the lives of thousands, both civilian and military. And we love them!...

Several people who served in Vietnam said they came under more attacks in two nights in Saudi Arabia than in one year in Vietnam...

The third night was easy...about 3-4 SCUDs...all hit by Patriots. We are exhausted....

I keep telling (my officers and men) that the three essentials to survive and accomplish the mission are 1) bullets; 2) water; 3) sleep. At first some of my colleagues thought that was too simplistic, but they also notice that my troops are the most efficient, so the "Hayuk" philosophy is spreading. I have ordered my troops to sleep and rest when they are not under attack, rather than find busy work...

We consume massive quantities of water. We have two quarts with us at all times and two quarts near our sleeping bags...we schedule three minute showers once every three days....

Last night they caught seven Iraqi seals (frogmen) trying to infiltrate the port. That is the reason for the high degree of tension and precaution on everybody's part....

I just got back from dinner and there was a "Threatcon Delta" which is the highest level of terrorist threat. There are no lights on and I am writing with a red flashlight behind windows taped over with sandbags and blankets....

Please write and send some interesting clippings from *Ukrainian Weekly, Svoboda, Christian Science Monitor*...cut out everything on Soviet Union, Ukraine, Eastern Europe that would be interesting for me to

read....The other day I caught Radio Liberty (Ukrainian Branch-Munich) and Voice of America (Ukrainian Branch-Washington) transmissions and heard the latest on Lithuania and Latvia...

It's quiet now....I will pray for all of you and also for the young boys and girls that operate our Patriots, as well as all those on perimeter defense....

January 27, 1991

...Troops with equipment kept coming all night. Most are very young, reservists, Guard, regular army. Many young girls had joined in order to pay for their college expenses. All are doing their job professionally without cry-baby griping....This really is where you separate the men from the boys and the women from the girls. You all would appreciate the maturing that takes place in these kids. And they are kids. Those that operate the Patriots look like recent graduates of Dulancey High School, but with short hair. Their morale is incredible high. I cannot say enough of how proud I am of them....They are the real heroes of this war. So far the war has been relatively bloodless because of them and thanks to them...

Oh, I almost forgot. Happy Birthday to me. Yes, I celebrated by getting up very late - 5:30 instead of 4:30...

They are getting ready for the ground advance. I am developing plans to handle Displaced Civilians, including the moral, legal and humanitarian considerations....

The Saudis are terrible drivers. Almost no discipline of any kind. We almost had a head-on with a Saudi coming at us at high speed in the wrong lane (our lane). Apparently its very easy to get a license. You just have to show that you have a car. That's all.

My personal objective today is to find a cot. There are none in our unit because they are still on pallets at the airfield at Ft. Bragg....

I took several of my team members and went to explore Khobar...a major town near Dhahran. Khobar is a ghost town...the few people left behind carry gas masks with them at all times...we bought an ice cream cone each...too bad I did not have a camera. Soldiers, weapons, gear, rifles, gas masks, eating ice cream in a Saudi ghost town...

February 2, 1991

It's 2:30 in the morning and so far no SCUDs....Apparently the weather over Iraq has been bad and prevented them from firing on us...Also, we have taken out several of his (Hussein's) SCUD launchers, but we don't know how

many he has. The mobile ones built (and maybe even operated) by the Soviet bastards are elusive and difficult to catch. The hardened launchers in ground silos are difficult to destroy even by heavy bombs...It seems that they were built extremely well by British and German technicians... Altogether, 52 SCUDs were fired on Saudi Arabia, most here on Dhahran...

I did get my own private car, but it looks as though I won't be able to enjoy it. I gave it to the chaplain.

Yesterday I had to climb on the roof of our building to accompany a crew to assess shrapnel damage....The supervisor is a Syrian Orthodox. Has relatives in Montreal. One is married to a Ukrainian. What a small world!

Today our commander flew back from where they expect the front to happen. They need me and my team to handle fleeing refugees. Deja vu! My job is to gather, collect, help safeguard these civilians...to prevent them from getting in the zones of our tanks, artillery, planes. Using my childhood experience, plus whatever else I learned about refugees in other situations, I have developed a 25 page Bible on how to deal with this problem in Iraq....

I told my team that our life will be austere and physically trying (at the front). The first thing we will always do is dig in, just like the Roman legionnaires who did not sleep until they built palisades to protect themselves from the Huns...

I preach to the soldiers that it is our moral obligation to treat civilians, even though they are Iraqi, the same way as you would want your family to be treated. My team understands this, but I am not so sure the other soldiers do. And that's why I am going forward: to duck Iraqi SCUDs and artillery so that I can save their refugee civilians. Have I completed the full circle of my life? Will it end the way it began?...

February 4, 1991

The two Mexican-American sergeants from California that I met (one gave me a haircut) came down to thank me for the business I have been sending their way and also especially for the young PFC that had brought the Red Cross messages....They also gave me a few pointers on how to dig a bunker because both are vets of Vietnam. They also looked at my helmet, told me to hide my eagle and replace it with an American flag (because only enlisted do that) and to put a small roll of toilet paper into my helmet rubber band (because only enlisted do that). This way the Iraqi snipers will avoid you because they think you are enlisted and they are primarily looking to shoot officers! I appreciated this advice from a couple of veterans....

I must go now. It's 5am. Planes are screaming overhead. Must go to work. A million things to do before I pull out. Scared? Yes. If I said that I was not scared, then I would know I was crazy.

I love you all very, very, much... See you this summer...

-- Your Husband and Father, Colonel *Tato* Hlib

Interview with Jon Gundersen

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What will your office in Kiev be like? How many people will serve on your staff? Will it be a classified office? What will your duties and functions be?

First of all, our office will not be a classified one. We will travel to Moscow to conduct any classified work. Secondly, we will have an office of five. John Stepanchuk, our second ranking officer, is already in Kiev setting up. We will also have an individual from the United States Information Agency (U.S.I.A.) working there. I have recently received word that in addition to our staff of five, two local Ukrainians have joined our staff. In answer to your last question, we will not be issuing passports and visas. At the moment, our office is too small. We do, however, hope to begin issuing visas in 1992. Our immediate functions are to help out Americans in Ukraine.

How will you draw on the Ukrainian-American community for assistance?

I would like to let you know how very grateful I already am to the Ukrainian Americans with whom I have met. They have provided me with all sorts of assistance by way of gifts, anecdotal accounts, books and a variety of other items. When they come to Ukraine, I would like them to know that they have a friend at the American Consulate.

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Ukrainian Independence Day

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presence should be a consulate or an embassy, Kamman explained that United States' recognition of the Ukrainian SSR was established in 1933 when the United States officially recognized the territorial integrity of the Soviet Union and its government in Moscow.

Differentiating Ukraine from the Baltic states, Kamman stated that the recognition of the Baltic governments pre-dates the recognition of the Soviet government and that the Soviet incorporation of the Baltic states into the Soviet Union has never been recognized by the United States. Therefore the U.S. government does not consider the Baltics and Ukraine in the same policy context.

During the Q&A session a question was raised about the seeming contradiction between the U.S. government's *de jure* recognition of the Ukrainian SSR as a separate entity from the Soviet Union in the United Nations, and its unwillingness to recognize Ukraine's independence in current U.S. policy, Kamman responded that the bilateral relationship between the Soviet Union and United States that was established in 1933 was the legally binding relationship which heretofore has been the foundation of U.S.-U.S.S.R. relations.

The State Department's position is that the United States recognizes the right to self-determination for all people, including the people of Ukraine, however Kamman did add that the United States was not in a position to encourage the dismemberment of the Soviet Union, nor was it in the best interest of the United States to do so.

Following his formal remarks, Kamman participated in a lengthy and lively question and answer session and at the end of the evening thanked the guests for giving him the opportunity to come and meet with the community and clarify the Administration's positions on Ukraine and U.S.-Soviet relations. — *Irene Jarosewich*

Horyn in Washington

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Mr. Horyn had over a dozen meetings during his two days in Washington and among the people with whom he met were Secretary Jack Kemp; Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick; Zbigniew Brzezinski; Senators Bill Bradley and Dennis DeConcini; Congressmen Christopher Cox, Steny Hoyer, Newt Gingrich, Don Ritter and Dana Rohrabacher; Honorable Wendell L. Willkie II (Department of Commerce); Jon Gundersen, Curtis Kamman; Carl Gershman (National Endowment for Democracy); Paul Gigot (*Wall Street Journal*) and David Broder (*Washington Post*). --*Irene Jarosewich*

TWG SENDS REPRESENTATIVES TO MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO AID UKRAINE

On January 26-27, 1991, 90 delegates and 70 observers from throughout the United States met at the Holiday Inn Jetport in Elizabeth, New Jersey and established an umbrella organization, The United States Coordinating Committee to Aid Ukraine. The organization will coordinate the work of numerous Rukh support committees, as well as the work of other Ukrainian community organizations that are involved in exchanges with and in providing aid and technical assistance to Ukraine. The special guest at the meeting was Mykhailo Horyn, vice-president of Rukh and chairman of Rukh's Political Council. He spoke of the need for all Ukrainians to consolidate their forces, their efforts, in order to "realize an age-old dream that has been preserved in our hearts for centuries" - the dream of an independent Ukraine.

TWG president Lydia Chopivsky and board member Natalie Sluzar represented TWG at the meeting. Also from the Washington area were Ukraine 2000 delegates Robert McConnell and Orest Deychakivsky, Oles Tymoshenko, delegate from Smoloskyp, Bohdan A. Futey and Osyp Zinkevych, who served on the national committee to help organize the coordinating committee meeting, as well as non-voting observers Eugene Iwanciw, the director of the Washington Office of the Ukrainian National Association, Irene Jarosewich, TWG NEWS editor, Nadia McConnell, vice-chairman of Ukraine 2000, and correspondents Volodymyr Dibrova of *Narodna Hazeta* and Yuri Pryhomysky of *Literaturna Ukraina*.

During the past two years, TWG has been involved in a long list of activities and projects in support of Ukraine, among them the sale of thousands of dollars of Shevchenko Concert-Lviv video tapes (masterfully managed by Orysia Pylyshenko), the proceeds from which were used to purchase video equipment for *Tovarystvo Leva*; the organization of forums for Ivan Dziuba, Raisa Ivanchenko, Ihor Rymaruk, Vitaly Korotych, Volodymyr Mokry, Les Taniuk, Nelli Kornienko, Paulo Movchan, Rostyslav Bratun', Viacheslav Briukhovetsky, Oleh Romaniv; receptions for delegations of Ukrainians in Washington with the International Peace Walk; two Leadership Conferences at which speakers included Volodymyr Yavorivsky, Laryssa Skoryk, Mykola Horbal, Mykola Rudenko, Sviatyslav Dudko; luncheons for representatives of BIZNEX and for the co-founder of IMI-Kiev, Bohdan Hawrylyshyn; numerous Friday Evening Forums for professionals on topics relating to Ukraine; and two trips to Ukraine during which TWG members met constantly with representatives of dozens of cultural, political, educational and scientific organizations. Informally, TWG members have spent many

hours meeting visitors from Ukraine at Dulles International Airport, escorting the visitors around town, housing them, feeding them and in general, taking advantage of introducing our guests to America as we learned about the almost daily changes in Ukraine.

The TWG representatives to the New Jersey meeting went with the intention of exploring the possibility of networking with other organizations on various projects, as well as to find out what other Ukrainian communities in America have been doing. Even a cursory glance at the over 40 activity reports that were distributed revealed an impressive amount of community effort. Scholarly, cultural and professional exchanges; technical assistance in the fields of medicine, computer science, education; a wide variety of medical treatment for infants, children and adults; and over a million dollars in direct aid through shipments of medicine, medical supplies and equipment, vitamins, computers, paper, religious materials, books, and audio, video, and printing supplies and equipment. This quick summary does not even to begin to reflect the thousands of volunteer hours and value of pro bono and in-kind contributions, or the contributions of organizations not represented at the meeting, such as our Churches and religious institutions. Given the enormity of the task of assistance to Ukraine, the Ukrainian-American community, with its limited resources and penchant for individualistic disorganization has nonetheless risen to the challenge with a vengeance.

As TWG president Lydia Chopivsky noted, also not represented at this meeting were members of the other "B&P's" in the United States, the very people with whom TWG representatives had hoped to meet. However, TWG member Oleh Weres, who is actively involved in setting up the San Francisco Rukh committee, was at the meeting and Sunday afternoon about a half dozen people gathered around Oleh as he outlined a proposal of using a network of Rukh committees and "B&P's" to focus resources on sustaining a series of exchanges, fellowships, and hands-on internships in the U.S. for professionals from Ukraine.

The meeting concluded Sunday afternoon with the election of officers. Thirty people were elected to the general board, bylaws commission and auditing committee. The executive committee consists of Mr. Bohdan Burachinsky (New Jersey), president; Ukraine 2000 government relations committee chair and TWG member Mr. Robert McConnell (Washington, DC), first vice-president; Dr. Vasyi Markus (Chicago), second vice-president; Ms Ulana Mazurkevych (Philadelphia), secretary; Dr. Volodymyr Baranetsky (New Jersey), treasurer. — *Irene Jarosewich*

March

8 FRIDAY 7pm**COMMUNITY MEETING WITH SERHIY KONIEV**

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Dr. Koniev is a Deputy to the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies of the USSR. Twenty-nine years old, Dr. Koniev is one of the youngest deputies in the People's Congress. He will speak on the upcoming March 17 referendum.

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9 SATURDAY noon**TARAS SHEVCHENKO ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION AND WREATH-LAYING**Sponsor: *Ridna Shkola*Taras Shevchenko Monument
22nd and P Sts. NW

All organizations and individuals invited to attend.

Contact: Markia Jurach 703/765-0445 - eve

9-10 SATURDAY/SUNDAY**ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY'S CANONICAL VISIT**

St. Andrew's Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Cathedral

15100 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD

Two liturgies are planned and special church blessing on Sunday.

Contact: Rev. Podhurec 301/384-9192 - day

10 SUNDAY 1pm**ANNUAL MEETING**

UNWLA - Washington Chapter

Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family
4250 Harewood Road NE

Contact: Martha Terlecky 703/521-3048 - eve

13 WEDNESDAY 7pm**TWG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

St. Sophia's Religious Association

2615 30th Street NW

Contact: Lydia Chopivsky-Benson 202/955-3990 - day

17 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30pm**8th ANNUAL PYSANKA WORKSHOP**Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family
4250 Harewood Road NERegistration: \$20 w/ kit; \$10 w/o kit (bring your *kistka* and wax)Slide show, exhibit and demonstration. Eggs, dyes and candles will be supplied. *Pysanka* kits, "how-to" books, and *pysanky* will be available for purchase.

Contact: Mrs. Tym 202/526-3737 - day

17 SUNDAY 7pm**SHEVCHENKO CONCERT**

Performers: "Halychany" from Lviv

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A professional musical group from Lviv, Halychany will perform musical and theatrical sketches from the life of Shevchenko.

Contact: Natalka Kormeluk 202/547-0018 - day

23 SATURDAY 7pm (doors open)**EXHIBIT: WORKS OF REM**

Sponsor: Holy Trinity Ukrainian Particular Catholic Church

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An exhibit of metal-relief icons and other works on Ukrainian themes. 8pm - opening remarks. Exhibit continues Sunday 12:30pm-3pm.

Contact: Natalie Gawdiak 301/622-2338 - eve

24 SUNDAY 9am-4pm**EXHIBIT AND SALE OF EMBROIDERY AND PAINTINGS FROM UKRAINE**Sponsor: *Mariska Druzhyina*Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family
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