

# БЕЗТАКТИСТЬ

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## CIUS - Home of the Second Class Brains

The fact that Alberta now has oil, and also, that the head of the party now in government is a ukrainian (sic), enabled the creation of this Institute... Now the second matter. The Canadian Institute has no interest in Ukraine. It is concerned only with questions of Canadian Ukrainian lineage... I admit that this Institute has its importance. It fulfills many Canadian needs. We have connections with it...we help them wherever possible; for example, we prepare manuscripts and they publish them, since they have the money; or in organizing conferences - they provide the finances, because they have the funds, and we supply the delegates, because we have the intellect... On the other hand these institutes are not on the same level. I don't want to say that one is higher and the other lower, only that the Canadian Institute is concerned with problems of Canadian Ukrainians, and our Institute at Harvard concentrates on Ukrainian problems in Ukraine.

Omeljan Pritsak in interview (1980)

## Ghosts of the Past

One beautiful side of history is that you never know if things that are dead are really dead.

I.L. Rudnytsky in a history lecture

## A Cosmopolitan Figure

Reverend German - a Romanian from Bukovyna who spoke Ukrainian - had arrived in the United States in 1916.

Paul Yuzyk from forthcoming book

## Verbal Diarrhoea - Soviet style

I often reread your poetry, and I realize over again that it doesn't have senseless lyrics for fun... I, like many others, accept your militant position, your philosophy of optimism and assuredness in the victory of light over darkness. Your artistic concept of the struggle for a cloudless sky over the Soviet land and the whole planet, the philosophy of our life and the immortality of Prometheus's unsubdued spirit.

Volodymyr Brovchenko in tribute to  
Dmytro Pavlychko

## Interpreting History

Ten years ago I was in Kiev at the Academy of Sciences. They asked me about various historians in the West. Ohloblyn, they said, what is he doing? I said that he had recently published a book on Mazeppa, a very unpopular figure you know. I told them that this was ok because he had published the same book here - all he did was wherever there was a minus he changed it to a plus, and wherever there was a plus he changed it to a minus. Otherwise the book was exactly the same.

I.L.R. in lecture

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