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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Windsor Ont.

Oct. 22/56

Since this paper is now coming out of Toronto and this is "our paper" could we possibly know who the new editors are, and also what exactly is the organizational setup of the publication?

I believe the paper would be much more interesting and more intimate if we knew just what people are involved and connected with it. For example, if we wished to send in a club write-up, what person is responsible for that section of the paper, or, if we wanted to publish something that we thought should be included in the "Rambler", who is the writer of that column? I would greatly appreciate if you would publish in the next edition, the information I have requested.

Sincerely,  
Vera Turus.

## BOARD OF EDITORS ON THE LOOSE !!

In answer to a demand from our "beans" correspondent in Windsor that the names of the editorial staff be revealed (see page 1), a secret caucus of higher D.E. authorities was quickly called in the inner sanctum of the D.E. office in Toronto, to look into the matter.

After hours of deliberation, it was agreed that it would only be proper and right to divulge the names responsible for the "organizational setup" of the publication. After all, not only the D.E. but the entire membership from coast to coast "surely has a right to know who is publishing the organization's official organ", stated the President.

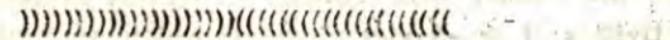
Amid clouds of smoke and gulps of coffee, the Executive locked into the matter of why the monthly rag was seemingly hidden behind a cloak of secrecy, with its anonymous editors, mysterious columnists, and etc.

"Who picks the jokes? . . . who is the Rambler?" "who writes the editorials?" are but some of the questions raised that night. A motion that a convention be called to make a thorough investigation into the "entire mess" was quickly shelved in order to avoid public scandal.

Evidently, the culprits were draining the D.E.'s budget money to finance the venture right under their noses. Correspondence files, cash books, receipts, cheque stubs were all consulted... but nothing, not a single trace could be found....

Meanwhile, down in Toronto's watery waterfront, a group of stealthy looking sorts (shades of Danan Remond?) gathered to discuss the situation. . . . sitting off a newly arrived shipment of canned holubtsi, was the "rambler", himself and his cohorts gathered about him. . . . in the distance the Hanlan's Point ferry, the "Bluebell" could be heard leaving the harbour on its maiden ocean voyage to Europe, with its cargo of volunteers for the Hungarian cause. . . . emboldened by such goings-on, the decision was reached that perhaps it was indeed, high time that they revealed their identities to their readers, and moreover, to the D.E. itself.

However, at last report, the exact date for official release of names of those responsible for the publication was not disclosed.



## MONTREAL UNYF'S

### 20TH ANNIVERSARY

On October 6, 7, and 8, 1956, Montreal was the scene of the UNYF Eastern Provincial Convention and the twentieth anniversary of the UNYF in Montreal.

On Saturday, October 6, nineteen delegates and ten guests took part in the convention sessions.

Branches represented at the sessions held on Saturday October 6th, were Sudbury, Toronto, West Toronto, Oshawa, Montreal, Windsor and Senior Montreal UNYF Branches.

In the evening, delegates and guests attended the Anniversary banquet at the UNF Hall. Guests speakers were Mr. Bill Hladun, Honorary President of the Ukrainian National Youth Federation of Canada, and Mr. Michael Orychiwsky, President of the UNYF's Dominion Executive. The Anniversary Ball which followed was most successful.

On Sunday morning the various representatives attended Holy Mass. In the afternoon a concert took place in Plateau Auditorium. Taking part in the concert were the UNYF Dance group from Toronto, the Ukrainian National Folk Ballet of Montreal, and Miss Luba Zuk, guest pianist.

The same evening, a Farewell Party was held at the UNF Hall.

Many thanks should be given to the following members who served on the various committees connected with the Convention-Anniversary weekend: J. Orychiwsky, M. Trofimiak, W. Maceluch, J. Wozny, B. Chaban, J. Hrynewych, M. Bracuk, D. Galay, V. Chaykowsky, J. Hlibchuk, T. Batiuk, A. Sheremeta, D. Yorksie, L. Miniajlkuk, G. Gawlich, N. Pavlychenko, O. Muszka, Doris Horbackewsky, R. Tynchuk, B. Diachun, D. Uniat.

A. Marie Trofimiak

### "UKRAINIAN YOUTH WARNED AGAINST RED INFILTRATION"

by Erie Geiger

Star Staff Correspondent

Montreal, Oct. 9 - Several thousand young Ukrainian-Canadians have dedicated themselves to keep "sharp watch" against increasing Communist attempts to infiltrate into Canadian public life.

Addressing the 20th anniversary celebration of the Montreal branch of the Ukrainian National Youth Federation, Dominion President, Mike Orychiwsky of Toronto declared: "Members of our organization across the country will continue to combat the seditious activities of pro-Soviet elements which are trying to undermine our democratic system in Canada."

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## PROVINCIAL EXEC GAILY DISSOLVES



IN



Thanksgiving Day  
Weekend



A COMMENT'S  
IN ORDER

The cry for unity of purpose, cause, etc. etc. was heard once again at a recent convention of youth held in Toronto.

At the UCY Convention in Toronto on Thanksgiving Day weekend, the apparently unique idea of bringing our youth organizations together was brought up. To the thorough dismay of our MYH representatives present, a rep from another organization stood up and suggested that, since "MYH, Plast, CYM and of course UCY are Catholic, they should all unite under one banner." Such remarks are wrong on two counts. First, MYH is a non-sectarian youth organization, and secondly, we see no use in forming still another committee, whose purposes would but mirror those of RYMK (Ukrainian Youth Council of Canada), which is already in existence and is supposed to provide such a crossroad.

Which only brings to mind another question; compare the functions of MYH with those of RYMK and one but wonders wherein the difference lies.

-editors-

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Interrupted by frequent applause, Mr. Orychiwsky added, "at a time of political uncertainty on the international scene we'll have to be more watchful than ever for Communist tricks."

Delegates from Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes, including 40 young men and women of Ukrainian descent from Toronto, attended the two-day celebration which was combined with the annual Eastern provincial convention of the organization.

Mr. Orychiwsky stated the interest Ukrainian Canadians are taking in the fate of the Ukraine is not "artificial and senseless" but the natural interest of people in the well-being of their kinsmen.

"Would it be just and right to ignore the plight of the Ukrainian people who, although they are closer to the centre of Communist power than anybody else, refuse to give up their fight for liberty and freedom?" the speaker asked.

He added the Ukrainian National Youth Federation will continue to function as a non-partisan and non-political body of young Canadians of Ukrainian origin and descent who are trying to work for unity in both Ukraine and Canada.

The Eastern Convention yesterday formally dissolved the provincial executive of the federation in Quebec and Ontario. The duties of the executive will be taken over by the Dominion Executive in Toronto, which will henceforth act as a central governing body of the federation for all Canada.

Toronto Daily Star  
Tues. Oct. 9, 1956

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### "UKRAINIANS IN CANADA"

Stephen Juba, a man of Ukrainian ancestry, has been elected mayor of Winnipeg. Which should be no occasion for surprise, for this energetic and able ethnic group has been forging to positions of leadership in almost every field of Canadian endeavour. They are to be found in the top rank of every profession, in commerce, the arts, and politics, while it was recently stated that at least 150 of our leading scientists are either Ukrainian born or of Ukrainian ancestry.

Hon. Walter Harris once lauded Ukrainians as a splendid example of an ethnic group that has become wholly Canadian in outlook and loyalties while retaining the best of its old world culture and traditions. Like the Scots, the Ukrainians are proud of such features of their national culture as their dancing, their folk songs and their national dress, without prejudicing in the least their very real Canadianism.

The first Ukrainians came to Canada 65 years ago, almost as queer as Chinese to most Canadians, with their sheepskin jackets turned inside out and their language like none other heard before in this country. Russians, they were called until World War I, or Ruthenians, for nobody then had heard of a Ukrainian nation. In 1900 there were only 5,000 in this country, but by 1951 they had increased to 400,000 to become our fourth largest ethnic group, and second largest on the prairies.

The original immigrants were slow in winning acceptance, but their Canadian-born sons and daughters quickly showed their mettle. In 1926 they sent their first member to Parliament, M. Luchkovich of Vegreville, Alta., and have only briefly been without representation since. Today there are two, F.S. Zaplitny, CCF, of Dauphin, Man., and Ambrose Holowach, S.C. of Edmonton East.

Every prairie legislature has had its Ukrainian-Canadian members, and there is scarcely a community of importance in the west without at least one on its council. William Hawrelak blazed the way to higher office when he was elected mayor of Edmonton, an office he still holds. In the east they are winning similar recognition. John W. Kucherepa has been a Toronto alderman since 1952.

editorial in Toronto Daily Star

Oct. 30, 1956

IF you moved  
are moving  
or, are going to move

make sure you  
notify us as to  
your new address  
okay?

### THE D.E. AT A GLANCE

- Oct. 30th: Toronto - The Dominion Executive, at its second meeting last night:
- applauded when treasurer Elias Poworoznyk declared that 100% paid-up membership fees would be a certainty in '57
  - received 13 and sent out 25 letters since the last meeting
  - looked concerned over the accumulation of bills and decided to establish its account at the Ukrainian Credit Union in Toronto
  - wondered why St. Catharines and Hamilton UNYF Branches were not represented at the Montreal Convention
  - learned from the President that the date and location of the UNF 25th Anniversary Festival, originally scheduled for July 1st weekend in 1957, might have to be changed
  - heartily approved of an outline of Jr. MYH material to be issued towards the end of this month to all branches
  - commissioned A. Gregorovich to submit a detailed plan for a "UNYF Yearbook/Directory" and "UNF in Canada"
  - stared at 3 members when they arrived
  - hoped that they would receive a report from Moose Jaw with regard to their 10th Anniversary Celebration
  - accepted a motion that Stan Szach translate Ukrainian material dealing with "Bazar", "Lystopadove Sviato" into English for future distribution
  - decided to step-up correspondence with the West, St. Catharines and Senior MYH's in Montreal and Toronto
  - finally came to the end of the agenda
  - went to the "Delmar" for coffees, tea, milk and toasted liver sandwiches

## MOOSE JAW UNYF... TEN YEARS OLD?

Canada's smallest UNYF Branch, nevertheless known as one of our most active, recently celebrated its "10th Anniversary" with the UNYF. According to D.E. files, mention is made of a "MYH" in Moose Jaw as early as 1935 and by 1936 a rip-roaring correspondence with the D.E. was in full swing. After a few years' lapse, the branch was re-activated in 1946 by the D.E.'s organizer, Michael Orychiwsky.

The following are snips from letters received by the D.E. since then - those little remarks that will possibly bring back a few memories to our UNYFers in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.....

Dec. 9/46 - "...Nancy Korpus from Regina has been down here teaching us a few dance sequences....we need too, an organizational seal and would appreciate your sending us one...."

Jan. 26/47 - ", we received your letter with the crests enclosed; now may we have the seal... Bill Kishan was here for a day and we learned a little more about our ideals and so on...we learned about Orychiwsky's success in Edmonton..."

Oct. 25/50 - "After bowling, all went to the hall for games and lunch...highlight of the evening was Janice Sowiak and her laugh - an evening's entertainment all in itself..."

"In regards to the present unpaid subscribers of Youth Speaks, I would suggest that you immediately discontinue sending Youth Speaks to them...if you should disagree with my suggestion, please advise as to what should be done with such characters!...."

### A REPORT ON THE ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND:

The weekend of October 27th was to be a big night for Moose Jaw. We invited Saskatoon and Regina MYH members for a get-acquainted party. We bought lots of food to feed an army but "Waldo", the weatherman had to go and get nasty. We had counted on a beautiful autumn weekend, the countryside a blaze of colour, instead a blizzard of rain and snow so that one could barely see his hand in front of their face - the pavement a sheet of ice and the ground, a blanket of white.

Many of those especially from Saskatoon and Regina who spent hour after hour on the road, determined to fulfill a promise, to participate in the concert that weekend, will always be praised for the courage and good sportsmanship they showed. To those who turned back and chose not to risk such a trip - we nevertheless thank you too for your good intentions. (continued on page

### "BAWSER" STRIKES AGAIN!

On Friday, October 19th, our Winnipeg UNYF Branch held a wiener roast in the Kaptys' backyard. The members that showed up had a very good time and stuffed themselves with as many hot dogs as they could eat. I'm sure that Boxy (our prez) will even admit it was a lot of fun, although the hosts' dog "Bawser", the guardian of the Kaptys family, bit him. After the wiener roast all the kids into St. Boniface UNF Hall and danced the rest of the evening.

On Sunday, October 21st, the dancers of our UNYF went out to Transcona in the afternoon to dance at a fashion show. The dancers under the leadership of Lesia Kaptys were Olga and Mary Ripak and Vera Karpluk.

The same evening a general meeting was held at the UNF Auditorium. Our year's activities, socials and a possible trip out East were discussed. The MYH Choir is scheduled to sing in the UNF Auditorium and also on the 25th anniversary of St. Nicholas High School during this month. Our recent masquerade party at Ben Hewaks' on Nov. 3rd, served as a good sneak preview of our annual Christmas party to be held on December 15. Teaching Ukrainian dancing and singing and sports activities to our younger groups at the UNF also entered into discussion. Some names were mentioned to take on this responsibility but as yet, no one has been delegated. Our next General Meeting will be held in a few days and we hope more members will show up because the meetings are actually very interesting.

Just in case some of the kids haven't heard---- Teena Bobee and Pete Holowaty are engaged to be married. Similarly, another member of our club, Sylvia Shewchyn, is engaged. The members of MYH wish to extend best wishes to the three of them.

Vera Karpluk

### SUDBURY BOOMS AGAIN!

Well we may be a little late but we still are on the beam. Now that school has started students are back and our members are ready for action for another year.

The biggest event of the summer was our MYH picnic on August nineteenth. It featured a Soccer game between our Ukrainian Junior Lions under management of Terry Kozemchuk and the Kingsway Ukrainians. We won 3 to 0. We had a baby "derby" which was quite unique and it went over with huge success. Some of our "Dorist MYH" members took part in a popularity contest. Olga Wolanski was crowned queen. Our specialty that day was barbecued chops over a huge fire that night which ended the day's outing.

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It seems that Oksana Hrycenko's dancing group was quite busy even through the summer lull. They appeared as guest artists on the Ray Van Bertle Show and performed at other similar engagements.

The popularity contest ended with a gala dance. Our queen was Natalie Stepanchuk, first princess was Stephanie Dmytryshyn and second princess was Doreen Shulha. Mr. A. Zwarych from St. Catharines was the lucky prize winner.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. N. Nykilchuk & his bride Jean Mudry of Toronto; also to Natalie Stepanchuk on her engagement to Max Trofymowych; others on our list include Mr. & Mrs. T. Kozemchuk, Mr. & Mrs. P. Bendick and Mr. & Mrs. J. Stefura, currently on the look-out for the stork.

Welcome home to Vera Rohozynski and Ernie Lapchinski from Europe. Special mention is in order for Stephanie D. who attended the HJ-Y leadership course at Lake Couchiching this summer.

Our most recent social event was our Halloween Party, which proved we were all "kids" at heart. A scavenger hunt led us on quite a few wild chases that night.

Doreen Shulha

### IS HE --- OR ISN'T HE ?

Dear Editor:

I quote from E.N.B. the Sept.-Oct., 1956 issue of MYH BEAMS:

"an author, no matter of what nationality he be, is classed into the nationality of the language of his works." And what about music? Are the notes Russian? The brush strokes of an oil painting, are they Russian too? It seems rather ridiculous to me.

See how many people you can convince that Francis Bacon isn't an English author, but a Roman author, because he wrote in Latin. How many Poles can you convince that Chopin wasn't Polish because his name is French and he lived in France many years?

There is no question of Gogol's nationality, nor of his patriotism for Ukraine. As proof of this see the introduction to TARAS BULBA (Everyman's Library, No. 740, \$1.25). Here are some excerpts:

"Ukrainian was to Gogol 'the language of the soul'.. . and he expresses his boundless joy in these (Ukrainian -A.G.) songs: "O songs, you are my joy and my life! How I love you..."

"Russian history gives him no pleasure, and he separates it definitely from Ukrainian history. He is (Gogol's words) 'ready to cast everything aside rather than read Russian history', he writes to Pushkin."

Ukraine gave birth to Gogol and deserves her full share of credit for him. It is foolish to bow down before the "Russian Propaganda Machine" and disregard false statements concerning the nationality of Gogol, as well as Tschaikovsky, Dostoevsky, Korolenko and Repin.

Andrew Gregorovich  
Hamilton, 11/10/56



Members of the Windsor UNYF Dancing Team in costume for the dance, "Kum, Kuma", are left to right (kneeling) Orest Maksimovich, Uliane Yaworsky, (standing) Anne Zeleney, Leo Zeleney, Vera Lysey, Marvin Woytowich, Kathy Syroid and Emil Pociluyko.



Some of the UNYFers who were in the revue were (from L to R, front row) Ollie Yaworsky, Lydia Wiwchorek, Ok-sana Holdun, (L to R, top row) Erna Buchynska, Jeanette Syroid, Vera Turus, Anne Zeleney, Uliane Yaworsky and Myrosia Martyniuk.



Participants in "Variety Night" held recently included Windsor's dance instructress Myrosia Martyniuk (left) & Emil Pociluyko (right).

OF

"KUMS",

GIPSIES,

& SCARECROWS

Never tiring of new ideas, the Windsor branch dancing team has come up with a new and different Ukrainian folk dance called "Kum, Kuma". It is unique in that it is not a dance of young folks, but of older people. The boys wear handlebar mustaches and the traditional sheepskin cap, and the girls wear "khustky" tied in the fashion of a married woman. In this dance the girls flirt with the boys and singing is interwoven with the dancing. The dance was first performed at the UYLNA convention at Buffalo earlier this fall.

On September 9, the club very successfully put on a "Variety Night" or in Ukrainian "Vechir Rovzhae." This was a concert in which there was not only Ukrainian dancing; our performers proved quite talented in their interpretation of the exotic Arabian Dance, and very captivating Gypsy Dance. The highlight of the evening was the "Fashions for '57." The audience was rolling in the aisles when they noticed that the models wearing women's clothing were boys. Among the other numbers on the programme were a couple of comedy sketches, a mock boxing match, "Scarecrow" dance, pantomime to "Zaporozhets Za Dunayem" and many, many others. The success of the evening was due to the very able direction of our President, Myrosia Martyniuk who was also the lead in many of the sketches. The concert closed with a beautiful Ukrainian waltz in which the girls wore evening gowns.

After the concert, the cast went to the home of Alice and Emil Pociluyko to await the reviews. (Doesn't it sound professional?) Actually we had a party to celebrate the success of the evening and to talk over the audience's reaction to the different parts of the programme.

About a month ago the club undertook to conduct kindergarten classes on Saturday mornings. This project met with such huge success that we are continuing them. At the present time there are over 35 children enrolled between the ages of 3 to 7. - Vera Turus

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Sunday prior to the concert at the Ukrainian National Home we enjoyed a grand turkey dinner with all the trimmings. A toast was proposed by Michael Zaleski of Saskatoon to which Michael Kikcio, (Pres. Moose Jaw MYH) responded.

The afternoon's entertainment featured dances excellently performed by the Saskatoon and Regina orchestras, interwoven with musical solos, duets and performances.

Telegrams of congratulations were received from Mrs. Mary Morgan (nee Waslen) of Los Angeles, our club's first secretary, and from Toronto UNYF president, Mr. Gerry Fabian.

Michael Lys

# The Gambler

We shall begin this month's column with a request directed at our correspondents who, until recently, we were beginning to think were harder to find than chicken teeth; the request runs something like this; as soon as you have received this issue, please submit material immediately for our December MYH Beams, in order to avoid the Christmas mail rush; thanks - now, to appease our Toronto UNYFers who will undoubtedly confront us with horror-stricken faces when they discover that nothing's been included on local activities, we shall first mention the Hallowe'en Dance held on Nov. 2nd, which is almost becoming a tradition as each fall arrives; out-of-towners included Jeanie Sainetz, Ethel Chorney & Mike Malschuk (St. Catharines), A. Gregorovich, Emily Shuhet and Hamilton Branch President, Nick Olchowy (who was dressed up as a Klondike gold-digger - correct); long table of Winnipeg alumini featured A.S.L. Kossar & friends, Mr. & Mrs. J. Kowalyshyn and Mr. & Mrs. C. Semchyshyn - Samsony Dragan and his dance troupe performed at the local YMCA this month - over 2,000 fliers distributed in Toronto a few days ago, billed Lesia Zubrak and Cecilia Semchyshyn as guest soloists at Toronto UNYF's Concert held on Nov. 18th - Mercer's Reformatory for girls has extended another invitation to West Toronto dancers to appear before assorted inmates again this year - Natalie Stepanchuk of Sudbury, slid into the Queen City earlier this month, setting up residence at the Park Plaza for a few days before returning - also in for a couple of days, was Joe Karapinka of Saskatoon-Montreal - recent issue of New Pathway featured photo of Edmonton's Anne Ballo, Sylvia Lytwyn and Helen Kruk, who had participated in "Obzhinky" as directed by Chester Kuc - engaged to be married are Vera Mandryk and Bob Leczel of Oshawa - Mrs. T. Koshetz, about to wind up her tour of Eastern Canada on behalf of the Ukrainian Cultural & Educational Centre in Winnipeg, presented a lecture and display to a well-filled UNF auditorium in Toronto; present were all the old "Kursants" from the 40's - Ollie Stedolny (Ft. Wm. Pres.) and Mike Sawchuk recently took part in a KYK-sponsored play staged in Minneapolis Minn, this month; something in the line of a cavalcade from Wpg. night be in the offering for Ft. William UNYF - the D.E. has in stock MYH crests - gold trident on a white & blue mapleleaf background (\$1.50 each) and MYH pins (button-hole type) at \$1.25 each - orders can be placed with local UNYF exec or the D.E. - also a mimeographed collection of five Ukrainian Christmas Carols - with lyrics - for piano (published by Ukrainian Cultural & Educational Centre, 1946) copies available on request, free of charge.....



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THE KEYHOLE

Two residents of the backwoods country greeted each other one morning.

"Say," queried the first, "what did you give your mule when he had heaves?"

"Turpentine," offered the other helpfully.

Two weeks later they met again.

"What did you say you gave your mule when he was sick?" again asked the first.

"Turpentine," answered the helpful one.

"Well I gave it to mine and it killed him."

"Killed mine too," said his pal.

Sleep is when you don't get enough the night before,  
you wake up half a.

The farmer's barn had burned down and the insurance adjuster was trying to explain that he couldn't collect cash for it. "Read your policy," he insisted. "All our company promises to do is build another barn exactly like the one that was destroyed."

The farmer blew up and yelled, "If that's the way you pirates do business you can cancel the insurance on my wife."

Mary had a little car  
She drove in manner deft  
And every time she signalled right  
The little car went left.

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."

What're ya studyn'?  
Sociology.  
Hard?  
Nope.  
Can ya cut often?  
Never calls the roll.  
Much outside reading?  
None.  
Many tests?  
No tests.  
Call on ya often?  
Once a week.  
Thought there was a catch to it.



For several long centuries, the Ukrainian people were divided between two foreign countries - Russia and the Austró-Hungarian Monarchy. The Ukrainian land was overrun by Russians, Germans and even Poles, each trying to establish their institutions in every sphere of social, political and even religious life in Ukraine.

After continual struggles and frequent uprisings, matters came to a head with the outbreak of the First World War. On January 22nd, 1918, Ukrainians in the Eastern and Central regions of Ukraine officially declared that they were establishing their own independent country, and that in the future, would not permit Russia's interference in her affairs. This precedent was taken up ten months later on November 1st, 1918 by those regions in Western Ukraine - Halychyna, Bukovina and Karpatska Ukraina. Three months later, on January 22nd, 1919, negotiations between these autonomous states led to the creation of one united Ukrainian nation.

We in Canada commemorate "Lystopadove Sviato" as a day when the hope of a free Ukrainian state in Western Ukraine became a reality. It is a date that marked the end of centuries of foreign domination, and at the same time, the beginnings of a united and independent Ukraine.

Although a short time later the newly-born state was seized by superior Russian and Polish forces, each year at this time, we remind ourselves of these facts, and especially our Ukrainian-Canadian youth, who have recourse to these facts only through the stories of their elders.