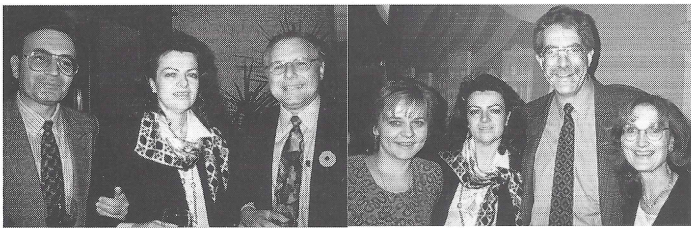




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- In accordance with the decree by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Embassy of Ukraine in Canada and the Consulate in Toronto are now issuing regular and service passports to citizens of Ukraine who still have passports issued by the Former Soviet Union. The new Ukrainian passports are being issued to those citizens who are on either permanent or temporary consulate lists, at the request of the passport holders.



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Partners in Health delegation.

- On Nov. 6, 1997, a delegation from the Consultative Committee of the Partners in Health Program met with officers of the Ukrainian embassy and discussed avenues of cooperation with Ukrainian organizations in 1998. (See also page 6.)

- On Nov. 7, 1997 the Atlantic Council of Canada met in Ottawa in their annual conference on the topic "The Transformation of NATO: Euro-Atlantic Security after Madrid". The event was attended by representatives of Canadian agencies and members of the diplomatic corps, and dealt with the topic of external and internal factors affecting the expansion of NATO. First Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs Donald Campbell addressed the participants, as did Canadian military and other specialists. From the Ukrainian side, Ambassador Volodymyr Furkalo spoke on the topic of the Ukraine-NATO Madrid Treaty, which was signed in June of last year. He reviewed the status of relations between Ukraine and the Alliance and the prospects for future cooperation, always underlining Ukraine's intentions to integrate into European and Euro-Atlantic structures. Ukraine has also been a participant in the newly-created Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council.

- On Nov. 21, 1997, representatives of the Embassy of Ukraine and the Trade and Economic Mission met with the Toronto-based Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce. The questions addressed included the need for deepening trade and investment links between the two countries, the role of the CUCC, as well as the necessity for concrete joint proposals within the framework of the Intergovernmental Economic Commission, which met in December in Kyiv (see story on page 11).

- From Nov. 8-22, 1997 a high level delegation of experts in agriculture was in Canada under the auspices of the Canada-Ukraine Legislative Cooperation Project. The delegation included five deputies of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and their support staff, specialists from the Cabinet of Ministers, teachers of higher education

and representatives from municipal governments. During the three-week program, the delegation visited three provinces and learned about federal and provincial responsibilities in agriculture. In Ottawa, the group visited Parliament and held working meetings with a number of Canadian Members of Parliament. The Ukrainian Embassy also hosted a reception for the guests. Ambassador Furkalo briefed the delegation on the work of the Embassy and the status of the special relationship between Ukraine and Canada. The Legislative Project has been receiving a positive review from the Ukrainian partners.

- On Dec. 8, 1997, the Embassy of Ukraine hosted a reception on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The event was attended by a representative of the Canadian Department of Defence, government officials, military attaches of various embassies, representatives of Ukrainian Canadian organizations, as well as members of the Ukrainian military who are currently on training tours in Canada. In his greeting, Ambassador Furkalo stressed the important role of the armed forces in guaranteeing Ukraine's sovereignty and independence.

- Representatives of TransCanada Pipelines recently met with counsellors of the Embassy of Ukraine to inform them of the progress of their project in Ukraine. TransCanada Pipelines is working in the energy sector, specifically oil and gas. The first stage of this project, costing somewhere between Can\$80-100 mln., will see the reconstruction of the gas compression station in the city of Dolyna in western Ukraine. Future plans include the modernization of Ukraine's gas pipeline network, one of the largest in Europe. TransCanada Pipelines recently announced its merger with NOVA, a move which will open the company to new international possibilities.



On January 22, 1998, Ambassador Volodymyr Furkalo welcomed guests to Ukraine's Embassy in Ottawa to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the declaration of independence by Ukraine's first government and 79th anniversary of the union of Eastern and Western Ukraine in 1918-1919. These annual celebrations are held by Ukrainians around the world, with numerous concerts and activities in major cities across Canada. In photo (l-r): Monitor editors Orest Dubas and Nina Romas, Ambassador and Mrs. Furkalo, Dennis Goresky, former Senior Commercial Officer in Canada's Embassy in Kyiv, and Nestor Gayowsky, Canada's former Chargé d'Affaires to Ukraine, with spouse Tela. It was Mr. Gayowsky who, in December 1991, following the decisive vote by the Ukrainian people to overwhelmingly ratify independence, notified then-President Leonid Kravchuk that Canada recognized Ukraine's independence -- the first Western country to take this dramatic step.