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#GenocideAwareness

In the United States and around the world, the month of April is recognized as [Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month](#). [Dr. Raphael Lemkin](#), the “father of the UN Genocide Convention,” defined genocide as follows:

“Generally speaking, genocide does not necessarily mean the immediate destruction of a nation, except when accomplished by mass killings of all members of a nation. It is intended rather to signify a coordinated plan of different actions aiming at the destruction of essential foundations of the life of national groups, with the aim of annihilating the groups themselves. The objectives of such a plan would be the disintegration of the political and social institutions, of culture, language, national feelings, religion, and the economic existence of national groups, and the destruction of the personal security, liberty, health, dignity, and even the lives of the individuals belonging to such groups.”

This year, the start of Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month coincided with the [Days of Remembrance in the United States](#). Designated by Congress in 1978, this annual eight-day period begins on the Sunday before the Israeli observance of the 27th day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar, and continues through the following Sunday. In Israel, and many other countries, the 27th day of Nisan is set aside as [Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day](#), marking the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

As we close this week of retrospection, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization of nearly 2 million

Germany during the Shoah. May their memory be eternal.



Despite the existence of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the crime of genocide continues to be perpetrated to this day. Only by educating ourselves about the horrors of the past, including revisiting documentaries and video testimonies of survivors of genocide, can we help today's students learn about genocide and what can be done to stop it from happening again.

When Dr. Lemkin was a university student, he was horrified to discover that no international laws existed to prosecute systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder. "Why was killing a million people a less serious crime than killing a single individual?," he remarked at the time. After forty-nine members of Lemkin's own family were murdered in the Holocaust, Lemkin worked tirelessly to "strike at our consciousness" and bring to global awareness the horrors of genocide.

To this end, UCCA has advocated throughout its existence for greater awareness and recognition of the Holodomor, Stalin's Famine Genocide of 7-10 million Ukrainians in 1932-1933. From successfully advocating towards Congressional funding to concretely study the matter, to proudly initiating both the U.S. Holodomor Memorial Project as well as the U.S. Committee for Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Awareness, UCCA remains a staunch promoter for the dissemination of truth about one of the worst cases of man's inhumanity towards man.

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Walter Duranty
New York Times
1933

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In advance of the 70th solemn commemoration of the Holodomor, UCCA coordinated a wide-ranging effort to counter “Holodomor deniers,” and demanded that *The New York Times* strip its former Moscow correspondent, Walter Duranty, of his Pulitzer Prize for his reporting from the USSR. In response to this advocacy, the New York Times acknowledged in 2003 that Mr. Duranty’s work was “slovenly,” and Dr. Mark von Hagen, a Columbia University history professor hired by The New York Times, characterized Mr. Duranty’s Pulitzer Prize-winning articles as “apologist in purpose and effect in terms of justifying what the Stalinist regime was up to.” The Pulitzer Prize Board, however, steadfastly refused to posthumously revoke Duranty’s name from its list of awardees at the time.

The [U.S. Committee on Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Awareness](#) has recently begun a national campaign to ask the Pulitzer Prize Board to

Joseph Stalin's murderous reign over the Soviet Union who lied about the circumstances of Stalin's genocidal policies, included the Holodomor Genocide against Ukrainians.

The mission of the revamped Duranty revocation campaign is to recruit allies and coordinate efforts to convince the Pulitzer Prize Board to reverse its defense of the 1932 Pulitzer Prize to propagandist Walter Duranty. "For more than 20 years, the Pulitzer Prize Board and The New York Times have fallen silent to the pleas of Ukrainians to correct an unconscionable wrong – awarding the prestigious prize for journalism to a man who knowingly contributed to the starvation of millions of Ukrainians," said Oksana Piaseckyj, chair of the Duranty Revocation Subcommittee.

*For more information about the campaign, please contact the subcommittee chair at Holodomor.DurantyRevoke@gmail.com, or visit the US Committee's site at the following web address:
<https://ukrainegenocide.com/duranty-revocation/>.*

by Olya Soroka

U.S. Holodomor Committee

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Committee for Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Awareness (U.S. Holodomor Committee) announced the establishment of the Holodomor Descendants Network to bring together the descendants of the Soviet famine-genocide against the Ukrainian nation in 1932-1933. Its goal is to remember and share the personal family stories of this horror during which 10 million people, including children, died of starvation in the country known as "The Breadbasket of Europe."

"The Descendants Network is a natural evolution of the work of our organization, whose mission is to promote and spread the truth about one of the least-known genocides in the world. I am pleased to announce that Olya Soroka, a member of our committee, whose mother, grandparents and aunt survived the Holodomor, will chair the newly formed network," commented Michael Sawkiw Jr., chairman of the U.S. Holodomor Committee.



The family of Olya Soroka, the chairperson of the Holodomor Descendants Network: pictured in front row are Motria and Stefan Holowchenko (grandparents); standing, from left, are Anna Holowchenko Karpluk (aunt) and Maria Holowchenko Soroka (mother). All survived the Holodomor.

The U.S. Holodomor Committee announced the formation of the Holodomor Descendants' Network (HDN) in November 2020. The Network brings together the descendants of the Soviet imposed famine - genocide against the Ukrainian nation in 1932-33 to remember and share the personal family stories of this horror during which 10 million people, including children, died from starvation in the "Breadbasket" of Europe.

*For more information and how to register, please contact the Chairperson of the HDN at Descendants.Holodomor@gmail.com, or visit the US Committee's site at the following web address:
<https://ukrainegenocide.com/descendants-network/>*

April 21, 2021



8 PM EDT

Holodomor Descendants: A unique voice

Launch of the Holodomor Descendants' Network in Canada with a moderated discussion on the importance of the initiative and the crucial role of the community

Panelists:

Clint Curle, LLB, PhD, Vice-President, Research and Exhibitions, Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Peter Kondra, MSc, MD, FRCPC, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist

Mila Panaskevich, Singer/Songwriter and Composer, Descendant

Olya Soroka, Chair, Global Holodomor Descendants' Network, Descendant

Moderator: Marta Baziuk, Executive Director, Holodomor Research and Education Consortium

To register, please visit : www.ucc.ca/news/upcoming-events

Under the auspices of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress National Holodomor Awareness Committee (NHAC)

The [Ukrainian Canadian Congress \(UCC\)](http://www.ucc.ca) calls on all descendants of Victims and Survivors of the Holodomor-Genocide of 1932-33 in Ukraine to join the Global Holodomor Descendants' Network.

On April 21 at 8 PM EDT, the Network in Canada will be officially launched in an online event. During the event, information on how descendants can join the Network will be provided.

Registration for the event is open to the public and is available [here](#)

Throughout the rest of 2021, please keep in mind the following recognitions of genocide and national tragedies:

- **May 18** - the 77th commemoration of the Sürgün, Stalin's genocidal mass deportation of the Crimean Tatars from their indigenous homeland;
- **June 24-28** - the 80th commemoration of Soviet executions of Ukrainian prisoners in Western Ukraine;
- **August 23** - Black Ribbon Day, a Day of Remembrance for Victims of Stalinism and Nazism;
- **September 11** - the 20th National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on 9/11
- **September 12** - Ukraine's Day of Remembrance of the forced resettlement of Ukrainians from their ancestral lands in Zakerzonnia
- **September 29-30** - the 80th commemoration of the "Holocaust by Bullets" at the Babyn Yar ravine on the outskirts of Kyiv;
- **November 20** - US Commemoration of the Holodomor Genocide

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