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During PM Lazarenko's visit, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, umbrella organization for the Ukrainian community in Canada which purchased the Ambassador's residence with donations from Canadians, officially transferred this deed to Ukraine. A ceremonial presentation was made to the PM in Winnipeg by Canada-Ukraine Committee Chair for UCC, Myroslava Pidhyrniy.

Conference on Land Inventory and Cadastre



Lviv, June 9-14, 1997... As the result of scientific cooperation between Canada and Ukraine, an International Photogrammetric Conference was organized at the State Technical University in Lviv (Lvivska Politechnika) with the purpose of establishing a cadastre (land properties) and general land information system using modern photogrammetric (aerial surveying) tech-

niques. The conference was attended by more than 100 experts from 10 countries. It was co-sponsored by the Ukrainian Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, the Main Administration of Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre (whose president Dr. A. Bondar is well-known internationally and in Canada), the Regional Administration of Land Resources in Lviv and the Lvivska Politechnika.

Conference organizer was prominent scientist Prof. A.Dorozhynsky from Lvivska Politechnika, who stressed in his opening address, that this area was one of the fundamental problems of economic, cultural and technical importance besetting all countries. The lack of an efficient land inventory system to cope with various needs causes unreparable losses going into many billions of dollars, in a single country.

An early pioneer of this approach, discussed at the conference is Dr. T. J. Blachut, past Head of Photogrammetric Research with the National Research Council in Ottawa, who cooperates closely with Lvivska Politechnika. Another distinguished Canadian expert in the field, Z. Kalensky from the Canadian Centre for Remote Sensing, presented a specialized paper and moderated a freewheeling panel discussion in which both experts and the audience participated.

The Ukrainian scientific community hopes to create at the Lvivska Polytechnika a highly specialized, world-class research and development centre which would promote the most advanced and efficient procedures and techniques, to satisfy the multitude of most urgent needs in the field.

"Class Afloat" Program Visits Odesa

April 11-14, 1997... Canada's "Class Afloat" program visited Ukraine for the first time during its more than 10 years history. The Hospitable Port of Odesa accepted 35 program participants - students from Canada, U.S., and Spain. Meetings with students from schools in Odesa, visits to the ship, joint press-conferences and tours around Odesa were interesting and informative. The Mayor of Odesa and the city administration displayed keen interest in this visit and provided considerable support. Ukrainians expressed the hope that Odesa may become a permanent stop on the sailing program schedule of "Class Afloat."

Class Afloat (West Island College) is a Canadian nonprofit educational program for senior high school students, dedicated to educating a community of young people, preparing minds, values, and ethics for responsible global citizenship in the 21st century. The concept of "Taking the classroom to the world" is intended to encourage self-sufficiency, cooperation, and a clear awareness of other cultures. While serving as crew aboard the school's Tall Ship "Concordia", students pursue a rigorous academic curriculum in which learning is brought to life through involvement, first hand observation and investigation.



Big Mac Attacks Ukraine

May 24, 1997... Coinciding with "Kyiv Day" celebrations, two McDonalds restaurants were opened in Kyiv, and by the end of June another one. Ukraine thus became the 102nd country in the world blessed with McDonalds restaurants. In the fall three more will be opened, one in Kharkiv. McDonalds intends to open 58 restaurants in Ukraine altogether, and beginning in 1998, a network of drivethrough restaurants. McDonalds will fully supply its restaurants with produce grown or manufactured in Ukraine.

Monitor on the INTERNET

The Canada-Ukraine Monitor is nov online, and the homepage can be viewed at:

http://home.istar.ca/~monitor

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