

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT

UKRAINE

and the

Ukrainian People?

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"The Ukraine is an important factor in the European situation because of the extent of its territory, the richness of its resources, the size of its population, and its strategic position with reference to the Black Sea."

(Prof. G. W. Simpson in "The Ukraine, an Atlas of its History and Geography")



Do you know?

1. That over 40,000,000 people, occupying the territory immediately north of the Black Sea, mostly within the basins of the Dnieper and Dniester Rivers speak UKRAINIAN, a separate and distinctive Slavic language?
2. That the city of KIEV forms and constitutes their ancient political capital and the traditional centre of their cultural life?
3. That the Kiev-Ukrainian State had already achieved a high degree of culture and prosperity in the year 1,000? And that the political tradition of the Ukrainian people is thus rooted in the KIEV State?
4. That in 989 A.D. the Ukrainian Grand Prince WOLODYMYR was baptised, and accepted Christianity from the Greeks of Constantinople (the Byzantine Empire)?
5. That the Grand Princes of Kiev were incomparably richer and more powerful than many of the rulers of the West, and held an honoured place throughout Europe?
6. That the members of the Ukrainian-Kievan royal family married into the family of the Emperors of Constantinople, and made matrimonial alliances with the Saxon royal family of England, with the Kings of France, with Poland and Hungary?
7. That the Galician-Volynian area of Ukraine inherited and carried on the cultural life of Kiev during the period 1087 to 1340 and that the most outstanding prince during this period, Prince Daniel, a descendant of the Kiev ruling family, built and established the city of LVIV (Lemberg)?
8. That the great French historian and cartographer, Beauplain, in a map of Ukraine printed in 1648 and reproduced in the Oxford edition in 1680, clearly indicates the rise of the Ukrainian State into great prominence in Europe?
9. That Kievan Rus was an ancient Ukrainian State and not a Russian, which did not yet exist at that time, for Russia took her shape as such in the times of Peter I (18th century), after the defeat of the Swedes under Charles XII and their Ukrainian ally at Poltava in 1709, when Muscovy assumed the name "Russia" and forbade the use of "Muscovite State"?
10. That after repeated periods of greatness and independence, the Ukrainian National Republic was again established on January 22, 1918, followed by the establishment of the Western Ukrainian National Republic in November, 1918, and the union of these two republics proclaimed on January 22, 1919?
11. That in Germany exists the legal government of the Ukrainian National Republic which left Ukraine in 1920, and in 1948 its Parliament—The Ukrainian National Council—was formed, representing the majority of Ukrainian political parties?
12. That in Ukraine today the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (U.P.A.) and the Ukrainian anti-Soviet underground still wage a war for liberation, and in 1947 an agreement was reached between the U.S.S.R., Poland and Czechoslovakia to combat the Ukrainian Insurgent Army?

13. That the Ukrainian S.S.R. representatives in U.N. do NOT represent the Ukrainian people or, in any shape or form, express their feelings or opinion, but are merely additional "delegates" of Communist Kremlin?

Ukrainians in the World

BESIDES the 40,000,000 Ukrainians in the Ukrainian S.S.R. there are over 4,000,000 Ukrainians in the Ukrainian ethnographic territory incorporated in Russian S.F.S.R.

In Siberia, there are over 2,000,000 Ukrainian settlers (except prisoners of slave labour camps).

Another million or so are citizens of the United States of America, and have proved themselves good citizens of a great, free and democratic land.

South American and European countries have larger or smaller settlements of freedom-loving and industrious Ukrainian people.

Almost half a million Ukrainians have at various periods and in different waves and stages settled in Canada and are now Canadian citizens and British subjects. During the last war (1939-1945) they provided almost 40,000 volunteers to Canada's armed forces, many of whom died in battle on land, on sea and in the air, while many others returned home with outstanding military distinction earned at Dieppe, at Spitzbergen, in Italy, in France on D-day and after, in Germany and in many acts of bravery in Fighter, Bomber and Coastal Commands of the Allied Air Forces.

In Great Britain almost 40,000 are happily settling, and doing their bit in mines, in agriculture, in textiles and in other fields of undermanned industry, helping this country in its magnificent struggle for economic recovery.

Since the last war over 25,000 Ukrainians have settled in Australia to assist in the development of this great country.

Other Dominions in the British Commonwealth of Nations have their Ukrainian communities.

What Ukrainians desire

UKRAINIANS desire a complete and radical reorganization of Eastern Europe involving the dismemberment of the Soviet Empire and the establishment of national states of non-Russian peoples now in Soviet slavery.

Russia proper, or Muscovy, would thus be pushed back some thousand miles from her present western peripheries. Russia should be compressed into her proper geographic and ethnographic boundaries.

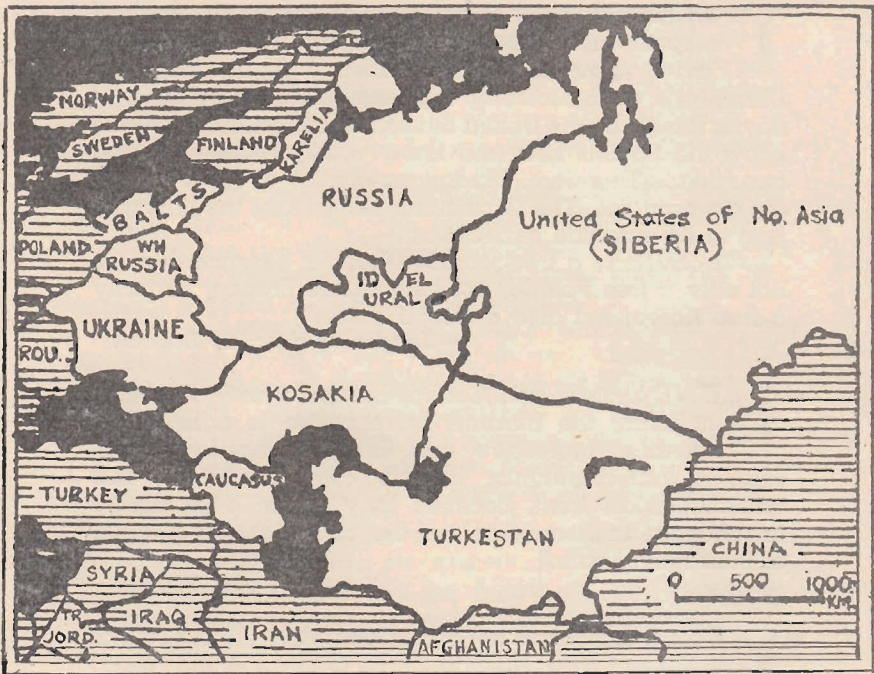
These measures only would break Russia's hold on Europe, reducing her to a second rate Power and thereby relieving

once and for all the rest of Europe, the countries of the Middle East, the Orient and the world at large from the ever-increasing aggression of Russia.

The dismemberment of the Soviet Empire, with the establishment of a series of independent states—Ukraine, White Ruthenia, the Baltic States, Kosakia, Turkestan, the peoples of Caucasus and others—is the only just and expedient way of eradicating the Soviet menace to all freedom-loving peoples in the world.

Independent non-Russian peoples in their ethnographical territories would reduce Russia to 70,000,000 people.

A POSSIBLE WORLD OF TOMORROW



The contraction of Russia to her ethnographic territories would eliminate the need to hold by force non-Russian peoples and thus contribute to her democratization.

Ukrainians carry no hate toward the Russian people and would like to live in peace not only with the Russian people but with their other neighbours as well. Ukrainians are fighting against Russian imperialism in all its forms. This imperialism above all threatens the non-Russian peoples enslaved by Russia, destroys the foundations of their life and has become, under the leadership of the Communists, a world menace.

The time of imperialism, national inequality and oppression must come to an end in the interests of international peace and democratic development of the world.

Ukrainians advocate the positive political and economic integration of all East European peoples in a federated Europe.

Distinguished people on the Ukraine

“UKRAINE has always aspired to freedom.”
Voltaire, Paris, 1763

“THE Ukrainians believe in the future for themselves. They think that their race has only been under a passing cloud. Shevchenko's more than popularity is one sign of the internal weakness of that huge colossus which in the fears of so many threatens to bestride not Europe only but also Asia.”

—*Charles Dickens, London, 1877*

“TWO separate national types grew out of the ruins of the old Ukrainian State known as Rus. One Rus has its roots in the universal, or at least in European Culture. For this Rus the ideas of goodness, honour and freedom are understood as in the West. But there is another Rus; the Rus of the dark forests, the Rus of the Taiga, the animal Russia, the fanatical Russia, the Mongol-Tartar-Russia. This last Russia made despotism and fanaticism its ideal...”

“Kiev Rus was a part of Europe. Muscovy long remained the negation of Europe.”

—*A. K. Tolstoy, 1850*

“THE present-day Russian rulers are the spiritual descendants of Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, the ruthless conquerors and aggressors.”

—*President Truman*

“THE present rulers of Russia are the inheritors of Russian imperialism. The old Russian Empire was essentially expansionist. It was thus that she pressed across Asia. It was thus that she pushed out to the Baltic lands in the north and to the Balkans in the south. Stalin has been more successful in his imperialism than the Czars ever dreamed of being. But there has been added to this old-style imperialism which seeks to impose on the whole world the system of Russian communism.”

—*Clement Attlee, London*

“THE Russian Communists are continuing the imperialist policy of the Czars; this process of encroachment and consolidation by which Russia has grown in the last 500 years from the Duchy of Muscovy to a vast empire has got to be stopped.”

—*Secretary of State, Mr. D. Acheson*

“THE aspirations of the Ukrainian nation for independence always have had the deepest sympathy and support of the Democratic Party.

“It was our great President, Woodrow Wilson, who established the principle of self-determination of nations. It was another great President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt,

who paved the way to admit Ukraine as an equal partner of all other nations to sit in the Council of the United Nations, but whose representatives have never expressed the democratic ideals of the Ukrainian people. And, today, it is President Harry S. Truman who symbolises the hope of enslaved peoples for liberation.

"We know about the mass graves of Vinnitsia and the exploits of the Ukrainian Partisan Army. We are aware of the sacrifices the Ukrainian Americans have been making for decades on behalf of their country of origin. We have welcomed among us scores of thousands of Ukrainian D.P's., who are proving themselves to be a valuable addition to our American population and citizenship.

"I am glad to have this opportunity to promise that the attitude of the Democratic Party will not change. As a final result, we all may yet see a free Ukraine, whose real representatives will be sitting with American delegates in the United Nations."

—*Frank E. McKinney, Chairman, Democratic National Committee*

"IT is my sincerest hope that a truly Free Ukraine Republic will soon replace the present Kremlin-subjugated Ukrainian Republic and that its representation in the U.N. will be made up of genuine delegates instead of the present puppets stooging for the Kremlin.

"I believe the Ukrainian people are entitled to a government of their own free choice. Americans of Ukrainian descent should be proud of the record of resistance to Bolshevism displayed by their valiant Ukrainian kinfolk, notably the splendid and indomitable record of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army."

—*Guy Georg Gabrielson, Chairman Republican National Committee*

"IT is gratifying to know that valiant efforts are being made to keep alive the embers of liberty which are even now glowing in the hearts of the Ukrainian people who are under the heel of the Soviet dictatorship.

"Let us pray that it will not be long until deliverance shall come to these noble people who have contributed so much to civilization."

—*Pat McCarran, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary*

"ALREADY some thousand years ago when nobody was yet aware of the existence of the American continent the great Kiev Princedom was the political and cultural achievement of Ukrainian people, the farthest stronghold of Western culture in the East."

—*Mr. Chapman, U.S. Secretary of the Interior*

"CONSIDERING Soviet objectives and intention, communism today is great Russianism . . .

"A strong nationalist feeling in Ukraine is one of the greatest threats to Soviet imperialism. It was only Germany's duplication of Stalin's policies towards these nationalist problems and its intolerance of them that brought Hitler's defeat in the East."

—*Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Head of C.I.A.*

"I WISH to express the fervent hope that Ukrainians behind the Iron Curtain, suffering all the trials and tribulations and mass executions perpetrated upon them by the Soviet ruling clique, shall be allowed soon, with God's grace, to regain their liberties and live a life akin to our own—that of free men."

—Governor Thomas E. Dewey

"AN up-to-date American foreign policy should skilfully and courageously build the resistance of the millions of prisoner peoples inside the iron curtain and hold the goal before them of ultimate freedom and self-government under God."

—Harold E. Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania

"YOUR activity against communism merits the highest respect, admiration and support of all freedom-loving peoples. I remember that in 1933 the Ukrainians were violently opposed to the recognition of Soviet Russia by the United States. Because the Ukrainians know the Soviets best and know what can be expected from them. Therefore, Ukrainians can be of great help to our government. The Ukrainians should take the principal part in the crusade for freedom.

"I advocate a free world—which in essence denotes not only a free Poland, not only a free France, not only a free Korea, but also a free Ukraine."

—Senator Herbert H. Lehman

"TWELVE Eastern and Central European exiled groups, including the Ukraine, have united to fight Soviet Russia's aggressive and imperialistic expansion. Russian anti-communist leaders are missing in this anti-totalitarian front, because they refuse even tacitly to renounce their original sin: the conquest and plunder of their neighbours."

—Karl von Wiegand

"WE must announce, not diplomatic whispers but so that the entire world will hear, that we stand WITH the peoples longing for freedom, and against the tyrants who enslave them. We must declare that these peoples—the Ukrainians prominent and proud among them—are our friends and our allies, whom we are ready to aid and join in common strength. Those who believe in freedom must stand, or fall, together."

—Prof. James Burnham

"THE tactics employed by Peter the Great after his capture of the Ukrainian city of Baturyn in the days of the revolt of Mazeppa, when he gave orders for the torturing and slaying of the entire population of men, women and children, do not differ fundamentally or in their results from the methods employed by Hitler in his extermination of the Jews, or of Stalin in his treatment of the Ukrainians."

—Clarence A. Manning, Prof. of Columbia University

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“STALIN knows perfectly well how the Ukrainians feel towards his regime. I believe, that if we were fighting the cold war actively, as Stalin does, we would regard the Ukrainians as our chief ally behind the iron curtain, and give them every sort of aid and encouragement in winning their independence.”

—Willson Woodside, *Foreign Editor, Canada*

“THE most common misunderstanding about the Soviet Union is that it is a nation of Russian people. This is, of course, completely untrue. According to the 1939 Soviet census, and reasonable projections on those figures to bring them up-to-date, we find that of the total population of approximately 202,000,000—91,500,000 are Russian and 110,500,000 are non-Russian.

“The majority of peoples of the Soviet Union, over 54%, are non-Russian.”

—Edward M. O'Connor, *Commissioner*

“THE Ukrainian people have given evidence of fine human qualities—qualities which have made their fellow countrymen excellent citizens of the United States, such qualities as have brought the United States into world leadership.”

—Peter W. Rodino, *Jnr., Member of Congress*

“FOR the submerged peoples of Central and East Europe, as for those of Asia, Soviet Russian imperialism magnifies the worst features of past Czarist Russian imperialism—terrorism, Chauvinist Russian nationalism, Russification, mass deportations to the perennial depositories of Siberia, the Third Rome mania, anti-Semitism, and religious oppression and national genocide...

“The most immediate enemy at every showing is Russian imperialism. This enemy can be destroyed through genuine self-determination while you protect your future: a world of peace and morality among equal nations...

“The instrument for our successful use is the Soviet Constitution itself. Article 17 of this document states explicitly: ‘The right freely to secede from the U.S.S.R. is reserved to every union republic.’ I propose that, unlike the Kremlin in its unlawful and secretive operations throughout the world, we begin to impress on the non-Russian peoples in the Soviet Union the importance of exercising this right at an appropriate time.”

—*Congressional Record*

*Guidposts to American Realism Toward Russia
Proceedings and Debates of the 82nd Congress.*

Further information and literature on the Ukraine obtainable at:

- **The Ukrainian Information Service in Australia—**
P.O. Box 88, Rundle Street, Adelaide, South Australia.
- **The Information Bureau of the Ukrainian Government in Exile**
Augsberg, Judenberg, 8/11, Germany, Europe.
- **The Pan-American Ukrainian Conference—**
50 Church Street, Suite 252, New York 7, N.Y., U.S.A.