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Talbott, Kostenko to address Conference

*Deputy Secretary of State
To speak Friday at 7 p.m.
at Embassy Reception*

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, seen by many as the architect of the Clinton Administration's policy toward Ukraine and the other new independent states, will give the opening address at 1996 TWG Leadership Conference, to be held on Columbus Day weekend October 11-13.

He will be joined by Ukrainian Minister for Environmental Protection and Nuclear Safety Yuri I. Kostenko, Ukrainian Ambassador Yuri Shcherbak and more than 20 other experts in discussing this year's conference theme, "Ukraine at Five: A Progress Report."

Breaking with tradition, however, Mr. Talbott will deliver his foreign policy address not on Saturday morning, but preceding the Friday evening reception at the Ukrainian Embassy in Georgetown. His address will be at 7 p.m. It will be followed by a question-and-answer session, and the reception will commence at 8 p.m.

Five panels

An analysis of Ukraine's progress since independence will be dealt with



State Dept. photo

Strobe Talbott

in five panel discussions, dealing with Ukraine's geo-strategic position in the world as well as its economic, legal, social, health and energy reforms.

This year's conference is being co-sponsored by the Embassy of Ukraine, the US-Ukraine Foundation (USUF) and the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA). The three-day event also features an awards banquet and dance as well as a cultural program.

The first panel discussion, Saturday morning, on Ukraine's geostrategic position, will feature: Valeriy

Kuchinsky, minister counselor at the Ukrainian Embassy; Roman Popadiuk, America's first ambassador to Ukraine; Sherman Garnett, senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for Peace; and Professor Ilya Prizel of Johns Hopkins University.

Kostenko

Minister Yuri Kostenko will be the keynote speaker during the Saturday luncheon.

The first afternoon panel, focusing on Ukraine's progress in implementing economic reforms, will include: Andrew Bihun, commercial attaché at the US Embassy in Kyiv; Yuri Yakusha, alternate director of the International Monetary Fund; Daniel Kaufman of the Harvard Institute for International Development and former World Bank representative in Ukraine; and Kathryn Dickey Karol, director of international operations at Eli Lilly and Company.

The economics session will be fol-

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New Members



Notes on Members

- **George Laszkiewicz**, Project Manager, Central & Eastern Europe & Central Asia, World Environment Center, Jersey City, NJ.
- **Roman W. Barniak**, Vice President, IASC, Basking Ridge, NJ.
- **Tanya Wanio**, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Etobicoke, Ont.
- **Anya M. Silecky**, Communications Specialist, Air Line Pilots Association, Arlington, VA.
- **Michael J. Sidlak**, Microbiology Manager, Sinai Hospital, Towson, MD.
- **Larisa Crawford**, Legal Specialist, Midtown Legal Staffing, Yonkers, NY.
- **Renee Kozak-Hellberg**, Emergency Medical Technician, Dare County (NC) Emergency Medical Service, Kill Devil Hills, NC.
- **The U.S. Energy Association**, Washington, DC.

If you have any interesting news about a TWG colleague, or about yourself, share it with the rest of the TWG family. Send it to the TWG NEWS editor by e-mail, if you can, (yarob@aol.com) or by "snail-mail" to TWG, Attn: Editor, P.O. Box 11248, Washington DC 20008.

Honoring Hrushevsky

Historian **Martha Bohachevsky-Chomiak** was one of the principal speakers at an Ukrainian Embassy evening marking the 130th anniversary of Mykhailo Hrushevsky, the historian and Ukraine's first president under the Central Rada. The program also included an analysis of Mr. Hrushevsky as a historian and national leader by Ambassador Yuri Shcherbak, a presentation by Mykola Francuzenko and a biographical sketch by Rada Voitko. About 100 persons—many TWG members—came to the event.

Kharkiv Congress

Jurij Dobczansky presented a paper and co-chaired the session on "Bibliography and Information Science" at the Third International Congress of Ukrainian Studies in August in Kharkiv. The topic of his paper was "Ukraine in Terms of the Library of Congress: Developing a Thesaurus for Ukrainian Studies."

Later, the senior subject cataloger at the Library of Congress spent the first week of September in Kyiv working with librarians from the Parliament, the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and the Book Chamber of Ukraine. While in Kyiv, he attended the Independence Day parade on the Khreshchatyk, the *Chervona Ruta* concert on Independence Square and concert in the recently renovated *Ukrayina* theater.

Celebrating in Kyiv

Mr. Dobczansky wasn't the only TWG member celebrating Ukraine's fifth anniversary in Kyiv. TWG News editor, also visiting Kyiv at that time, observed a few more.

From the US Embassy staff: Commercial Attaché and former TWG vice president **Andrew Bihun**, too, was at most anniversary events and accompanied Ambassador William Miller in laying a floral wreath at the Shevchenko statue in front of Kyiv University; Naval Attaché **Stephen Szyszka** was seen at the anniversary art exhibit, the *Chervona Ruta* concert as well as at the Labor Day Embassy picnic—with cellular phone in hand, helping coordinate the first-ever Ukrainian naval visit to the United States. Also on hand for the festivities was Ukraine Peace Corps Director **Jaroslav Dutkewych** and America House Director **Victor Kytasty**.

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Receipts for Computers

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TWG, CSIS roundtable checks Ukraine's pulse at 5

Hawrylyshyn, Popadiuk, Karatnycky give optimistic view of Ukraine's future

By R.L. Chomiak

The Washington Group got together again with the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) August 21 to sponsor an experts' roundtable on Ukraine's fifth anniversary of independence.

It was a candid, "warts-and-all" discussion at CSIS of Ukraine's formative years and future by three experts, who suggested that at age five, Ukraine is doing surprisingly well, and one of them predicted that Ukraine should enjoy economic recovery.

Economist Oleh Hawrylyshyn, now an International Monetary Fund official, who had represented Ukraine at the IMF and before that was Ukraine's deputy minister of finance, admitted that two years ago he was critical of Ukraine.

Catching up

"Today," he said, "it's impossible to be critical. Ukraine looks like it's catching up." Its inflation, he noted, has been stopped, but productivity is not there yet. Now, if Ukraine continues to keep the inflation down, waits for change to occur without forcing it, fights the forces that seek to block this change, then by its seventh birthday, Mr. Hawrylyshyn said, he would expect Ukraine to have an economic recovery.

Roman Popadiuk, the first American ambassador to Ukraine and now international affairs adviser to the commandant of the U.S. Industrial College of the Armed Forces, recalled that a fellow ambassador in Kyiv had argued that

Ukraine wouldn't last five years.

At that time, he said, Ukraine had two main problems: security and identity. By now, Mr. Popadiuk continued, the identity problem has been solved and the first credit for that should go to President Leonid Kravchuk and then-Foreign Minister Anatoliy Zlenko, who "made a big effort to extend Ukraine's reach," to open up Ukrainian embassies in many countries.

The security problem is still there, the former ambassador said, and he included in it Ukraine's

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energy deficiency, friction between those who want to continue Soviet-era subsidies and those who want privatization and ties to the West, but foremost, the fact that Ukraine can't count on help in its security system on friendly countries large and small, because none of them would want to irritate Russia. That factor is always present in any of Ukraine's foreign policy initiatives, Mr. Popadiuk contended.

Substantial optimism

Adrian Karatnycky, president of Freedom House, who has kept a finger on Ukraine's pulse and frequently reported the results since long before independence, expressed "substantial optimism" about Ukraine's future.

He noted that despite many problems over the past five years, Ukraine now "is stabilizing in a democratic direction, and to a large

extent this has to do with the kind of leadership that has been exhibited by the two people who have been custodians of that state over its first five years—President Kravchuk and President Kuchma."

70-year legacy

While justifying the optimism about Ukraine's future, with democracy and civil society continuing to evolve there, Karatnycky also warned that it was important not to "turn away from many shortcomings that are natural to a transition from a 70-year legacy of totalitarianism."

In a discussion after their presentation, which was moderated by Richard Murphy, who is both a senior associate at CSIS and member of the board of directors of TWG, Mr. Hawrylyshyn suggested that Ukraine should not give up easily when its exports are blocked with charges of dumping (as was the case last year when the United States said women's coats made in Ukraine were selling at dumping prices). In a similar situation, he said, Taiwan would hire some smart lawyers to find loopholes in anti-dumping regulations.

Mr. Karatnycky discounted a suggestion from the floor that there are strong forces in Ukraine pulling it towards Russia. He said he didn't see that as a major factor.

Mr. Popadiuk agreed with this and recalled that when he traveled through Ukraine at the height of the problems in Crimea, there wasn't much serious talk of going back to some form of union. But Russia, he said, hopes Ukraine will fall on its own, without any need for an aggressive takeover.

If Ukraine gets its economic house in order, he said, it will survive.

Conference... (from page 1)

lowed by a panel discussion about Ukraine's progress in building democracy and the rule of law. The participants in this panel will be: Bohdan Futey, a judge at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims; Steve Nix, head of the Kyiv Office of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems; Ross Chomiak, former grant administrator for the International Media Center in Kyiv; and Orest Deychakiwsky, Helsinki Commission staff, who will moderate.

The Saturday evening program will begin with a cocktail hour preceding the Awards Banquet. This year the Washington Group is presenting a "Friend of Ukraine" award to Hobart Earle, the American-born conductor who has led the Odessa Philharmonic Orchestra as its music director and principal conductor for four years.

The banquet will be followed by a dance, featuring the orchestra Tempo.

The Sunday portion of the conference program will begin with an early-morning meeting of representatives to the Federation of Ukrainian American Business and Professional Associations. Following that meeting, Sarah Sievers and Margareta Hewko will give a presentation of their

multimedia Oral History of Independent Ukraine Project.

The fourth panel, on health care problems and reforms in Ukraine, will include Myroslaw Kohut, an international health care consultant; Yaroslav Voitko, counselor at the Ukrainian Embassy; and Roman Goy, a member of the board of directors of UMANA.

As in past years, there will be a cultural program following the Sunday brunch. This year it will be the Yara Arts Group, a resident company at La Mama Experimental Theatre in New York, which also has won acclaim for its performances and workshops at Harvard, Yale, NYU, Bucknell, Penn State, Kyiv Mohyla Academy, and Theatre Institutes in Kyiv and Kharkiv.

The last panel of the conference, organized by the US-Ukraine Foundation, will deal with Ukraine's progress in energy sector reforms. It will feature, again, Minister Yuri Kostenko; Carlos Pascual, of the National Security Council; Laslo Lovei, of the World Bank; and Markian Bilynskij, USUF Kyiv Officer director (moderator).

See the detailed conference program on pages 5-6. Check for updates on the Internet at http://www.tryzub.com/UFPWWW_Etc/CURRENT.html, where you also can get same/next day coverage of the conference, as in 1995.

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US Court of Federal Claims Judge **Bohdan Futey**, who has logged many frequent flyer miles between Washington and Kyiv, helping Ukraine's lawmakers in reforming their legal system and drafting the new constitution, was there, of course. (He has a long piece analyzing the achievements and shortcomings of the Ukrainian Constitution in the Spring-Summer issue of the Eastern European Constitutional Review.) Also seen: **John Shmorhun** (senior) and his lovely wife settling down for an American-style evening meal at the *Arizona*—one of Kyiv's many new restaurants—with their son John (junior), Du Pont's Kyiv general manager, and his family.

Oleksa Bilaniuk, professor-emeritus of Swarthmore College, was visiting Ukraine for the 50th anniversary meeting of the Plast Burlaky fraternity, as was **Taras Charchalis** of Baltimore.

There were a couple of TWG members in Kyiv at least for part of the celebrations: **Dzvinka Kryshalovych**, Kyiv Office managing partner of Squire, Sanders and Dempsey, left for the US before the last firecracker exploded, leaving behind her associate **Taras Szmagala, Jr.**, (maybe "TWG" should be added to the firm's name); **Andrij Masiuk**, director-general of the International Management Institute returned to Kyiv from the US before the smoke cleared; and, judging from his fine series in the Ukrainian Weekly about the many positive changes in Ukraine since his last



Jurij Holowinsky recounts his experience as a U.S. Air Force Reserve officer in Bosnia investigating compliance with the Dayton peace accords during a TWG-Meridian International presentation September 13.

visit in 1992, honorary member **David Marples** was there just prior to the celebrations.

There were more TWG members there, I'm sure, but I either didn't see them all (Kyiv's a big place) or I forgot one or two (I'm not getting any younger). If you were there, and I missed you, or if you weren't there but had a good reason, let me know via e-mail (yarob@aol.com), phone, fax, or regular mail.

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1996 Leadership Conference

UKRAINE AT FIVE: A PROGRESS REPORT

October 11-13, 1996
Key Bridge Marriott Hotel
1401 Lee Highway, Rosslyn, Virginia

PROGRAM

Friday, Oct. 11

An Evening at the Embassy of Ukraine
3350 M. St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
7:00 – 9:00 **Foreign Policy Address by Strobe Talbott,**
Deputy Secretary of State
8:00 – 10:00 **Reception**

Saturday, Oct. 12

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration**
9:00 – 9:05 **Opening, welcoming remarks** (Georgetown Room)
9:05 – 9:30 **Introductory address by Yuri Shcherbak,**
Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States
9:30 – 10:15 **Major conference address** (Georgetown Room)
10:30 – 12:00 **Panel 1: Ukraine's Geostrategic Position**
Roman Popadiuk (moderator),
First U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, now State Department's
International Affairs Adviser, Armed Forces Industrial College
Sherman Garnett,
Senior Associate,
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Valeriy Kuchinsky,
Deputy Chief of Mission, Minister Counselor,
Embassy of Ukraine
Ilya Prizel,
Professor, Paul H. Nitze School for Advanced and
International Studies, Johns Hopkins University
12:00 – 2:00 **Luncheon and Keynote Address** (Potomac Room)
Yuri Kostenko
Ukraine's Minister for Environmental Protection
and Nuclear Safety
2:15 – 3:30 **Panel 2: Ukraine's Progress in Implementing Economic Reform**
Andrew Bihun (moderator),
Commercial Attaché, U.S. Embassy in Kyiv
Yuri Yakusha,
Alternate Director, International Monetary Fund
Daniel Kaufmann,
Harvard Institute for International Development, and former
World Bank representative to Ukraine
Kathryn Dickey Karol
Director of International Operations, Eli Lilly and Company

3:45 – 5:00 **Panel 3: *Ukraine's Progress in Building Democracy, Rule of Law***
Orest Deychakiwsky (moderator),
Staff Associate, Commission on Security and Cooperation in
Europe (Helsinki Commission)
R.L. Chomiak,
Former Grant Administrator, International Media Center, Kyiv
Bohdan Futey,
Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims
Steve Nix,
Legal Adviser, Kyiv Office,
International Foundation for Electoral Systems

7:00 – 8:00 **Cocktail hour** (Georgetown Room)

8:00 – 10:00 **Awards Banquet** (Georgetown Room)
Friend of Ukraine Award presentation to Hobart Earle,
Music Director and Principal Conductor,
Odessa Philharmonic Orchestra

10:00 – 1:30 **Dance**, to the music of TEMPO

Sunday, October 13

8:30 – 10:00 **Meeting of Federation of Ukrainian-American Business & Professional Associations**

9:00 – 10:00 **Oral History of Independent Ukraine Project** (Georgetown Room)
Sarah Sievers and Margareta Hewko, Project Directors

10:00 – 11:30 **Panel 4: *Ukraine's Progress in Health Care Reform***
Roman Goy (moderator),
Member, Board of Directors,
Ukrainian Medical Association of North America.
Myroslaw Kohut,
International health care consultant
Yaroslav Voitko,
Minister Counselor, Ukrainian Embassy

11:30 – 2:00 **Brunch and Yara Arts Group performance** (Potomac Room)

2:15 – 3:30 **Panel 5: *Ukraine's Progress in Energy Sector Reform***
Markian Bilynskyj (moderator),
Kyiv Office Director
US-Ukraine Foundation
Yuri Kostenko,
Ukraine's Minister for Environmental Protection
and Nuclear Safety
Carlos Pascual,
Director for Russian, Ukrainian, and Eurasian Affairs
National Security Council
Laszlo Lovei
Principal Economist for Europe and Central Asia
Infrastructure Division, World Bank

3:00 **Closing**

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Painting

Ilarion (Larry Calyn-) Kalynewych, who celebrated his 86th birthday August 31, has pursued his love for art since retiring as a librarian. He has shown a special interest in landscapes and flowers in his oil paintings. Mr. Kalynewych began taking art classes as a part-time student at the

University of Maryland, and, while working at the US Agriculture Department, he continued classes at Montgomery College. He has been a member of the Olney Art Association, participating regularly in that group's annual shows. He says that his works will be on display at the next annual Christmas bazaar at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine in Washington, D.C.

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