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SUSK REVIVED!!! 40th Anniversary Issue of Student 1968-2008



Photo: SUSK revived at the XXII Triennial Ukrainian Canadian Congress in Winnipeg, October, 2007

50TH SUSK CONGRESS IN MONTREAL

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Marking the 75th Anniversary of the 1932-33 Famine-Genocide in Soviet Ukraine (p. 10)

The Ukrainian Canadian University Students' Union (SUSK) was revived at the XXII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians (UCC) held in Winnipeg, October 19-21, 2007. Elected as SUSK president was Artem Luhovy, president of the McGill Ukrainian Students' Association in Montreal, recipient of the UCC National Ukrainian Canadian Youth Leadership Award.

SUSK also revived "Student", its national tri-lingual publication, a forum reflecting the broad interests of Ukrainian-Canadian students. This year it will be marking its 40th anniversary, having first been published in Montreal in 1968.

Membership in SUSK consists of Ukrainian clubs, associations, federations whose members are students of a Canadian university or other post-secondary institutions. SUSK has an official representative, its president Artem Luhovy, on the Board of Directors of the National Ukrainian Canadian Congress. It is also a member of the World Congress of Ukrainians (CKY).

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Newly elected UCC National President Pavlo Grod (former SUSK President) with newly elected SUSK President Artem Luhovy

Blast from the Past
Old SUSK Photos (p. 6-7)

XXII UCC Congress, Winnipeg

October, 2007



Artem Luhovy, Kristen Glover and Olesia Markevych

Oksana Hrycyna, Artem Luhovy, Olga Kostelko, Adriana Luhovy, Max Boyko Roman Soltykevych Tamara Mischena, Paul Horbal

Andrij Popiel, Olesia Markevych, Kristin Glover

Olga Kotselko and Diana Yavorska

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Quote from Student March / April 1984, p. 10

SUSK's 50th National Congress will be held from Friday, February 22 to Sunday, February 24, 2008 at McGill University in Montreal. Ukrainian students' clubs from across Canada are sending delegates. There will also be representatives from the Ukrainian-American students' organizations (SUSTA). The conference program can be seen on the SUSK website (www.susk.ca) and found on Youtube.

"The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union has a special role to play... its members have the unique ability to combine youth, enthusiasm and dedication, the essential ingredients that move a community from apathy to dynamism". p. 10

(Michael Maryn - SUSK 84)

Student December 1972 Excerpt

"While nobody can tell you that you have to work in the Ukrainian community, there is one thing that you should bear in mind. As a student you have one of the most precious, one of the most invaluable gifts that anyone can give our community. This gift involves immense responsibility. It is the gift of a future for the community."

-Andrij Semotiuk
SUSK Pres. 1972-23

SUSK national executive for 2007-2008 is: president, **Artem Luhovy**, McGill University; executive vice-president internal, **Marco Jacuta**, University of Alberta; director of publications "Student" and communications, **Adriana Luhovy**, Concordia University; VP Regional West, **Roman Soltykevych**, University of Alberta; VP Regional East, **Olyana Grod**, York University; projects director, **Tamara Mischena**, University of Guelph; director of external relations, **Oksana Hrycyna**, York University; secretary, **Olesia Markevych**, University of Alberta; treasurer, **Andrij Popiel**, University of Manitoba; and alumni director and past president, **Paul Horbal**, University of Toronto.



First Row: Artem Luhovy, President

Second Row: Oksana Hrycyna, Olesia Markevych, Roman Soltykevych, Adriana Luhovy,

Third Row: Marco Jacuta, Tamara Mischena, Paul Horbal, Olyana Grod, Andrij Popiel



SUSK Past Presidents 1953 - 2000

Participants at the first ever SUSK Congress in Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1953.

From left to right:

Zenon Iankivsky (Winnipeg)
 Dr. J. Barwinsky (Winnipeg)
 Lev Wynnyckyj (Montreal)
 Dr. Bohdan Bociurkiw (Winnipeg)



Serhij Radchuk,
 Marion Kozij (Winnipeg)
 Victor Deneka (Winnipeg)
Seated: Vera Watowich

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Vera Watowich

Past Presidents

1953-58	Vera Zarowski	1977-78	Andrij Makuch
1958-60	Leo Wynnyckyj	1978-79	Dmytro Jacuta (Edmonton)
1960-61	Roman Osadchuk	1980-81	Mykhailo Maryn (Islington)
1962-63	George Borys	1981-82	George Samoil (Edmonton)
1963-66	Andrew Gregorovich	1982-84	Mykhailo Bociurkiw (Ottawa)
1966-68	Lubomyr Zyla	1984-85	Chrystyna Chudczak (Ottawa/Sudbury)
1968-69	Roman Serbyn	1985-86	Danylo Dzikiewicz (Toronto)
1969-70	Bohdan Kravchenko	1986-87	Zirka Kudla (Toronto)
1970-71	Marusia Kucharyshyn	1987-88	E. Danylo Dzwonyk (Winnipeg)
1971-72	Marko Bojcun	1988-89	Greg Blyzniuk (Hamilton)
1972-73	Andriy Semotiuk	1989-90	Greg Blyzniuk (Mississauga)
1973-74	Yuri Dashko	1990-91	Bill Pawlowsky (Lachine, QC)
1974-75	Myron Spolsky	1991-92	Dan Puderak (Saskatoon)
1975-76	Sheila Slobodzian	1992-93	Mike Stepaniuk (Saskatoon)
1976-77	Marijka Hurko	1994-95	Paul Grod (Toronto/Windsor)
		1995-96	Jon Tomas (Toronto)
		1996-97	Volodymyr Boychuk (Edmonton)
		1997-98	Gena Slawuta (Edmonton)
		1998-99	Lubko Belej (Mississauga)
		1999-2000	Mike Ilnycky (Calgary)



Photo above: Students at a past SUSK congress



Photo:
 SUSK Congress
 Marusia
 Kucharyshyn

BITAHNIA - GREETINGS

Pryvit, Bienvenue & Congratulations to SUSK @ 50!

What has spawned business leaders & political visionaries, academic thinkers & public policy movers and media shakers in every part of Canada, and across the globe in the last 50 years? **SUSK**. Who would have thought...but then again, someone did. The visionaries who started SUSK 50 years ago in Canada understood. They understood that the power of youth, intelligence, joy and commitment were rooted deeply in our Ukrainian Canadian community. They understood that by creating an outlet – a channel – for this vision would spawn active, competing voices with different views from different parts of Canada and, in the early days if lucky, sometimes beyond our

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Photo: Adriana Luhovy, Editor of "Student"

borders. And they understood that an educated, committed generation of Ukrainian Canadian students would form the backbone of a sophisticated political culture that is uniquely Canadian.

So why should SUSK matter?

Because without this unique voice -- this lens reflecting our changing, global Ukrainian Canadian community, we are poorer for it.

Why does SUSK matter?

Because its students have the potential to, and do change the world. **SUSK**. It allowed me to grow up. Amongst friends I would have never met otherwise. It allowed me to think. In ways I would have never been able to without its unique debate, discourse and comment. And it allowed me to create: **Ideas** - The UCC Parliamentary Internship Program

Projects - The Deschenes Commission Lobby on Parliament Hill

Congresses - The Ottawa SUSK Congress

Newspapers - STUDENT, STUDENT and more STUDENT. The old way - on paper.

What a glorious, frustrating and joyous time I had. In SUSK.

SUSK @ 50.

And here's to more.

Chrystia Chudczak, Ottawa Former SUSK president, VP, and STUDENT Editor, congress coordinator

Letters to the editor are welcome.

We reserve the right to edit materials for publication.

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It is an independent collective of Ukrainian-Canadian students' interested in developing their identity as Ukrainians in Canada.

From Olya Kuplowska

I'm a SUSK alumna going back to the late sixties and early seventies. Reading about your plans for the 50th anniversary of SUSK brought back fond memories for me. My first SUSK conference was in Montreal back in 1968 (or maybe it was 1969). I wish you, the SUSK executive, and all students attending the 50th Anniversary much success with your deliberations and good fun too. Whatever you learn or take away from your SUSK experiences will be useful to you in so many ways in your future activities - I speak from experience! The more you do for SUSK, the more you will reap from it in future years.

All the best!!

Hello dear SUSK members,

Just watched your youtube presentation and as a former active member, at U of W in the 70's, I congratulate you on your new initiatives and wish you a very successful conference.

I'm also writing to let you know about a Holodomor writing competition, should you wish to add it to your newspaper Student & in your conference program. Although this competition is for younger students aged 14 -19, you may have some young eligible members or those who could encourage their younger siblings or friends to write.

BTW, five years ago your president Artem Luhovy was awarded honourable mention for his Holodomor submission. Check it out at: www.faminegenocide.com.

All the best,

Lesia Korobaylo



Photo: Andrij Popiel

ВІТАННЯ КОНГРЕСОВІ СУСК-у

Сердечно вітаю вас, нове покоління українського студентства в Канаді, з відновленням праці Союзу українських студентів Канади, з сороковим ювілеєм вашого органу „Студент” та, особливо, з п'ятдесятим Конгресом СУСК.

Ви, мабуть, ще не усвідомили собі, яким моральним піднесенням серед української канадської громади була ваша численна й активна участь в останній, XXII-ій, Конвенції Конгресу українців Канади в Вінніпезі, і яке значення для нашого громадського життя має цей ренесанс української академічної молоді в Канаді. Українська й ширша спільнота Канади потребує свіжих сил і нового думання; закріплюється українська держава й їй потрібна ваша підпора; звільнюється українська культура й вона потребує вашого слова; вашого захисту потребує українське ім'я.

Бажаю вам успішного Конгресу, вдумливих підсумків вашої праці, мудрих плянів на майбутнє та організаційної системи, яка передавала б ваш ентузіазм і ваш вогонь наступним вашим змінам.

Д-р Ярослав Розумний
Манітобський університет Вінніпег, 8 лютого 2008

RE: 50TH SUSK CONGRESS from the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Montreal

Dear SUSK President and Student Delegates,

On behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Quebec Chapter, I wish to congratulate you on the 50th Ukrainian Canadian University Students' Congress (SUSK) to be held in Montreal February 22 to 24, 2008.

Ukrainian-Canadian university students across Canada have much to offer in strengthening and forming the future of our community and in building on the over one hundred year history of Ukrainians in Canada.

I wish you much success in your discussions and future projects! Much success in your studies, the fundamental basis of an effective and informed community.

Sincerely,
Prof. Yarema Kelebay,
President,
Ukrainian Canadian Congress,
Quebec Chapter.

February, 16, 2008

ВІТАННЯ - GREETINGS - contd.

Congratulations to all the participants at the 50th SUSK Congress.

I applaud all of the work that you are accomplishing, in specific your efforts in ensuring that we as free Canadians do not forget the famine-genocide, in Soviet Ukraine, that was perpetrated by the Soviet government in Moscow.

Lew Figol, York University Alumni '81,
CeSUS Executive Director 1977/78

The Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Lviv seeks volunteers for its Carpathian English Summer School (July 6-28, 2008)

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Kyiv summer study at the National University of Kyiv
Mohyla Academy <http://www.summerschool.ukma.kiev.ua/>

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Dear Artem,

Thank you for your letter. Would you please pass on my greetings to the 50th Anniversary SUSK Congress and read the following message from me.

Dear Delegates and guests of this historic congress. I send you greetings as a past president of SUSK who was elected at the Thunder Bay Congress of 1972. I took over as President from Marusia Kucharyshyn, who spearheaded the drive for the policy of multiculturalism in Canada. I began my term in office by organising the hunger strike of 17 SUSK members at the University of Manitoba in defense of Ukrainian political prisoners. Our action compelled Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau to meet us and to raise the plight of the Ukrainian opposition in prisons and labour camps with Premier Kosygin of the Soviet Union. These were heady days, days of action, revolutionary thinking, great hopes for the future. They infected a whole generation of North American youth. And it was no different for Ukrainian Canadian students, who worked on the campuses, in the Ukrainian Canadian community and with other communities for a multicultural Canada, for the rights of the Quebecois, for the rights of the Ukrainian people.

SUSK had a massive impact on my life. It's where I began to form my political outlook, it's where I made friends for life, and it's where I reconnected with my Ukrainian roots. And had a great time doing it.

I wish the 50th SUSK Congress every success: a positive and constructive approach to your deliberations and wisdom in your decisions. May SUSK remain true to its finest traditions for another 50 years.

Marko Bojczun
London, England



Photo:
Top - Olya
Kuplowska

Bottom - Marko
Bojczun (just elected
SUSK president
1971)

Below: Roman
Serbyn, first editor
"Student" 1968



The Times They Were a Changing – My SUSK Involvement, 1989-1992

Greetings from Kyiv!

Вітання зі столиці країни ваших предків, себто з Києва!

It really wasn't until 1988, during the Millennium of Christianity for Ukrainians, that I started getting involved in SUSK-related activities. As a member of the University of Ottawa USC executive, we together with the USC at Carleton University held an event in front of the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill in order to contribute to this occasion. On Friday January 22, 1988, we launched one thousand balloons into the air, 500 of each blue and yellow balloons filled the Ottawa sky on that bitter cold morning. But it wasn't until nearly a year and a half later, when working in Ottawa that I really contracted something called SUSKitis. All this happened at the SUSK Congress in Ottawa where I met two students from Ukraine which the SUSK executive had invited to attend, they were Bohdan Tkachenko a student from Kyiv and Andriy Vynnychuk a member of *Studentske Bratstvo* of L'viv. It was at this Congress that I also met Hryts Blyzniuk, then SUSK president, who asked me about taking on the position of VP Laurentian. The changes that were taking place in Ukraine at the time would clearly influence my future, though I still didn't realize it.

While at a SUSK Executive meeting in Toronto in December of 1989, we were informed that SB had invited as many as 100 SUSK members to visit Ukraine during the summer of 1990. Needless to say I was one of six students to travel to Ukraine during the summer of 1990. It was during that summer in meeting many members of SB, and one in particular, Orest Vasylytsiv, who accompanied me to my *tato's* village, an experience that is impossible to explain in the length of this short article.

At the SUSK Congress at Erindale College in Etobicoke in August, in absentia, as I was travelling back to Ukraine for another two week stint, I was elected SUSK President.

While in Ukraine I had found out that members of SB were planning a special event, that event was to become the student hunger strike on what was then known as *October Revolution Square*, which later became *Maydan Nezalezhnosti*. After returning to Montreal, and during the first 19 days of October, I had many sleepless nights, having seen the events on Tinnamen Square in 1989, I had no idea what would transpire. Thank God it all ended up without bloodshed.

Having met students in Ukraine, they had always asked me why SUSK only had two conferences and one congress a year. So in 1991, I on behalf of SUSK, invited four students from Ukraine, who had participated in the hunger strike to attend the SUSK Congress in Saskatoon. The whole gist of the trip was to take these students by minivan from Montreal to Saskatoon in order for them to understand the size of Canada. Indeed it did open up their eyes, and answered their question.

Upon returning to Montreal, on August 19, 1991, things had definitely taken a twist, and a few days later those students traveled to Toronto with me for a talk, which Stefko Bandera helped us organize. Days later we found ourselves in front of our nation's capital, in support of Ukraine's newly proclaimed independence. Those were definitely some interesting times, times that were memorable, and that will not be forgotten by me and those that had met those students from Ukraine. It was an opportunity for the those who came after my presidency to meet Ukrainian students to meet those students to continue in what had started in those turbulent years when things were changing very rapidly.

Бажаю вам усім успішної та плідної роботи під час робочих груп, дискусій та розважальної програми, які організаційний комітет вам влаштує. Вірю, що кожний із вас знайде нову силу та натхнення до співпраці та спільних досягнень! Успішного вам Конгресу!

Vasyl Pawlowsky, SUSK President 1990-91



Vasyl Pawlowsky (Left)
(Currently working in
Kyiv)

Greetings to the 50th SUSK Congress !

Several generations of students have been members of Soyuz ukrainskykh studentiv kanady (SUSK), the Ukrainian Canadian Students Union.

Students of the 1950s dealt with issues coming out of the war and the forcible integration of western Ukraine into the USSR. The 1960s and 70s saw Canadian born and educated students transform SUSK into a movement struggling for multicultural rights for Canadians and the liberty of arrested dissidents in the Soviet Union. Over the past fifteen years students have been involved in Canada's support of assisting independent Ukraine to become a European country.

Every generation of Ukrainian Canadian students examines its identity and poses the question on what role it can play, how it will express itself and how to make a difference in changing society for the better.

The history of SUSK shows that no two generations are alike. It also shows that Ukrainian Canadian students continue to find ways to make their contribution. Your gathering in Montreal demonstrates that you have taken on the challenge to understand yourselves and that you are seeking to make your own path, which will extend the traditions of SUSK. I believe that you will succeed .

Know that you have the support of the generations that have gone before. We look forward to seeing your results.

Best Regards,
Roman Petryshyn Ph.D
 Kule Chair of Ukrainian Community
 and International Development



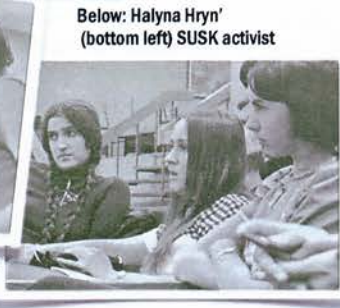
Above: Roman Petryshyn at SUSK Congress



Left: SUSK delegates at Vancouver Congress



Above: Ivan Fecan (right corner), Video SUSK Project



Below: Halyna Hryn' (bottom left) SUSK activist

Below: (Left) Slavko Klymkiw, (Middle) Vera Yuzyk, Halya Kuchmij



Above: Andrij Semotiuk SUSK Pres. '72-'73



Above: SUSK delegate Zorianna Hrychenko, to UCC National

Right: Roman Onufrijchuk, Halya Kuchmij "Student", Myroslaw Shkandrij, ?, Olenka Demianchuk



Bottom: Marco Bojcin, Zorianna Hrychenko, Sophia Kachor (Bottom)



Ukrainian Canadian Ps & Bs Hello SUSK.

It is our great pleasure to greet everyone at the 50th Congress of the Ukrainian Canadian Students Union. SUSK is a very important part of our Ukrainian Canadian community. Active students like you are the future of all our community organizations. As students we were both involved in our local clubs and moved on to become active in the community. Our experiences with SUSK and our involvement with the P's and B's have allowed us to meet some very interesting people within the Ukrainian community and have helped us in our professional lives.

There are many Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association chapters throughout Canada. Most major cities have an association, and each association is active in its local community. The Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Toronto has been a strong and active association for many years. It is an association that is made up of a variety of different people from different professions and backgrounds. Membership for students is free and the Toronto Branch provides several events each year that are catered to students/young people. The most popular events would be the Networking nights and Career nights. (All the information on the Toronto UCPBA can be found at <http://www.infoukes.com/ucpba-toronto/>. Fill out a membership form and send it in!)

Stephan Luciw
 V.P. of Operations
 UCPBA-Tor.
Lubko Belej
 Director UCPBA-Tor.
 SUSK Pres. 1998-99



Right: Olenka Demianchuk "Student"

Above: (right corner) Andrij Ogarenko

CLUB NEWS

Montreal, Quebec - McGill University (MUSA), Concordia University (CUSU) **Ontario** - University of Toronto (USC) - Guelph University - York University - **Hamilton** - McMaster University (USA) - **London** - Western University - **Saskatoon, Saskatchewan** - University of Saskatchewan - **Winnipeg, Manitoba** - University of Manitoba - **Edmonton Alberta** - University of Alberta (UASS) **CYM and London Malanka**



Montreal

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CUSU - Concordia University Students' Union



President: Nestor Senejko

McGill students had mixed impressions of the event. Some, such as Christina Szuper (Arts, U3) and Ben Lippert (Science, U3) have overall pleasant memories. Duchnay, on the other hand, expressed disappointment. "It was sort of like a photo opportunity, or a missed opportunity. I don't know if we really established any contacts." He would like to see the Quebec government follow Ontario's lead in recognizing the 1932 Ukrainian Famine Genocide, perpetrated by Stalin. Artem Luhovy (Arts and Science, U3), likewise, would like to see the government take steps to inform Quebecers about the internment of Ukrainians during World War I in Spirit Lake, Quebec and support the efforts of the Spirit Lake internment committee in Amos, Que.

Quebec National Assembly Hosts Ukrainian University Students of Montreal

On Thursday, November 8, 2007, the Quebec National Assembly received Ukrainian students, seven from McGill and one from Concordia, along with thirty-three other members of the Montreal Ukrainian community, including representatives of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Quebec Chapter, for a "meet and greet." This event was part of a non-partisan initiative, started five years ago, aimed establishing stronger ties between ethnic communities and the Quebec government.

At eleven am, the busload of Ukrainians was greeted with wine and cocktails on the third floor. President of the National Assembly Michel Bissonnet (Liberal) delivered a brief welcome address. In it, he emphasized common values shared by Ukrainian-Canadians and Quebecois, such as the preservation of national culture and of democracy. Present were two of his three Vice Presidents, a representative of the Minister of Immigration, the ADQ spokesperson for Immigration and Cultural Communities, and the PQ deputy for the riding of Gouin. A representative from each party spoke for a few minutes.

During lunch in the *Restaurant Le Parlementaire*, members of the Ukrainian community had a chance to engage in intimate conversations with one or more representatives of the Quebec government. Catherine Morrissette, ADQ spokesperson for Immigration and Cultural Affairs, engaged three students in active discussion of these issues. Lunch was followed by a tour of the Parliament building, as well as a brief sit-in on Parliament in session.

Alexandra Havrylyshyn, McGill University, Political Science
Read: *Ukrainian News* Feb. 21- Mar 6 iss. 2007
New Pathway, Dec. 8, 2005 iss.

Photo: McGill and Concordia student representatives visiting Quebec National Assembly



Alexandra Havrylyshyn Second from the Left

CUPP hosted by MUSA

In November 2007 MUSA hosted participants of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Internship Program (CUPP) for Ukrainian university students who since 1991 have come to Canada to complete an internship in the House of Commons and Provincial Legislature.

MUSA met with the CUPP students, gave a tour of McGill University and of Montreal, as well as, organized a special screening of the newly released documentary film "Bereza Kartuzka 1934-39". The film made a moving impression on the students.

Toronto

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CLUB NEWS

Edmonton



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USUUM - Ukrainian Students Union-University of Manitoba

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Treasurer: Andrew Popiel

USUUM was re-activated during the Orange-Revolution events in Ukraine. It is supported by the German and Slavic studies department and UCC. The history of the Ukrainian club dates back to over 40 years, which included Alpha Omega, Obnova and the Ukrainian Students' Literally Circle at U of Man.

Events: 32 Hour Famine (Holodomor Commemoration), Marking Chernobyl Nuclear disaster in April, Christmas Parties, Zabavas, Ukrainian Movie Nights, Conversation Club, Student Exchanges with Ukraine and other events

Guelph

UGUSC - University of Guelph Ukrainian Students' Club

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UGUSC

Aspires to uphold Ukrainian culture, history and language through numerous events. After 1 1/2 years of activities UGUSC has been officially recognized at the U of Guelph.

Events: 32 Hour Famine Raised \$400 and donated resource materials to U of G library; Kolyada; Soccer/Volleyball Tourny

Congratulations to SUSK's 50th Congress!!!

Since 1952, the **Ukrainian Students Society** at the **University of Alberta** has endeavored to uphold and promote Ukrainian culture by networking with other students groups, Ukrainian community organizations, businesses, and members. This allows us to inform our members about issues and events relevant to them as students with a Ukrainian background. With political, zabava and student life events, our membership of over 200 experiences campus life with a Ukrainian twist. We are a proud member of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK), connecting our members with hundreds of Ukrainian students across Canada.

USS Events: Annual Welcome BBQ, Perogy Pub Night, KYK Conference - Winnipeg, 32 Hour Famine Recognition & Awareness Fundraiser, Movie Night Extravaganza, Kolyada Fundraiser, Team Bulava Volleyball & Soccer, Kozak & Cowboy Hoedown, Ski Trip ,
Upcoming, events: Paska, Pyrohy & Pysanky Night, Vopli Vidopliassova Concert, Zrada Cultural Academy Pub Night, Help Us Help The Children Fundraiser



SUSK commemorates 75th Famine-Genocide in Soviet Ukraine

SUSK commemorated the 75th anniversary of the 1932-33 Famine-Genocide in Soviet Ukraine by organizing a mock hunger strike in November 2007 across Canada.

In 1932-33 over 7 million Ukrainians were deliberately starved to death by a man-made famine in Soviet Ukraine. It is one of the largest genocides in the 20th century. 26 countries have recognized it as such to date.

Canada, as yet, has not. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper fell short in his statement on Nov 28, 2007 to recognize it as genocide during a commemoration ceremony on Parliament Hill. As **Matt Paslawski, vice president of the University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students' Union** states, "It's time that Russian appeasement is dropped from Canadian foreign policy. Clearly, it is that appeasement behind which Prime Minister Harper hides. Russia has been staking claim to the oil which lies under the Canadian North, and as a result relations are strained between the two nations"

In 2003 The **Senate of Canada** unanimously passed a resolution calling upon the Government of Canada to recognize it as genocide.

The Province of Manitoba, in 2003 was the first provincial Government to officially set aside a day to commemorate the Famine-Genocide.

A 1,000 page collection of signed documents, published by Kyiv Mohyla Publishing House, provides more evidence that the Famine-Genocide was a Soviet policy of genocide against the Ukrainian people.

ACTION – contact your local MP and write PM Harper to finally recognize the 1932-33 Famine as Genocide.

Recent Articles of Interest RE: Famine as Genocide

LETTER TO THE EDITOR published in:
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Tuesday, December 11, 2007



Photo by Adriana Luhovy

Ukrainian society targeted

Re: *No smoking gun*, Dec 2.

Not only was the peasantry targeted in the genocide against the Ukrainian people in the Soviet Ukraine the 1930s and earlier, but all of Ukrainian society.

Beginning with the elimination of academics in the late 1920s and into 1930s, it continued immediately following the enforced famine of 1932-33 with the destruction of cultural and historical monuments and churches and the arrests, exile to Siberia and the execution of writers, artists, priests and other intelligentsia.

This, in 1937-38, according to Encyclopedia of Ukraine, was followed by the extermination of 35 per cent of the membership of the Communist Party of Ukraine, about 98 per cent of the Party's Central Committee and Ukraine's government and 80 per cent of the oblast committees of the party. The ranks of the lecturers in higher educational institutions, teachers, physicians, agronomists, engineers and technicians were decimated. In Ukraine it was known as Nikolai "Yezhov's terror". (N. Yezhov was the head of the Soviet NKVD).

Arrests, exiles and executions continued in Ukraine after the Second World War, including a famine in 1947, which eliminated more than one million innocent people.

Such broad-based, systematic effort in destroying a nation does not occur without intent.

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EXCERPTS from Letter-to-the Editor by Professor Roman Serbyn

Winnipeg Free Press
Monday, December, 10, 2007

At a recent international conference in Toronto devoted to the study of the Holodomor (Ukrainian famine of 1932), an American scholar remarked on how difficult it is to keep up with the new publications of secret Soviet documents uncovered in Russian and Ukrainian archives. A Ukrainian archivist drew attention to the wealth of material, which is now available to researchers, but still has to be published.

The truth of these remarks is borne out by Daniel Stone's article (*No Smoking Gun*, *Free Press*, Dec. 2), which is a striking example of historical interpretation based on insufficient mastery of old and new sources.

Stone looks for a "smoking gun" to the Ukrainian genocide, but finds none, and calls to his aid Michael Ellman who came up with the verdict "Not Proven." The quoted British scholar is a masterful polemicist, but he has never researched the famine in Soviet or post-Soviet archives, and the subject is not really his field of expertise.

Stone could have done better by quoting the Italian scholar Anreas Graziosi or the French expert Nicolas Werth, both of whom have worked in the archives, know the documentation very well and have come to a different conclusion. Nicolas Werth, remembered for his contribution on the U.S.S.R. in the *Black Book of Communism*, has come to the following conclusion: "On the basis of these elements (documents and their analysis), it seems legitimate from now on to qualify as genocide the totality of actions carried out by the Stalinist regime to punish by hunger and terror the Ukrainian peasantry."

Among these documents, two will suffice to illustrate the two elements of the UN definition of genocide: a) the "intent to destroy in whole or in part" b) "a national or ethnic...group, as such."

On Jan. 22, 1933, a secret directive signed by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin and his foreign minister, Vyacheslav Molotov, closed the borders between the Ukrainian republic and the rest of the Soviet Union to peasants who were fleeing Ukraine in search of food in Russia where it was more readily available.

The same directive isolated the Northern Caucasus Territory, mentioning especially the Kuban region (over two thirds Ukrainian) from the rest of the Russian republic (of which it was part) and the Ukrainian republic. As a result of the directive, during the next six weeks 225,000 Ukrainians were arrested. About 85 per cent were sent back to their villages to starve to death and the rest disposed of in various other ways. Both these orders targeted not peasants but Ukrainians.

There are other inconsistencies in Prof. Stone's article, but those mentioned should be sufficient to show that the article does not have the scholarly candor expected from an expert in his field. When an author signs his name with his academic credentials he claims professional authority, and such authority carries responsibility towards his discipline and his readers.

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