On Disloyalty

Throughout our nation’s history, the most prominent examples of the disloyalty charge in the United States have come in the midst of major world conflicts. In the years leading up to World War II, anti-immigrant voices in the media would paint Europe’s fight against genocidal totalitarianism as little more than a “Jewish cause,” alleging that Jews in this country sought to involve America in foreign wars against the nation’s true interest. Similarly, when Joseph Stalin began to forcibly starve Ukrainians in the genocide of 7-10 million Ukrainians - remembered today as the Holodomor - Ukrainian Americans were dismissed as liars who sought to create a conflict with the Soviet Union, right at the moment the United States began normalizing diplomatic relations with the USSR.

On the evening of October 28, Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Vindman, a U.S. Army foreign area officer wounded and decorated for his service in Iraq, released to the press his opening statement to Congress. A member of President Trump’s National Security Council since 2018, out of a “sense of duty” Lt. Col. Vindman had twice registered his concerns about this administration’s improper demands of Ukraine, a strategic ally of the United States.
Congress, guided by his conscience, as it had all of his life. This act of individual courage reminds us that truth and justice remain ideals that Americans still yearn to live by.

And yet, the character of Lt. Col. Vindman was immediately called into question by anti-immigrant voices in the media. This is unacceptable in a country made up of immigrants, and should be strongly rejected.

Chief among the media’s charges was that Lt. Col. Vindman was known to have spoken in the Ukrainian language with Ukrainian diplomats. Combined with his birth in the Ukrainian S.S.R., this immigrant, who serves the United States dutifully, is being accused of disloyalty.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representative organization of Americans of Ukrainian descent, unequivocally condemns this smear campaign against an American war hero.

Join us on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 2:00PM to solemnly mark the 86th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Holodomor Genocide of 1932-33 at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City.
September 2019 edition of The Ukrainian Quarterly has arrived. In it, you’ll read:

- the introductory article from 1944, which reveals how little has changed in seven decades regarding global views about Ukraine, Russia’s ongoing aggression against Ukraine and the Ukrainian nation’s aspirations to freedom & independence;
- about modern-day Russian piracy in United Nations;
- about the why the historic Ukrainian language law is necessary and doesn’t pose a threat to anyone;
- about the legal basis for declaring Holodomor a genocide against Ukrainian nation;
- a Ukrainian military expert’s review of the Ukrainian army’s renewed skills & national patriotic groundswell that crushed Russia’s designs for a blitzkrieg victory;

The Ukrainian Quarterly remains the only English language scholarly journal dedicated to Ukraine and International Affairs, since it first hit the stands in 1944. Commissioning its work from U.S. and international scholars, The Ukrainian Quarterly provides an outlet for the truth about Ukraine – providing timely analysis and an historical perspective – and it continues to serve as a
To celebrate The Ukrainian Quarterly’s milestone 75th birthday, new subscribers will receive a free copy of the 700-page book

**The Ukrainian Heritage in America**

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**ЩО ТАКЕ УККА?**
Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою, безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.

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