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Vice PM Pynzenyk Outlines Ukraine's Economic Plans

Zlenko Has Talks with Clinton, Christopher

Deputy Prime Minister Victor Pynzenyk discussed the good and bad news about Ukraine's economic situation during a TWG Sunday evening forum March 21.

The current situation was not bright, he said, but he was optimistic that, with the right policies and over time, Ukraine's economy will be brought under control.

Mr. Pynzenyk, who is the Kuchma cabinet's point man on economic reform, was in Washington for talks with U.S. government officials and representatives of international financial institutions. He also discussed Ukraine's investment climate with

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Coming TWG Event

Reception in honor of Countess Ute Baudissin

*The first director of Germany's
Goethe Institute in Kiev*

Sunday, April 25, 1993

at 4:00 p.m.

- tentative -

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Babiak Elected TWG President Fills VP and PR Board Vacancies

Mykola Babiak, The Washington Group's treasurer for the past two years, was elected TWG's fifth president at the annual meeting March 5.

He succeeds Lydia Chopivsky Benson, president since 1990, who remains on Board of Directors as member at large.

Also elected to the Board during the well-attended meeting at the Holiday Inn Georgetown: Orysia Pylyshenko, program director with the National Forum Foundation, was re-elected as secretary; George Masiuk, an engineer with ARINC Research, exchanged his membership portfolio for that of treasurer; Sophia Caryk, clinical associate with Wyeth-Ayerst Labs noted for helping outgoing VP Roman Goy organize last year's highly successful TWG Leadership Conference, will be in charge of events, replacing Natalie Korytnyk; and Bohdan Radejko moved from special projects to membership director.

Bihun picked VP

The annual meeting left the position of vice president and public relations director unfilled, leaving it up to the new president and the Board of Directors to fill these vacancies. Within two weeks, Mr. Babiak announced that, pending approval of the Board, Andrew Bihun, manager of industry sector analysis at the U.S. Department of Commerce, accepted the VP position, and that Marta Zielyk, Radio Liberty's Washington correspondent, accepted the PR post.

The meeting elected 10 board members at large: Laryssa Chopivsky, who will be responsible for cultural events; Lydia Chopivsky Benson; Orest Deychakiwsky, staff member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, who also remained as chairman of the Fellowship Committee; Yuriy Holowinsky, an Air Force officer now serving in the Washington area; Martha Jarosewich, an environmental planner with Biohabitats; Sophika Nakonechny, financial planner; Ihor Procinsky, program director at Atlantic Research; Natalie Sluzar, researcher with SAIC; Richard Smith, president of Foresight Publishing Services, and Mr. Bihun, who later accepted the vice presidency.

The new Auditing Committee includes R.L. Chomiak, a founding member of TWG who is deputy chief of the African press branch at the U.S. Information Agency; Steven Boyduy, systems engineer with Concepts Automation Inc.; and John

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New Members



Notes on Members

- **Bohdan Buchynsky**, associate member, chemical engineer and director of project development at Diamond Energy, Inc., in Los Angeles, California.
- **Mike Drabyk**, full member, computer specialist with Bell-Atlantic in Beltsville, Maryland.
- **Mary S. Durr**, full members, social worker with the Adoption Service Information Agency in Washington.
- **Marion Hurinenko**, associate member, rancher and engineer with Powder Technology Inc. in Burnsville, Minnesota.
- **Borys E. Pakush**, full member, of McLean, Virginia.
- **Michael Savage**, student member, history major at the University of Colorado; currently intern to Rep. David Skaggs (D-Col.) in Washington.
- **John G. Shmorhun**, associate member, engineer, of Glenwood, California.
- **Alexandra Worobec**, full member, physician with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH in Bethesda, Maryland.

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Do you know some interesting news about a TWG colleague—or about yourself? Share it with the rest of the TWG family; forward it to the TWG NEWS editor.

- The Very Reverend **Michael Bzdel** is now definitely the highest-ranking member of TWG after the Pope elevated him to rank of bishop. A TWG member since 1991, Bishop Bzdel was provincial superior of the Redemptorist Fathers in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- Another high-ranking TWG member, Judge **Bohdan Futey**, of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, who has been advising the Ukrainian government on drafting its new constitution, recently described the process in an article in the Winter 1993 *East European Constitutional Review*, "Ukraine's Draft Constitution Meets Political Reality." The quarterly is published by the Center for the Study of Constitutionalism in Eastern Europe at the University of Chicago Law School in cooperation with the Central European University.

- It's been musical chairs time in Kiev for TWG members in some important positions: Former TWG VP **Myron Wasylyk** left (along with most Reagan-Bush political appointees) his State Department position as special assistant to the ambassador at large to serve on the Advisory Council to the Ukrainian Parliament, replacing **Nick Deychakiwsky**, who went across town to become a director of the International Renaissance (Soros) Foundation in Kiev.

- And the Voice of America quarterly shuffle of its correspondents in Kiev sent **Adrian Karmazyn** to the golden-domed capital, replacing **Roman Ferencevych**, who returned to his editorial duties in Washington. Its first full-time Kiev correspondent, **George Sajewych**, also known for being the translator for presidents Bush and Clinton and cabinet members during their talks with Ukrainian officials, left the Voice to join the new VOA-Worldnet project *Window on America*, a half-hour news and feature program broadcast every Saturday night on Ukrainian TV.

- The March-April issue of *Historic Preservation*, the magazine of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has a cover story titled "Ukrainian Dawn," written by its executive editor Arnold Berke, who visited Ukraine in September 1992. Among the noteworthy restoration projects mentioned in the illustrated article is one undertaken as a joint project with the city of Kiev by Washingtonians **Tamara Woroby**, **George Chopivsky** and **Vitalij Garber** in restoring the "Castle of Richard the Lionhearted" overlooking the Podil district into a luxury hotel.

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Message from the President

"I set three main objectives"

Dear TWG members,

It is a privilege to be called to serve as your President.

My sincerest thanks go to Lydia Chopivsky Benson for her tireless efforts on behalf of TWG as our president during the last two years (and five months). Her energy and enthusiasm never wavered. Above all, as the public representative of The Washington Group, Lydia at all times displayed a dignity and grace that reflected well upon us all. I am grateful that Lydia has agreed to serve again on the Board of Directors, where her counsel will be sought frequently.

For the upcoming term, I set three main objectives:

1. Develop and streamline TWG's infrastructure. Not the sexiest issue, but it would allow TWG to operate more efficiently. It means automating to a greater degree. It means availing ourselves of all the resources at hand: money, time and personnel, especially the last. It means building and consolidating our member base, and utilizing it more fully. It means relieving our volunteers of non-essential duties and employing for hire professional personnel to perform selected tasks.

2. Increase the public visibility of TWG and of Ukrainians. This can be most cost-effective here in Washington, "the most important city in the world," as it is called. TWG must use its unique location to its advantage. Consider the audience within close reach. Washington overflows with government officials, private executives, international representatives and diplomats. Daily decisions are made that affect not only us here but also our kin in Ukraine. Policy makers here have a constant need for information on every issue imaginable. Ukrainians must learn to satisfy that need. We must also give serious consideration to forming and joining political and cultural alliances with other interest groups.

3. Build a broader network of Ukrainian Americans. We must strive to build upon the foundation laid by TWG and other Ukrainian-American organizations to mobilize into one large net, where, by virtue of greater numbers, our voice grows louder, and is heard. TWG has made strides in this direction with its annual Leadership Conferences—a larger step last year when conference chairman Roman Goy invited other Ukrainian-American groups to actively participate in organizing this TWG event. It would be wise to examine and to compare notes with other professional organizations, including the older and highly successful ones in Canada.

TWG News is our member newsletter. I would like it to become more of an interactive forum for your ideas, comments and opinions. Don't hesitate to contribute items of interest.

Mykola Babiak

Mykola Babiak Elected President

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Kun, a financial/insurance planner.

Following his election, Mr. Babiak outlined three objectives for the coming year for his administration: develop and streamline TWG's infrastructure; increase TWG's and Ukraine's public visibility; and build a broader network of Ukrainian Americans. His plans are contained in a message to the membership (Page 3).

Consultant

The new president is a consultant to the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, which facilitates exchange programs between the United States and Ukraine, and serves on the board of directors of Ukraine 2000, established to help *Rukh*. He grew up in New York City and Yonkers, Plast summer camps, and now lives with his wife, Chrystyna, and two sons in Washington. He admits to being one of an estimated 12 Ukrainian Americans who have yet to visit Ukraine.

Thanking the many members who helped her and the board, the outgoing president, Ms. Chopivsky Benson, said her administration made an effort to "strike a balance between cultural, business, political and social events," of which there were close to 50 during her two-and-one-half-year tenure. (See previous issue of *TWG News* for Ms. Chopivsky Benson's report and events list.)

Gains in 1992

As the outgoing treasurer, Mr. Babiak reported fiscal year revenues of \$50,644 and expenses totaling \$46,382, for a net gain of \$4,262. The deciding factor financially for the organization was the highly successful 1992 Leadership Conference, which brought in more than \$5,000 net gain.

Ms. Masiuk reported that the total TWG membership was 382, with 195 full, 165 associate and 22 student members. As a problem area that should be addressed, he said, there are also 333 former members of TWG, who should be approached to renew their membership, and 67 who are significantly in arrears in

the payment of their dues.

Mr. Deychakiwsky reported that since April 1991, the TWG Fellowship Fund has awarded 9 grants for candidates from Ukraine totaling \$9,512:

Fellowship Awards

In 1991: \$2,000 for a Library of Congress internship for Lviv philologist Halyna Teodorovych; \$1,000 to assist in funding of a seminar for Ukrainian legislators sponsored by USIA and Ukraine 2000; \$1,000 for 8-month posting in Washington of *Literaturna Ukraina* correspondent Yuri Pryhornytsky; and \$1,112 for 9-week course at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology for Ukrainian doctor Valentina Bilokhovska.

In 1992: \$1,500 for Washington visit

by Oleksandr Nechiporenko and Andriy Mostysky, members of the Ukrainian Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee; \$1,200 for Library of Congress internship for Yuriy Ruban, professor of data management at the Kiev Polytechnical Institute; and \$700 for Washington visit of Ivan Zayets, chairman of the Ukrainian Parliament's Administrative Reform Committee (who later became chairman of the Parliament's *Narodna Rada*).

In 1993: \$500 for Law Library of Congress research by Jurii Maniichuk for an article on how laws are made in Ukraine for *Survey of East European Law* at Columbia University; \$500 for American University tuition costs of Kiev student Anton Kuchinsky; and, tentatively, \$750 for initiation and one-year membership at the National Press Club for Ukrainian Embassy Press Attaché Dmitro Markov.

Writer, Historian, Newspaper Win Antonovych Awards for 1992

The Omelan and Tatiana Antonovych Foundation has announced that, based on the recommendations of its peer panels (juries) for literary and scholarly prizes, the Antonovych Literary Prize for 1992 will be awarded to Volodymyr Drozd of Kiev for his novel *Lystya zemli* (*Leaves of the Earth*) and the Antonovych Scholarly Prize in Ukrainian Studies for 1992 to historian Mykhaylo Braychevsky of Kiev for his monograph *Utverzhennya khrystianstva na Rusi* (*Establishment of Christianity in Rus*).

In addition, a special Antonovych Prize for Achievements in the Fields of Ukrainian Culture and Statesmanship will be awarded to *Literaturna Ukraina*, the newspaper of the Writers Union of Ukraine.

The prizes will be awarded in May in Kiev.

Dr. Omelan and Dr. Tatiana Antonovych—TWG members—reside

in Washington. TWG co-sponsored the Foundation's awards presentation ceremonies in previous years, before the political situation in Ukraine allowed the ceremony to be moved to the Ukrainian capital.

Important!

1993 TWG Directory

The 1993 TWG Membership Directory will be going to the printer in May. If you have any directory corrections or additions to report, please fill out the Membership information form on the back cover and send to: TWG, Attn: Directory, P.O. Box 11248, Washington, D.C. 20008

Brother AGAINST Brother

The bloody civil war raged on in the former Yugoslavia as two Ukrainians from that region visited Washington and described the plight of the Ukrainian community in that country. Even though Ukrainians are not directly involved in that strife, which is rooted in centuries-old ethnic animosities, they have, nonetheless, become victims of its brutality, the two visitors said.

Describing the situation during a TWG Forum March 26 were Julian Tamash and Volodymyr Chromysh.

Dr. Tamash, who was born in Vojvodina, is professor of Ukrainian and comparative literature and the head of the Slavic Literature Department at the University of Novi Sad. He also heads the Association of Ukrainian-Ruthenians of (the former) Yugoslavia (AURY). Dr. Chromysh, who was born in Croatia, is a judge with 20 years experience, specializing in civil, economic and labor law. He is an active member of the Ukrainian community and has served on the executive board of AURY.

Professor Tamash told the gathering at Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Shrine that Ukrainians have lived in Yugoslavia for the past two and a half centuries. They arrived there mainly from the western part of Ukraine in the early 18th century with a well-developed national identity, which has helped them maintain their own language, customs, cultural differences. Indeed, the two speakers are 13th-generation Ukrainians living in that region.

With the aid of a map, professor

Tamash explained the complicated situation in which the Ukrainians find themselves at the present time. They now live in the three nations that emerged on the ruins of Yugoslavia: near Vukovar in Croatia, in the environs of Banja Luka in Bosnia, but the majority of the estimated 25,000 Ukrainians in Yugoslavia live in the northern regions of Serbia, in the area of Novi Sad, which to date has not been touched directly by the war.

Nevertheless, in some areas,

Ukrainians in war-torn Yugoslavia

By Marta Zielyk

Professor Tamash said, Ukrainians have been forced by events to engage in a form of fratricide, pitching "brother against brother," as indicated in the evening's theme. Such a situation emerged, for example, in the fighting for Vukovar, he said. Ukrainians who lived on Croatian territory, as loyal citizens of the newly independent Croatia, took arms to defend their towns, their property and their lives, while Ukrainians living in Serbia were drafted into the Serbian Army and were forced to take part in the horrible battle for Vukovar, in which 104 Ukrainians died, several of them children.

Ukrainians living in the former

Yugoslavia are, for the most part, well-educated and middle class, except for those living in somewhat impoverished conditions in Bosnia, Dr. Chromysh said. Almost all are Ukrainian Catholics, active in the academic, financial and cultural life of their country.

He underscored the importance of Ukraine for the Ukrainian community of the former Yugoslavia. We understand, he said, that the Ukrainian diaspora can give us financial and material assistance, but we have but one homeland, and only from that homeland can we draw our spiritual strength.

He criticized the government in Kiev for its inability to give aid to Ukrainians suffering the consequences of the war in the former Yugoslavia. He contrasted Kiev's inactivity with the aid that the Czech and Slovak communities received from their governments, who bussed their compatriots out of the war zones to safety in the Czech and Slovak republics. Similar action on the part of President Kravchuk's government was sorely needed for Ukrainians in Vukovar, Chromysh said. He admitted that perhaps both sides could be faulted: Ukraine was beset by its own internal problems, while Ukrainians in Vukovar lived in hope that the war would pass them by. And when the Serbs laid siege to the city, it was too late to rescue the Ukrainians living there.

Professors Tamash and Chromysh visited Ukraine last year, and Dr. Tamash even had a chance to speak to President Kravchuk and personally inform him about the fate of Ukrainians in the former Yugoslavia. He presented the Ukrainian president with details of Ukrainian losses: the names of those killed, the manner in which they died, lists of property and land which was confiscated or destroyed, where Ukrainians were resettled, how many of them are refugees, etc. This information was also supplied to the appropriate organs of the United Nations as well as to the leaders of all sides in the civil war.

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A DO-IT-YOURSELF EVACUATION

This is the conclusion of the article by By Kent C. Brokenship about how three foreign service officers, among them former TWG News editor Maria Rudensky, who now serves as consular officer in Kiev, left their assignment in Haiti. It was first printed in the February issue of State magazine.

Every wave brought water heaving over the bow. Flying spray pelted the helmsman while the seas, bent and steepened by the land masses of Cuba and Hispaniola, cascaded aboard. Despite the high winds, the Seabat wasn't in danger. I'd been with her in truly terrifying conditions off the coasts of Maine and Georgia and the Bahamas. This was nothing. The difference here was the landfall. As we closed with the coast of Cuba, we had to maintain a precise course for Guantanamo and couldn't apply the traditional sailor tactic (called heaving to) of letting the boat drift under storm sails while we retired to our bunks below.

By 2 in the morning, Bob was exhausted and needed sleep. Maria put on some foul-weather gear and crawled into the cockpit.

"Hey, these waves are really big," she said, peering at whitecaps sweeping down under the moonlight.

I'd hoped to remain on deck all

night as Maria steered. But by 3 in the morning I felt exhaustion set in, a result of being without sleep for 40 hours. I thought it was best to get some rest while still in international waters.

"Go below and don't worry about me," said Maria. "I'll be fine. This is exhilarating." For someone who'd never sailed before, she sounded oddly like Katherine Hepburn in *The African Queen*.

Maria claimed to have no ancestral tradition of seafaring. However, her deft handling of the Seabat under these conditions left us with doubts. We later maintained that she must be descended from the famed Ukrainian buccaneer Red Rover Rudensky, a jolly fellow we invented on the spot and glorified with many improbable heroics.

I crawled into the forward cabin and lay in my bunk. Once or twice, I heard Maria's voice over the pounding waves. But it was only to tell Bob how clear the stars were, or to ask for a drink.

Some time later she called out: "I see huge lights on the horizon. They're casting a glow all over the sky."

The motion of the boat was different. We must be under the lee of Cuba, I thought. It was still dark when I came on deck. Off the bow rose a halo of white. When the Seabat reached the crest of a wave, our eyes were blinded

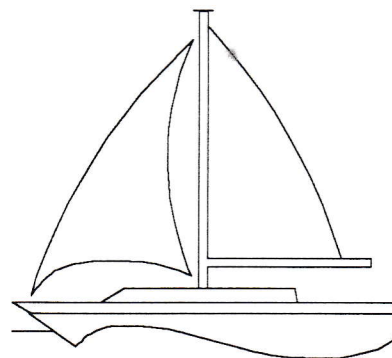
by lights so bright it looked like a couple of football stadiums parked on the shore. (We'd later learn that these lights emanated from U.S. radar and other installations.)

Through the glare, we spotted the faint pulsations of a lighthouse, still miles away, flashing at the interval designated for Guantanamo. As we closed with the shore, the seas calmed considerably. Purple came to the sky, and the hills of Cuba rose into view, rolling across the horizon. The sky lightened, and the hills turned green. Maria focused the binoculars on the shore.

"This could be interesting if that's not an American flag," said Bob.

We agreed.

"I see the flag," Maria called out. "Yes, it's ours."



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The Art of the Deal – *Ukrainian Style*

By Michael R. Savage

The economic health of a country can be measured by the value of its currency. The stronger and more productive an economy, the more valuable the currency is compared to that of others. What has resulted in Ukraine is what every economy tries to avoid—the twin economic evils of stagflation. Viewed within the context of currency value, the Ukrainian economy is in shambles: the remnants of the old state-driven economy has been propped-up solely by credit creation. In 1992, nearly 500 billion coupons were fed mercilessly into the struggling economy. It is saddled with 50 percent inflation per month, while trying to cope with a 20 percent decline in industrial output last year. The government budget deficit has grown to 36 percent of gross domestic product (compared with 5 percent in the United States).

Despite these enormous economic ills, Ukraine has remained a desirable country for investment: an educated workforce, a developed industry and infrastructure, unparalleled natural gifts like iron and fertile ground are a sound economic base for further development. Its location is also ideal; a temperate climate, centrally located and ports on the Black Sea also contributes to Ukraine's desirability.

Without a stable mechanism for investment, how, then, can investors develop a market economy in Ukraine? The answer for the Pepsi Cola Corporation is a throwback to the rudimentary basics of a market economy—barter, and for Pepsi, on a mighty scale. A triangle trade has been established between PepsiCo, the Zaliv

Michael R. Savage, a University of Colorado history major, is currently an intern to Rep. David Skaggs (D-Col.) in Washington.

Shipyards and Ukrpivo, a Ukrainian bottling company. Pepsi is gambling that Ukraine can turn itself around with this \$1-billion trade deal.

The joint venture will allow PepsiCo to take Ukrainian-made commercial tankers from the Zaliv shipyards on the Black Sea, and sell them on the international market for hard currency. These foreign exchange proceeds will be used to purchase soft drink machinery and to finance the building of 100 Pizza Hut restaurants in Ukraine. Ukraine's Chairman of the State Committee for foodstuffs called the deal, "A landmark agreement. It shows what can be accomplished when the strengths of Ukrainian and Western enterprises are creatively combined in true partner-

"If a middle class does not arise, Ukraine will not survive."

— Leonid Kuchma

ship." But few firms have the strength and diversity of PepsiCo enabling them to execute this kind of deal. Can barter trade be a viable market alternative for Ukraine until it can get its currency under control?

Already, barter has become a reality for many privately held businesses in Ukraine, not all of them foreign-owned. The Financial Times recently reported about an entrepreneurial venture started by three butchers in Bila Tserkva to process sausage and vegetables for city markets. This enormously profitable venture (\$1 million and 1.5 billion rubles in turnover in 1992) has to routinely resort to barter trade to obtain the necessities it needs to keep production running. Recently, a deal to obtain glass jars to bottle vegetables included

trading sausage to Siberia for lumber, trading the lumber in Kazakhstan for steel. The steel was then sent to Tiumen in trade for caustic soda sent to Kiev, where the jars were finally produced and then sent down to Bila Tserkva, 100 km. away.

This story shows how intrinsically inefficient barter trade is, and what a drain it is on potential productivity. The reality remains that if Ukraine is serious about economic change it must tighten its belt and model itself after other ex-communist countries like Poland, which is already reaping rewards for its sacrifices of the last three years. Rising GNP, increased international trade and, most importantly, 40 percent of its work force in the private sector are directly related to the zloty being a fully transferable and stable currency.

The job of currency stabilization lay in the hands of the Ukrainian government, and after many false starts, there are some encouraging signs. The appointment of Leonid Kuchma as prime minister has proven a pleasant surprise for international lending organizations like the IMF and World Bank. He is a staunch supporter of market reforms, and temporarily has wide-reaching power to steer the economy toward the market. He understands the importance of developing an entrepreneurial middle class: "If a middle class does not arise, Ukraine will not survive. We welcome a class of manufacturers and producers." Kuchma has stressed the importance of a strong, stable government that can force tough reforms and introduce a stable, convertible *hryvnia* by 1994.

The economic future of Ukraine is at a crossroads. It can join the path of free-markets in either a democratic, Western manner; or in a totalitarian manner like Chile or Singapore. What the government must at all costs avoid

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Ukrainians in war-torn Yugoslavia

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Professor Tamash expressed his surprise at the fact that, despite the preparations for AURY to join the World Congress of Free Ukrainians (he had conversations concerning this with WCFU President Yuriy Shymko in Ukraine in the summer of 1991), to this date the WCFU has not acted on the request. Membership in the WCFU could serve to channel aid to the beleaguered Ukrainian community of the former Yugoslavia.

Professor Chromysh was explicit in his criticism of the Russian battalion in the UN peace-keeping forces, whose mission is to protect the population from unsanctioned action

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is further regression that will cast Ukraine down the path of instability and poverty similar to the stagnation of Latin America in the 1970's and 80's. This, in the end, will be the true test of whether or not Ukraine will retain its sovereignty.

by army units of all the warring sides. Russian soldiers were present when the Serbian Army forced the local Ukrainian population to leave their homes in the towns of Petrovtsi and Mikloshevtsi in the area around Vukovar in Croatia but did not intercede, Professor Chromysh said. In his estimation, the Russian Army units have fully integrated with the Serbian armed forces.



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Pynzenyk, Zlenko Hold Talks in Washington

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American businessmen at the Chamber of Commerce.

Less Pilby

Ukrainians must be weaned off the myriad *pilby* (subsidies) to which they have grown accustomed under the centralized communist economic system. Subsidies, he said, are needed for the neediest, but not for everyone and for almost everything, from apartments to bread. People do not want to buy, or privatize, their apartments even for a minimal price, Pynzenyk said, simply because it is much cheaper to continue living in government-subsidized apartments for which they pay practically nothing.

The forum, the first TWG event of the new, Babiak administration, was arranged by the new vice president, Andrew Bihun, who chaired the evening at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine.

Zlenko visit

Pynzenyk's visit preceded another high-level visit in Washington—by Foreign Minister Anatoliy Zlenko, who held two days' of talks with U.S. officials March 24-25, including President Clinton and Secretary of State Christopher. His visit coincided with that of Russian Foreign Minister Kozyrev, who had similar, though much more publicized meetings with administration officials.

Mr. Zlenko's talks concentrated on the nuclear issue—Ukraine's ratification of the START I and Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaties, according to White House and State Department statements. In his statement to journalists at the National Press Club, however, Mr. Zlenko suggested that it would be counterproductive for the United States to limit its relationship with Ukraine to the nuclear arms issue.

A number of Ukrainian parliamentarians were in Washington during the week of the Pynzenyk-Zlenko visits:

Pavlo Movchan and Volodymyr Shovkoshitny, were brought to Washington for a news conference at the National Press Club "on behalf of and to investigate the case of Lyndon LaRouche," according to the LaRouche organization's press announcement.

Movchan

Movchan, a poet who also heads the large *Prosvita* organization in Ukraine, had been in one of the first major groups of intellectuals officially allowed to visit the Ukrainian Diaspora in 1989. The group, which then spoke at a TWG Forum, also included theater director Les Tanyuk, who now chairs the Committee on Culture in Parliament.

Shovkoshitny is active in the Parliament's Chernobyl Committee.

Other visitors

Also in town was the chairman of the parliamentary committee on mass media, Mykola Spys, and the chief of the com-

mittee staff, Volodymyr Horobtsyov. Accompanying them was Dora Chomiak, a TWG member now working on media projects for the Renaissance (Soros) Foundation in Kiev.

USIA, Sister Cities

Washington also played host to a new U.S. Information Agency-sponsored international visitors group from Ukraine: Genady Klimenko and Mikhaïlo Stepko from the Ministry of Education, and Olexandr Lyashenko of the Kharkiv Aviation Institute and Alim Rozhkov, who heads the Physics Technology Center at Kharkiv State University. During the month-long program on "U.S. Education Administration," they will also visit Durham, N.C., Seattle, Denver and New York.

In February, TWG hosted a dinner for a visiting official delegation from Kharkiv on its way to a municipal training program in its Sister City Cincinnati.

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Washington Area Easter Church Services

Holy Family Ukrainian
Catholic National Shrine
4250 Harewood Rd., NE
Washington, DC 20017
Tel.: (202) 526-3737

St. Andrew's Ukrainian
Orthodox Cathedral
15100 New Hampshire Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20904
Tel.: (301) 384-9192

- 5 April - Holy Monday**
7:00 p.m. Confessions
7:30 p.m. Way of the Cross
Sorokousty (Ukr.)
- 6 April - Holy Tuesday**
7:00 p.m. Confessions
7:30 p.m. Way of the Cross
Sorokousty (Eng.)
- 7 April - Holy Wednesday**
7:00 p.m. Confessions
7:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy
- 8 April - Holy Thursday**
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:30 p.m. *Strasty* - Gospels
- 9 April - Good Friday**
7:30 p.m. Vespers - Shroud
- 10 April - Holy Saturday**
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 p.m.
Blessing of Paska
- 11 April - Easter Sunday**
7:00 a.m. Resurrection Maarins
8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
Blessing of Paska after Liturgies
- 12-13 April - Easter Monday-Tuesday**
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 18 April - Sunday**
1:00 p.m. *Sviachene* Easter dinner
Adults \$9, Students \$6

Danusia Wasyliwskyj is the
Community Calendar Coordi-
nator. Organization leaders
should notify her about planned
events prior to the 15th of each
month for them to be published
in the TWG NEWS Calendar.
Her phone: (301) 652-3938

- 11 April - Sunday**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 15 April - Holy Thursday**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Suffering of Christ
Reading of the 12 Gospels
- 16 April - Good Friday**
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Shroud Exposition
- 17 April - Holy Saturday**
11:30 p.m. Reading of Acts of Apostles

18 April - Easter Sunday Midnight Service

Holy Trinity Ukrainian
Catholic Church
16631 New Hampshire Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20904
Tel.: (301) 890-7730

- 11 April - Palm Sunday**
11:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Service
- 15 April - Holy Thursday**
7:30 p.m. *Strasti* - Reading Gospels
- 16 April - Good Friday**
4:00 p.m. Vespers - Shroud Procession
- 17 April - Holy Saturday**
10:00 p.m. Liturgy of St. Basil/Vespers
- 18 April - Easter Sunday**
10:00 p.m. Easter Matins
11:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Easter Baskets
1:00 p.m. Hahilky, organized by Plast
- 19-20 April - Monday - Tuesday**
7:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy
- 2 May - Sunday**
Joint *Svyachene*
St. Andrew's and Holy Trinity Parishes
1:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Church Hall

Chornobyl Anniversary Program Schedule

Sponsored by the Chornobyl Committee
Contact: Danusia Wasyliwskyj
(301) 652-3938

- 19-23 April - Monday - Friday**
What the Children Saw, children's art
exhibit on Chornobyl tragedy
Sponsored with Helsinki Commission
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Russell Rotunda, US Senate
Constitution and 1st St. NW
Washington DC
- 20 April - Tuesday**
5:00 p.m. Opening of Exhibit
What the Children Saw
- 26 April - Monday**
Holy Liturgy and *Panakhbyda*
in memory of Chornobyl victims
8:00 a.m. Holy Family
7:30 p.m. Holy Trinity
10:00 a.m. St. Andrews
- 1 May - Saturday**
Solemn Commemoration
2:00 p.m.
Chornobyl Tree at Lafayette Park
Sponsored with Plast and Ukrainian School

Other Events

Reception *in honor of* Countess Ute Baudissin

The first director of Germany's
Goethe Institute in Kiev

Sunday, April 25, 1993
at 4:00 p.m.

The Goethe Institute
1607 New Hampshire Ave. N.W.
Tentative - Watch for mailing
Contact: Mykola Babiak
(202) 543-4965

- 15 May - Saturday**
Shevchenko Ukrainian School Prom
Presentation of graduates
8:00 p.m. St Andrew's Hall
Contact: Zirka Harabach
(301) 916-0978 after 6:00 p.m.

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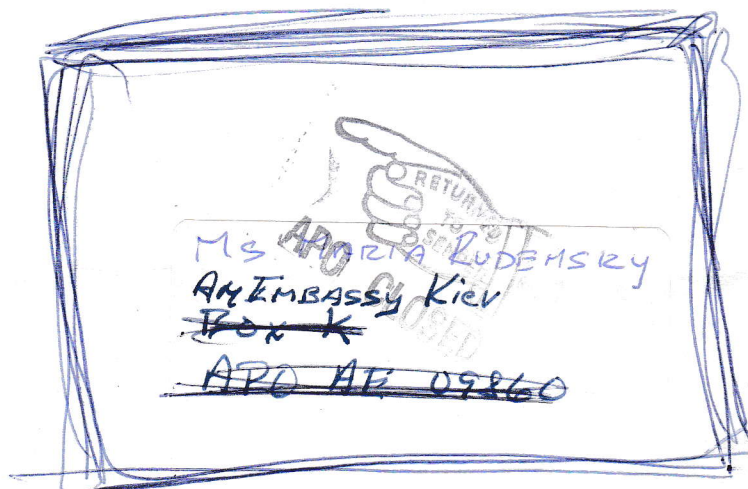
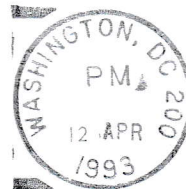
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