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The Crash and Rise of an Empire

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Celebrating the Funeral

The mood that prevailed at the time of Chernenko's long-awaited death was one of undisguised apprehension. The gironocrats who ruled the roost could very well elect one of their number—most likely Moscow Party boss Grishin—to lord it over the nauseated populace for a few more years. The political joke most often heard about that time was usually told in the funeral tones of a TV announcer slowly churning out the standard formula for the news of the death of yet another decrepit Party boss: Today, after a long, grave illness, Comrade So-and-So, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet Union, Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union—long pause for effect—was unanimously elected General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

An alternative that scared the people only slightly less was the sinister figure of Gorbachev's most likely rival, Gregory Romanov, former first secretary of Leningrad brought to Moscow by the new top man. There had been an element of relief that a new general secretary, it was mostly near escape from a much worse fate that the most likely rival, Gregory Romanov, former first secretary of Leningrad and a Central Committee member and a Central Committee deputy: "Today, after a long, grave illness, Comrade So-and-So, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet Union, Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union—long pause for effect—was unanimously elected General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Melody Trokhanovsky (1865-1847)

Melody Trokhanovsky is remembered among Lemko Rusyns as the first person to organize and institutionalize, the until then, unstructured Rusynophile sentiments among Lemkos. The tragic fate of this first purely Rusynophile activist, in fact, parallels the fate of the Russian movement in Poland after World War II.

Melody Trokhanovsky was born on May 5, 1865 in the Lemko Village of Binczarowa (Rus: Bičzarowia) in December 5, 1818. Melody Trokhanovsky already achieved prominence in the person of Melody's grandfather, Sesan Trokhanovsky. Sesan, also a teacher, was elected in 1861, the first ever deputy of Lemko background to the Galician Diet in Lviv.

Right after receiving his pedagogical education in the Teacher's Seminary in Kronso, Melody Trokhanovsky worked in Navojowa as a private tutor for the children of Count Stadnicki. He soon helped to establish there a store, diary, the Ruska Syla (Russian Power) credit union, the Ruska Druzhyna (Russian Team) youth organization, as well as a non-professional theater company.

World War I stopped these activities and brought personal sufferings to those who led them. The Rev. Durko died in the notorious Talerhof camp near Graz, Austria. Both Trokhanovsky and Vyslotsky at the very beginning of the war were arrested and sentenced to death during the Second Vienna Trial in 1916. Fortunately, the new Emperor halted the execution and, after being imprisoned in Talerhof, they returned safely home in 1917.

The new post-war order presented Lemkos with many challenges. The fall of the Austro-Hungarian Empire gave Lemkos an opportunity to organize and institutionalize, the until then, unstructured Rusynophile sentiments among Lemkos. The tragic fate of this first purely Rusynophile activist, in fact, parallels the fate of the Russian movement in Poland after World War II.

On October 15, 1932, a very important meeting of Lemko leaders took place in Godzic. Lemko activists declared that they should work to preserve and develop their distinct Lemko culture and language. Trokhanovsky argued during this meeting that the main force for the Ukrainianization of Lemkos was the pro-Ukrainophile school teachers and curriculum. For this reason he advocated the writing and introduction into Lemko Region schools of a Lemko vernacular primer and reader. Shortly thereafter, on December 8, 1933, the first ever Rusyn Lemko organization, Lemko Sojus (Lemko Association), established the idea and took Trokhanovsky became one of its most influential leaders. He would later author Lemkivskij Bukvar (Lemko Primer) and Parasha Koychocha (First Reader), which would subsequently be introduced in schools of the Lemko Region. In order to provide the Lemko Region schools with professional teachers, Trokhanovsky organized courses of the codified Lemko language at the Teacher's Seminary in Story Sacz. He also became editor-in-chief of the Lemko vernacular newspaper Lemko (1834-1839).

Krynica based Lemko Association soon expanded its horizons, getting in touch with the Lemko Association of USA and Canada. It also started successfully lobbying in Warsaw for financial support for Lemko interests. One of the major achievements of the group, which organized the

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Nowy Sacz, Trokhanovsky organized a committee to conduct the funeral of Lemko leaders in Krynica. Although this goal was never achieved, the effort, nevertheless, united and galvanized the Lemko population in the Lemko Region. This was proven just a few months later when a Ukrainian priest was appointed to take over the Greek Catholic parish in Krynica. The Lemko population of Lemkos did not want a Ukrainian priest and so they sent a delegation headed by Trokhanovsky to the Greek Catholic hierarchy to protest this decision. The trip accomplished only by success. After only a few months, the same Ukrainian priest was allowed along with others and attempted to seize the parish. Lemkos gathered together in front of their church and expelled the Ukrainian priest.

It was not surprising that Trokhanovsky and others felt the need to organize Dayes of Rusyn Culture in 1930 nowhere else but in Krynica. Two thousand Lemkos participated in a procession, which concluded with the raising and blessing the "Talerhof Cross." Keynote speaker of the day was a Lemko priest who had been elected General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Because of the loss during the war of Lemko boarding schools in Sanok, Gorlice and...
Obituary

Tillie Dziamba

Tillie Dziamba, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio on May 15, 1996. She was the late husband, was a long time activist member of our Lemko Assoc. Cleveland Branches 6 & 1. Our older members have fond memories of Tillie in many years of active participation in Lemko activities.

Funeral services were held at St. Theodosius Cathedral on May 16 with interment in St. Theodosius Cemetery.

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July 21 Annual Picnic, 1:00 PM $15.

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Minutes of the First District Meeting 4/28/96

The First District of the Lemko Assoc. held their meeting at Lemko Hall in Yonkers on April 28 beginning at 2:00 PM. The meeting was opened by President Ted Rudwasky who greeted all delegates and guests.

A minute of silence was held for members who had passed on during the previous year.

The order of business was read and accepted by the delegates. The roll call showed delegates attending from the Yonkers, J. Adamiak, Lienid-Elizabeth, Connecticut, Uptown New York and Pausaic Lotes, total of 12 delegates.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Nov. 5, 1994 were read by recording secretary, Anna Katz. A motion made by M. Barker, seconded by Dorrie Dostanik, to accept was voted and approved. The executive board gave their reports and treasurers, Victoria Windish reported on present assets which the auditors checked and found in good order. Dues sent to the District and Assoc. were poorly collected as follows: 1993-1994, 1975-1999, 1999-2000. We must encourage our members to pay their dues promptly at the beginning of the year.

Mr. A. Hrenchak reported that the newspaper is slowly increasing its circulation, despite the demise of some older readers, with an increase of about 40 new subscribers. Many of the younger readers are interested in their family tree and relatives who have been relocated in other countries. Some new readers from Texas and Pennsylvania were travelling to Poland and Ukraine this summer to visit their ancestral villages. The audio tape, that we have advertised about our Lemko ancestry, has sold quite a number of copies to interested young readers.

The Lemko Relief Committee reported that very little correspondence has been received from Poland and Ukraine seeking assistance.

With regard to Lemko Resort, reports are printed periodically in the newspaper concerning the status of the Resort and progress achieved in settling its financial problems. A plan of subdividing and selling a major portion of the 106 acre property has been submitted to the bankruptcy court as a means of resolving payment to creditors. A hearing will be held at the end of June. The town of Blooming Grove is also interested in buying a few acres for a municipal well system. A new manager may be retained for the Resort in the near future.

The Press Fund was discussed and the first District voted to donate $250. Additional donations totalling $410 were contributed by the delegates in memory of long-time Lemko activist, Olga Yedinak of Yonkers.

Concerning the election of new officers, Ted Rudwasky reported that the officers had done an excellent job in the past and were willing to continue, with the following officers elected: Dorrie Dostanik, Pres. Ted Rudwasky, V. Pres. Anna Katz, Record'g Sec'y Victoria Windish, Treasurer Mary Barker, Auditor Larry Burachnik-Garanin

A motion was made to close the meeting at 4:00 PM. It was seconded by a fine luncheon hosted by the Yonkers Lodge. We all thanked them for a lovely meal.

Anna Katz, Recording Sec'y

The Cooking Corner

SS. Peter and Paul Day marked the height of summer in the Carpathian region. A special feature of this day was the honoring of the shepherds and cattle herders. This festival was not suitable for large scale farming, so the keeping of animals was the primary source of making a living. The people were grateful for those who were hired to care for their animals during the warm months and who moved them to keep them from the free forage. To show their appreciation, they gave thanks by giving these shepherds and cattle herders clothing, tools and foods to make their life a little easier the rest of the season. These men were itinerant and lived under very primitive conditions looked forward to this Holy Day.

One of the foods which were given them were baniky, perevertanyky, or mandryky. These were yeast rolls with various toppings—the favorite being cheese, which was plentiful at this time of year.

These mandryky were baked even if the area had no shepherds, for in the Carpathians it was a traditional dish for SS. Peter and Paul Day. According to legend, SS. Peter and Paul were sustained in their many mission travels by these rolls. The name "mandryky" comes from the word "mandryvé", to wander.

Rolls For Wanderers

1. pig. yeast
2. tbs. warm water
3. tbs. sugar
4. cups (or more) flour
5. eggs
6. cup. warm milk

Add sugar to water, mix. Add yeast. When bubbly, add eggs and milk. Mix. Add flour and knead about 5 min. until no longer sticky. Form in a smooth ball. Place into greased bowl, cover and let rise until double, about 30 minutes.

Roll out to 1/2 inch thickness on a floured board. Cut into 4 inch circles. Turn up or double edges to make a rim. Spoon topping on circle. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet. Let rise until double. Bake in 350 degree oven about 30 minutes until golden. The mandryky might have to be covered with foil the last few minutes if the filling is browning too fast.

Cheese Topping

2 cups dry farmers cheese
1 egg
1 tsp. tbs. chopped dill
1 medium onion (optional)

Mash cheese. Add beaten egg, salt and dill. If desired, add the chopped onion which has been lightly sauteed in 1 tablespoon of oil.

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First District, Lemko Assoc. 

$250.

Eva Durkot, in memory of my dear friend, (krynya). Olga Yedinak

100.

Helen Lesko, in memory of my dear friend, Olga Yedinak

50.

Lemko Assoc. BR 6 & 1, Cleveland, in memory of our loyal member, Billy Ostumba

35.

M/M Paul Mazik, Olga Yedinak

30.

Helen Latash, in memory of my dear friend, Olga Yedinak

10.

Total $475.

C.R.A. Center, Lemko Hall, Yonkers

Schedule of Events, 1996

Annual Membership Mtg. Sun. June 30 '96; 2:30 PM

Annual Picnic Sun. July 14, '96; 2:00 PM

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