

## WREATH LAYING

*One by one, Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon, President Kuchma, and UCC President Oleh Romaniw each laid a wreath before the statue of Taras Shevchenko - Ukraine's national poet, painter and freedom fighter - erected on the grounds of the Manitoba legislature in 1961, the first of its kind in Canada.*

*"Being of Ukrainian descent, it is a special honour for me to participate in this visit by the president of a free Ukraine! ... The history of Ukrainian people is stained with the blood and tears our families have shed in the pursuit of freedom ... Now there is more to remember and celebrate as Ukraine looks ahead to its own independent history driven by Ukrainians. The visit by his Excellency gives us all the opportunity to play a part in protecting these hard-won liberties in Ukraine."*

*Premier Gary Filmon*



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