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*Banquet at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, hosted by Jesse Flis, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch. In addition to the presidential address by His Excellency Leonid Kuchma, the 1,100 guests in attendance heard speeches by Bob Rae, Premier of Ontario, and Dmytro Cipywnyk, President of the World Congress of Ukrainians.*



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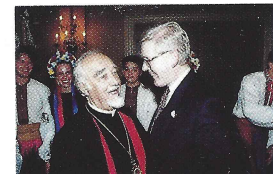
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*Most Reverend Bishop Isidor of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto (far right) and Most Reverend Bishop Yuriy of the Eastern Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (far left) delivered the Invocation and the Closing Prayer, respectively, at the banquet, a formality which impressed President Kuchma, who later commented that it attested to the spirit of cooperation and mutual tolerance which he would like to see develop in the new society of Ukraine.*



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