

THE OLDER GENERATION...AND TODAY'S UKRAINIAN CANADIANS



Two elderly women relived memories of the old country Sunday at the unveiling of the monument to Ukrainian national poet Taras Shevchenko.



Young Ukrainian dancers at the Winnipeg Arena Saturday night were, left to right, Judy Topolinski of Winnipeg, Luba Kmet of Letellier and Irene Holowczynsky of Winnipeg.

NATO Chief Urges Increase In Force

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Lauris Norstad, commander of Allied forces in Europe, says that now is the time for a quiet building of strength "that would go a long way toward passing the Berlin ball back to Mr. Khrushchev."

Gen. Norstad told the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives in testimony made public Sunday that NATO alliance units could now "render a very good account of themselves" for a limited period.

Although he considers his forces inadequate to carry "the full burden of their responsibilities," the NATO commander said he is sure they are a factor in Soviet thinking about what to do about Berlin.

The general said the Communist bloc has 126 ground divisions and 12,000 aircraft west of the Ural Mountains "that might be used against us."

But he did not consider this "an overwhelming mass" making the Allies' job helpless. He noted that many of the Red aircraft are "locked in" to air defence areas. And he said there could be a question of the political reliability of Russian satellite forces.

Drought Views Conflict

By CANADIAN PRESS

Hot weather continued Sunday to parch the prairies' grain crops as national CCF leader Hazen Argue said the prairies should be declared a disaster area and the federal government should step in immediately with economic aid.

More sunny weather with no rain was forecast for the three Prairie Provinces today.

While some farmers said the situation could be worse and some officials depreciated talk of gloom, others said the situation is fast approaching a "national calamity."

Mr. Argue, speaking to farmers near Assiniboia, Sask., said the federal government should support hog and cattle markets and should make acreage payments on land suffering crop failure.

At Saskatoon, Orville Clark, president of the Saskatoon Retail Merchants Association, said the drought situation should include the bright side, adding that 1961 was a "terrific" year with sales down only 0.1 per cent from last year.

Mr. Argue said the federal government "has an income responsibility to western Canada" and "this year certainly demonstrates that this feeble crop insurance plan does not do the job."

Mr. Clark said in Saskatoon that farm income represents only 30 per cent of the total income of the province and that it was not reasonable to brand the province a "disaster area" because 30 per cent of the income is injured.

"It is only the profit of the farmers that is going to be lost anyway. The governments are seeing to it that the farmers do not lose much else."

"This talk of gloom is causing employers to lay off help which ordinarily would not be put out of work until January or February."

"The situation is relatively bad in some places but why give the east the impression that the province as a whole is the imposing relative."

The Netherlands—"They are very determined people and they are full and active partners in the alliance, as small as they are."

Denmark — Needs the additional aircraft provided in the new military aid program to defend her "key position... and control all of the Baltic exits."

VERY IMPORTANT

Portugal — Its forces "constitute a reserve, a reinforcement which could be very important."

Norway—Makes a "powerful military contribution" if for no other reason than it is a "small country that has the strength, confidence and dignity to stand up to Russia."

Belgium—"Quite a substantial contribution to the alliance."

Italy—Supports "quite a substantial force and essentially all of it is committed" to the alliance.

Greece — Forces are "really first class," but they need money.

Turkey — NATO's "anchor." The Turks "make very good soldiers."

The published testimony contained no comments on the forces of Britain, France and Luxembourg.

Eight Manitobans Receive Shevchenko Medallions

Shevchenko medallions, initiated on the day of the unveiling of the monument to the poet, were awarded to eight outstanding citizens, four Ukrainians and four non-Ukrainians at the Shevchenko banquet Sunday night at the Marlborough Hotel.

Msgr. Wasyli Kushnir, president of the Ukrainian Canadian committee, made the first announcement of the decision of the committee's presidium to honor those Ukrainians who have contributed to the successful conclusion of the erection of the monument and long service on the committee and others who co-operated with it.

The first citizens to receive medallions are: Douglas L. Campbell, former premier of Manitoba, whose government had agreed to have the monument on the legislative building grounds; Premier Duff Roblin, who concurred in the former government's action; Prof. George Simpson, of the University of Saskatchewan, and Prof. Watson Kirkconnell, president of Acadia University, friends of the Ukrainians.

Gikas Molgat, new leader of the Liberal party, accepted the medallion in the absence of Mr. Campbell.

Msgr. Kushnir presented the medallion to Premier Roblin, who was present at the dinner. For Prof. Simpson and Prof. Kirkconnell the medallions will be forwarded together with certificates in recognition of their services to the Ukrainian cause.

Four Ukrainians, who have been members of the executive of the committee since its inception 20 years ago, attended the banquet and were honored with the medallions. They are Rev. Dr. S. W. Sawchuk, Włodzimir Kossar, Tom Kobzey, and Msgr. Kushnir, John Strynick, vice-president of the committee, presented the medallion to Msgr. Kushnir.

Msgr. Kushnir also announced that a list of other citizens who merit the medallion will be presented at the next Ukrainian congress to be held in Winnipeg in July 1962.

Honorable mention was made of those individuals who had contributed to the monument fund from \$500 down to \$100.

On behalf of the women's division of the Ukrainian Canadian committee, a bouquet of roses was presented to Mrs. Diefenbaker.

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker received a prolonged standing ovation at the conclusion of his address.

'Splendid Choir' Highlight Of Shevchenko Concert

By KEN WINTERS

A huge choir with soloists, a guest tenor from Belgium and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra collaborated in a concert Sunday afternoon at the civic auditorium. The concert was part of the weekend's extensive Taras Shevchenko Centenary celebrations, and along with the music we heard addresses in honor of Shevchenko by Hon. Erick Willis, lieutenant-governor, and J. H. Strynick, vice-president of the Ukrainian Canadian committee.

The attendance was splendid but the attention was poor. The unrest in the audience may have been due to the oppressive heat and the fact that the concert got underway more than an hour late.

Whatever the reason, the program was accompanied by the loud and steady hum of conversation from several thousand people, who, moreover, seemed constantly to be either getting up or sitting down.

This was a pity because the choir was a splendid one, well disciplined and capable of a magnificent sound; the soloists were good (basso Cecil Semchy-

shyn, who sang in Verbytsky's choral setting of Shevchenko's My Testament was particularly impressive); Myro Skala, leading tenor of Belgium's Royal Opera, is a cultivated singer, with a voice that is both robust and lyrical, and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra responded efficiently to conductors Y. Barnych and L. Turkevych.

LEAVENING NEEDED

Mind you, I think the concert would have been more attractive to the audience if the solemnity of the fare had been alleviated occasionally, perhaps by some sprightly folk songs and dances. Naturally, most of the program had to do with Shevchenko, his poetry and his principles. But surely there must be cheerful Ukrainian music compatible with these.

In any case, I'm sure that Dankewych's competent but rather heavy symphonic piece bearing the poet's name is not the music which will enshrine Shevchenko in the heart of the average Ukrainian Canadian. I'm always doubtful about deliberate mergers of nationalism and music (or history and music, or hero-worship and music) and Mr. Dankewych's symphony only increased the doubt. It was quite obvious that the audience was mainly impatient with the piece.

The overture to Taras Bulbafared better (perhaps because it was brisk and brief), and so did The Scarf, a choral piece by Revutsky to words of Shevchenko.

Among dignitaries attending was Prime Minister Diefenbaker, whose departure halfway through the program left immediately after the Lieutenant Governor's address, just before guest tenor Skala's solos) excited a round of applause.

Pilot Dies In Plane Plunge

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS, B.C. (CP) — An aircraft ripped a wing off on a power line Friday, then screamed toward a family standing helplessly in a field.

The aircraft crashed into a field 50 feet from the family, killing the pilot and injuring farmer Les McPherson, 46, his wife and eight-year-old son Leonard.

Dead is Allen Beveridge, 37, an employee of Skyway Air Services who was spraying this area, 40 miles east of Vancouver, for the Fraser Valley Mosquito Control Board.

Beveridge's Avenger, loaded with 600 gallons of insecticide and diesel oil, banked as it passed over the community, hitting a high-voltage power line. The pilot, his parachute burning on his back, was thrown 100 feet after the crash.

Mr. McPherson suffered a mangled leg when hit by flying wreckage. His wife and son suffered cuts and bruises from flying metal.

"The plane came right at us," said Mrs. McPherson.

Nick Scroptnik said as the plane banked "the wing tip hit the wires and the plane seemed to spin sideways."

Other witnesses said the crippled plane seemed to climb then nose-dive into the field where the McPhersons were working.

Put Vigor In Picketing Strikers Told

TORONTO (CP) — Construction strike leaders Sunday called for renewed picketing efforts as a settlement to metropolitan Toronto's massive building shutdown appeared to be in the wind.

Union officials who addressed a rally in a theatre would not predict when the strike would end, however.

Said Charles Irvine, International vice-president of the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Union (CLC):

"I can't tell when the drive will be over. It might be Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. You have made more progress in seven weeks than the Canadian labor movement made in 20 years."

Only one or two issues now are holding up agreements with contractors, he said.

The strike of more than 7,000 construction workers in the housing field, who claimed contractors violated wage and other agreements, began early last month. Symptomatic walkouts spread to commercial construction including the city's new subway and Malton International Airport, but these were called off last week.

Another meeting is scheduled tonight. Mr. Irvine said he will report on his recent meeting in Florida with James Hoffa, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (Ind.).

Riders' Seek Protection From Police

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A suit to prevent police from arresting "Freedom Riders" and other Negroes seeking to use public facilities in Mississippi headed for a federal court test at Jackson Monday as the number of riders arrested soared to 227.

A three-judge federal court planned to hear the injunction request filed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The suit attacked what it called unconstitutional state laws requiring segregated railroad cars, buses, rest rooms and waiting rooms and the posting of segregation signs at terminals.

Police in Jackson contended the presence of the Riders, after announcing their intentions to violate a law, was a breach of the peace, and was compounded by refusal to move on as ordered by officers.

Nine Riders from New Orleans and eight from Montgomery, Ala., were arrested Sunday when they tried unsuccessfully to desegregate terminal waiting rooms.

The detention of the 17 brought to 216 the number of Riders arrested since May 24. About a third are out on bond. A total of 82 are held at the state prison at Parchman, 120 miles from Jackson, and 52 are in Jackson jails.

Rail Disaster In Thailand

BANGKOK (AP) — Twenty-four persons were killed and more than 60 seriously injured Saturday night when Thailand's crack northern express was derailed 350 miles north of Bangkok, delayed police reports said.

Several American technicians attached to a mining project in northern Thailand and two Malayan railway officials were reported to be among the dead but their names were not immediately available.

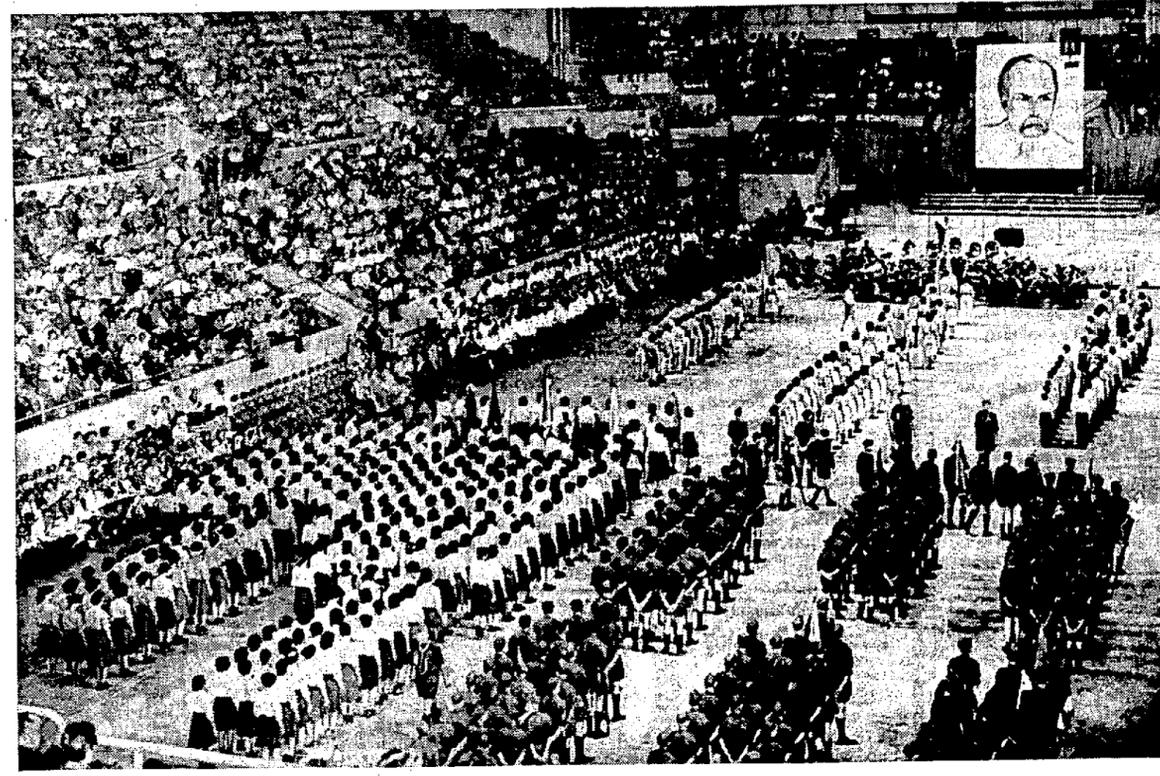
The train, carrying more than 200 passengers, left the tracks as it sped down a mountain incline into a curve. Police said the two diesel units and the first six coaches of the eight-coach express plunged from the 15-foot high embankment. Thick jungle lines the track at this point.

SEEK ILLEGAL ARMS

DURBAN (AP) — More than 700 South African police swept across the Cape Peninsula from Durban to Cape Town during the night seizing hundreds of persons and illegal firearms. Similar raids were carried out recently in Johannesburg and Pretoria.



This children's choir sang selections Saturday at the youth festival in the Winnipeg Arena honoring Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko.



Members of various Ukrainian youth organizations paid tribute to poet Taras Shevchenko Saturday at a youth festival at the Winnipeg Arena.