CHORAL FEDERATION INAUGURATED AT WINNIPEG MEETING

URDC's February 1989 choral conference has resulted in major strides for the Ukrainian choral community. At the conference Ukrainian Choral Music: Today and Tomorrow, delegates identified the need to organize and called for the formation of a national choral federation. A preliminary meeting to discuss the planning of such an organization was held in Toronto in April, 1989. URDC was then invited to research and prepare a draft constitution for the proposed federation. At URDC's request, a meeting was arranged in Edmonton in August, 1989, where the constitution was reviewed by a pro tem committee from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario. It was resolved that all choirs should be invited to an organizational meeting where a Pro Tem Executive for the federation could be elected. A call was issued, and choirs were invited to attend a meeting in Winnipeg on October 7, during the Ukrainian Canadian Committee's National Congress.

Thirty delegates from British Columbia to Ontario attended the Winnipeg meeting, and resolved to establish the Ukrainian Choral Federation of Canada (UCFC). A Pro Tem Executive was elected and charged with the responsibility of establishing provincial branches prior to the first national convention of the federation. The national convention will take place in Toronto, June 1 - 3, 1990. It will include a choral workshop as well as presentations about the choral newsletter Resonance (established as a result of URDC's February conference); the constitution of UCFC exchanges with Ukraine; and plans for a national choral festival to be held in Winnipeg in the fall of 1992.

UCFC Pro Tem Executive members are: Ann Kvitka Kozak and Mary Wakaluk (British Columbia); Orysia Olijnyk and Crest Soltykewych (Alberta); Larry Klopoushak and Stan Chepyha (Saskatchewan); Russell Kapty and Bill Solomon (Manitoba); Kvitka Rondracka, Valentina Kurylyw and Olha Rohatyn (Ontario); and Marika Czolij, Ivan Kozachok and Vasyl Woloszczuk (Quebec). Yaroslav Lazowchuk of Saskatchewan will serve as an advisor to the Executive. The Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre will act as convener.

URDC STAFF APPOINTMENT - NATALIE SEGIN

The Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Natalie Segin, the centre's new full-time secretary. Natalie has over 20 years of secretarial and administrative experience. She is also an active mother of two who enjoys entertaining, sewing, drawing, and collecting art. She is a member of St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish, and serves as an advisor to the youth organization CYMK (Svotz Ukrainskoi Molodi Kanady). Welcome aboard, Natalie!
URDC/ACUA PARTNERS IN 1991 PROJECT

The Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC) and the Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts (ACUA) have launched the first phase of a cooperative photography project planned in celebration of the centennial of Ukrainian pioneer settlement in Canada in 1991. Seven professional photographers representing the regions of Canada have been commissioned to explore the contemporary Ukrainian Canadian experience, and to provide a photographic record of Ukrainian life, art, leisure, faith, ritual, community and custom. The project photographers are nationally acclaimed artists who have had their works included in national publications, exhibits and tours. They are: Robert Semeniuk, British Columbia; Orest Semchishen, Alberta; TBA, Saskatchewan; John Paskievich, Manitoba; Edward Burtrawsky, Ontario; John Max, Quebec and the Maritimes; Richard Hartmer, the Yukon and Northwest Territories. Collectively, they will produce 49 photographs representing their artistic vision and interpretation of the shape, color and texture of contemporary Ukrainian life in Canada. Commissioning this collection of photographs is the first phase of the URDC/ACUA project. Plans are being considered to exhibit and tour the collection across Canada.

LANGUAGE CONFERENCE

The conference Language Education: Policy and the Ukrainian Perspective probed the implications of Alberta’s new language policy. Sponsored by the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre, the Ukrainian Language Education Centre (Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies), and the Alberta Parents for Ukrainian Education Society, the conference took place in Edmonton, May 26-27, 1989. More than 150 delegates representing British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario, as well as points in the United States, were in attendance. Nearly 50 presentations were made by representatives of the Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek and Ukrainian communities. Minister of Education Jim Dinning was also in attendance to describe the Alberta government’s stand on the policy, and to respond to questions from conference delegates.

The resolutions passed by the delegate body included the following:

1. That the Minister of Education provide a full-time facilitator to work with Alberta’s linguistic communities to assist in the implementation of bilingual programs.

2. That Alberta Education re-examine its Language Development Grant Program.

3. That Alberta Education take an active role in promoting multilingual programs.

A full report on the Language Education conference is being prepared by Conference Coordinator Rena Hanchuk for the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre.

CONFERENCE NOTES:

The conference Sharing the Message: Multiculturalism in the Media will be held in Edmonton, February 16-17, 1990. Sponsored by GMCC’s Office of Multicultural and Native Programming and the Multicultural Communications Foundation, the conference will examine how the media and members of Canada’s diverse society share in the creation and delivery of the multicultural message. Presenters such as the Globe and Mail’s Victor Malarek, Calgary Herald editor-in-chief Gillian Steward and Vision TV producer Dr. Rita Shelton Deyermond will discuss topics of interest to media professionals and ethnic and multicultural interest groups alike.

For further information, call conference coordinator Rena Hanchuk at 483-4426.