

# IN MEMORY

of 7,000,000 Ukrainian martyrs who perished as a result of the artificially imposed famine by the Russian Communist Regime in Ukraine in 1932-33.



## 50th ANNIVERSARY

Fifty years ago, in 1932-33, over seven million Ukrainians starved to death by an artificially imposed famine executed by the Russian Communist Regime. This genocide of the Ukrainian people has as yet, been unparalleled in the history of the world.

Its purpose was to break the spirit of the Ukrainian peasantry — the most vital element of the Ukrainian nation.



## THE GREAT FAMINE IN THE UKRAINE 1932-33

**Dominated by Russia, Ukraine with her 50 million population, her strategic location and economic importance has always been the target of Soviet oppression and persecution. Forty-five years ago (1932-33) millions of innocent Ukrainians perished because of the Soviet-made famine — while today the government of USSR imposes hard labour sentences on all Ukrainians who defend the basic rights of the Ukrainian people.**

The tragedy was felt even deeper because it took place in a country which was known as the breadbasket of Eastern Europe exporting food to Western nations. The moral aspect of this drama is significant. The famine was not caused by natural disaster or war, but was deliberately planned and methodically carried out by the Communist Government of Moscow then enjoying a period of peace.

This tragedy occurred within the boundaries of a "civilized" European nation and not in some remote part of the world. The conscience of the world was not moved to any relief action, lulled by Moscow's contradictory statements that the famine existed only in the imagination of its enemies, and by its deliberate suppression of this news to the outside world. Some of this news did penetrate the Soviet barrier, shocking those that received it. The horror reports were published in the New York Times (Aug. 29, 1933), Le Matin (Paris, Aug. 30), The Manchester Guardian (Sept. 13), The New York Jewish Daily Forward (Dec. 27), Chicago American (Feb. 25, 1935), and in other papers of the Western World.

On May 28, 1933, Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York introduced in the House of Representatives (73rd Congress, 2nd Session) a resolution calling for the U.S. House of Representatives to "express its sympathies for all those who have suffered from the great famine in Ukraine..."

The resolution, H.R. 399, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reads as follows:

WHEREAS, several millions of the population of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the constituent part of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, died of starvation during the years of 1932 and 1933; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, although being fully aware of the famine in Ukraine and although having full and complete control of the entire food supplies within its borders, nevertheless failed to take relief measures designed to check the famine or to alleviate the terrible conditions arising from it, but on the contrary used the famine as a means of reducing the Ukrainian population, destroying the Ukrainian political, cultural, and national rights; and

WHEREAS, it has been the traditional policy of the United States to take cognizance of such invasion of human rights and liberties;

**THEREFORE BE IT:**

**RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives express its sympathies for all those who have suffered from the great famine in Ukraine which has brought misery, afflictions, and death to millions of peaceful and law-abiding Ukrainians.

Nikita S. Krushchev, one of Stalin's minions in Ukraine, in his speech delivered at the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union held in Moscow in February 1956, confirmed the full extent of the Great Famine of 1932-33 in Ukraine and the political motivation behind it.

**He said that "Stalin wanted to deport all Ukrainians, but there was no place to which to deport them..."**

## **EYEWITNESS REPORTS**

**By Thomas Walker of the Chicago American Newspaper, March 1935.**

"*STARVATION* stalks through the Ukraine section of Soviet Russia, leaving a ghastly trail of death and agony. The Ukraine is the most fertile grain producing district in Russia.

*ABOUT* twenty miles south of Kiev, I came upon a village that was **PRACTICALLY EXTINCT BY STARVATION**. There had been fifteen houses in this village, and a population of forty-odd persons.

**EVERY DOG AND CAT IN THE VILLAGE HAD BEEN EATEN.**

The horses and the oxen had all been appropriated by the Bolsheviks to stock the Collective Farms.

In one hut they were cooking a mess that defied analysis. There were bones, pig-weed, skin, and what looked like a boot top in this pot. The way that the remaining half dozen inhabitants eagerly watched this slimy mess showed the state of their hunger.

## **FROM THE BEGINNING**

Of the Communist rule Ukraine and its population have been used as a gigantic laboratory for future Soviet conquests. It is among the Ukrainian people that the Soviet masters worked out their program of disintegration, infiltration, conquest, exploitation, and Russification that they have employed so successfully since the end of World War II. It has cost the Ukrainians dearly to serve as this laboratory for they have perished by the million in this process.

(Source: Prof. Clarence A. Manning: *Ukrainian under Soviets*, Bookman Association, N.Y., 1953).

What happened in the Ukraine is now going on in satellite countries behind the Iron Curtain, the Near East, the Far East, and recently in Africa.

The persecution of Ukrainians by the U.S.S.R. continues to this day in a flagrant violation of 1975 Helsinki agreement on Human Rights and includes Human Rights activists, literary figures, and intellectuals of Soviet Union countries. The Ukrainian nation has the right to determine its own destiny and pursue its aspirations in terms of language and expression, cultural, historical and religious preservation, and type of government without Moscow's dominating interference.



## MEMORIAL MANIFESTATION PROGRAM

Sunday, September 4th, 1983

*Sponsored by the Central Diocese of the Ukrainian  
Greek-Orthodox Church of Canada.*

- 10:00 a.m. — PONTIFICAL DIVINE LITURGY  
12:00 noon — MEMORIAL SERVICE  
1:00 p.m. — MEMORIAL HUNGER DINNER (bread & water)  
2:00 p.m. — MEMORIAL PROGRAM
- Honourable Ray Hnatyshyn, M.P.
  - Premier of Manitoba, Hon. Howard Pawley, Q.C.
  - Mayor of Winnipeg, William Norrie.
  - Theme Address — Prof. Dr. M. Stepanenko —  
Vice-Pres. of the Ukrainian  
National Republic in Exile.
  - Concert Performances by various choirs and soloists.

*The Ukrainian wish to bring to the community's attention details concerning this tragic event, this "holocaust" genocide of seven million human beings who were deliberately starved to death, when other means to subdue the strong national spirit of the Ukrainian people failed. This was a deliberate calculated effort — a fact not well publicized by the Free World.*

In observing the anniversary of the great famine, we commemorate the loss of millions of innocent victims, our brethren human beings many of whose ancestors found and enjoy basic freedoms and the respect for human rights in the great country of Canada which we call home. Let us remember them and all peoples in the world who even today are being persecuted, imprisoned and denied all the basic freedoms, rights and privileges which so many take for granted. Let us not forget that life is precious and that we be ever aware of the needs of others to speak up for those who can not speak for themselves so that such an event will never happen again. Let us heed the words of the great poet Taras Shevchenko, in the translation of Ethel L. Voinich:

Wretched is the fettered captive,  
Dying, and a slave;  
But more wretched he that, living,  
Sleeps, as in a grave,  
Till he falls asleep for ever,  
Leaving not a sign  
That there faded into darkness  
Something once divine.