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HISTORICAL NOTE

After the Bolshevik occupation of Ukraine, the Ukrainian National Government in Exile (UNGE) was established in Poland in 1920. UNGE had representatives in most of the larger Ukrainian communities outside of Ukraine including Canada. The work of the UNGE consisted of submitting numerous protests against the occupation of Ukraine particularly before the League of Nations and in disseminating information promoting the cause of Ukrainian independence.

With the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, the functions of the UNGE were transferred from Warsaw, Poland to Paris, France. However, UNGE was obliged to cease all activities in 1940 with the occupation of France by Nazi Germany. Their archives both in Warsaw and in Paris were subsequently lost.

In 1947, the Ukrainian National Council was organized as an attempt to continue the ideological and legal tradition of the UNGE. The headquarters for many years were in Munich, Germany. They renewed contacts with the old communities and established links with the new Ukrainian immigrants throughout the world. They also continued the work from the pre-World War II period by submitting petitions and letters to the United Nations and producing information promoting the cause of Ukrainian independence. A main area of financial and political support was the large Ukrainian community in Canada. Various local auxiliary organizations were created to provide financial and material support to UNGE.

On 20 August, 1980 an agreement was signed between the Committee to Commemorate the Sixtieth Jubilee of the Ukrainian National Government in Exile through Archives (the Committee) and the National Archives of Canada to preserve the records of the UNGE. The Committee was composed of Canadian citizens of Ukrainian descent from the Ottawa area. The purpose of this agreement was to provide a 'home' to the UNGE Collection and since Canada had a large Ukrainian community, the National Archives of Canada was considered to be an appropriate repository. Article 2 of the Agreement reads:

'The materials shall be the property of the Crown, provided that at some future date they could be transferred to the Archives of Ukraine, if in the opinion of the Dominion Archivist and UNGE (or its successors) a truly independent government exists in Ukraine. Any such transfer shall be discussed and agreed upon directly by the Dominion Archivist and the Chief Archivist of Independent Ukraine'.

In 1983, the UNGE headquarters were transferred from Munich, Germany to Philadelphia, USA. At that time, a large number of records were transferred to the National Archives of Canada. Also, a number of donations were received from individuals in Canada and the United States. It should also be mentioned that UNGE-related material is found in other Ukrainian archival fonds at the

National Archives.

On 23 August, 1992, the UNGE officially transferred power to the Ukrainian government in Kiev, Ukraine.

On 28 January, 1994 on the occasion of a visit of a delegation from the Main Archival Administration under the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to the National Archives of Canada, the Committee formally agreed that the UNGE fonds may be transferred to Ukraine.

The Canadian-related section of the UNGE Collection was organized and microfilmed in order to retain historical information concerning the activities of the UNGE auxiliary in Canada.

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Ukrainian National Government in Exile Fonds

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Container	File	Subject	Date
I. UKRAINIAN NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF CANADA - STATUTE			
55	1	Statute of the Ukrainian National Democratic League of Canada (Statut U.N.D.S. - Ukrainskii Natsionalno-Demokratychnii Soiuz u Kanadi)	n.d.
55	2	Statute of the Ukrainian Democratic Republic Auxiliary of Canada (Statut Obiednannia Prykhylnykyv Derzhavnoho Tsentry Ukrainskoi Narodnoi Respubliky v Kanadi)	1978 - 1984
II. MINUTES			
55	3	Minutes of meetings: U.N.D.L. Executive (Protokoly Zasadannia Upravy U.N.D.S. v Kanadi)	1960 - 1966
55	4 - 5	Minutes of meetings: U.D.R.A.C. Executive (Protokoly Skhodyn Holovnoi Upravy O.P.D.Ts.- U.N.R. v Kanadi)	1976 - 1984
55	6	Minutes of meetings: U.D.R.A.C. Executive	1976, 1977, 1982, 1986
55	7	Minutes: Peredannia i Peredachi Aktiv U.N.D.S.	1966
55	8-9	Minutes of meetings: U.N.D.L.	1966 - 1969
55	10-11	Minutes of meetings: U.N.D.L.	1971 - 1974
55	12	Minutes of meetings: U.N.D.L. Annual Meeting	1970 - 1971

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III. MEETINGS

55	13	Second Meeting of the U.N.D.L.: Invitations (Druha Zustrich U.N.D.S. -Zaproshehnia)	1955
55	14	Second Meeting of the U.N.D.L.: Greetings (Druha Zustrich U.N.D.S. -Pryvitannia)	1955 - 1956
55	15	First Convention of the U.D.R.A.C. (1-ii Zizd O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R. v Kanadi)	1971
55	16	Second Convention of the U.D.R.A.C. - Ottawa (2-ii Zizd O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R. v Kanadi)	1972
55	17	Third Convention of the U.D.R.A.C. - Toronto (3-ii Zizd O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R. v Kanadi)	1974
55	18	Fourth Convention of the U.D.R.A.C. (4-ii Zizd O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R. v Kanadi)	1976
55	19	Fourth All-Canadian Convention of the U.D.R.A.C. (4-ii Vse-Kanadskii Zizd O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R.)	1976
55	20-21	Fifth All-Canadian Convention of the U.D.R.A.C. (5-ii Vse-Kanadskii Zizd O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R.)	1978
55	22-23	Sixth All-Canadian Convention of the U.D.R.A.C. (6-ii Vse-Kanadskii Zizd O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R.)	1980
55	24-25	Seventh All-Canadian Convention of the U.D.R.A.C. (7-ii Vse-Kanadskii Zizd O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R.)	1981
55	26-27	Eighth All-Canadian Convention of the U.D.R.A.C. (8-ii Vse-Kanadskii Zizd O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R.)	1984

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

56	1-2	Correspondence: U.D.R.A.C. National Executive (Lystuvannia - Holovna Uprava O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R. v Kanadi)	June 1971 - June 1972
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56	3	Correspondence: National Executive (Lystuvannia - Holovna Uprava)	July- Dec. 1974
56	4	Correspondence: Representatives and National Executive (Lystuvannia -Holovna Uprava ta Predstavnytstvo)	1974
56	5	Correspondence: National Executive (Lystuvannia - Holovna Uprava)	Jan - June 1975
56	6	Correspondence: Representatives and National Executive (Lystuvannia -Holovna Uprava ta Predstavnytstvo)	1975
56	7-13	Correspondence: National Executive (Lystuvannia - Holovna Uprava)	1977-1978
57	1-9	Correspondence: National Executive (Lystuvannia - Holovna Uprava)	Jan 1979 - Sept 1980
58	1-9	Correspondence: National Executive (Lystuvannia - Holovna Uprava)	Oct 1980 - Apr 1982
59	1-8	Correspondence: National Executive (Lystuvannia - Holovna Uprava)	May 1982 - Dec 1984
59	9-12	Correspondence: Outgoing Letters - National Executive (Vykhidni Lysty - Holovna Uprava)	1966-1982
60	1-3	Correspondence: Outgoing Letters - National Executive (Vykhidni Lysty - Holovna Uprava)	1983-1984
60	4	Correspondence: Members and Friends of the Edmonton Branch (Lystuvannia - Chleny i Prykhylnyky v Edmontoni)	1953-1954
60	5	Correspondence: Toronto Branch (Rizni Pysma - Toronto)	1954 - 1957
60	6-7	Correspondence: Toronto Branch (Poshta - Toronto)	1977
60	8	Correspondence: Representatives of the Winnipeg Branch (Lystuvannia -Predstavnytstvo u Vinnipehu)	1952-1955
60	9-10	Corresepondence: U.N.D.L. in Canada (Lystuvannia - U.N.D.S. v Kanadi)	1980-1981

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60	11	Correspondence: U.N.D.L. in Argentina (Lystuvannia - U.N.D.S. v Arhentyni)	1953-1954
60	12	Correspondence: U.N.D.L. in Europe (Lystuvannia - U.N.D.S. v Evropi)	1953
60	13	Correspondence: U.N.D.L. in France (Lystuvannia - U.N.D.S. v Frantsii)	1953
60	14	Correspondence: U.N.D.L. in U.S.A. (Lystuvannia - U.N.D.S. v S.Sh.A.)	1953 - 1956
60	15	Correspondence: Members of the U.N.D.L. (Lystuvannia z Chlenamy U.N.D.S.)	1953 - 1956
60	16	Correspondence: Recognized Members outside the Organization (Lystuvannia z vyznachnymi osobamy poza orhanizatsiiamy)	1952 - 1954
60	17	Correspondence: Various Members and Organizations not belonging to the Organization (Lystuvannia z Riznymi Osobamy i Orhanizatsiiamy shcho ne uvyishly v Orhanizatsii)	1953-1959
60	18-24	Correspondence: Ukrainian Canadian Committee (U.C.C.) (Lystuvannia - Komitet Ukraintsiv Kanady (K.U.K.))	1953-1959
61	1	Correspondence: U.C.C. (Lystuvannia - K.U.K.)	1980-1981
61	2	Correspondence: Ukrainian Democratic Youth Association (Lystuvannia - Obiednannia Demokratychnoi Ukrainskoi Molodi v Kanadi)	1953-1956
61	3	Correspondence: Presidium and Executive of the Ukrainian National Council (Lystuvannia - Prezydiia i Vykonavchi Orhan U.N.Rady)	1954-1955
61	4	Correspondence: Symon Petliura Ukrainian Radio Program (Ukrainska Radio-Prohrama imeny Symona Petliury)	1953-1954
61	5	Correspondence: Ukrainian Association of Victims of Russian (Lystuvannia - Communist Terror in Canada (Lystuvannia - Soiuz Ukraintsiv Zhertv Rosiisko-Komunistychnoho Teroru v Kanadi))	1952-1955
61	6-10	Correspondence: U.N.D.L. Poshta "Tryzub"	1972 - 1976
61	11	Correspondence	1955, 1961-1966
61	12	Correspondence	1966-1971

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61	13	Correspondence: Incoming Letters (Vkhidni Lysty)	1966
61	14	Correspondence: Incoming Letters (Vkhidni Lysty)	1968
61	15	Correspondence: U.N.D.L. Archives (Arkhiv U.N.D.S.)	1969
61	16-24	Correspondence: Incoming Letters (Vkhidni Lysty)	1971-1975
62	1	Correspondence: Incoming Letters (Vkhidni Lysty)	1976
62	2-3	Correspondence: Incoming Letters (Vkhidni Lysty)	1978 -1979
62	4	Correspondence: Incoming Letters (Vkhidni Lysty)	1982
62	5-6	Correspondence: Outgoing Letters (Vykhidni Lysty)	1967 - 1968
62	7-9	Correspondence: Outgoing Letters (Vykhidni Lysty)	1972 - 1974

V. MISCELLANEOUS

62	10	U.N.D.L. Canada (U.N.D.S. Kanada)	1966 - 1971
62	11	U.D.R.A.C. (O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R. v Kanadi)	1985
62	12	Representative to the U.N.Rada: Chairman Ivan Dybulko (Predstavnytstvo U.N.Rady - Holova Ivan Dybulko)	1966 - 1969
62	13	Representative to the U.N.Rada: Chairman I. Yanishevsky (Predstavnytstvo U.N.Rady - Holova I. Yanishevsky)	1970 - 1972
62	14	Canadian and American U.N.D.L. Convention (Zizd Zustrich U.N.D.S. S.Sh.A. i Kanady)	1967
62	15	Various archival matters (Rizni spravy do U.N.D.S. do arkhivu)	1957
62	16	U.N.D.L. matters (Spravy U.N.D.S.)	1965 - 1966
62	17	Collections from the U.N.D.L. (Zbirky vid U.N.D.S.)	1971 - 1973
62	18	U.N.D.L. in the media (U.N.D.S. u presi)	1953 - 1955
62	19	Notifications (Povidomlennia)	1960 - 1966
62	20	First Anniversary of the Formation of the U.N.D.S. (Persha Richnytsia Isnuvannia U.N.D.S.)	1953
62	21	Addresses (Adresy)	n.d.

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63	1	Correspondence: Ivan Yanishevsky with President M. Livytsky (Sv. P. Ivana Yanishevskoho z Prezydentom M. Livytskym)	1968 - 1972
63	2	Correspondence: Ivan Yanishevsky, K.M. Telychko	1970 - 1972
63	3	Correspondence: Ivan Yanishevsky, and Vice-President Dr. M. Stepanenko	1970 - 1971
63	4	Ukrainian Canadian Relieve Fund (Fond Dopomohy Ukraintsiv Kanady)	1955 - 1957
63	5	World Congress of Free Ukrainians (Svitovyi Kongress Vilnykh Ukraintsiv)	1967
63	6	Den Komitetu Ukraintsiv Kanady (U.C.C. Day)	1954
63	7-8	Ninth Congress of Ukrainian-Canadians (9-ii Kongress Ukraintsiv Kanady)	1968
63	9	Sixth Session of the U.N.Rada (6-ta Sesiia U.N.Rady)	1967
63	10	Miscellaneous (Rizne)	1966, 1984 - 1985
63	11	Periodical: "Novyi Shliakh"	1968
63	12	Circular: O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R. National Executive (Obizhnyky Holovnoi Upravy O.P.D.Ts. U.N.R.)	1977 - 1984
63	13	Information Bulletin (Informatsiinyi Lystok)	1972 - 1975
63	14	Newspaper Clippings	n.d.
63	15-16	Periodical: "Svoboda"	1984
63	17	Periodical: "Bulletin of Ukrainian National State Union in USA" ("Biuleten Ukrainskoho Natsionalno-Derzhavnoho Soiuzu v S.Sh.A.")	1956 - 1959
63	18	Bulletins and Journals	1928, 1952, 1954, 1967 - 1980