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# ETHNIC UPDATE

OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

February 1992

This issue of Ethnic Update highlights U.S. assistance to the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and to the Baltic States. Should you have any questions about this newsletter, please call either Sichan A. Siv, Deputy Assistant to the President for Public Liaison or Jim Schaefer, Assistant Director in the Office of Public Liaison at 202-456-7120.

## Recent Initiatives

### Commonwealth of Independent States

U.S. Assistance to Former Soviet Union totals over \$5 billion since December 1990.

Conference Announcement: The President is requesting \$645 million in additional FY-92 and FY-93 funding as follows:

- a new, special humanitarian/technical assistance account totalling \$500 million to provide resources to help meet emerging humanitarian and special assistance needs as they arise;
- appropriation of \$85 million in Economic Support Funds (ESF) for technical assistance;
- \$25 million for medical assistance;
- \$20 million for the P.L. - 480 "Farmer-to-Farmer" programs to provide training for private farming and agribusiness;
- and \$15 million in Development Assistance.

CCC Food Credit Guarantees: Since December 1990, the United States has extended \$3.75 billion in CCC food credit guarantees for the purchase of American Agricultural products by the former Soviet Union. The U.S. has already delivered over 20 million tons of food, valued at over \$3 billion.

Food Grants: The United States has announced the availability of up to \$165 million in USDA grant food aid to the former Soviet Union. In addition, we are making available \$45 million in Defense Department surplus food stocks on a donated basis. This brings total food aid package to \$210 million.

U.S. Medical Assistance: The U.S. has delivered over \$25 million worth of medical supplies to the former Soviet Union and the Baltics since February 1991. We have also delivered an additional \$23 million of surplus Department of Defense medical supplies.

**Nuclear Disarmament:** The Department of Defense will reallocate \$400 million of its FY-92 appropriation to assist the former Soviet Union in eliminating nuclear and chemical weapons.

**Humanitarian Transport:** The Defense Department will also reallocate \$100 million of its FY-92 appropriation to fund the transportation of humanitarian assistance.

### The Baltic States

Vice President Quayle travelled to the Baltic states on February 6, 1992, and was the highest-ranking American ever to visit the three newly independent countries. His trip served to underscore the continuing U.S. support for these countries as they build democratic and humane societies for their peoples.

Highlights of the Vice President's trip include:

- The Vice President addressed the people of Lithuania from the Vilnius Library at Independence Square in Vilnius. 10,000 spectators were in attendance. (See attached transcript of speech)
- The delivery of 50,000 pounds of Department of Defense food and medical supplies in each of the Baltic states;
- The delivery of several million dollars of emergency medical supplies provided by Project Hope for each of the states;
- The signing of a Peace Corps agreement with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia;
- The subsequent arrival of the first grain shipment this year valued at \$36 million for the three states;
- the signing of two Trade Development Program (TDP) Grants with the Prime Minister of Lithuania. The first is a \$270,000 grant for a feasibility study of the modernization of the Elektrenai power plant. The second is a Master Grant Agreement that will facilitate future grants for technical assistance or feasibility studies. This reduces the time required from project proposal to the actual availability of funds for TDP activities in the Baltic states;
- and the announcement of \$18 million in new technical assistance for the three Baltic states. This is in addition to the \$14 million announced by Secretary Baker last fall.

### **Upcoming Events**

In March, 1992, the Office of Public Liaison will be holding four briefings for Eastern European-Americans.

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|-----------------|--|--|
| March 9, 1992:  | Eastern <sup>and Central</sup> European American Ethnic Organization Leaders | <i>points of contact for returning</i> |
| March 11, 1992: | Eastern European American Business/Economic Leaders                          |  |
| March 18, 1992: | Eastern European American Media  |  |
| March 25, 1992: | Eastern European American Youth  | <i>Students</i>                        |

*Move to 27<sup>th</sup> Friday.*  
In April, the Office of Public Liaison, in conjunction with the Citizen's Democracy Corps (CDC) will hold a conference focusing on technical and humanitarian assistance to the Baltic States. The exact date for this briefing will be available in our next

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Dear Reader:

Here are just a few of the unsolicited responses to the first issue of *American Orthodoxy*:

"Congratulations! This is a much needed publication."  
--Prof. **Peter Berger**, Boston University

"I anticipate that your quarterly will evolve into a significant Christian voice in our country and Canada and beyond."

--Prof. **George Huntston Williams**, Harvard Divinity School (emeritus)

"I have read the first issue with appreciation. It should meet a real need."

--Rev. Dr. **Richard John Neuhaus**, Institute on Religion and Public Life

"Please accept my congratulations for this achievement."

--Rev. Dr. **George C. Papademetriou**, Hellenic College

"Best wishes for your wonderful effort to discuss serious issues from an Orthodox perspective."

--Mr. **Philip Tamoush**, Oakwood Publications

"What a refreshing change from the usual fare! I can only wish you continued courage and endurance to present your material with such clarity, uncompromisingly, yet avoiding the temptations towards the polemical rhetoric of the religious press."

--Fr. **Alexis Vinogradov**, Wappingers Falls, NY

"I'm particularly impressed by attractive layout, . . . which, unfortunately, is so absent from many Orthodox periodicals."

--Fr. **Dennis Buck**, Hagerstown MD

"God bless you and congratulations! Your first issue was provocative and informative. I look forward to the next."

--Fr. **John Mancantelli**, Hermitage, PA

"Good luck in your new venture. I pray that *American Orthodoxy* will be well received."

--Fr. **Daniel Hubiak**, Moscow, Russia

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Published at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a widely respected non-partisan, ecumenical "think tank" in Washington, D.C., *American Orthodoxy* is uniquely situated to articulate informed, responsible, independent Orthodox Christian views on domestic and foreign policy issues, and particularly the proper role of religion in American society. This quarterly newsletter will include critical assessments of the Orthodox presence in America by some of the most thoughtful Orthodox writers--clergy and laity alike--from the various churches.

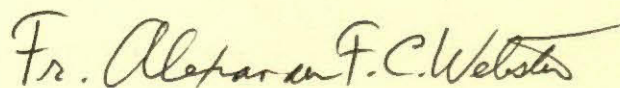
Since the first issue of *American Orthodoxy* last October, two more prominent Orthodox Americans have agreed to serve as contributing editors: Professor **Charles C. Moskos** of Northwestern University and **Fr. Anthony Ugolnik** of Franklin and Marshall College. Also, five more Orthodox bishops have provided their blessing for this venture: **Archbishop PETER** of the OCA diocese of New York and New Jersey, **Bishop JOB** of the OCA diocese of New England, **Bishop HERMAN** of the OCA diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, **Bishop KYRILL** of the OCA diocese of Western Pennsylvania, and **Bishop NICHOLAS** of the Carpatho-Russian diocese of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Of course, the views expressed in *American Orthodoxy* are those of the authors alone.

If you can appreciate the necessity of an independent forum for Orthodox moral and social opinion, then I believe you, too, will find *American Orthodoxy* both engaging and rewarding.

I have enclosed the second issue with our compliments. I ask only that you read it with an open mind and pass it on to others who you think may benefit from it. If you're convinced that this unique publication is worth the effort--if you agree that the work of the Orthodox Studies Project at the Ethics and Public Policy Center is needed--please return the coupon on the last page of the newsletter. The newsletter and the program of which it is a part are a separately funded project at the Center and can continue only if they receive direct support. (All contributions are, of course, tax deductible.)

I hope you'll agree that this new publication merits a special place among the periodicals you read.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Alexander F. C. Webster  
Research Fellow and Director of  
the Orthodox Studies Project

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March 2, 1992

SENT VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. Peter Chelovich  
117 Marblehead Drive  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013

Dear Peter:

Momcilo Tasich asked that I fax you a copy of my resume in connection with plans for the meetings in Washington with the White House, and otherwise.

An item not on my resume is that last week, I received notice that I have been appointed Honorary Consul of France for Milwaukee by the French government. I am not sure whether this new "credential" is helpful in terms of representation of Serbian-American interests, but it might be and surely at least it is not negative!

Best regards,

David A. Erne

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DAE: SAM

Enc.

cc ✓ Ms. Alex Brkic (w/enc.)

BPS: Alex, I believe the meetings referred to by Tasich are the same ones about which you called this morning.

Dave

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Shareholder, Member of the Board of Directors and  
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Van Deuren, Norris & Rieselbach, s.c. (one of the three  
or four largest Wisconsin law firms, with 110 attorneys)

### Areas of Speciality

Corporation, Banking, International and Bankruptcy Law

### Education

A.B. with Distinction, Indiana University, 1965

J.D., Harvard Law School, 1968

### Professional Organizations and Honors

President, Milwaukee Bar Association (1989-1990)

Past Chairman, Business Law Section, Milwaukee Bar  
Association

International Bar Association

American Bar Association, Business Law and International Law  
Sections

Wisconsin Bar Association, Business Law and International  
Law Sections

A-V Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory

Listed in Best Lawyers in America

American Land Title Association

Frequent Speaker to bar associations and business organizations on topics relating to corporation, banking and bankruptcy law

#### Representative Clients

Firststar Corporation (the largest Wisconsin-based bank holding company)

Banc One Wisconsin Corporation (another of the three largest Wisconsin bank holding companies)

Harley Davidson Motor Company (motorcycle manufacturer)

A.O. Smith Corporation (publicly-held manufacturer of auto frames, electric motors and water heaters)

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company

#### Recent International Conventions

Annual Meeting of the International Bar Association, Warsaw, Poland (1990)

American Law Institute-American Bar Association International Trade Seminar, Washington, D.C. (1989)

#### Community Organizations

Past President, Harvard Club of Wisconsin

Alliance Francaise

Past Officer and Member of the Board of Directors of the following organizations:

American Heart Association of Wisconsin

American Cancer Society (Washington County Chapter)

Milwaukee Urban League

American Audubon Society, Wisconsin Chapter

Nature Conservancy, Wisconsin Chapter

Children's Service Society of Wisconsin



## **Social Clubs**

Milwaukee Country Club

Milwaukee Club (Member, Membership Committee)

Women's Club of Wisconsin (spouse)

University Club of Milwaukee (until 1990)

## **Language Proficiency**

Working knowledge of Russian and Serbo-Croatian

Currently enrolled in French language courses through Berlitz Language Centers

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Ronald Baldwin, President and Chief Operating Officer, Banc One Wisconsin Corporation

Vaughan Beals, Chairman of the Board, Harley Davidson Motor Company

## **Personal**

Born: May 6, 1943, Princeton, Indiana, USA (age 48)

Married to Ann Jaksic Erne; Born: Belgrade, Yugoslavia, 1942; naturalized U.S. citizen, 1958; currently owns her own interior decorating business; prior employment includes translation services for the Russian Research Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

One child, a daughter, Kathryn, age 20, who is a student at the University of Wisconsin

Please join us for a **surprise** birthday party for  
Sichan Siv. The celebration will be held at the Army -  
Navy Club at 6:00 pm on Friday, March 6th, 1992. In  
order to make the surprise that much more exciting, we ask  
you, if it is possible, to bring up to five friends each.  
Please arrive promptly, as it **is** a surprise!!

For more details and to R.S.V.P., please call Jim  
Schaefer at (202) 456-7120. Below is the address at the  
Army - Navy Club. We look forward to seeing you.

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901 17th Street, N.W.  
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(202) 628-8400

Mrs. B- This is the same list I faxed you previously but with Puskar's & Chelovich's other #s.

To: Ms. Helene Tanous, White House Office of Public Liaison *alex.*

From: Alexandra Brkic, telephone 410-337-7222; fax 410-337-~~2100~~0021

These are the names submitted to you by SerbNet, Inc. for the March 11, 1992, March 18, 1992, and March 27, 1992 American Ethnic meetings:

March 11, 1992--Business and Economic Leaders:

Mr. Petar Samardzija, President, Grempe Steel, HP (708) 333-7350, WP (312) 721-8034;

Mr. Milan Panic, President and Chairman, ICN Pharmaceuticals, 800-548-5100, ext. 3000;

✓ Mr. Milan Puskar, President, Mylan Chemical Corps., WP (304) 599-2595; *HP-304-594-2189*

✓ Mr. Peter Chelovich, President, Great Lakes Export, WP (313) 822-6162. *HP 313-642-4438 evenings (Sat)*

March 18, 1992--Media Personnel:

✗ Mr. George Djelic, Serbian Radio Hour, (216) 842-6161; *Fax 216-842-6163*

Mrs. Mary Niklanovich Hart, Serb World USA, (602) 624-4887;

Mr. George Bogdanich, Serbian American Media Center, (312) 751-1030;

Mr. Ivan Obrknez, Serbian Radio Hour, HP (412) ~~257-2399~~ *669-1127*, WP (412) 237-9402.

Youth Leaders

✗ Natasha Pantich (619) 592-0586

Jelena Raskovic (708) 596-4985

Andrew Rasevic (202) 966-0755

I neglected to give you the telephone numbers for the previous list (Serb leaders for the March 9 meeting) which I faxed you last Thursday. Here are the numbers:

Rajko Tomovich, HP (312) 338-3059; WP (312) 775-7772;

Mitch Trivanovich, (412) 375-4030;

Milos Milenkovich, HP (216) 526-8441; WP (216) 842-2770;

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