

I AM A UKRAINIAN, NOT A RUSSIAN

Russia is the greatest and most cruel enemy of Ukraine. Ukraine, although occupied and enslaved now by Communist Russia, is a proud nation of 55 millions, with a history, culture, literature and language different from Russian. Ukraine accepted Christianity 1,000 years ago and was then a mighty and highly civilized independent country, while Russia was still a barbaric and backward Muscovite principality. Ukrainians have been fighting for centuries against Russia for Ukraine's freedom and independence. In the eighteenth century, Ukraine under Hetman Ivan Mazepa allied itself with Sweden under Charles XII in the war against Russia under Peter I. Unfortunately, the Ukrainian and Swedish armies lost the decisive battle at Poltava in 1709 and Ukraine was enslaved by Russia. In 1917, Ukraine again declared her independence, but Russia attacked the independent state of Ukraine. The heroic war in defense against Russia lasted 4 years, from 1917 to 1921. If the free world would then have given some help in arms and ammunitions to the heroic Ukrainian armies, there would be no Communist problem in the world at all today. However, the free world did not answer the desperate Ukrainian plea for help. Ukraine was again defeated, occupied, enslaved and drenched with the blood of her best sons and daughters. In order to break Ukraine's resistance, the Russian occupants organized an artificial famine in 1932-1933 during which some 6 million Ukrainians were starved to death in their most fertile land in Europe. During and after World War II, the Ukrainians organized a strong underground movement, which is still active against Russian occupants at this time. In the event of a war between the free world and Russia, the Ukrainian nation, if given adequate support and encouragement, would be our ally, inside the monstrous Soviet slave empire. When you call me a Russian, you unwillingly and unknowingly act as a tool of the Russian propaganda machine by which the Russians try to convince the World that their slave empire, in which they virtually are a minority, is inhabited by a monolithic Russian nation.

Please do not hurt my feelings and do not refer to me as a Russian, because I am a Ukrainian.