

freedom, sovereignty, and integrity of national territory must be also granted to the non-Russian captive and satellite nations.

The Canadian Government, legislators, and people must constantly re-assert their faith in the principles of democracy, justice, freedom, and independence, and at the same time proclaim sympathy for and a readiness to give feasible aid to all those nations which are still struggling for the realization of these, the highest principles of humanity.

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, I say on behalf of the Government that it recognizes that this is an anniversary which means a great deal to many Canadians of Ukrainian descent who compose this federation. Canada is rich because of its Ukrainian population. We acknowledge the great contributions Ukrainians have made to national development and cultural achievement. We are the heirs of a rich heritage of a great people.

In all our cities and on our farms are to be found Canadians of Ukrainian descent, with their folklore, their political orientations, their great appreciation of music and of poetry, and who remind us of men like Taras Shevchenko. We are indeed happy to have in the Canadian family people whose origins are those of the honourable senator who has just spoken.

The first Ukrainian came to Canada around 1880. His name was John Ilyniak. He was the first of some 700,000 Canadians of Ukrainian descent to come to Canada. I had the pleasure of participating in a ceremony in the Supreme Court of Canada when he was one of the first of nine persons to be given the first certificates of Canadian citizenship. He was the representative of a strong band of people who have come from the Ukraine. They have enriched our lives in every way.

Canada, as a member of the United Nations, has repeatedly re-affirmed its belief in the principle of self-determination. Whatever application this cardinal postulate of the United Nations implies has, of course, the wide support of the Canadian people.

This is a proud day for the honourable senator. I assure him that it is a proud day for all of us to be able to pay our tribute to a great people who are contributing to the Canadian mosaic.

Hon. Jacques Flynn: Honourable senators, it is indeed most appropriate that Senator

Yuzyk should draw our attention to the fact that today is an important anniversary for the sons of the Ukraine. It is the anniversary of two memorable occasions. The independence of the Ukrainian State was re-established on January 22, 1918, and exactly one year later, on January 22, 1919, the Ukrainian Parliament proclaimed the union of all Ukrainian territories.

We know that since then the fate of the Ukrainian nation has been one of domination by the U.S.S.R. Because of that, Ukrainians throughout the world who have found a new home wish to recall these events. In Canada a very large number of sons of this proud nation have found here the freedom that is denied their brothers in their homeland. We understand and share their feelings, and with them we hope, despite the events in Czechoslovakia which may dim this hope, that democracy, justice, freedom and independence will triumph in a not-too-distant future, not only in the Ukraine but in all those countries beyond the Iron Curtain where the populations await only favourable circumstances to achieve their liberation.

Hon. Harry A. Willis: Honourable senators, may I remind this chamber that one of the first Ukrainian privy councillors and ministers of the Crown was the Honourable Michael Starr, who was one of the best ministers of labour Canada ever had.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED

Hon. David A. Croll for Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the committee's reports 558 to 590, inclusive, and moved that the said reports be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

INVESTMENT COMPANIES BILL

SECOND READING AND REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE RESCINDED

Hon. John J. Connolly moved:

That the order of the Senate of 21st January, 1969, for the second reading of the Bill S-17, intituled: "An act respecting Investment Companies", be rescinded;

That the order of the Senate of 21st January, 1969, referring the said bill to the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce also be rescinded; and