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Paul Yuzyk, 'Father of Multiculturalism,' honored with Canadian postage stamp



Vicki Karpiak (left), daughter of the late Sen. Paul Yuzyk, presents the Yuzyk "First Day Issue" commemorative stamp in the Senate of Canada to Sen. Raynell Andreychuk (center) and Minister Jason Kenney.

OTTAWA – The newly released Paul Yuzyk Stamp was unveiled on October 24 in the Senate of Canada. The stamp cancellation ceremony was arranged and hosted by Sen. Raynell Andreychuk, successor of the late Sen. Paul Yuzyk and a fellow Ukrainian Canadian.

Sen. Yuzyk was known for his role in defining the contributions of Canadians of non-British and non-French origins, and shaping the concept of multiculturalism in Canada.

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As Party of Regions tries to undermine him, Vitali Klitschko announces presidential run

by Zenon Zawada

KYIV – About 16 months remain until the Ukrainian presidential election, yet the ruling Party of Regions already stands accused of trying to undermine the candidacy of Vitali Klitschko, leader of the Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform (UDAR) and top presidential challenger, according to polls.

Ukraine's Parliament on October 24 approved two riders to legislation that would deny residency status to Ukrainian citizens who are permanent residents, or taxpayers, in foreign countries. A few hours after the deeply tucked riders were revealed, Mr. Klitschko called it a step towards undermining his candidacy given his 13-year residency in Germany.

"I want to state that I won't be intimidated or stopped by this," Mr. Klitschko declared from the parliamentary rostrum on October 24. "And to put an end to all kinds of attempts to deal with me as a possible candidate, I want to state – I am competing for the presidency."

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Vitali Klitschko, leader of UDAR and announced candidate for president of Ukraine, during the Verkhovna Rada session on October 24. He wears a sweater that says "Ukraine is Europe."

Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program holds fifth Model Ukraine Conference

by Oksana Zakydalsky

OTTAWA – Since the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) was established in 1990, more than 700 students, mostly from Ukraine, have completed two- to 12-month internships in the Canadian House of Commons. Each of the chosen students is assigned to a member of Parliament to take part in parliamentary internship assignments. The students have the opportunity to meet persons involved in the political and educational life of Canada and participate in the working life of a Member of Parliament.

Former Canadian Ambassador to Ukraine Derek Fraser recently told the students that "the internship program is in many ways a better introduction to Western democratic practice than any course in political science. It is easy to dismiss from a distance Western political theory as a composite of Sunday truths, as ideals espoused but not practiced. It is another thing to experience the democratic reality with all its strengths and weaknesses."

Thirty-four students arrived in Ottawa in October for the 2013 internship program but Parliament had been prorogued (that is, the work of Parliament was suspended by the prime minister). As Parliament was to

be closed from September 13 to October 16, the interns were given assignments with MPs who were available in the Ottawa area.

Fortunately, a Model Ukraine Conference had been organized for October 16-18 in Ottawa. This was the fifth such conference, the first having been held in 2010. The purpose of these Model Ukraine Conferences is to discuss the current state of affairs in Ukraine: issues of governance, civil society, life in a post-totalitarian society, rule of law, education, identity and citizenship, freedom of expression and the role of the media.

During the first two days of this year's conference, these issues were addressed by experts with a view toward producing a white paper for delivery to the governments of Ukraine and Canada. Participating in the Conference and Workshop were the 34 interns of the 2013 CUPP Program, as well as 32 former CUPP interns.

The involvement of CUPP alumni in the programs of CUPP has been one of its strengths and unique aspects. The interns do not come to one placement and then disappear. CUPP has created a pool of 700 alumni, many of whom have gone back to Ukraine to take up professions and significant positions in the country's institutions, government entities and economic enterprises. They also keep in touch; for exam-

ple, at the 2013 Model Ukraine Conference there were many alumni who had been interns in the last 10 years, but also journalist Maryana Drach, one of the first CUPP interns (1991) and Kyiv attorney Yuri Kushnir (1998).



In his opening presentation, former Canadian Ambassador to Ukraine Derek Fraser told the CUPP conference in Ottawa on October 16 that the European Union's postponement of any agreement with Ukraine until 2015 would be a recipe for disaster.

Some alumni, since their internship posting, have acquired a wide-ranging academic curriculum vitae. For example, Pavlo Shopin, a native of Luhansk, participated in the 2006 CUPP as an intern to Michael Ignatieff (although a failed politician, he is a well-known writer on human rights). Pavlo acquired a M.Phil. from the University of Cambridge, was a Fulbright visiting student researcher at the University of California in Berkeley and participated in the International Parliamentary Program of the German Bundestag in 2011. He is now a lecturer of English at Taras Shevchenko National University of Luhansk.

The opening presentation was given by Ambassador Fraser, Canada's envoy to Ukraine (1998-2001) who, because of the Vilnius Summit on November 28-29, where the EU will make the decision on whether to sign the Association Agreement with Ukraine, spoke about how accession to the EU can help Ukraine on its path to a stable democracy. He first looked at the common elements that Ukraine's history shares with other European countries and said that the evolution to a stable democracy is a long process and that it is normal for countries trying democracy for the first time to lapse into authoritarianism.

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The "Father of Multiculturalism"

Paul Yuzyk, a politician and nation-builder in Canada, a professor of history, an author and a highly respected community leader, has been honored with a commemorative stamp whose text reads "Senator Paul Yuzyk 1913-1986" and "Canada: A Multicultural Nation." It is a fitting tribute to a man who did so much to ensure that Canada would be an inclusive nation, who became the voice of once-repressed ethnic groups and who earned the title "Father of Multiculturalism."

Speaking in the Senate of Canada at the presentation of the stamp, another Ukrainian Canadian senator, Raynell Andreychuk, said of her predecessor: "Born to Ukrainian immigrant parents near Estevan, Saskatchewan, in 1913, Paul Yuzyk was driven by his own experience of prejudice and discrimination. Setting out to become a schoolteacher, he was labeled a 'foreigner' and denied jobs for which he was qualified. Instead of hiding his Ukrainian heritage, Paul Yuzyk decided to promote it. Earning his Ph.D., he went on to become a university professor. He lectured on Soviet history, Ukrainian-Canadian history and Canadian-Soviet relations. He published many important works. He served his community as founder and president of the Ukrainian National Youth Federation; as director of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; as chair of the Canadian Folk Arts Council; and as supreme director for Canada of the Ukrainian National Association."

Indeed, Sen. Yuzyk served the UNA in the years 1970-1986 as an executive officer, holding the UNA's top position in Canada, which at first was called vice-president and then director for Canada. In addition, he was an officer of the World Congress of Free Ukrainians (today known as the Ukrainian World Congress).

Paul Yuzyk was appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker. On March 3, 1964, he delivered his maiden speech, titled "Canada: A Multicultural Nation." He eloquently voiced the concerns of ethnic groups that Canadians must accept the fact that they live in a multicultural nation. "The greater Canada that is in our power to make will be built not on uniformity but on continuing diversity," he stated, underscoring that "unity in diversity" had the potential of becoming one of Canada's great strengths. In 1971, multiculturalism became government policy – a recognition that fully one-third of Canadians were of neither British nor French origin.

In a 1983 interview with this newspaper, Sen. Yuzyk reflected on his achievement: "I came out with the idea that Canada is a bilingual, multicultural nation, and that all are equals, and that there should be no discrimination of any kind against anyone – regardless of his background, whether for religious purposes, no discrimination based on color, race, or creed of any kind. And so multiculturalism really made Canadians conscious that there are cultural values that should be recognized."

Sen. Yuzyk is a great Canadian who should be remembered by all Canadians via such initiatives as the Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism, the Paul Yuzyk Youth Leadership Institute and, now, a commemorative stamp. All Canadians should recognize his invaluable contributions to shaping their country, and all Ukrainians should be proud of the achievements of one of their own.

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Turning the pages back...

Five years ago, on November 7, 2008, Frank Spula, president of the Polish American Congress, called on President-elect Barack Obama to act with firmness and vision in dealing with Russian threats against Poland for standing firm in favor of the NATO alliance.

"Even before they were elected, Vice-President Joe Biden warned that the new administration would likely be tested in its first days," Mr. Spula said. "News reports from Poland and Russia, echoed by major U.S. media such as National Public Radio and MSNBC, have this week pointed to the likelihood that that test will be fought over Poland's unwavering commitment to its democratic allies."

Mr. Spula outlined Polish and Polish American contributions to the U.S., from the first settlement at Jamestown, Va., in 1608 to the fight against tyranny from Hitler's Germany to Saddam Hussein's Iraq. "After World War II Poland's friendship was betrayed by a cynical realpolitik that meant for half a century of being tied to the Soviet gulag," he added.

"We call on President-elect Barack Obama, who has deservedly earned the respect, affection and support of peoples around the world, to stand firm in favor of the United States' most steadfast ally in Eastern Europe," Mr. Spula said.

Part of the PAC's mission, Mr. Spula noted, was not only to inform the American public about the tragic situation in Poland, but also to instruct Americans of the dangers in continuing to placate a menace that it considered as bad as Nazi Germany – Soviet totalitarianism. With the efforts of the PAC, and other U.S. organizations, the U.S. adopted initiatives in NATO and the Marshall Plan.

Mr. Spula underscored that American Polonia felt "deceived" by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for having created the impression that Poland would be free within its pre-war borders, when in fact, months earlier, he and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill had already conceded Poland's eastern territories to Stalin.

Poland became a NATO member in 1999 and worked hard, "maybe harder than any other country to prove itself worthy of membership in the trans-oceanic alliance of democratic countries, with the latest conflict with Russia just one more chapter in an ongoing effort at imperialist hegemony with what remains of the former Soviet Union," Mr. Spula said. "Russian threats of aggression against Poland are dangerous, and I believe directly related to the desperate desire of the Kremlin to focus domestic attention away from the fact that the Russian stock market has lost three-quarters of its value this year."

"All the hallmarks of [President Barack Obama's] successful electoral campaign – meaningful support for democracy and human rights, and the peaceful negotiation of differences – is why we are confident he will protect Poland in its hour of growing danger."

Source: "Polish American Congress urges Obama to be firm in reacting to Russian threat," *The Ukrainian Weekly*, November 16, 2008.

WINDOW ON EURASIA

Analyst says Ukraine's demise would be 'catastrophe' for Russia

by Paul Goble

The disintegration of Ukraine, something Russian commentators and politicians often predict or even urge, would be "a catastrophe" for Moscow, because it would mean that the Russian Federation, which now faces instability along its southern periphery, would face the same thing in the west, according to a Ukrainian political analyst.

In a comment to the Rosbalt.ru news agency, Yuri Romanenko suggests that those who think Russia might gain from the disintegration of Ukraine are dangerously misinformed and wrong-headed as shown by any clear-eyed assessment of what the world would look like in Moscow if that happened (rosbalt.ru/ukraina/2013/10/16/1188661.html).

Just imagine, he says, that "everything in Ukraine goes wrong and that we, God forbid, descend into a civil war. What would that put at risk for Russia? Everything. Its gas transportation network, its oil pipelines, its transit flows, its base in Sevastopol. NATO would expand further to the east, because in such a struggle Ukraine would certainly fall apart with all the ensuing geopolitical risks."

Moreover, there would be "millions of refugees. This would affect not only Russia but also Belarus. And that, in turn, would have an impact on transportation stability." And he adds, "I am not even speaking about the destabilization of the situation in Russia itself. And there is every reason to assume that would happen because [it] is no social paradise but just the reverse."

"Therefore," Mr. Romanenko says, "the destabilization of Ukraine would undermine the quasi-stability of Russia" itself. In addition, the collapse of Ukraine would cost Russia not only that market, which now accounts for about 7 percent of

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Russia's exports, but also markets further afield.

And there is yet another possibility that Moscow needs to consider: the victory of a revolutionary regime in Ukraine that would put that country on an even sharper collision course with the Russian Federation. For the latter, the analyst suggests, this would be "an automatic check and mate."

Why? Because "instead of a comprador regime of oligarchs on its periphery would arise a Slavic state with a functioning government that would reject everything that over the course of 22 years has destroyed our morality and economy." And that model, in turn, would have an impact across the entire post-Soviet space.

"The destruction of Ukraine is thus the prologue of the destruction of Russia itself," Mr. Romanenko says, and "Moscow must accept [this] new reality: without a stable Ukraine, there will not be a stable Russia."

The Ukrainian analyst's observations are important both because they call attention to the fact that many in the Russian capital seem to believe that breaking Ukraine is in Russia's interests and because they underscore just how dangerous that process could be for the Russian Federation itself.

Although he does not say so, Mr. Romanenko's post is a direct response to those Russian analysts and politicians who in recent times have been talking about "the recovery" of Crimea for Russia or about splitting Ukraine, with the historically more "Russian" east going in one direction and the much more "Ukrainian" west going in another.

Such loose talk reflects a failure on the part of Moscow and others to understand the evolution of Ukraine itself and an even larger failure, as Mr. Romanenko suggests, of what Ukraine means for Russia. What is striking is that many in eastern Ukraine support Kyiv's drive toward Europe, preferring to live in a country linked to the European Union than in one tied to Moscow.

That attitude, of course, reflects not only a pragmatic calculation of self-interest but also the weakness of Russian ethno-national identity there and elsewhere, and anger at Moscow's apparent assumption that it can push Ukraine around as much as it wants with little or no regard for the interests of the citizens of Ukraine – or even with regard to ethnic Russians as such.

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Paul Yuzyk...

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"I am proud to welcome the release of a stamp commemorating this great Canadian," stated Sen. Andreychuk in a press release. "The principle of 'unity in diversity,' which Sen. Yuzyk helped transform into policy, is one of our great strengths and the envy of others around the world."

The late senator stressed that all Canadians of every ethnic background contribute to the nation-building process. For his pioneering legacy in establishing multiculturalism as one of the fundamental characteristics of Canadian heritage and identity, Sen. Yuzyk is recognized as the "Father of Multiculturalism."

As this year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of the late senator, the Ukrainian Collectibles Society of Toronto

(UCST), a chapter of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society (UPNS), undertook to design a Canada Post Picture Stamp honoring Sen. Yuzyk (1913-1986) for his role in shaping the history of Canada.

Toronto Collectibles President Jerry Kalyn, who is also executive vice-president of UPNS, chose the following quotation from Sen. Yuzyk's maiden speech of 1964 for the stamp's cover: "The greater Canada that is in our power to make, will be built not on uniformity, but on continuing diversity."

The Paul Yuzyk Stamp was officially released by Canada Post on October 26.

In February 1963, Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker appointed Dr. Paul Yuzyk, a professor of history, author and community leader, to the Senate. In March 1964, Sen. Yuzyk launched the new concept of Canada in his maiden speech in the Senate, stating that Canada could succeed in building a strong nation through adherence to the principles of "unity in diversity."

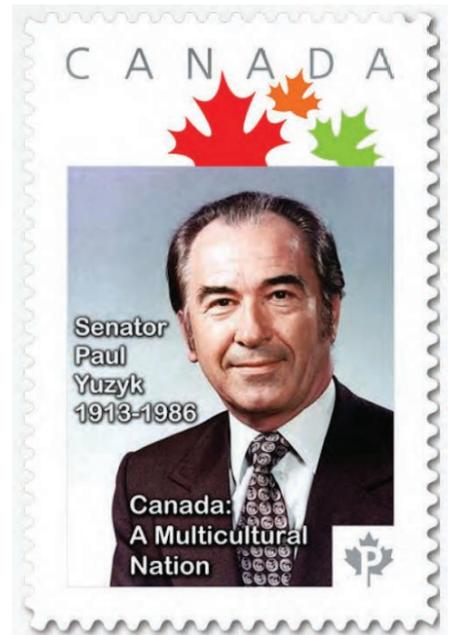
In that landmark speech, he directly challenged the premise of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, and called for an all-inclusive Canadian identity that recognized this new reality and the contributions of Canadians of all ethnic origins in the nation-building process.

Sen. Yuzyk also predicted that Canada would become a role model for the world facing similar immigration and integration challenges.

"Sen. Paul Yuzyk is best remembered as the 'Father of Canadian Multiculturalism.' I



At the presentation of the Paul Yuzyk stamp (from left) are: Paula Stelmach (granddaughter of the late Sen. Yuzyk), Eve Yuzyk-Duravetz, Vicki Karpiak and Vera Yuzyk (daughters), Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister of Multiculturalism Jason Kenney and Sen. Raynell Andreychuk.



The Sen. Paul Yuzyk stamp released by Canada Post in honor of the "Father of Multiculturalism."

am very pleased that since 2009, the government of Canada's annual award recognizing outstanding contributions to multiculturalism bears his name, and that his important legacy continues to be highlighted through initiatives such as this commemorative stamp," stated Jason Kenney, minister of employment and social development, and minister for multiculturalism, who attended the unveiling of the Paul Yuzyk Stamp and stamp cancellation ceremony.

In 2009, Mr. Kenney, then minister of citizenship, immigration and multiculturalism, established the annual Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism, first given to John Yaremko at Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto. The award honors individuals who demonstrated either lifelong dedication to the pursuit of promoting a strong multicultural society in Canada or for outstanding achievement within the past five years. The award includes a \$20,000 grant, which can be given to an eligible, registered not-for-profit Canadian organization or association of the recipient's choice.

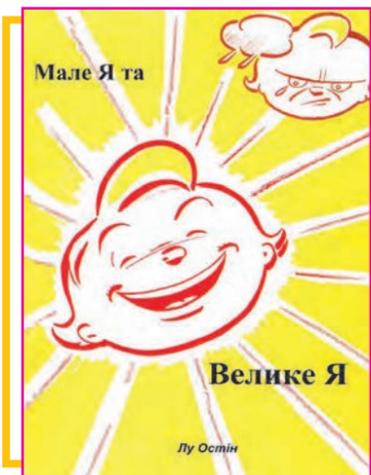
Mohammed Adam reported in a newspaper article in the Ottawa Citizen on July 20, 2012, headlined "Red, white and eager to unite," that a new survey showed that Canadians are focused on successes for the country's 150th anniversary in 2017. Unity and diversity are the most common themes proposed.

Daughters of Sen. Yuzyk, Eve Yuzyk-Duravetz, Vicki Karpiak and Vera Yuzyk, seated in the Senate Gallery, were recognized by the Senate speaker as guests of Sen. Andreychuk, who spoke eloquently about Sen. Yuzyk's contributions "advancing an all-inclusive Canadian identity" and the commemorative stamp honoring him.

Earlier, Sen. Andreychuk invited members of the Yuzyk family, members of Parliament, ministerial officials and community representatives to the stamp cancellation ceremony in the Senate Block.

Also present were student interns of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP), Ukrainian National Federation (UNF) of Canada President Ihor Bardyn, and Paul Migus, president of UNF Ottawa-Gatineau, who was responsible for launching the UNF's Paul Yuzyk Youth Leadership Institute in Ottawa last year. Representing the Ukrainian Collectibles Society of Toronto was Mark Stelmachovich, who is also the vice-president of the Ukrainian Philatelic Research Foundation and a member of the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation.

The Paul Yuzyk Stamp was on public display at the Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto) show on October 26 at the Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, Toronto Branch, on Bloor Street West. The exhibit also included an archival pictorial-biographical display on the life of Sen. Yuzyk.



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