

KINGSTON SYMPOSIUM
Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund



17 - 20 JUNE 2010 • DONALD GORDON CENTRE • QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

Welcome to the Kingston Symposium of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund.

It is fitting that a gathering of scholars, artists, descendants, educators and community activists committed to recalling Canada's first national internment operations should be held in "the Limestone City." It was here, in 1978, that the Ukrainian Canadian community's campaign for acknowledgement and redress began, the result of a chance interview between Nykola Sakaliuk and a student exploring the historical geography of Kingston's small Ukrainian community. At the time I, like most other Canadians (even to this day!) had no knowledge of the unhappy experience of the Ukrainians and other Europeans who were branded as "enemy aliens" during the First World War and subjected to other state-sanctioned indignities. It was a story that had not been told.

What I was surprised to learn was that Mr Sakaliuk, a Ukrainian who left Bukovina in January 1912 to avoid conscription into the army of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, was arrested in Montreal in September 1914 not because of anything he had done but only because of where he had come from, who he was - an "Austrian." Transported to Fort Henry - Canada's first permanent internment camp - on 17 October 1914, 'Nick' lived in cell #19, spending a total of 31 months in captivity, including stints in Petawawa and Kapuskasing, all the while working for the profit of his captors. Later in life he said he bore no grudge against Canada "...my troubles here...were the fault of people who didn't know better," but he, like another survivor, Mary Manko Haskett, did want to make sure that what they endured was not forgotten. In 1994 Mary wrote:

Perhaps Canadian historians don't think that what happened to me, and the others, mattered. But it did. We were born here. We were Canadians. We had done nothing wrong. And those who, like my parents, had come from Ukraine to Canada came seeking freedom. They were invited here. They worked hard. They contributed to this country with their blood, sweat and tears. A lot of the latter...What was done to us was wrong. And, because no one bothered to remember or learn about the wrong that was done to us it was done to others again, and yet again. Maybe there's an even greater wrong in that.

Honouring the wishes of two Canadians who lent their support to a long but ultimately fruitful struggle for recognition, symbolic restitution and reconciliation, we are here assembled to consult, coordinate and craft initiatives intended to hallow the memory of all of the victims of Canada's first national internment operations, to commemorate their experiences nationally and to so educate the public about what happened. By taking these measures we can perhaps ensure that no other Canadian ethnic, religious or racial minority ever suffers as they did. We need to undo a crippling legacy.

This is an honourable undertaking and so, on behalf of the internees whom some of us were privileged to meet and whose stories will now, at least in part, be recovered, remembered and retold, I wish us all Godspeed – we uphold a just cause.

Sincerely,

Lubomyr Luciuk, PhD
CFWWIRF, Endowment Council

17 June 2010

KINGSTON SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

All four sessions will take place in Conference Room B.

THURSDAY – 17 JUNE – ARRIVALS

No formal program. Participants are invited to get together in the Donald Gordon Centre's Coach House Pub after 20h00 for casual conversation



FRIDAY – 18 JUNE

Breakfast: Dining room, served from 07h00 – 09h00

09h15: Welcoming remarks – Professor Lubomyr Luciuk

09h25: The CFWWIRF's Endowment Council – Orest Kruhlak

09h35: The Shevchenko Foundation's role – Andrew Hladyshevsky

09h45 – 10h15: Gail Lord (www.lord.ca)– the Kingston Symposium's facilitator/ task group assignments

THEME ONE (10h15 – 12h15): “*A Crippling Legacy – The Affected Communities*,” with remarks by Paul Grod, LLB (president, Ukrainian Canadian Congress)

12h30 – 13h45: Lunch Break, Dining Room

THEME TWO (13h45 – 15h45): “*Repositories of Memory – The Curators, Custodians and Collectors*,” with remarks by Mark O’Neill (CEO, Canadian War Museum)

15h45 – 16h00: Afternoon Break

16h00 – 18h00: Task group meetings (Conference Room B)

18h30: BBQ in courtyard

19h30: “Wines of the County” with David Lawrason (Coach House Pub)

Evening free



SATURDAY – 19 JUNE

Breakfast served from 07h00 – 09h30, Dining Room

THEME THREE (09h30 – 11h30): “*Recovering Memory: Educating the Educators*,” with remarks by Dr Ruth Sandwell (Ontario Institute of Education, University of Toronto)

12h00 – 13h30: Lunch, Dining Room

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THEME FOUR (13h30 –15h30): “*Reshaping Canada’s Cultural Landscapes – The Creators,*” with remarks by Marsha Skrypuch (author and internee descendant)

15h30 – 15h45: Break

15h45 – 16h00: Task Group meetings (Conference Room B)

16h00 – 17h15: Task Group reports (10 minutes each)

17h15 – 18h30: Interviews taped by “The Mark”

18h40: Dinner, Dining Room

20h00: Keynote address by Professor Roger Daniels, “*Bringing Governments to Justice*”

Evening free



SUNDAY – 20 JUNE

Breakfast served from 07h00-09h00: Dining Room

09h00 – 09h45: Observations by Gail Lord / Conclusion of Symposium (Conference Room B)



10h15: Departure for Fort Henry

10h30: Arrival at Fort Henry (inner courtyard)

10h40: Introductory remarks by Dr Lubomyr Luciuk

10h45: Remarks by the Honourable Peter Milliken, MP (Kingston and the Islands)

11h00: Two minutes of silence

11h03: Ecumenical prayers

11h15: The Communities Remember – Wreath-laying by members of the Endowment Council

11h20: Wreath-laying by the diplomatic representatives of Austria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine

Public reception to follow



13h00 - 13h30: Private briefing for diplomats by the Endowment Council on the nature and activities of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund

PARTICIPANTS AT THE KINGSTON SYMPOSIUM

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CHELADYN-SEMBALIUK, Larisa (artist, Edmonton)
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DARFLER, William (Researcher, Ottoman Turkish internees, Brantford)
*DICKENSON, Victoria (Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Winnipeg)
DRAGASEVICH, Diane (CFWWIRE, Serbian Canadian community)
DUNCAN, Colin (professor History, Queen's University)
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GREGOROVICH, John B (past chair, Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association)
GROD-ODYNSKA, Olya (CFWWIRE, Toronto)
GROD, Paul (president, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto)
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LORD, Gail (Lord Cultural Resources, Toronto)
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MALINS, Steve (Parks Canada, Banff)
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MELNYCKY, Peter (Alberta Heritage, Edmonton)
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WILSON, Natalie (Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation, Toronto)
** Invited but unable to attend*



“WINES OF THE COUNTY”

Friday, 18 June, 7:30 pm
Coach House Pub

David Lawrason

(<http://www.winealign.com>)



INTERNEES AT FERNIE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

TASK GROUPS

GROUP MANKO

Antoniuk; Melnycky; Adam; Gregorovich; Schur; Lyzaniwski; Mandres; Szwaluk; Darfler

GROUP MIELNICZUK

Balan; Dragasevich; Kuchmyj; Duncan; Motluk; Sawchuk; Wilson; P. Grod

GROUP SAKALIUK

Friedman; Kordan; Grbesic; O'Neill; Malysh; Gordey; Semchuk

GROUP BAYRAK

Sandwell; Skrypuch; Jankac; Minenko; Nickerson; Malins; Hladyshesky; Daniels

GROUP OLINYK

Sydoruk; Case; Latimer; Iwanek; O. Grod; Hinthier; Pittner; Sosiak; Ledohowski

GROUP CHONOMOD

Cheladyn-Sembaliuk; Kundert-Cameron; Petryshyn; Bergmeier; Kruhlak; Ridley; Trutiak





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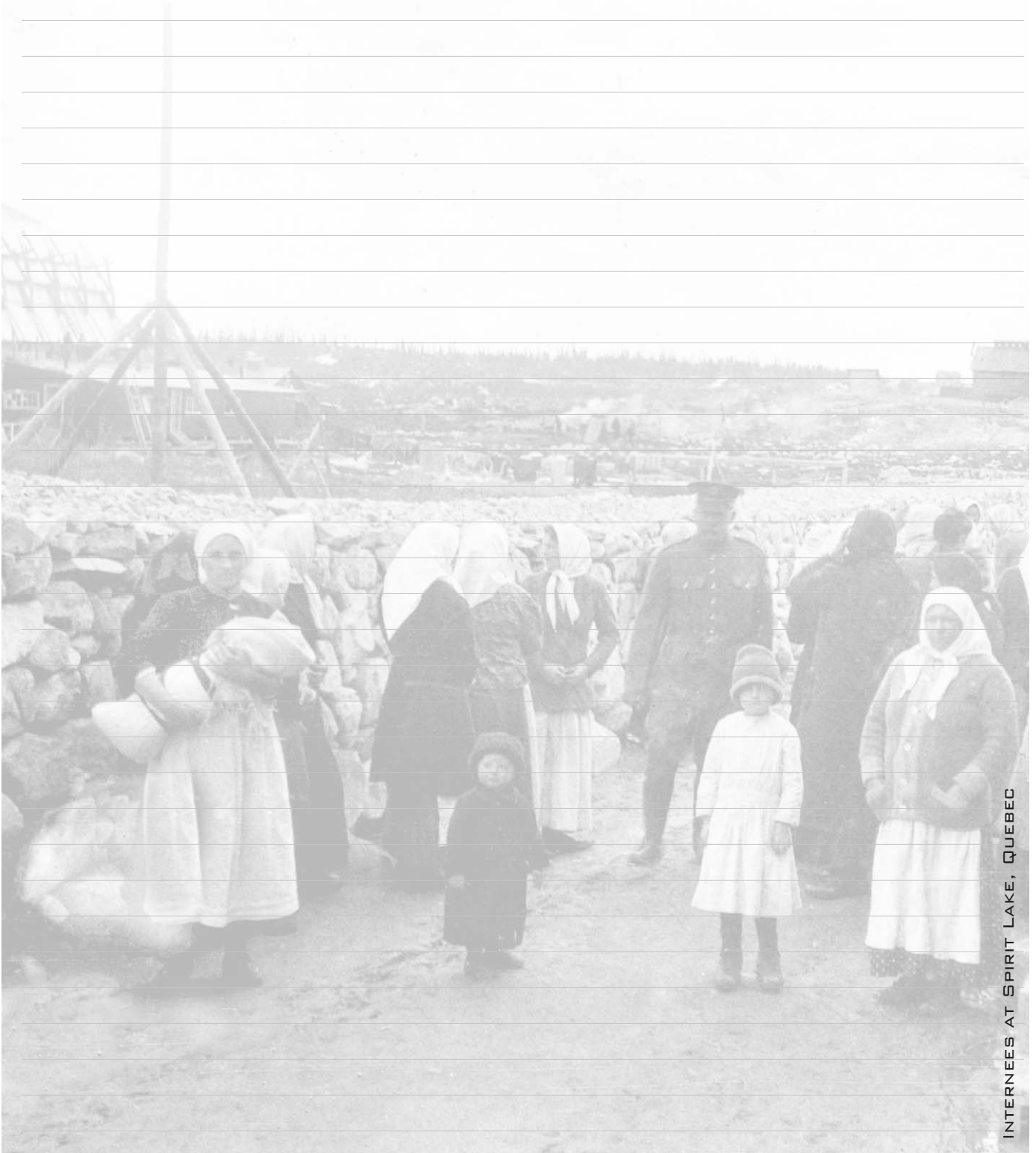
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