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Holodomor commemorated on Parliament Hill

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Speaker focuses on the politics of Holodomor commemoration

Edmonton's ceremony disrupted by Stalinist hatermonger

By Marco Leventyky

The guest speaker at Edmonton's Holodomor commemoration held at City Hall, November 26, focused on the politics of Holodomor commemorations as opposed to social reality as it happened 81 years ago.

And to prove just how Holodomor denied its meaning politicians in a new Federal world under the year's economy was disrupted by war, who came in off the stage holding up a picture of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin, who portrayed the genocide of millions of Ukrainians in the 1930's, shouting "kill" and "starve" as the people gathered for the solemn occasion.

He was escorted out of the building by City Hall security personnel.

In his keynote address, the Volodymyr Klyachko, Director of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta noted that during the 1980's many Western politicians knew about the Holodomor, "we pretended that they didn't do anything and ideological reasons."



Dr. Volodymyr Klyachko.

An excerpt from Ukraine Today revealing the real-life World War II Stalinist intellectual "communist sympathizer" of Ukrainian origin who commended them being brutal and driven by pure communist and ideological sentiments.

"The 50th anniversary of the Holodomor looks like a joke. The new Ukrainian community in US and Canada joined their efforts with the newly established academic institutions of Ukrainian studies at Harvard and University of Alberta and got a political support," he added.

Among some of the events which added to the anniversary were:

- The opening of the world's first public Holodomor memorial in Edmonton in 1983.

- The initiation of the Harvard Project in 1988, when two professional historians, Dr. James Hays and Dr. Robert Conquest, were invited to carry on research into the famine. The project resulted with the first academic monograph on the topic written by Robert Conquest, "The Harvest of Sorrow: Soviet Collectivization and the Ukraine Famine," published in 1986.

- The first major scholarly conference on the Ukrainian famine organized by Canadian scholars, Roman Serbyn and Nikolai Kravchenko, in Montreal in 1991.

"As a result, the Holodomor has become widely known in the West and has been shown to be 'not of the same sinister dimension of people in human history.' The Holodomor has gained recognition as a legitimate subject of research."

Several facts have been established: that the famine was man-made; it shows proof of the totalitarian policy of the Stalin's regime; that it had severe social, econ-

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Mary and Jesus by Dominika Koziak

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Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!

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Overall view of the Christmas Service



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were died as a result of it, and that the famine affected Ukraine and Ukrainian-inhabited regions more severely than other areas of the USSR.

"However, recognizing our shared global citizenship, the Holodomor became a subject of all-farmer organizations and associations," noted Dr. Kabanov.

Among these are questions as to whether it was a genocide or famine, famine terrorism, the number of victims and whether it had a nationalistic or social dimension.

"Holodomor is a powerful international tool which can be effectively used for the national reconciliation. However, speaking of the national tragedy, we should speak of the national responsibility."

"All Ukrainians really are only responsible for its own part, including the recent one," he says, adding to Ukraine's reputation from the burden of a "shared past" legacy of denial, covering, negation and a vilified public perception

from the past to the future, from the culture of survival to the culture of development."

"I believe that Canadian Ukrainian message to Ukraine about the Holodomor should be based on three Canadian, not Euro-American, experiences. It includes as that national reconciliation is possible only on the principles of tolerance, open dialog, and mutual recognition. The dimension identity should be flexible enough to withstand new challenges, and should also social needs and realities. The role of law is much more important than the power of the past."

"That is why it is really important to preserve a national, pluralistic awareness about the Holodomor. Ukraine is an especially complex phenomenon. Our words are not just knowledge to understand it, to explain it, and to integrate it into global history. In other case it could be easily dismissed like it happened before the war."

"I wish that all those, who were we afraid of killing the truth, all those who were not afraid of challenging a transgression, all of them also should be recognized and remembered," he concluded.

Olena Hryshchuk, President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Education Branch, which organized the event, stated that "despite the debilitating effects by communist authorities, and attempts by other communists, failed to discredit and erase from human memory the heroic experiences of the Holodomor, the world today knows the facts about this crime."

Artistic decisions, scholarly research and testimonies by survivors have contributed to recognition of the Holodomor as a genocide of the Ukrainian nation. The Alberta Legislature has passed a law to annually commemorate the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) and the subject to now being taught in Alberta schools.

"We must continue to keep the holocaust in the headlines by educating our community and our children to prevent history from repeating itself. Let us continue to remember and honor the victims!"

"May the memory of the victims of the Holodomor – 1932-33 Famine Genocide remain eternal."

"Let us also remember the victims of today's Russian aggression against Ukraine, for those who have sacrificed for the right to live in freedom with dignity as Ukrainians and as which calls for privacy and fundamental human right are respected," she said.

Speaking on behalf of the Government of Canada, Education Centre MP Evelyne Houshoush said she focused on the theme of education.

"Learning is the most powerful experience at the commemoration, for none. The reason we need you here today is so that you can keep telling the story of the Holodomor, and you and as others and other have your part, so we have and then beyond that. That is why you need to be here today."

"We must never forget, we must never allow such things to happen again," he added.

Speaking on behalf of the Government of Alberta, Deputy Premier and Health Minister Leah Halloran stated:

"We remember the victims of men, women and children robbed of their lives by the government-imposed Ukrainian famine of 1932 and 1933."

"We remember people and communities robbed of dignity and liberty."

"We remember survivors robbed of peaceful existence."

"And a nation robbed, for many decades, of its very history."

Education Minister Don Ivison stated "We stand with the Ukrainian-Canadian community today in remembering."

"City Hall is proudly home to the world's first public monument to the victims of the Holodomor genocide, which was dedicated in 1981. Canada was also the first country to recognize Holodomor as an act of genocide in 2008."

"We must be vigilant in a community and learn from the lessons of Holodomor by helping those in need and resolving our against ourselves."

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The Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Chapter exhibits its warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Ukrainian community!

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Canada's highest honours of the world's best memorial to victims of the Holocaust among the participants are Ukrainian activists Natalia Dolanich (in the red coat) and Lina Kuzmenko (in the left).

Holodomor commemoration

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memorial and service in all cities.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine today, and with Ukraine's Ukrainian community — we stand in solidarity with you as we mark this dark day."

Other politicians present were: from the Federal Government, Linda Hanson, MP Edmonton-Sherwood, and Michael MP Edmonton-Manning; from Edmonton, MAJ — Ed Stankovitch, Mayor Lorne Daley — MLA St. Edmonton-McClung, Heather Stoeck — MLA for Edmonton-Manning, Wade Hocking — MLA for Edmonton-Castle District, and Edmonton City Councillor Dave Latta.

Representing the Edmonton Public School Board were Ivan Chen — Superintendent and Marie Kadlec — Assistant Superintendent Education Planning.

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress — Alberta Provincial Council was represented by Vice President Ivan Lypynyk.

Master of Ceremonies Lilia Stankovitch-Schick identified the Holocaust survivors who were in the audience: Natalia Tymoshuk, Natalia Byk, Anna Kozlovich and Lina Kuzmenko, who read out a poem about the Holocaust in their capacity as the event.

Other Holocaust survivors who live in Edmonton, but were unable to attend the commemoration are: Hilda Gendelovska, Vera Davison, Wey Ananday, Ludmila Litvak, Hans Marek, Boris Hlavinka, Mariya Koshchynsk, Maria Koshchynsk, Myroslava Koshchynsk, Lina Marichuk, Ben Fack, Volodymyr and Hilda Arndt-Dymovskiy.

The commemoration began with a Mass and Service conducted by Bishop Dennis Opatowich, Bishop of Western Canada and David Marek, Ukrainian Catholic Archbishop of Edmonton along with a choir singing along from both churches.

Religious music sung by St. Mary's Church was Christ of Tomorrow.

They gathered on the streets and were joined by city leaders and representatives from the various Ukrainian Canadian organizations and groups from Walter D'Amico, Mayor of the Ukrainian Youth Association (UYA), the Ukrainian Youth Association (UYA) and the Ukrainian Embassy, Youth of Tomorrow (YOM).

Individual fundraising contributions were made at the request of the organizers in honour of the Holocaust.

May 2019 Christmas Season be filled with joy and the New Year bring you good health and happiness.

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