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THE SOVIET SAINT !



Митрополит Київський і Галицький Філарет у Вербну неділю освячує вербу у Володимирському кафедральному соборі Києва.



The Clash, from recent album, 1980

PETIT PAPA IN RETROSPECT

Stalin inspired millions, but in fifteen years, these nobodies haven't said anything anyone can remember. People wonder who they are, who put them in control...Trotsky said that Stalin was an amazing mediocrity to govern all Russia, but by comparison to Brezhnev, Stalin was a genius.

Quote from article in Harper's, February 1981

MULTICULTURAL DESSERTS

While looking through the University of Alberta's alumni publication "Folio New Trails", I noticed an article on the "Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies." As a Canadian of Ukrainian parentage, I am interested in expanding my wife and my Ukrainian culture and would like to obtain a list of Ukrainian publications that the Institute offers.

Gerald Slywka in letter to CIUS, 10 February 1981

PARTING SHOT

M.L.: ...and Roman Petryshyn has been with the Institute since 1976... I don't know why I'm carrying this corkscrew in my hand-

Voice from crowd (with a faint Michigan accent ?) : Maybe it's because you screwed Roman like you screw everything else !

Presentation speech at CIUS Christmas party

SOVIET EDUCATION

The Soviet schoolteacher stands before his class. "Now tell me," he asks, "what was the most important events of 1870 ?" One bright pupil answers:

"Lenin was born."

"Correct. Now, who can tell me, what was the most important event of 1873 ?"

Silence.

"Well it is quite obvious. Lenin was three years old."

I.L. Rudnytsky in lecture

ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL

Oh yes, the Russians are quite willing to talk with us about problems of government. They will criticize the system. But if you should mention the question of nationalism, then each one of them is transformed, instantly, into a Russian chauvinist.

John Kolasky in Vancouver during D.M.'s tour

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