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FAREWELL TATYANA!



Beztaktnist' is pleased to release a special issue to commemorate the departure from Edmonton of Tatyana Hryshchenko.

INSIDE: The Sayings of Bohdan Krawchenko

Lubomyr Luciuk: The Glory Years

How to Mail an Envelope in 3 Easy Lessons

BT INTERVIEWS PROMINENT UKRAINIANISTS ON CURRENT SITUATION IN UKRAINE

We take you to the hallowed corridors of CIUS into the main office where, to accompaniment of constant phone ringing and fax snorting, are working famed staffers Rooster and Mandzuk. Through the office we go into the library, where we find BOHDAN KRAWCHENKO, LUBOMYR LUCIUK, Ph.D. and TARAS HUNCZAK.

BT: Gentleman, why don't we begin with Ivashko. Can we have your assessment of his first eight months in office?

BK: He's a wanker.

LL: Well Barbara-

BT: Who?

LL: Excuse me, for a moment, I thought I was still on "The Journal." My opinion is that Ivashko is likely to have a minimal impact on Ukrainian Canadians, especially those of is endowed with particularly notable intellects.

TH: I've just returned from Ukraine, and there I found an incredible document from 1943, from a little known archive in the basement of--

BT: Pardon me for interrupting, but what is the relevance of this to Ivashko.

TH: There is no relevance, I just thought that you should know.

BT: Well let's move on. What about the concept of sovereignty in Ukraine? How far do you think it should or can go?

BK: Unfortunately the ramifications of the structural nature of the current social stratum preclude an eventual exit route from this unprecedented crisis at a very very significant period in Ukrainian history. Millions of people know this.

LL: There can be no talk of a free Ukraine until all the Banderivtshi living in Canada--and especially Kingston--are allowed to return home armed with machine guns. Then we'll see what glastroika is really about. Incidentally, I may myself agree to stand at the head of the main battalion.

TH: The important thing is that Ukraine is for Ukrainians. I have nothing against other nationalities as long as they are living in their own countries. I have documents that show the integrity of this statement and I am preparing three books on the topic related to World War II.

BT: What can Canada do to assist the progress of democracy in Ukraine?

BK: First, the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies has an enormous role to play. We are going to send photocopying machines to anyone uttering a democratic statement anywhere in Ukraine. Next, we will offer a computer to the first Ukrainian to overthrow President Ivashko. In exchange, 17 undergraduate students from Canada will be invited to spend three hours on the tarmac at Boryspil at their own expense. CIUS Press will take over the officers of Pravda Ukrainy--Yurkevich still thinks he's coming back here!--and Ivashko, Kachura and co. will be offered in return honorary life memberships at the colony in Sarcelles.

LL: A committee should be established made up of eminent Ukrainian Canadians, with Ph.Ds, and experience in DP and veteran circles. This committee would then receive democratic consent to go to Ukraine and take over the government. Kordan and I would consent to publish the ensuing decrees. Have you noticed by the way the similarity between my moustache and that of Chornovil? Unfortunately, the comparison ends there, however, since Vyacheslav hasn't won too many prizes recently.

TH: Where is Canada?

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO
STUDENT BLOOPERS

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One of the fringe benefits of being an English or History teacher is receiving the occasional jewel of a student blooper in an essay. I have pasted together the following "history" of the world from certifiably genuine student bloopers collected by teachers throughout the United States, from eighth grade through college level. Read carefully, and you will learn a lot.

The inhabitants of ancient Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube. The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, once asked, "Am I my brother's son?" God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birth mark. Jacob was a patriarch, who brought up his twelve sons to be patriarchs, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.

Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Philatelims, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

Without the Greeks we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns- Corinthian, Doric, and Ironic. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth. One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Stynx until he became intollerable. Achilles appears in THE ILIAD, by Homer. Homer also wrote THE ODDITY, in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

Socrates ^{was} a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java. The reward to the victor was a coral wreath. The government of Athens was democratic because people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbors were doing. When they fought with the Persians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Persians had more men.

Eventually, the Ramons conquered the Greeks. History calls people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long. At Roman banquets, the guests wore garlics in their hair. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his poor subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

Then came the Middle Ages. King Alfred conquered the Dames. King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery, King Harold mustarded his troops before the Battle of Hastings, Joau of Arc was cannonized by Bernard Shaw, and victims of the Black Death grew boobs on their necks. Finally, Magna Carta provided that no ~~carefully~~ free man should be hanged twice for the same offense.

In midevil times most of the people were alliterate. The greatest writer of the time was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verses and also wrote literature. Another tale tells of William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.

The Renaissance was an age in which more individuals felt the value of their human being. Martin Luther was nailed to the church door at Wittenberg for selling papal indulgences. He died a horrible death, being excommunicated by a bull. It was the painter Donatello's interest in the female nude that made him the father of the Renaissance. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented the Bible. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper.

The government of England was a limited mockery. Henry VIII found walking difficult because he had an abness on his knee. Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen". As a queen she was a success. When Elizabeth exposed herself before her troops, they all shouted, "hurrah." Then her navy went out and defeated the Spanish Armadillo.

The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespear. Shakespear never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived at Windsor with his meny wives, writing tragedies, comedies, and errors. In one of Shakespear's famous plays, Hamlet rations out his situation by releiving himself in a long solioquy. In another, Lady Macbeth tries to convince Macbeth to kill the King by attacking his manhood. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Writing at the same time as Shakespear was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote "Donkey Hote." The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote "Paradise Lost." Then his wife died and he wrote "Paradise Regained."

During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta and the Sante Fe. Later, the Pilgrims crossed the Ocean, and this was known as Pilgrims Progress. When they landed at Plymouth Rock, they were greeted by the Indians, who came down the hill rolling their war hoops before them. The Indian squabs carried porpoises on their back. Many ~~of~~ the Indian heroes were killed, along

with their cabooses, which proved very fatal to them. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.

One of the causes of the Revolutionary Wars was the English put tacks in their tea. Also, the colonists would send their parcels through the post without stamps. During the War, the Red Coats and Paul Revere was throwing balls over stone walls. The dogs were barking and the peacocks crowing. Finally, the colonists won the War and no longer had to pay for taxis.

Delegates from the original thirteen states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin had gone to Boston carrying all his clothes in his pocket and a loaf of bread under each arm. He invented electricity by rubbing cats backwards and declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand." Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

George Washington married Martha Curtis and in due time became the Father of Our Country. Then the Constitution of the United States was adopted to secure domestic hostility. Under the Constitution the people enjoyed the right to keep bare arms.

Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. When Lincoln was President, he wore only a tall silk hat. He said, "In onion there is strength." Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope. He also freed the slaves by signing the Emasculation Proclamation, and the Fourteenth Amendment gave the ex-Negroes citizenship. But the Clue Clux Clan would torcher and lynch the ex-Negroes and other innocent victims. It claimed is represented law and odor. On the night of April 14, 1865 Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. The believed assinator was John Wilkes Booth, a supposingly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career

Meanwhile in Europe, the enlightenment was a reasonable time. Voltare invented electricity and also wrote a book called "Candy." Gravity was invented by Isaac Walton. It is cheafly noticeable in the Autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

Bach was the most famous composer in the world, and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian and half English. He was very large. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.

France was in a very serious state. The French Revolution was accomplished before it happened. The Marseillaise was the theme song of the French Revolution, and it catapulted into Napoleon. During the Napoleonic Wars, the crowned heads of Europe were trembling in their shoes. Then the Spanish gorillas came down from the hills and nipped at Napoleon's flanks. Napoleon became ill with bladder problems and was very tense and unrestrained. He wanted an heir to inherit his power, but since Josephine was a baroness, she couldn't bear children.

The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the East and the sun sets in the West. Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years. Her reclining years and finally the end of her life were exemplary of a great personality. Her death was the final event which ended her reign.

The nineteenth century was a time of many great inventions and thoughts. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up. Cyrus McCormick invented the McCormick reaper, which did the work of a hundred men. Samuel Morse invented a code of telepathy. Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabbits. Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the "Organ of the Species." Madman Curie discovered radium. And Karl Marx became one of the Marx brothers.

The First World War, caused by the assignation of the Arch-Duck by a surf, ushered in a new error in the anals of human history.

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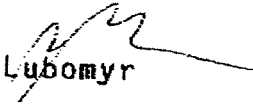
Queens University Memorandum

Date: 9 May 1990

Subject:

Looking over the Ukrainian Encyclopedia the other day I was struck by the paucity of references to Ukrainian-Canadian scholars...accordingly, in the expectation that you would have requested it sooner or later, I am sending you a copy of my updated vitae.

Best wishes,


Lubomyr



University of Alberta

Inter-departmental Correspondence

to: Danylo Struk

date: 16 May 1990

from: David Marples

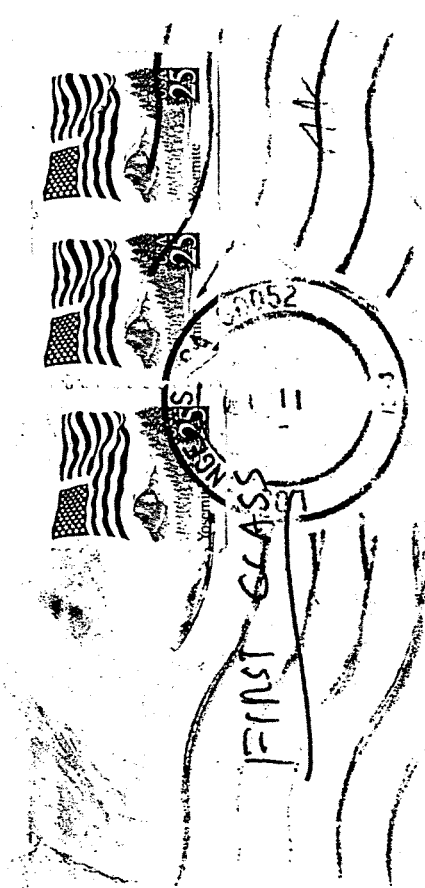
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subject: Egomania

Bearing in mind my voluminous contributions to Ukrainian studies over the past few years, I write to inquire of the possibility of a separate volume of "Encyclopedia of Ukraine" devoted to myself. I would be happy to supply the text and 245 personally signed photographs, and for a small fee would consent to come to Toronto on the occasion of its publication. Might I suggest also that a scholar of similar (or, understandably, of slightly lower rank) be commissioned to write an introduction, such as G. Grabowicz or G. Shevelov. I await your response, dear editor, with high expectations as to the merits of this humble request....

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KRAWCHENKOISMS

The following are direct quotations from the esteemed Director's presentation at the Learned Societies Conference in Victoria, June 1990:

"unprecedented."

"No one would ever have expected..."

"very very rapidly"

"The largest mass mobilization in the history of Ukraine since the revolution."

"incredibly important"

"very very significant"

"very very important"

"watched by millions of people"

"very very serious crisis"

"historically unprecedented"

"unanimously condemned"

"very dramatic shift"

"conditions of incredible poverty"

NEWS FROM THE PROFESSION

BOHDAN KRAWCHENKO visited Edmonton this month. While there, he was heard to remark in an audible whisper: "There are an awful lot of assholes out there."

GEORGE GRABOWICZ has spent the last few months talking to loonies. He has been seen perusing a book entitled "How To Talk to Common People," edited and with an introduction by Omeljan Pritsak.

BOHDAN KORDAN, the groomed and sleek male debutant, has been offered a job as a gigolo to elderly rich grandmothers on Rhine cruises this summer. Rumor has it that the job was accepted only on condition that he could be accompanied by his tailor and hairdresser.

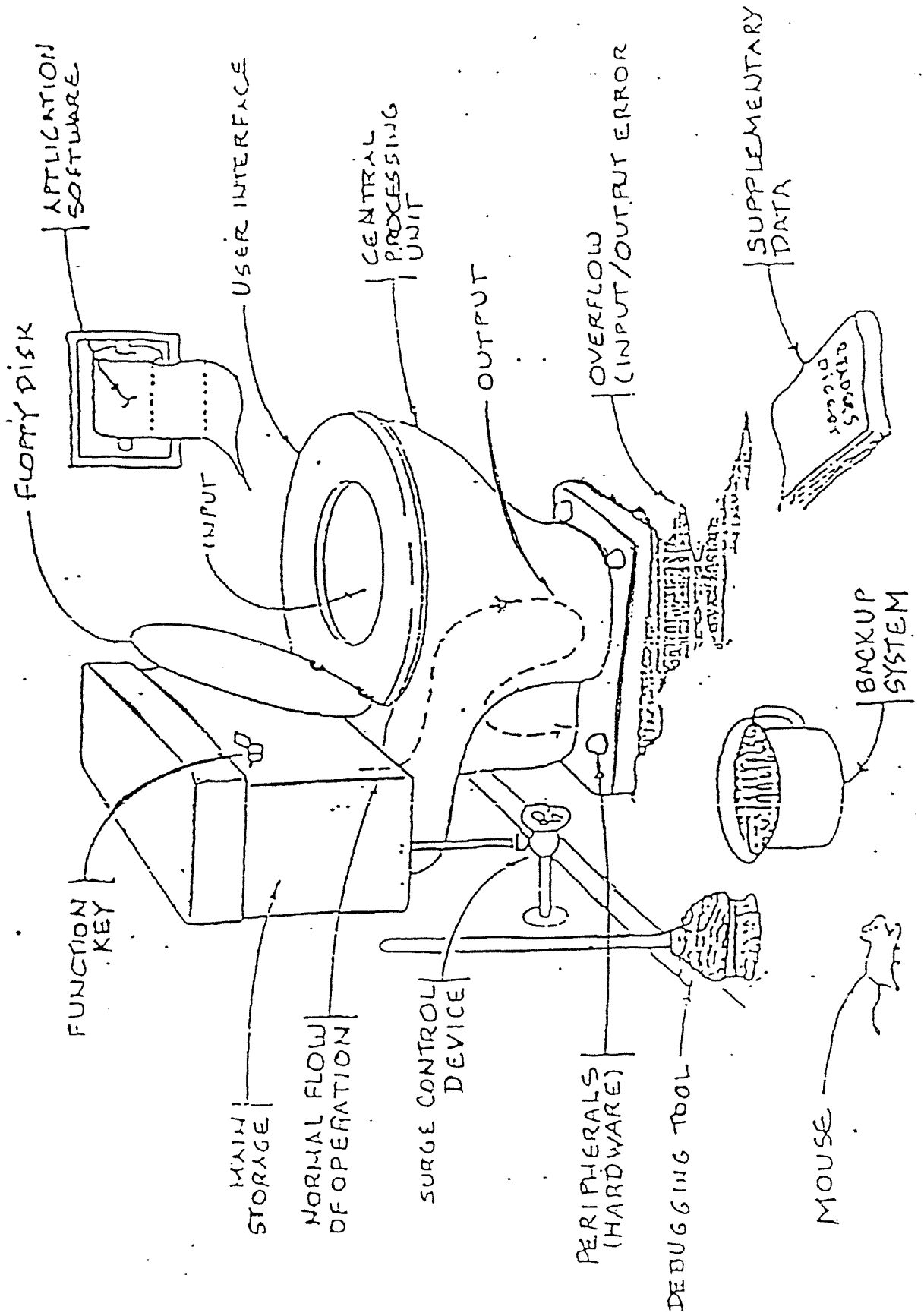
VENYAMIN SIKORA delivered ten lectures on different themes while in Edmonton. A copy of his paper can be obtained from CIUS.

JARS BALAN has changed his name to YA in order to identify in more esoteric fashion with the cultural milieu embraced by his artwork.

LUBOMYR LUCIUK has run out of documents to edit and is now writing a book on eminent Ukrainian Canadians, 3 volumes, starting and ending with the letter "L". (See next page)

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A LETTER FROM POLAND

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