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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Excerpts from the President's Speech
delivered at the Special Convention
on November 10, 1957.

After enumerating the many plans the Dominion Executive had made at the last Dominion Convention, Mr. Orychiwsky went on to say:

"We could have done all this..if we were not absorbed in the active participation of the UNF's 25th Jubilee Festival.

If we, during the preparation of the Festival, neglected so many things..., we certainly did not forget about two important obligations to our Branches, the publication of MYH Beams and the efficient handling of our administration and correspondence with all our branches.

In regard to the future, I would like to stress three important points:

Summer Camp - A beautiful piece of property with a large lake frontage at Acton, Ont. about 45 miles west of Toronto, is being purchased.

Leaders - You must realize that the need for leadership in our organization is greater today than ever before. I could not stress strongly enough the important role that the D.E. must play regarding the development, encouragement and training of our young people to become leaders.

Re-dedication to our Organization - We still maintain that we must show natural interest in the fate of our people in Ukraine.

We are building a Ukrainian Canadian organization and our first loyalty is to Canada.

We are non-political, non-sectarian and non-partisan. We believe in the moral principles of Christianity, we believe in our Ukrainian heritage and we believe and support the liberation of Ukraine. And now I close my report with these words of President Eisenhower: 'Give me a man... who will reach into the future, yet never forget his past.'"



Convention Highlights

"It is my opinion that baritones are the best chairmen; I'll do my best." With these words Walter Klymkiw of Winnipeg accepted the position of chairman of the Special Convention sessions in Toronto. Nadia Pavlychenko was elected secretary.

With respect to our parent organization, the UNF, the Dominion President Mr. Plaviuk was the first to be called upon to speak. Mr. Plaviuk clearly brought to our attention the place of the UNYF organization in the UNF system and also our place as youth in Ukrainian organizations of Canada.

Continuing the introductions, Mr. Klymkiw said, "Our organization is like a family, with the most important member being the mother. Now I would like you to meet the mother of all our mothers, Mrs. Sawchuk, head of the Ukrainian Women's Organization." Mrs. Sawchuk urged the youth to recognize and love Ukrainian culture and also to study and live for greater ideals, as well as the good of the Ukrainian nation.

"We have another publication besides MYH Beams you know - the New Pathway. Mr. W. Hultay is one of the directors." Mr. Hultay pointed out that Ukrainians are playing an increasingly important role in Canada's life and as a result should take great pride in their achievements, as well as greater credit.

"And now, representing an organization that has a soft spot in my heart because it was the first to work for Ukrainian freedom and also because its members are the great link with our forefathers, the president of the Ukrainian War Veterans' Association - Mr. Nosyk." A distinguished looking man with grey hair, Mr. Nosyk was perhaps most appreciated because his greeting was short.

Michael Orychiwsky, our UNYF Dominion President, had the rapt attention of his audience as he gave his report (sabotaged by Natalie Bundza to half its length).

The "Cultural Programme for the UNYF 25th Jubilee" was the brief presented by Walter Klymkiw (1st Vice-President). Mr. Klymkiw justly and honestly criticized our past activities pointing out that we have too often limited ourselves to choirs and dancing. He suggested that since we do have highly talented members in many fields that we should expand our interests to art (sketching etc.), orchestras, writing and drama ("a very neglected part of our art"). He also felt our 25th anniversary publication "should mirror the ideas and talents of the members."

Jerry Bilak, who spoke in Ukrainian, discussed the publicity side of the coming jubilee. He pointed out that now was the time to start the fire and let it smoulder until it bursts into flame at convention time. We must prepare for our 1959 25th Anniversary Convention starting NOW.



Walter Klymkiw, left, and Michael Orychiwsky, right, listen intently to Gloria Surmach as she speaks at the Convention Banquet.



Jerry Bilak, Chairman of MYH D.E. Controlling Committee, presents a bouquet of roses to the Belle of the Ball, Nadia Haba of West Toronto.



Left to Right: Sonia Tyczynski of Hamilton, Nadia Haba of West Toronto and Nadia Pavlychenko of Montreal.

KING WINSTON CHURCHILL

— of UKRAINE !



The recently celebrated 83rd birthday of legendary Sir Winston Churchill on November 30th brings to mind a historical incident which almost brought the Churchill family into close contact with the Ukrainian people over two centuries ago. Perhaps a free Ukrainian nation would exist today if such had been the case. The following historical incident shows that our title is not as fantastic as it seems.

Among the many interesting events in Ukrainian history one comes across the surprising possibility outlined by our title.

About 250 years ago, Tsar Peter I ("the Great") of Muscovy (Russia) after several years of war with King Charles XII of Sweden was anxious to conclude a peace treaty - at terms advantageous to himself - by giving him a part of the Baltic coast line. He sent his Ambassador Matveyev to London in 1706 to urge the British government to act as mediator. The ambassador offered the great John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough, a bribe to influence Queen Anne in accordance with the Tsar's wishes. In his reply, Churchill asked for a principality as a reward. The principality of Kiev, equivalent to Ukraine in those days, was one of those offered him.

England, however, had no desire to see Muscovy (Russia) in possession of Baltic coast land ("The Window on Europe"). Churchill, refusing the gifts, finally replied to the Tsar that England could not become an ally of Russia, for fear that Sweden might retaliate by allying itself with France and Austria against England.

This historical incident is noted in (1) Memorandum on the Ukrainian Question by Yaroslav Fedortchouk, London, Francis Griffiths, 1914, (2) Recueil des Traites... conclus par la Russie... Tome IX (XI), Angleterre, pp 13, 14, (3) Cambridge Modern History, Vol. 5, Chapt. XIX, p 595.

Andrew Gregorovich.



UKRAINIAN ATHLETES

Handsome Veniamin Alexandrov of the visiting "Russian" hockey team is one of the four players said to be Ukrainian. Described as pleasant and honest, Alexandrov scored one of the two Soviet goals in the game against the Whitby Dunlops in Toronto. Sidorenkov, another player rumoured to be Ukrainian, has had his typically Ukrainian name "Russianized" by the addition of a "v" on the end.

Canadians of Ukrainian origin are proud of Somolenko who was skillful enough to score one goal for Canada.

It is unfortunate that the "democracy" practised in the USSR must be carried over to Canada. On peril of dire consequences, athletes representing the Soviet Union must officially say they are Russian, whether they are or not. We know we express the thoughts of these Soviet Ukrainian athletes when we say: "Officially they are Russians; at heart - Ukrainians."

This tour once again points out the problem of mis-labelling all Soviet athletes "Russian". At the recent Olympics (1956) such Ukrainian Olympic champions as Kuts, the runner, Latynina and Chokarine, the gymnasts, Goncharenko the skater and Bohdanovich, the weight lifter were all incorrectly referred to as "Russians."

Kuts, incidentally, has set a new World Record of 13 minutes, 35 seconds for the 5,000 metres race recently in Rome, Italy.



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The final brief, probably the most important, was presented very clearly and ably by Mr. Elias Poworoznyk, the D.E. Treasurer. His brief naturally concerned the financial side of the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations. The gross figure we are shooting for is - \$33,200.59. Why the 59¢? Mr. Poworoznyk suggested we think about it. Do we really need the 59¢? You tell us.

The most important decision which was made by the delegates at this convention was the postponement of the scheduled 1958 convention to 1959 in order to coincide with our 25th Anniversary. The delegates gave a "vote of confidence" to the present Dominion Executive to remain in office and prepare for the 25th Anniversary Jubilee of our organization.

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WINNIPEG

....Josie Klymkiw.

The 25th Anniversary of the Winnipeg UNF went over with a big bang. The MYH members took over all the arrangements and planning. Congratulations for a job well done go out to Bohdan Klymkiw and Vlad Kapy who were on the Head Committee; Ed Semchyshyn and Roy Babick, Banquet Committee; Lesia Kapy, in charge of Advertising and Michael Semanych in charge of tickets. Walter Klymkiw, as usual, was everywhere that help was needed. Roy Babick competently MC'd the evening. Guest speaker at the Banquet was Mr. Fred Zaplitny, MP for Dauphin and a Dauphin UNF member. The Anniversary Concert was held on Sunday night with Walter Klymkiw directing the choir and Bob Klymash and Oksana Hrycenko directing the dancers. A highlight of the concert was Polkovnek Konoplenko-Zaporozetz playing on the Kobza. It was the first time that many of us had heard it and we all found it very enjoyable.

Deepest sympathy is extended by all of us to Vera Karpluk on the recent loss of her father.

Welcome to Winnipeg goes out to Oksana Hrycenko of Sudbury and Danny Lebitka of Toronto. Helen and Irene Kruk of Edmonton were also visiting a short time ago. Miss the old homestead, gals? Olga Ripak spent a week in Saskatoon. What's the attraction there? Marie Saviak has left Winnipeg to live in Los Angeles. A farewell party was held at the home of Josie and Boxy Klymkiw.

MYH Branches across Canada have been announcing their members' engagements and Winnipeg is certainly no exception. Recent engagements have been that of Sylvia Shewchun and Bill Karabin, Joan Galazyk and Julian Klymkiw, and Ben Hewak and Gerry Stawnychko. Best wishes to all of them.

IN MEMORIAM

William Hladun, Honorary President of MYH, who passed away on November 27th, 1957, at the age of 35. Deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

SUDBURY

....Doreen Shulha.

Sudbury is in the swing of things again keeping her members hopping. The Ukrainian folk dancing group have several engagements in the next two months including T.V. appearances and banquet entertaining.

The main effort right now is being directed toward the plans for UNF's 25th Anniversary celebrations on November 23rd. There will be a huge banquet and dance that Saturday night and a concert the following Sunday evening. It promises to be quite an event.

Congratulations are in order for Elsie and Nick Harasenko who tied the knot in September. That was some wedding! By the looks of things, more of our girls will be following Elsie soon.

We would like to dedicate a few lines here to our scholars. Oksana Hrycenko is spreading the Sudbury spirit in Manitoba but seems to be having quite a time with her Ukrainian lessons. Is Bob (Prof.) Klymash giving you too much homework? Stephanie Dmytryshyn and Ernie Lapchinsky, who stayed closer to home, feel that University of Toronto life is ideal. Who knows, we might soon see Ernie on Medic!

Getting back to our UNYF activities, the kids are keeping up dancing and choir practices and will soon be giving a UNYF concert.



SASKATOON

....Anna Zaleschuk.

Our Ukrainian folk dance group recently performed for the Order of Masons, School for the Deaf, Club Concordia as well as on television. They will also perform at the 25th Anniversary of UNF on December 1st.

Recent visitors to Saskatoon were Peter Kaminsky of Edmonton and Walter Kostyshyn of Calgary, both former Saskatoon MYH members. Also spending her holidays here was Olga Ripak of Winnipeg. Timmy misses you Olga!

Flash! Our corresponding secretary, Ernie Cherney has bought a car. Winnipeg - here comes Ernie.

Latest additions: For Michael and Sonia Seniuk - a son; for John and Olga Chorney - a son; for Michael and Anna Zaleschuk - a son. This must be the season for boys!

We've had several MYH parties this fall, and we're all looking forward to our forthcoming sleigh ride. We are also preparing a MYH Year Book.

The boys don't think we're very good cooks. At a "toffee pull" we had recently, the toffee wouldn't pull, the fudge wouldn't set and the peanut brittle burnt. Just when we were going to show off!!



Our D.E. President Michael Orychiwsky is already teaching his daughter Sonia to read our most revered publication, MYH Beams.



Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Vance Thom of Regina.



WINDSOR

.... Vera Turus.

Recently the Windsor Branch of the UNF celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Guest speaker at the banquet was Director Flaviuk of Hamilton. Amidst the many congratulatory speeches from various organizations, playbacks of the 25th Anniversary Music Festival, held in May at Toronto, were heard on the tape recorder. Col. A. Melnyk's speech at the Festival made a great impression on the people who were unable to be present at the Festival.

A UNYF member, Kathy Syroid, represented the Ukrainian Windsor Credit Union Chapter in the 10th Annual International Credit Union Day celebrations. Close to 1,000 people attended the banquet. Hon. Bryan Cathcart, Ontario Minister of Travel & Publicity, was guest speaker.

Taking part in the "Marko Vovchok Concert" recently were the club's Folk Dancing Group, and Artem Lozynsky, piano soloist. A portrait of Marko Vovchok, famous Ukrainian authoress, drawn by Danny Czuchnowsky which was displayed during the concert was greatly admired. Participation by the Folk Dancing Group in a "New Canadians" concert, held at Mindzenty Hall, was warmly received by the audience. Dancers of the Group which participated were Jeanna Syroid, Lydia Wivcharuk, Erna Buchinsky, Oksana Holdun and Olly Yaworsky.

Emil Pociluyko was named delegate to the Dominion Conference recently held in Toronto.

Preparations are already going forth for the Annual New Year's Eve Dance. Out-of-town visitors are invited to journey to Windsor for this dance which promises to be a lot of fun.

REGINA

.... Anne Swyryda.

Miss Lillian Bratash, a long-time MYH member, who attended courses at Winnipeg in 1951, was married on October 12th. The groom, Arthur Vance Thom, is also a native of Regina. The couple will make their home in Saskatoon.

At the wedding, a generous collection was donated to support the efforts of three Ukrainian publications: Woman's World, The New Pathway and MYH Beams.



The **R**am**B**le**R**

Did you hear about Stephen Popel, Michigan State Chess Champion, playing 33 games all at the same time! He won 24, lost 6 and tied 2.... Captain Steve Oneschuk led his Hamilton Tiger Cats to a 32 to 7 Grey Cup victory over Winnipeg's Blue Bombers. Several other Ukrainian names on the roster were Bilicki, Kotowich, Mendyk, Wlasiuk, Andreychuk, to name a few..... Radio news services on November 24th carried the following point expressed by Senator William Wall, Canada's first Senator of Ukrainian descent, at the Sudbury UNF's 25th Anniversary - "The fate of one dog in a satellite aroused more sympathy and concern in the Western world than did that of millions of people behind the Iron Curtain."..... Johnny Bucyk, V. Stasiuk and Bronco Horvath, Boston Bruins' "Uke" line are acclaimed as the best in the NHL this season..... Natalie Pawlenko, 10 years old, drew thunderous applause at the Royal Winter Fair Horse Show in T.O. for her skill in a jumping event. Her father's horse won the first prize for open jumpers..... Lesia Zubrack, coloratura soprano, starred in Carousal and Die Fleidermaus which recently completed a two-week run at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theatre..... An interesting article on Winnipeg's Mayor Stephen Juba, who is of Ukrainian extraction, appeared in Maclean's November 23rd issue. Another national magazine, the Star Weekly of November 25th carried a colour (pin-up) photo of that handsome hunk of man, Eric Nesterenko, Chicago Black Hawk star.... The winning float in the Grey Cup parade, made of 50,000 mums, was graced by MYH member Marianne Lenchak (Miss Toronto) --how could they lose?..... Our editor from Hamilton was so excited on receiving his last issue of MYH Beams, (he gets it through the mail, you know) he couldn't work all day..... The secretary of Montreal MYH Diana Yorksie must be in love! Membership cards should be distributed immediately after they are received from the D.E..... Joanne Bezkorowayny recently won Toronto MYH's popularity contest. Sylvia Prymak ran a close second..... At MYH's Convention Banquet in T.O. we noticed M.P. John Yaremko swinging that Ukrainian hop..... And at the same affair, West Toronto's Nadia Haba was chosen Belle of the Ball..... During an interview over an Ottawa radio station, Elvis Presley commented on communism, assuring that communism would never take over and do you know why - he believes in the American youth..... 200 people almost the entire Ukrainian population in Rouyn, recently attended the 25th Anniversary of UNF there. The mayor spoke French..... Jerry Slobodian - your membership fee dates back to 1954 - so..... Sonia Klemec of Toronto and Cecil Semchyshyn formerly of Winnipeg each won a \$200 scholarship from the opera school of the Royal Conservatory of Music..... That's all for now folks.

.Do pobachenia.



Through the Keyhole

"She is a nicely reared girl, isn't she?"

"I should say so. Not bad from the front either."

Taras: "I tried to impress my girl last night and when the menu was given to me I ordered the entire meal in French."

Bohdan: "Did you succeed?"

Taras: "I sure did. Even the waiter was impressed. It was a Chinese restaurant."

"Doctor, when I lower my hands to my knees and then raise my left leg, then put my left leg down and put my hands up again, then put my hands back to my knees and raise my right leg, then put my right leg down again and put my hands back up, I get a twitch in my back."

"Well, why do you go through with such ridiculous motions?"

"Ridiculous! Do you think I'm a nudist? That's the way I put on my pants."

It was the evening after the night before, and several club members met at the grill. "How did you find yourself this morning?" a doctor asked the two who had been drinking heavily the night before.

"Easy enough," one replied, "We just looked under the table and there we were."

I have a car.
It never skids
It never breaks down,
It never gets a puncture.
It never falters on steep grades.
It never gets in a collision or accident.
I wish I could start it, though.

Three fellows walked into the railroad station and, after checking schedules, decided they had time for a few drinks. Finally they leaped up and ran, just in time for two of them to catch the train. The third fell down and began to laugh.

"What are you laughing about?" asked a cop.

"Those two guys," said the merrymaker, "came down here to see me off!"

Grand Opera - a place where a guy gets stabbed in the back and, instead of bleeding, he sings.





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