

THE SENATE

Thursday, March 11, 1982

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

THE HONOURABLE PAUL YUZYK

FELICITATIONS ON AWARD OF HONORARY DOCTORATE BY
UKRAINIAN FREE UNIVERSITY, MUNICH, GERMANY

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, it will be of great interest to you that last Friday, March 5, Senator Paul Yuzyk was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy *Honoris Causa* by the Ukrainian Free University, Munich, Germany. This high honour was conferred upon him on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada, which was celebrated throughout the country last year.

This recognition was given to Senator Yuzyk for his contributions to the educational, cultural and political progress of his people in Canada, for his leadership in promoting the cause of multiculturalism, and for his defence of human rights in Canada, at NATO and at the United Nations.

Senator Yuzyk, as you know, is an M.A. graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, and a Ph.D. graduate of the University of Manitoba. He was a professor of East European, Russian and Soviet history at the University of Manitoba and at the University of Ottawa. He is the author of several books concerning the contribution of the Ukrainian people to Canada. Of course, his activity here in the Senate is well known, but I thought mention should be made of this great honour that has been bestowed upon him.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, it is certainly most appropriate for the Leader of the Opposition to draw to the attention of all honourable senators this significant honour accorded Senator Yuzyk. Those who support the government in this chamber extend their congratulations to the senator.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Paul Yuzyk: Honourable senators, I am most grateful to Senator Flynn, the Leader of the Opposition, and to Senator Perrault, the Leader of the Government, for their kind words, and I am grateful also to the senators for the warm applause that I have been accorded in the Senate chamber. Indeed, I consider it a great honour to have been recognized by a university that has struggled against great odds to keep alive an independent centre of Ukrainian academic studies.

Since the conquest of the Ukrainian Independent State in 1921 the system of education of that country has been totally

subordinated to Russian communist and imperialist goals and programs imposed by coercion and intimidation. It is to the everlasting credit of the Bavarian and German governments that they accommodated and gave financial support, and that they gave legal status on a par with German state universities, to the Ukrainian Free University in 1945. The Minister of the Interior at Bonn, Herr Baum, spoke at this convocation.

The institution has a proud record. Many of the university staff have taken positions in universities, colleges and higher educational institutions in the United States, Canada and elsewhere, where they have attained distinguished careers and, in many cases, have helped to establish departments of Ukrainian Studies in language, literature, history and culture.

Several hundred graduates with M.A. and Ph. D. degrees have found important positions in the United States and Canada.

I am indeed happy to join the exclusive circle of those who have been awarded honorary doctorate degrees by the Ukrainian Free University, among whom are also such outstanding Canadian scholars as Professor R. Watson Kirkconnell, President of Acadia University, and poet and writer; Professor George W. Simpson, Chairman of the History Department, University of Saskatchewan; and the former Prime Minister, John G. Diefenbaker, statesman and ardent defender of Ukraine statehood. These men have had a profound influence on the course of my life and, therefore, I am profoundly indebted to them.

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Hon. Frederick W. Rowe: I would like to add my voice to the congratulations already voiced by others to our colleague, Senator Yuzyk. I received more than passing pleasure and share vicariously the satisfaction I am sure he must feel today, because our backgrounds have so much in common. I congratulate him, and I hope that he will long be spared to carry on the multitude of activities in which he is engaged.

PRIVILEGE

STATEMENT BY SENATOR ROWE

Hon. Frederick W. Rowe: Honourable senators, I have a rather small matter of privilege. Yesterday in the course of my remarks in the debate on post-secondary education, I spoke of a survey that had been done some 40 years ago and stated, speaking from memory, that of the two states named in the survey, Missouri was on the losing side. I am sure most of my colleagues realized that I was making a mistake. I realized my mistake on the way out of the chamber, and I was able to have it corrected in *Hansard* before publication. Rather than the State of Missouri, I should have said the State of Mississippi.